



Manitoba Orchid Society

For the Love of Orchids Newsletter

From the President

Dave Moran

Our 2008 Orchid Show, March 28th-30th, is just a couple of weeks away and the theme of the show is "In Praise of Native Orchids". I am looking forward to seeing all the beautiful plants that will be displayed at the show, as well as the photographic exhibit. Sharing your orchids with others by displaying them at the show tells everyone how much orchids mean to you.

In Praise Of
Native Orchids

2008
Manitoba Orchid Society
Spring Show and Sale
Fri., March 28 To Sun., March 30
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Photo: L. Moran

Assiniboine Park Conservatory
15 Conservatory Drive
Winnipeg, Manitoba

\$5.00 per person
children under 14 free

Sale of Plants and Orchid Supplies by:
Cash, Cheque, Debit

Gate proceeds are shared with the Friends of the Assiniboine Park Conservatory

Remember to pre-register your plants. If you are not sure the plant will be in bloom pre-register it anyway, as it is easy to cancel an entry at last minute. Our society display is always outstanding with a large variety of beautiful orchids. Please bring all your flowering plants, registered or not, to contribute in making this display the best ever.

Another way to contribute to the success of the show is to volunteer your time in various areas. The benefits of volunteering are great. It is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about orchids from the information sessions, talking to the vendors, long time MOS members & the AOS judges. Head Judge Terry Kennedy, and Kathy Kreger are returning. Ernest Gemeinhart and possibly one more to be announced judge round out our judging team this year.

The annual awards banquet will be held on Saturday March 29th at the Charterhouse Hotel, 330 York Avenue. The meal is \$32.00 per person and you have a choice of roast beef with Yorkshire pudding or Chicken Kiev.

Our guest speaker is Ian Ward, who will

share some of his wonderful native orchid images with us. There will be an auction at the dinner with a large number of plants and orchid related items. It is a fun evening and I encourage all members to attend. Please contact Joyce Jaworski prior to March 25th at 253-4160 and let her know if you are able to come, as well as your choice of menu.

**Next Meeting: 16 March 2008
Salle Académique, Rm. 1531
St-Boniface College,
196 De La Cathedrale Av.**

**Novice Programme
TBA
Starts at 1:00PM**

**Regular Programme
COC slide presentation on
Lycaste orchids
Starts at 2:00PM**

Bring Plants for Show & Tell

Plant sales by members are encouraged.

Goodies will be provided by Eva Slavicek, Joan Heshka, Joyce Jaworski & Elaine Moran.

Editor's Message

Robert Parsons

Yes, you read the above correctly. In addition to the show, we have an extra opportunity for an orchid fix this March! Normally, the show replaces our March meeting, but on those occasions when the show is two or more weeks after the normally scheduled general meeting we have this opportunity.

Speaking of opportunities, there are all sorts of them as far as the chances to acquire a few more orchid plants over the next couple of months. In addition to the vendors at the show, we have the Hausermann Orchids special order this month, with expected arrival of the plants in May (more details elsewhere in the newsletter) and an opportunity to buy plants from Bloomfield Orchids at the April general meeting. One can certainly preorder and I believe they will be bringing additional plants for sale at the April meeting. Kyle Lucyk will be handling the Bloomfield order. Go to the Bloomfield website:

<http://www.bloomfieldorchids.com/> then choose your plants and let Kyle know, preferably by e-mail at kylelucyk@gmail.com or a written submission, by no later than Sunday, March 30th. Note that Bloomfield Orchids have an export permit for Paph. & Phrag. species.

