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**\*Monthly General Meetings** – held the 4th Wednesday of each month (except July, August and December )

**\*\*In person monthly and culture class meetings have resumed but require sign-up. If you prefer to attend online, details follow below.\*\***

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<https://vancouverorchidsociety.my.webex.com/meet/vosexecutive>  
or open the Cisco Webex program and enter this meeting number 142 001 4949 in the Enter meeting information field, under Join a Meeting.

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## This Month:

**Culture Class – Tuesday, October 12, 7:00 pm – Cedar Room, VanDusen Gardens**

**Speaker: AOS Webinar - Ray Barkalow, Semi-hydroponics**

**Monthly Meeting Wednesday, October 27 at 7:00pm – doors open at 6:30 pm – Floral Hall, VanDusen Gardens**

**Speaker: Ray Barkalow, First Rays, North Carolina – Understanding Orchid Nutrition**

**Next Culture Class – Tuesday, November 9, 7 pm**

**Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, November 24, 7 pm**

## President's Message, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Hello Fellow Orchid Lovers,

I hope everyone is having a great long weekend.

Firstly, I would like to welcome Holly Martin, who has taken over the newsletter from Wayne Riggs. Holly will be familiar to some of you, she was our newsletter editor from mid-2013 to mid-2016, and has kindly offered to take on the roll again - thank you Holly. And I would like to give a big thanks to Wayne Riggs, who has been our newsletter editor since the fall of 2017 – thanks, Wayne, for all your efforts.

Last month we had our first hybrid culture class and hybrid monthly meeting, both with some technical difficulties. Please bear with us, we have some ideas that will hopefully solve the problems and are going to try again this month at hosting hybrid meetings. Keep your fingers crossed! We would really like to sort things out so we can continue to have classes and meetings where you have the choice of attending in person (provided you meet government guidelines with respect to vaccinations), or on-line.

It certainly makes sense this month to give it another try. In our next culture class (on Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm) we will be watching an AOS webinar on Semi-hydroponics given by Ray Barkalow of First Rays, followed by a discussion amongst members. Ray will not be there to answer questions – but he will be the speaker at our October meeting (October 27<sup>th</sup>), so keep your questions, you can ask him then. Ray will be joining us virtually and will be talking on Orchid Nutrition, but I am sure he will be happy to answer all of your questions, whatever the topic. And please feel free to give us feedback on the meetings and classes – and any suggestions you might have as to how we might improve them would be much appreciated.

In November our culture class will be another AOS webinar, given by Ron McHatton of the AOS on Demystifying Dendrobiums. In the survey that was sent out earlier this year, a number of members expressed interest in learning more about dendrobiums, so this is one way to do that. We would prefer not having two AOS webinars in a row for culture class, but Ingrid Pike is finding it a challenge to get new people to offer to lead classes, and feels she is leaning too heavily on some of our regulars. So, if anyone would like to lead a class, please let Ingrid know! There are lots of topics that would be of interest: orchid photography, your interesting way of growing orchids, how you care for your favourite types of orchids – really almost anything. Culture classes are meant to be a way to get us talking and sharing and learning from one another, so don't be shy!

We haven't finalized our plans for our November meeting, normally we held a pot-luck social and auction, but the pot-luck part of it is not practical under the current Covid conditions. But we will come up with something, so stay tuned!

Cheers,

See you soon.

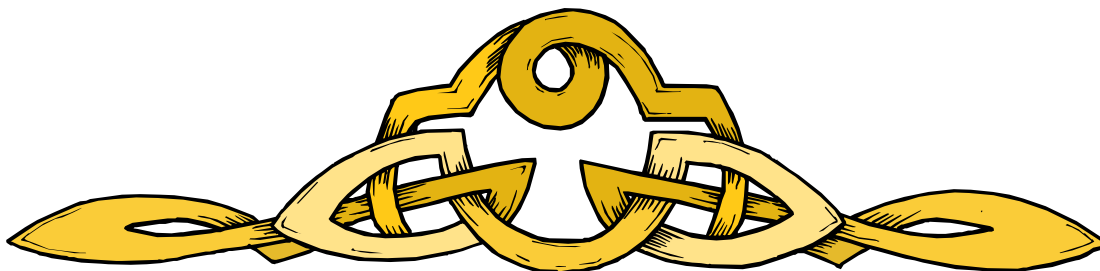
Jennifer Pell,

President, VOS

p.s. feel free to reach us and give feedback/suggestions/offer to be a volunteer or anything else at: [VOS\\_secretary@outlook.com](mailto:VOS_secretary@outlook.com)

