

CVIOS NEWSLETTER

CENTRAL VANCOUVER ISLAND ORCHID SOCIETY

October 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 2018/19

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Secretary & Newsletter: Suzanne Currie

AOS Chair: Darlene Rathwell

Membership: Dora Glover

Plant Sales Table: Donna McDonnell

Library: Michael DeLeur

Refreshments: Sandra Lathrope

Programs: Nancy Miklic

Publicity: Sheila Wilson

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

2018

October 20: CVIOS Meeting with speaker Sasha Kubicek

November 17: Visit to Paramount Nursery

December 8: Christmas Luncheon

2019

January 19: CVIOS Meeting

February 23: CVIOS Meeting

March 23: CVIOS Meeting

April 27: CVIOS Meeting

May: Possible Plant Sale

June 22: CVIOS Meeting & AGM

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November 17: Visit to Paramount Orchid Nursery, beginning at 10:30 am

INFORMATION

- September minutes are on page 3 and 4
- Information from Roy's presentation is on page 5
- Paramount Nursery visit will be November 17 beginning at 10:30 am, coffee and cookies will be served. The address is 95 Renz Road, Parksville BC
- If members have items for the CVIOS show's silent auction please contact Valerie, melanson.valerie@gmail.com.
- Reminder to Mike, Connie, Clementine and Keith to bring refreshments in Oct.
- Members can bring plants for the Fraser Valley show to the Oct meeting or drop them off at Laurie, Dora or Mikes home Wednesday morning Oct 24

President's Message

Well, we got through September. Hosting Roy and Nora Tokunaga was a lot of fun and educational. Roy is so adamant about pure water and could not believe that on the island we drink rain water and so do our orchids. In Hawaii there are so many elements in the soil, the rain water becomes hard before it gets into the house. One thing discussed in detail was potting mixes. H & R is now potting their fine rooted plants such as dendrobiums in a new mix that sounds interesting. 1 part Pro Mix, 1 part perlite (#2 or #3) and a dash of charcoal. This mix uses less water and will hold a ph. of 6 and not drop down to 4.5 for a least a year. If you try this mix, I would like to hear from you, so we can compare notes. See you on the 20th
Don Miklic

CVIOS September 22, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Don Miklic called the meeting to order at 12pm with 23 members present and 5 visitors.

Sean moved to accept the June minutes, Dora seconded. Motion accepted

Dora Glover elected as Vice President for CVIOS

Treasurers Report

Darlene reviewed income and expenses. Sheila moved to accept the report, Dora seconded. Motion accepted

Programs

October's speaker is Sasha Kubicek his topic is World Slipper Orchid Conference 2018. A date to visit Paramount Nursery should be available at the October meeting.

Publicity

Sheila is advertising CVIOS in the Nanaimo Bulletin and Coffee News. She asked members if they had any other ideas for advertising. The Times Colonist Garden Column was suggested as well as Parksville and Ladysmith newspapers.

Plant Sales

There are lots of plants for sale at today's meeting

CVIOS Show and Sale

The show will be Feb 1,2,3 at Nanaimo North Town Center. The show committee met September 4th to begin organizing the show. The judges are confirmed, and the theme will be For the Love of Orchids or Orchid Love. CVIOS would like to have a silent auction at the show and members were asked to find items for the auction. The contact for the silent auction is Valerie Melanson.

Membership

Members dues are now due. Darlene will be accepting memberships at the October meeting

Website

Don will post the show poster and information on the CVIOS website

NEW BUSINESS:

Orchid Shows

The Fraser Valley Orchid Society Show and Sale is Oct 26,27 and 28. Mike Miller and Leslie Milne will transport plants to the show and set up the display. If members plan to attend the show, they are encouraged to help and see how a display is set up. The drop off points for members plants are Laurie, Dora and Mikes homes. Please drop off Wednesday Oct 24 in the morning. Show plants can also be taken to the October meeting

Donna, Bob and Alexey will transport members plants and set up the display for the Victoria Orchid Society Show and Sale in 2019

Bylaw 44

There is a bylaw for resolutions that will change finances. The bylaw states:

Members wishing to move a resolution, which if adopted will affect the finances of the society directly or indirectly, shall submit the resolution in writing to the secretary prior to any regular meeting. Such a resolution shall be tabled at the regular meeting when it is submitted and voted upon by the membership at the following regular meeting.

Notwithstanding provisions of by law 10

Mike Miller moved that members review and discuss the cost of memberships at the October meeting. Leslie seconded. All in favor motion accepted.

Alexey suggested that the treasurer prepares financial information regarding membership for the Oct meeting

Meeting adjourned 12:35 pm

TIDBITS FROM ROY TOKUNAGA

Flower Boosting Summary:

Roots and environment perfect. PH must be 5-6, humidity 70 to 80%. Low salts in media

Give as much light as plants will tolerate with lots of aeration

Use high calcium fertilizer one month before spike formation. Use at a rate of half teaspoon per gallon per week. With 1/8 of a teaspoon micro nutrient such as Millers Microplex

Extra Phosphorous does not help. See article "Without High Phosphorus" by Jan Szyren, Orchids magazine June 2003

Less nitrogen helps. Ammonia and urea will favor vegetative growth at the expense of flowers. Nitrates ok

Roy's Secret Potion:

On mature plants just before spikes appear apply calcium type fertilizer like Peters Cal Mag Special at 1/8 tsp per gallon with a micronutrient such as Millers Microplex at 1/8 tsp per gallon. Apply weekly until flower/spikes appear for a maximum of 3 months. If it doesn't work, we need to run diagnostics. Something needs to be fixed.



September's speaker Roy Tokunaga and his wife Nora