Website: <http://www.manitobaorchidsociety.ca>

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Submission deadline 20 March 2008 for April 2008 Issue

Things to remember for the Show

- ✓ Bring ALL your blooming plants, those that do not go for judging will help to make a fuller and more attractive display for the public.
- ✓ Pre-register your plants – online if possible as this is the easiest way to import the information into the database.
- ✓ If you are not sure the plant will be ready for the show register it anyway as it is easier to delete an entry than add one in at the last minute.
- ✓ The trophies awarded last year need to be returned A.S.A.P. so that they can be prepared for this year's show awards banquet.
- ✓ Those coming in to set up individual displays can come anytime on Thursday.
- ✓ Those bringing registered and non-registered plants please try to have them at the Conservatory by 7:00 P.M. (earlier in the day if at all possible) to allow arrangers to create the best possible display.
- ✓ Experienced and artistic club members will be available to organize the display area and supervise but people with strong backs and long arms are needed to place the plants and, ideally, be trained to do displays in the future. (A great opportunity to pick up knowledge!)
- ✓ Get your volunteer forms in A.S.A.P.
- ✓ Some of the vendors may offer discounts on pre-orders so check it out.
- ✓ Thursday evening sales, after 6:00 P.M. are for VOLUNTEERS ONLY and are arranged directly with each vendor. (A GREAT reason to give a little time!)
- ✓ The banquet this year is at the Charterhouse Hotel. 330 York Avenue, and everyone is encouraged to come out and enjoy the speaker, the awards presentation, the auction, the food and the good company. Please contact Joyce by March 25th, at 253-4160 to let her know if you are planning to attend.

2006/2007 Executive

Elected

President Dave Moran
Past President Joyce Jaworski
1st V.P. Kyle Lucyk
2nd V.P./Show Chair Lorne Heshka
Treasurer Garnet Ward
Secretary Morganne Jerome

Appointed

Membership Gary Jaworski
Social
Public Relations
Special Orders Jim Roy
AOS/COC Rep Kevin Duerksen
Library Lilianne Foster
Newsletter Robert Parsons
Website Robert Kato



March 28th, 29th & 30th
MOS Annual Show

March 16th General Meeting: Lycastes, a COC slide show created by Ingrid Ostrander.

April 20th General Meeting: Bloomfield Orchids—We have the opportunity to preorder up to the Sunday of the show (March 29th) and they will bring plants. Contact Kyle Lucyk, who is looking after the club order.

April 26-27
C.O.C. Meeting, in conjunction with Ottawa's show "Orchidophilia" <http://www.ottawaorchidsociety.com/>

**Hausermann Orchids
Special Order**

Hausermann have a great variety of orchids. Their website is: <http://www.orchidsbyhausermann.com/> They also have a catalog, copies available from Jim Roy, but the selection is much larger on the web. Please place your order with Jim, preferably by e-mail at jamesroy@mts.net although a written copy of your order is also acceptable, by March 23rd. Jim can be contacted for information (but not orders) at 269-2918. Note they cannot export Paph & Phrag species because they lack the export permits, but can export hybrids.

Hearts & Flowers

Long time member Florence Hodgskin fell on Boxing Day and broke her arm and hip. She is in Room 204 at the Victoria Hospital and if members wish to send cards, that would probably help cheer her up. If you hear of any good/bad news regarding a member or their family, please call Morganne Jerome and let her know.



To Lorne Heshka, Kyle Lucyk, Dave & Elaine Moran, and Garnet Ward for bringing flowering plants to the February Show & Tell.



The Executive encourages all members to provide feedback, comments, suggestions by filling out a comment sheet available from the Secretary at all General Meetings.

All signed comment sheets should be returned to any member of the Executive. They will be reviewed at the next Executive Meeting and you will be informed of follow-up action taken.

Manitoba Orchid Society 2008 Show **“In Praise of Native Orchids”**

Confirmed Show Vendors:

Orchids by Kimberly <http://members.shaw.ca/orchidsbykimberly/>
phone: 632-6177; email: bamboobaby@shaw.ca

Although not show related per se, Kimberly will bring in bark again if there is enough interest for it. The price is 40.00 for small & medium, and 35.00 for coarse, all in 2 cubic feet bags. This is the best bark you can purchase.