## Upcoming Speakers

Month	Day	Date	Event	Topic
Oct	Tuesday	12	Culture Class - AOS Webinar - Ray Barkalow, First Rays, North Carolina	Semihydroponics, followed by general discussion on the topic
Oct	Wednesday	27	Monthly Meeting Speaker - Ray Barkalow, First Rays, North Carolina	Understanding Orchid Nutrition
Nov	Tuesday	9	Culture Class - AOS Webinar - Ron McHatton, AOS	Demystifying Dendrobiums, followed by general discussion on the topic
Nov	Wednesday	24	Monthly Meeting - Xmas Social/Auction	
Dec 1 to Jan 15			Winter Holiday Break	
Jan	Wednesday	26	Monthly Meeting Speaker - Harvey Berneise, Mount Baker Orchid Society, Washington	Semi-hydroponics
Feb	Tuesday	8	Culture Class - TBA	
Feb	Wednesday	23	Monthly Meeting Speaker - Sasha Kubicek, Victoria Orchid Society	Local wild orchids



VANCOUVER ORCHID SOCIETY  
VANDUSEN FLORAL HALL  
MINUTES OF 22 September 2021

Meeting was chaired by Jennifer Pell.

SUMMER UPDATE – Thanks to Margaret Prat, Wayne Riggs and Eugene Banziger for hosting open greenhouses this Summer!

Our summer sale was a huge success. Thank you to Thomas Hobbs for allowing us to use his space, the Sale committee and all the members who volunteered their time to make sure everything went smoothly and safely with the over 950 visitors we had

TREASURER’S REPORT-

Please note that the cost of website hosting will be for four years

SPEAKER UPDATE:

Our October speaker will be Ray Barkalow on orchid nutrition.

November will be an auction and end of year celebration. Details TBA

CULTURE CLASS

October 12th will be the AOS webinar hosted by Ray Barkalow on Semi-Hydroponics.

The topic of November’s Culture Class is TBA

OTHER ITEMS

Congratulations to Calvin Wong on his Certificate of Recognition from the Canadian Orchid Congress!

The AOS Western Canadian Judging Centre will be starting up again. November’s judging will be on the island and December’s will be at the Sea Island Community Centre. Contact Abu Salleh [asalleh@telus.net](mailto:asalleh@telus.net) for details

Following the success of our Summer Sale, Ecuagenera will be hosting a pop up at Southlands Nursery on November 20th. Orders are to be placed through their website

We are currently looking for a new 1st Vice President (speaker coordinator) as Barb is looking to step down. Please contact Barb at [cableb52@gmail.com](mailto:cableb52@gmail.com) if you have any interest in the position

# Treasurer's Report Summary

CHECKING ACCOUNT					
Item	Opening Balance	Debits	Credits	Closing Balance	Gain/Loss
Balance VOS 2021-2021 Financial Statements	9,849.63				
Website Hosting Fee		-170.74			
Storage Mart Rental (4 months)		-575.36			
Fees/interest/miscellaneous (Square, Visa Annual Fee, etc.)		-172.08			
June Speaker Fee		-200.00			
Affiliations (BC Societies Registry)		-40.00			
June Plant Auction			378.00		
Loan repayment, accounting, etc.			36.14		
August Sale Expenses (Porta-pottie rental, banner, printing, consumables, honourarium)		-699.09			
August Sale Table Rental			705.00		
New Memberships			290.00		
Closing Balance				9,401.50	-448.13
TRUST ACCOUNTS					
#100078421315, Maturing March 2024				7,538.00	
#1000810009612, Maturing March 2022				10,523.00	

