

CVIOS NEWSLETTER

CENTRAL VANCOUVER ISLAND ORCHID SOCIETY

March 2018

CVIOS Meetings 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

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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:

March 17: Meeting, Speaker: Mitch Nickle, "how to identify and exploit microclimates in your growing area"

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

April 21: Meeting and Orchid Digest Program

May: 26: CVIOS Plant Sale

June 16: June 16 - Alexey "More about Orchid Nutrition" and the AGM: This is the last Meeting until September

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Our speaker in March is Mitch Nickel he will be speaking about "how to identify and exploit microclimates in your growing area". Below is some information about Mitch:

I became interested in horticulture at 9 years of age. At age 13 a Miltoniopsis orchid on my grandmothers table caught my attention and she introduced me to the friend responsible for growing it: the late Jerry Suffolk. After a visit to his greenhouse, I was completely hooked. Jerry took me to several society meetings and shows between 1993 and 2000. Over twenty years later and I still have a couple of the plants Jerry so kindly gave me. Through the years my orchids have been with me through at least ten relocations. They have endured many less than ideal settings and though many have perished, some persist to this day. I have grown under lights on windowsills, in a sunroom and in a greenhouse, giving me a wide range of experience and a lot of practice with finding those special spots to make an orchid happy

INFORMATION:

- ❖ February minutes are on page 3 & 4
- ❖ Donna McDonnell's report regarding the Victoria Orchid Societies Show & Sale is on page 5
- ❖ The date & walnut finger recipe is on page 6 – they were served at the Feb. meeting
- ❖ Refreshment reminder for March: Suzanne, Bob and Valerie
- ❖ 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
- ❖ Vancouver Orchid Society Show is March 24 & 25, setup is March 23, at Van Dusen Gardens



CVIOS Display



The Phaius



Alexey's AOS awarded orchid

CVIOS Minutes of the General Meeting - February 17, 2018

Connie Gordon-Webster called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm with 17 members present.

Connie asked for a motion regarding approval of the minutes of the January 20 meeting. Sandra moved the minutes be accepted as published in the Newsletter, Sheila 2nd the motion and motion carried.

Correspondence & Treasurer's Report: Darlene commented on the AOS Bulletins that had been returned and were available for members to sign out and return at the March meeting.

She reviewed the January statement of income and expenses and gave the current bank balance. She moved acceptance of her report, Mike 2nd, motion carried.

Library: Micheal indicated that the Library is now organized and members are welcome to sign out books and periodicals. He is still working on paring down our collection and perhaps selling some of the materials at our May plants sale or other fundraisers. We are still working on getting the cabinet out into the main hall so it is easily accessible.

General Business:

1. Programs and Plant Orders:

March - Mitch Nickel - Creating Orchid Micro Climates

April - We will research the possibility & what is involved in getting an AOS Webinar. The 2 topics that seemed to be most relevant to our group were: 'Roots its all about the Roots' and 'The Ins and Outs of Repotting Orchids'

May - Garden 'Plant & Orchid Sale' at Suzanne's home.

June - Alexey - More on Orchid Nutrition

Plant Orders: Sasha is applying for import permits for The Roy Tokunaga visit from H&R in September and will keep us posted.

He will also be involved in bringing in pre-ordered plants from 'Gold Country' for Alan Koch's visit to Victoria on June 25. CVIOS members are invited to participate in the Pre-Order as well as attending that meeting in Victoria. Unfortunately the meeting is in the evening so car-pooling may be the best way for members to go. More details re pre-order list to follow.

There has also been an offer from 'Equaflora A' from Ecuador for us to participate in a pre-order of plants that they would ship to us from Ottawa where they will be attending the Ottawa annual AOS show. Plants would be shipped to us at the end of April or beginning of May. All of the details regarding this opportunity were not available in their email so we will check into it before sending any information out to members.

2. Greenhouse Shade Paint - Laurie indicated that Paramount is working on getting a Canadian supplier for the product we are interested in. They will include our order with there's. We will check to see where they are at with this. So far only four of us have indicated we are interested in purchasing this (Mike, Laurie, Dora & Suzanne). If any one else is interested please let Laurie know.

3. CVIOS next AOS show - Laurie has booked the first weekend in February, 2019 with the Nanaimo North Town Centre. The next step is contacting Abu to check on the process for getting AOS approval of the dates.

4. Shows : Victoria - March 3rd & 4th with set-up, judging etc on Friday the 2nd. It is at 'The Lady of Fatima Church (4635 Elk Lake Drive). Check their Website for plant registration forms & the latest Flower

Classes List. Bob & Donna will be taking our Orchids down to the show and Donna, Angie & perhaps Julia will be doing our display. Laurie will be the drop off point for everyone from Nanaimo and south of Nanaimo. (250-755-1229) (2324-Dodds Rd.) Bob will be picking up those orchids at 3:00 pm Thursday so you need to drop them off before then. Please contact Donna if you live north of Nanaimo (250-752-7483).