Ever Spring Orchids <http://www.everspringorchids.ca/> phone: 338-2340

Mike Gabrielson e-mail: mikegab@telus.net phone: (780) 410-1571

Orchids in Our Tropics <http://www.orchidsinourtropics.com/> phone: (905) 727-3319

Chanthorn Orchids e-mail: chanthorn_orchids@hotmail.com phone: (604) 598-3370

Paramount Orchids <http://www.paramountorchids.com/>
Phone: (403) 686-7021

If you wish to pre-order from any of these vendors, please contact them directly. There may be pre-order discounts from some of the vendors, but not all. Note all pre-orders, and anything purchased on Thursday are without tax.

Food Required for The Show

We will require assistance from members in supplying food for the Show as follows:

Thursday Evening - Show set-up - ready made sandwiches or open-face buns, goodies (cookies, squares, cakes etc) Beverages will be provided.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday - during the show MOS will provide beverages, sandwich meat, bread & buns and condiments.

We will require volunteers to bring the following: muffins and goodies, vegetables and dip, cheese, uncut fruit including melon, apples, grapes etc.

Joan Heshka is maintaining a food sign-up sheet for the show. Please contact her at 663-6850 or email at lheshka@mts.net and advise her with the information of when & what you intend to bring.

Thank-you for your assistance!

Pleiones Cut, Dried & Bagged

By Mike Miller

I have been growing Pleiones for over forty years and some years were good, others not so good. On occasion I lost hundreds of pseudobulbs over the winter to fungus, I believe. They just dried up and went hard never to grow again. Sometimes it was just the growth bud but the pseudobulb never sprouted a new one. I always kept them dry and cold all winter and during the Christmas season would clean them up and repot them. I frequently had two of more flats with up to 70 pseudobulbs in each of the *Pleione formosana* varieties I kept.

Then as my father aged and I became his a-few-days-a-month gardener he had me put his Pleiones away for the winter differently. I tried it and had 100% success no fungus. After three years I thought I had best share this easiest of methods.

In the fall as soon as all the leaves have dropped remove all the pseudobulbs from the media, cut the old now dead roots off at about 1 cm [1/2 inch] and clean off all of the bracts carefully [don't break off the new growth buds].

Now place each species or clone to a brown paper bag. Remember to

place the label in the bag as well. I also write the name on the outside of the bag. I find the sleeves from the liquor store good if you cut their length in half. I fold down the top of the bag so if it falls over the pseudobulbs don't spill. Now they must be kept cold so I use a dry, drafty shed, where we store bikes and the lawnmower all winter, and place the paper bags upright in a small open top box.

About the end of February I pot them up. I like clay bulb pans or azalea pots, which tend to be wider than tall. They don't need deep pots. I place some broken pot "crock" in the bottom covering the drain and fill the pot to the top with moist media composed of 1 part fine bark, 1 part regular peat and 1/2 part perlite and a little charcoal. I then water the pots well to moisten the pot, crock and media. They don't need any more water until roots start when the new growths are well underway. I place the newly planted pots in a cool bright spot until the flowering is over then I move them outside. I have most of mine against an east wall behind some normal sized rose bushes. In early spring they get limited shade and by late spring and throughout the summer they are in bright shade. I keep them moist by standing them all in a very shallow tray.

In late September I start to dry them out and bring them into full sun. This matures the pseudobulbs and seems to set the new growth buds well. Then as soon as the leaves start to take on fall colors I dry them out completely then get ready to bag them. The fall flowering species like *P. maculata* and *P. praecox* should probably be cleaned up right after flowering and if new growth is starting they should be potted up then, otherwise bag them for a few months but keep an eye on them monthly through the winter. I have grown both species but that was years ago and I just dried them out in their pots.

Taken from the newsletter of the Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society



Pleione Shantung cv. cult. Kew (ph P.Cribb)

Minutes - Manitoba Orchid Society General Meeting February 17, 2008

Recorder: Neil Kelly

1. Call to order:

Dave Moran called the meeting to order at 2:10 P.M.

Volunteers to bring the refreshments for the February meeting: Eva Slavicek, Joan Heshka, Joyce Jaworski & Elaine Moran.