For detailed information contact Maureen Burke or e-mail [VOS\\_Secretary@outlook.com](mailto:VOS_Secretary@outlook.com)

## **Executive and Board of Directors**

President – Jennifer Pell

1st Vice President – Barbara Cable

2nd Vice President – Ingrid Pike

Treasurer – Maureen Burke

Secretary – Conor Preston

Directors:

- Eugene Banziger
- Gabrielle Carson
- Vivien Chung
- Giulia Comin
- Keith Willet
- Andrew Wong (Andrew has also agreed to take over as Membership Coordinator)

**NOTE: Contributions of photos or articles to the newsletter are welcome.** If you wish to write a short culture note or pass along some 'secret' growing tips that you find makes your orchids thrive and bloom well, please email to me so I can include in a future newsletter.

Send to Holly Martin:  
**[neesabelle@hotmail.com](mailto:neesabelle@hotmail.com)**

The submission deadline is usually the 8<sup>th</sup> of each month. Items received after this date will appear in the next newsletter.

**VOS Member Photos—Thank You to All for Sharing!**

**Jim Poole**



**B.L.C Mount Anderson Geneveve**



**Lycaste Skinnerii**



**Miltoniopsis Chris Ellis x Monterey Bay**

**Cat. Maxima**



# Marilyn Lew



**Cattleya maxima Priscilla x Daniella**



**Epidendrum medusae**



**Cattleya Adrienne de Wavrin**

**Cattleya lueddemanniana x Cattleya warszewiczii**



**Gabrielle Carson**



**Dendrobium draconis**



**Gastrochilus obliquus**

**Melanie G.**



**Den Enobi Purple Splash**



**Den Enobi Purple Little Plum**



# Lori Barrington



*Paph micranthum* var. *eburneum*



*Paph Clair de Lune* x *charlesworthii*



*Paph hangianum* 'Wellington's Forest View'  
AM AOS



*Paph helenae*

## Dendrobium harveyanum



## Wayne Riggs



Phrag Inca Embers



Ctt Candy Ball x C cernua

### Culture Notes:

**Phrag Inca Embers** - grown semi-hydro in coarse pum-ice. Has been in continuous bloom for over a year. **Den Hibiki** - grows in a terrarium with LED light **Ctt Candy Ball x C. cernua** - a true mini catt. Flowers are 4 cm across; plant is 11 cm tall

Den Hibiki



Den Enobi Purple Little Plum



**Daniel Kwok**



**Bulb. rothschildianum**



**Paph. Red Phantom x Vallarow**

**Slc. Beau's Apricot Gem 'SVO Little Giant' x Slc. Chili Chester 'Peter's'**



**Phrag. Pink Panther**



## Dianne Gillis



Paph NOID

## Terry Lee



Phal tetraspis v tetraspis

**Culture Notes:** The last bloom opened Oct 10th. Semi hydroponic, temp 24C days 19C nights. Nothing too special in terms of care, but it was a real slow starter, taking a year for it to get a single new leaf!



## Peter Zhao

Paph Michael Koopowitz

## AOS Western Canada Judging Center

September 22, 2021

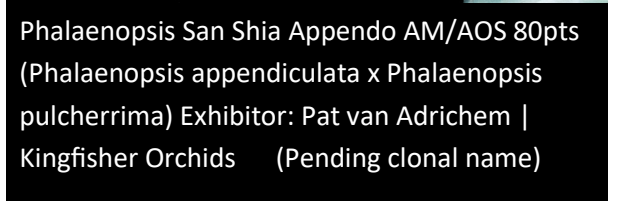


The AOS Western Canada Judging Center meets every second Saturday of the month at 11:30am, except where noted (Chair: Abu Salleh, 604-328-5363, [asalleh@telus.net](mailto:asalleh@telus.net))

Next two monthly meetings:

