

## Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society Newsletter November 2015

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Phal lowii Grown by Alexey, Photographed by Judy Higham

Meetings are held September through June on a Saturday at the Harewood Activity Centre, 195 Fourth Street, Nanaimo, in the hall on the second floor, doors open at 11:30, with the business meeting starting at 12:00 noon.

Coming Meeting Dates: 2015: Nov 21, Dec 12.

## Program for for November 21 **Growing in Terrariums**

Justin from Victoria will be discussing growing orchids in terrariums, setting up terrariums, and keeping dart frogs.

## Coming Events: Victoria Show February 12 to 14 2016

Editorial: I really wish I could come up with some pearl of wisdom to write here, but I really don't have it in me right now. I think letting everyone know about Jill Suffolk's passing is the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> time I have had to announce the passing of a long time member in just over a year. I wish all of you good health. B

Bryan brought the meeting to order at 12:00 with 23 members present.

Sue moved acceptance of the minutes of our September 17 meeting, Mike seconded the motion and motion carried.

The September AOS Bulletin was the only mail this month and because the library was not open various members took home that bulletin along with other magazines that arrived over the summer and will return them at the November meeting.

Treasurer Joann Grey gave us a financial summary of the bank balances to date. Mike moved acceptance of her report and Alexey seconded the motion and motion carried.

Shows: Angie gave a brief summary of our show indicating that although there were fewer displays and vendors than past years the quality of plants and displays was excellent. She pointed out we were able to reach a positive overall financial balance thanks mainly to Jonathan contribution to plant sales. We discussed the possibility of encouraging photo groups the opportunity to participate more in our show and include orchid art and photography as part of our displays.

Angie thanked the few members of our group who once again shared many hours of their time to make the show a success. She encouraged other members to share the volunteer load in coming years. Having our show early in October seemed to work well for all those involved so we will schedule it again next year for that time.

Fraser Valley Show: Mike will be transporting our plants to the show and setting up our display on October 26. He will be using his own vehicle and therefore must limit the size of plants. The drop off points for plants will be Mike (north of Nanaimo), Dora and Laurie (Nanaimo and south). Mike will be collecting plants on Wednesday morning in order to get an early ferry Thursday morning. The show is at the George Preston Recreation Centre in Langley on Saturday Oct 28 and Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Draws and Auctions: Along with the auctions held at our Christmas party and Summer picnic we will have Bag draws/Silent auctions at our February and May meetings. Please keep in mind that consumables seem to be very popular at these events.

Refreshments: THANK YOU to Connie, Clementine and Lee for bringing goodies in October and REMINDERS to Bev, Dora, Julia and Deb for November.

Thank you to our new member and guest speaker Sasha this month for sharing all his beautiful pictures and experiences of his travels in Mexico with us.