Vancouver Show: March 24 & 25. Mike will be in charge of taking our orchids to the show & will also be doing our display. More details to follow at our meeting March 17.

Membership: Dora pointed out that any memberships sold from March 1 to the end of June will be half price.

Refreshments: THANK YOU to Darlene, Margaret, Connie, Clementine, & Sheila for goodies in February and REMINDERS to Suzanne, Bob and Valerie for March.

Note: The planning for our May Plant & Orchid sale was postponed to the March meeting due to our heavy agenda and Bag Draw, so bring all your good ideas then.

Meeting adjourned 12:45.

Victoria Orchid Society Show “Adventure on the Malahat”

Donna McDonnell

At 5am on Friday, March 2nd, I loaded up the car with Mike’s and my plants and headed out in the dark and the pouring rain. Alexey had called the day before and said he had ten large plants so would bring them down himself and help us with the display. Yeah! Bob was picking up the Nanaimo plants at Laurie’s that morning instead of staying at his son’s house in Victoria, so he would have been leaving at about the same time. Julia was also planning to bring THE PHAIUS because it wouldn’t fit in any of our cars.

By the time I got to the top of the Malahat, the pouring rain had turned to heavy snow and everything was at a standstill. The eighteen-wheelers were on the side of the road putting chains on their tires and I knew we were all in trouble. When I finally arrived at Our Lady of Fatima Hall at 9am, Don and Nancy and Angie were sitting waiting for me, wondering what had happened. By 10am, Angie and I started putting a display together with Mike’s and my plants, because we didn’t think the rest of the plants would arrive in time. Thankfully, Bob arrived at 10:30 with the Nanaimo plants and the rest of the staging, and Alexey arrived shortly after with all his humungous plants. Julia arrived around 11am with THE PHAIUS and 4 more plants. We went from having a tiny display in the centre of two tables to having 37 plants pouring off the edges, and I was sure we would need another table. Thankfully, we managed to fit everything with the help of a small fold-up table lent to us by some kind members of the Victoria Orchid Society.

We were still sweeping the floor and Angie was putting on the last of her moss when the judging began at 1pm, but everything was registered, thanks to Don and Nancy for staying till the end.

Thanks to Dora, Laurie, Alexey, Mike, Julia and Donna for supplying plants, to Bob, Julia, Alexey, and Donna for transporting plants and staging, to Angie for bringing amazing branches, logs and moss, and to Alexey and Angie for helping to put together such a beautiful display. Thanks to Nancy for registering all the plants. Thanks to Bryan for taking care of our display after we all left.

Results (hopefully, they are close to being correct):

Alexey: 6 first, 1 second, 1 third, Best of Class (Dendrobium) for Bulb picturatum, AOS award (CCM, I think) for Den Aussie Chip

Mike: 2 first, 1 second, 2 third, AOS nomination

Donna: 2 first, 1 second

Dora: 1 first, 2 second, 1 third

Laurie: 2 first, Best of Class (All others) for Goodyera oblongifolia

Julia: 1 first, 2 third, Best of Class (Under lights) for Phaius Microburst

Display: Best Visiting Society

DATE & WALNUT FINGERS

Margaret Mann

The following is the recipe for the Date & Walnut fingers. I am sorry it is in ounces, that is how I got it from my mother.

Line or grease a 13 X 9 pan. Oven temp 350 C.

2 oz butter or marg.

6 oz self raising flour.

8 oz granulated sugar.

2 eggs.

pinch of salt.

10 oz chopped dates.

4 oz chopped walnuts.

milk to mix.

castor sugar to dredge if required.

Melt the butter and mix with the rest of the ingredients to a dropping consistency. Pour mixture into prepared pan and bake in a moderate oven for about 20 mins.

Test with tooth pic to see if done. Cool for 5 mins then dredge with castor sugar if required. Cut into fingers and enjoy.

If you have run out of dates use any dried chopped fruit.

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 (Sept.-Aug.) _____

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

Date _____

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Name(s) for membership card(s)

Mailing Address

Postal Code _____

Phone number _____

Email address for newsletter _____

Where I grow my orchids ___ Windowsill CHECK ONE OR MORE

___ Under Lights

___ Greenhouse

___ Other _____

I have (circle one) (0 - 10), (11 -20), (20 -35), (36 - 50), (50 -100), (100+) orchid plants

* I hereby give permission to have my name address, phone number and email address included in the published membership list that will be distributed to members only. I (GIVE) (DO NOT GIVE) permission for publication. (PLEASE CROSS OUT ONE)

Date _____

Signed _____

Please note if this section is not filled in we cannot list you as a member in the membership list