October 9, 2021 : CANCELLED

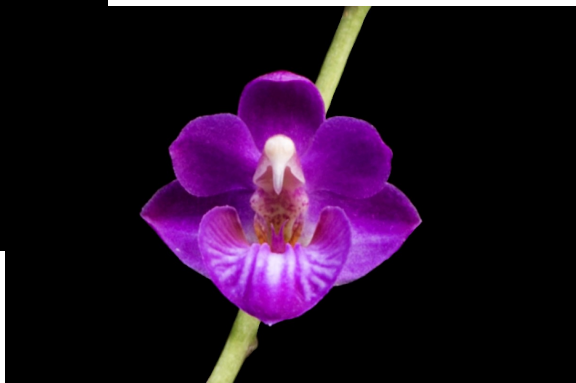
November 13, 2021 : 1:00pm after WCJC business meeting at Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary, 3873 Swan Lake Road, Victoria, BC V8X 3W1



Phalaenopsis San Shia Appendo AM/AOS 83pts  
(Phalaenopsis appendiculata x Phalaenopsis pulcherrima) Exhibitor: Pat van Adrichem | Kingfisher Orchids (pending clonal name)

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**Judges in attendance:**  
**Abu Salleh**  
**Deborah Ward**  
**Calvin Wong**  
**Photographer: Judith Higham**



# ***The 2nd Orchid Digest International Speakers Day: A Virtual Experience***

*All speakers live with Q&A*

***November 13, 2021 12:30 - 5:00 pm EDT***

***Registration Fee: \$30***

**[REGISTER](#)**

***Can't join us?***

***Register and receive a link to the recording the next day!***

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## ***Orchid Digest International Speakers Day Speakers:***



### ***Jis Sebastian: Orchid Science in India: Current Perspectives & Future Challenges***

Jis has worked in the Western Ghats, India's Western & Eastern Himalayas, involved in research, conservation, and community outreach. She is currently running research, conservation, and capacity-building programs in Orchid science and a climate-resilient, sustainable community model initiative in Idukki, Kerala.

### ***Henry Oakeley: Orchid Hunting in Peru***

Henry has been growing orchids for 65 years, concentrating on *Lycaste*, *Ida*, and *Anguloa* for nearly 50 years. He is a Physician Emeritus and Garden fellow for the Royal College of Physicians of London medicinal garden. For the past ten years, his primary interest has been the history and uses of medicinal plants.





### **John Varigos: *Borneo—Land of Wonder & Biodiversity***

John, a pharmacologist and clinical trialist, has grown orchid species for over 40 years. He is an avid orchid photographer (over 20,000 photos on Flickr) and, for the past 20 years, has enjoyed traveling the world, trekking the jungles, and finding and photographing orchids in situ.

### **Jim Cootes: *Orchid Species of the Philippines***

Jim's interest in Philippine orchids started in the late 1970s when he visited the mountains of central Luzon. He saw many orchids that he could not identify, so he created a database. From this material, he has written 2 books and is working on the third volume as well as co-authored a book on Philippine dendrobiums.



***Register to join us!***

**Register**

<https://www.orchiddigest.org/events/>

### ***Social Media:***

***Instagram*** - VOS member Conor Preston has established an Instagram account to generate public interest in growing orchids. Please visit: <https://www.instagram.com/vancouverorchidsociety/>

If you would like to post photos of your flowering orchids, please get in touch with Conor at: [conorpreston88@gmail.com](mailto:conorpreston88@gmail.com)

***WhatsApp*** – *VOS chatroom* - Daniel Kwok has established Chatrooms for VOS members to post photos of their orchids, ask questions about plant health or growing tips. It is a great forum to learn from others and to share your plant photos and growing conditions.

We would like to encourage new VOS members, and current members who have not joined the VOS chatroom, to get in touch with Daniel at: [dkwok3580@gmail.com](mailto:dkwok3580@gmail.com) (Tel: 604 805-3866) to be added.

***Facebook***-You can also follow us on Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/VancouverOrchidSociety/>

### ***Facebook/Instagram - Photos of your orchids needed***

Photos of your flowering orchids (and basic information on growing conditions) are needed for the VOS **Facebook Page and Instagram**. This is a great way to promote our love of orchids to other growers and the public. Send your photos to Jennifer Pell/Conor Preston at: [VOS\\_secretary@outlook.com](mailto:VOS_secretary@outlook.com)