Lorne Heshka introduced the topic of meeting on Hybridization of the Small White Lady's-Slipper with Yellow Lady's-Slipper on four sites in Manitoba, with a brief history of our society's involvement with its conservation. Introduced Dr. Anne Worley, whose direction the study was under and who did the presentation; as well as Lauren Sawich, who conducted the field work for the study; and Bruce Ford, who was involved with the research.

2. Minutes of the last meeting:

Motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting, as published, by Robert Kato, seconded by Joyce Jaworski, carried.

3. Financial report: Garnet Ward

Garnet presented the financial report. Motion to accept the treasurer's report by Garnet, seconded by Gary Jaworski, carried.

4. Programs: Kyle Lucyk

Dave did not ask Kyle for a report, but details of upcoming programs, provided by Kyle, are available in the "On the Horizon" section of the newsletter.

5. Show Chairperson Report: Lorne Heshka

The show book is published & available now. Lorne is still looking to fill out the slate of judges. One can register online. Entries in Novice Class are encouraged. Please enter anything you might have in bloom because it's much easier to do a last minute deletion than addition. Access time to the conservatory on setup day is uncertain. Lorne then asked various members of the show committee for reports.

Kevin Duerksen reported confirmed vendors. They will be listed in the next newsletter and members can contact them directly.

Joan Heshka described food needed most and asked for volunteers to help provide it.

Joyce Jaworski described the banquet, which is at the Charterhouse, has a cost of \$32.00 per person and the menu choice is roast beef with Yorkshire pudding or chicken kiev. She needs a commitment and payment by March 21st. All cheques will be held and then cashed on the day of the banquet. Ian Ward will be our guest speaker and will be showing his slides of native orchids. Denise Fortier asked all to help spread the word & take posters for putting up in public places. Elaine Moran reported on some changes in the conservatory's display, which will result in some differences this year. These include having three smaller club displays, rather than one large individual one. Help in setting up the displays is needed & appreciated. Please call Elaine for details or to volunteer.

Dave Moran asked people to fill out forms, and consider putting in an extra shift or two, as our membership is a little low this year.

6. AOS/COC Representative: Kevin Duerksen

The COC meeting is in Ottawa this year. A brief presentation of the show & speakers was made, and details are in the COC Newsletter, which most MOS members receive by e-mail. Kevin noted the tulip festival is on at the same time, adding another reason to attend.

7. Hospitality:

This position is still vacant. Please consider helping out.

8. Library: Lilianne Foster

Lilianne has emailed in the society's registration for Awards Quarterly and will follow up next week.

9. Public Relations:

This position is still vacant. Please consider helping out.

10. Membership: Gary Jaworski

As of 17 February, we have 128 members.

11. Newsletter: Robert Parsons

Submission deadline for inclusion in the newsletter is usually the Thursday following the general meeting. If you realize you are going to be a little late, let Rob know so he can allow for an expected item.

Ever Spring is not having a February open house this year, but is intending to hold one in May. Details will appear in the newsletter when they are known.

Florence Hodgskin fell and broke her hip and arm on Boxing Day and is in Rm. 204 at the Victoria Hospital.

12. Website: Robert Kato

Nothing to report.

13. Special Orders: Jim Roy

Our next order will be with Hausermann Orchids from Chicago, and the shipment should take place in May. Catalogs were provided, and a much larger selection is available on their website. Orders will be accepted up until at least the March meeting, but will have to be in shortly after that in order for the paperwork to be processed. Note they cannot export Paph. or Phrag. species, although hybrids are available.

14. Budgets:

Lorne Heshka presented the budget for the 2008 show, then made a motion to accept it, seconded by Garnet Ward, carried.

Garnet Ward presented the general 2007/2008 fiscal year budget, then made a motion to accept it, seconded by Denise Fortier, carried.

15. Raffle draw:

Winners included Garnet Ward & Joyce Jaworski.

16. Show & Tell

Ed Maza described the plants, and was assisted by Joyce Jaworski & Lorne Heshka.

17. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Robert Parsons.

Note: Minutes of the Executive Meetings are available to be picked up at General Meetings on request from the Secretary.