# CVIOS NEWSLETTER CENTRAL VANCOUVER ISLAND ORCHID SOCIETY

February 2018

CVIOS Meeting are held September to June on a Saturday at the Harewood Activity Center, 195 Fourth St, Nanaimo. Doors open at 11:00 with a brief business meeting starting at 12pm. Following is a display of plants brought in by members, a coffee break, prize draw and a featured presentation or demonstration. There is a sales table where orchid supplies and plants brought in by members can be purchased

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CVIOS EXECUTIVE 2017/18

**President & AOS Chair**: Laurie Forbes

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Treasurer: Darlene Rathwell

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Membership: Dora Glover

Plant Sales Table: Donna McDonnell

Library: Michael DeLeur

**Refreshments**: Sandra Lathrope **Programs**: Alexey Tretyakov

Directors At Large: Sheila Wilson (publicity), Corey Timmins

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

# 2017/2018:

February 17: Meeting, Bag Draw & preparing your orchids for a show

March 2-4: Victoria Orchid Society's Show & Sale at Our Lady of Fatima Hall, 4635 Elk Lake Drive

March 17: Meeting, Speaker: Mitch Nickle, Orchids & Micro Climates

March 24, & 25: Vancouver Orchid Society Show & Sale at Van Dusen Botanical Garden

April 21: Meeting

May: 26: CVIOS Plant Sale

June 16: Last Meeting until September

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## **CVIOS UPCOMING EVENTS:**

At the February 17 meeting there will be a Bag Drawplease bring items for the draw. Mike, Margaret & Laurie will be talking about Preparing your Orchids for a Show. Including how to register your plants (what classes to put them in), preparing them for display, ribbon judging and preparing for transportation to and from the shows.

#### **INFORMATION:**

- Please bring items for the February 17 bag draw
- January minutes are on page 3
- ❖ Page 4 contains information on insect control and using Listerine on orchids. Glen Decker from Piping Rock Orchids suggested using both these methods when he spoke at a CVIOS meeting last year.
- If any members are starting seeds, please start some extra plants for the CVIOS plant sale in May. Any divisions or cuttings would also be welcome
- Victoria Orchid Society Show is March 3 & 4, setup is March 2, at Lady of Fatima Hall
- Vancouver Orchid Society Show is March 24 & 25, setup is March 23, at Van Dusen Gardens

# AOS Judging:

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

Next two monthly meetings:

- February 10, 2018: 11:30am at Sea Island Community Centre, 7140 Miller Road, Richmond B.C.
- March 3, 2018 : 2:00pm after Victoria Orchid Society Show Judging at Our Lady of Fatima Hall, 4635 Elk Lake Drive, Victoria BC

Please note that for the WCJC monthly judging in <u>MARCH 2018</u>, instead of the usual date, time and place, the meeting will be held on SATURDAY March 3, 2018 at 2:00pm at **Our Lady of Fatima Hall, <u>4635 Elk Lake Road, Victoria, BC</u>** after the Victoria Orchid Society show judging. (there will NOT be a separate monthly judging on March 10)

#### **CVIOS MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING**

January 20, 2018

Laurie Forbes called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm. 21 members present. Welcome new member Valerie Melanson

#### Secretary's Report:

Minutes from October 2017 meeting approved. Motion to accept Oct. minutes Dora, second Sean, motion carried

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Darlene reviewed statement of income and expenses. Motion to accept Darlene, second Mike, motion carried

#### Library:

Michael is organizing the CVIOS library. He is sorting through books by publication date and deciding what is relevant for CVIOS now. The suggestion was made to sell any cast offs at the plant sale in May. New publications of Orchids and Orchid Digest may be raffled off for a one month read during the monthly raffle draw. We will try it this month and see how it goes.

#### **Upcoming Meetings & Programs:**

February, there is a bag draw and a presentation regarding getting your orchids ready for show

March, Mitch Nickle will be speaking regarding Orchids and Micro Climates.

April, CVIOS may present a AOS webinar

May, Plant sale – this will be organized more thoroughly during the upcoming meetings

June, TBD

June 25, Alan Koch from Gold Country Orchids is speaking in Victoria – A car pool can be organized for CVIOS members to attend. Check on pre ordering

September, H&R Orchids will be on the Island, plants can be pre ordered. More info to follow

It was mentioned CVIOS import permit expired in Jan. Laurie will look into it.

#### **Upcoming Shows:**

Vicoria Orchid Society March 2, setup, open to public March 3 & 4. Bob will be transporting plants March 2. More info to come at Feb meeting.

CVIOS will look into changing AOS show from Oct. to early Feb 2019

#### **General Business:**

If members would like to order shade paint through CVIOS please sign up

Sandra is taking the # tags for show table plants home to count them and report the missing numbers to Don

#### **INSECT CONTROL:**

For safe but effective insect control try Dr. Bronner's Peppermint Pure-Castille Soap. Offers great control for spider mites, aphids, mealy bugs, scale and many other insects. Highly recommended by Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids.

### The Recipe

We mix three tablespoons of soap and 3/4 cup of Isopropyl Alcohol into a one quart or 32 ounce spray bottle. Fill the remainder of the bottle with water and shake well before using. Spray on sight whenever insects are found. Best used on cloudy days.

## **TODAYS SECRET, LISTERENE!**

be sure to only use the original (gold colored) version, because the flavored versions have added substances that are not 100% orchid-friendly

Listerine, the name-brand mouthwash that has been on the market for more than 100 years, is useful for more than just oral cleanliness -- it also comes in handy for treating orchids (Orchidae) that have crown rot or bacterial infections. Many hardy terrestrial orchid varieties thrive in U.S. Department of Agriculture plant hardiness zones 5 to 9, but zones vary based on specific orchid variety

# **Applying Listerine**

To use Listerine on orchids, pour some of the substance into a spray bottle and spray the full-strength antiseptic directly onto the infected area of the orchid. Tip the orchid gently after 5 minutes to allow the Listerine to run off. A gentle spray of Listerine once a week also keeps insects at bay. Only the original Listerine should be used on orchids, as other versions contain additional chemicals or sweeteners.

# **Listerine's Properties and History**

Listerine has antifungal, antimicrobial and antiseptic properties, which is why it has been marketed as a mouthwash since the 1940s. It was originally created in the late 1800s as a surgical disinfectant, becoming a consumer product shortly thereafter. It contains eucalyptol, menthol and thymol

# **Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society Membership Form**

# 2017-2018

Society mailing Address: P.O. Box 1061, Nanaimo, B.C., V9R 5Z2, web site: www.cvios.org
Household membership \$25.00 per year (SeptAug.)
Meetings are held September through June on the Saturday near the middle of the month 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.
Contact: Dora Glover, Membership Chairperson (250) 754-9634
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Under Lights
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Other
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