



Manitoba Orchid Society

For the Love of Orchids Newsletter

Next Meeting: 15 February 2009
Salle Académique, Rm. 1531
St-Boniface College,
196 De La Cathedrale Av.

Novice Programme

Question & answer with focus on show preparation.

Starts at 1:00PM

Regular Programme

Hardy Orchids by Lorne Heshka.

Starts at 2:00PM

Bring Plants for Show & Tell

Plant sales by members are encouraged.

Goodies will be provided by Joan Heshka, Susan Ward, Judy Browne & Horst Hack

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February 15, 2009: General Meeting

Hardy Orchids with Lorne Heshka.

Novice Program by Lorne Heshka & Show Committee on “Everything You Ever Need To Know About Our Show”

March 15, 2009: Some years the show takes the place of the March meeting. This year we get an extra meeting because the third Sunday is well before the end of the month. Mark your calendars for the March General & Novice meetings!

**Manitoba Orchid Society Show & Sale
March 27 to 29**

Tropical Treasures is this year’s show theme. Your participation is the key to its success.

Help Needed!

We are in need of someone to transport the PA system to our general meetings and store it between them. Please consider helping out with this much-needed item for our programs.

Hearts & Flowers

If you hear of any good/bad news regarding members or their families, please call Morganne Jerome and let her know.



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

To Ed Maza for his donation of a book for the January meeting raffle.



Suggestion Box
Help us help you

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.

2007/2008 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 Eva Slavicek
- Public Relations
- Special Orders Jim Roy
- AOS/COC Rep Kevin Duerksen
- Library Lilianne Foster
- Newsletter Robert Parsons
- Webmaster Robert Kato

2009 Manitoba Orchid Society Show & Sale “Tropical Treasures” March 27 to March 29, 2009

By Robert Parsons

One of the central themes, and certainly one the highlights, of the Manitoba Orchid Society is its annual show and sale. I can think of no better way to get the most out of your membership than by participating in the show, whether as an exhibitor or volunteer, or indeed both. It's certainly a wonderful opportunity to chat with, and get to know your fellow members. The Assiniboine Park Conservatory is again the venue, as it has been for quite a few years. The greenery and ambiance of the conservatory provides a wonderful backdrop for show exhibits.

If you've never been involved in the show, I urge you to come to the February meeting where you can learn the ins & outs of registering plants for the show or possibly even an entire display if you are particularly ambitious. Even if your collection of orchids is modest, one can create an effective display. Whether or not you choose to try a display, we really do need as many flowering plants for the club display as we can get. You may think your plant(s) is/are not worthy of display, but one person who felt that way about her plant won best of show one year! Lorne Heshka & his crew of Show Committee volunteers will be able to guide you through the process of registration at the March meeting.

Included with this newsletter is this year's show volunteer form. Please look it over, then indicate your preferences for slots and return it to Dave Moran. Note that in addition to the three show dates, we also need volunteers for Thursday, March 26th set up. The club has had great volunteerism in previous years, to the envy of most other clubs across Canada, and I hope this year will be no exception. If your schedule permits, I especially recommend acting as a judging clerk on Friday evening. It's a great opportunity to learn a little more about these plants we are so fascinated by, plus the pizza & chicken feast is always a treat!

I can't talk about the show without mentioning the opportunities to feed our addiction. We have some great vendors attending. You can order from them in advance (see their contact information below) or wait until the presale on Thursday night—open only to volunteers. I suggest ordering ahead, as they cannot bring everything they have in stock with them, thus no guarantee the plants you were eyeing will make it to the show.

Confirmed Show Vendors:

Orchids by Kimberly - Winnipeg <http://members.shaw.ca/orchidsbykimberly/> (204) 632-6177

Ever Spring Orchids - Winnipeg <http://www.everspringorchids.ca/> Phone: (204) 338-2340

Orchids in Our Tropics - Gormley, ON <http://www.orchidsinourtropics.com/>
Phone/Fax: (905) 727-3319

Mike Gabrielson - Sherwood Park, A.B. (780) 410-1571

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

Orchids Limited - Plymouth MN U.S.A. <http://www.orchidweb.com/>
Phone: (800) 669-6006 or (763) 559-6425 Fax: (763) 557-6956

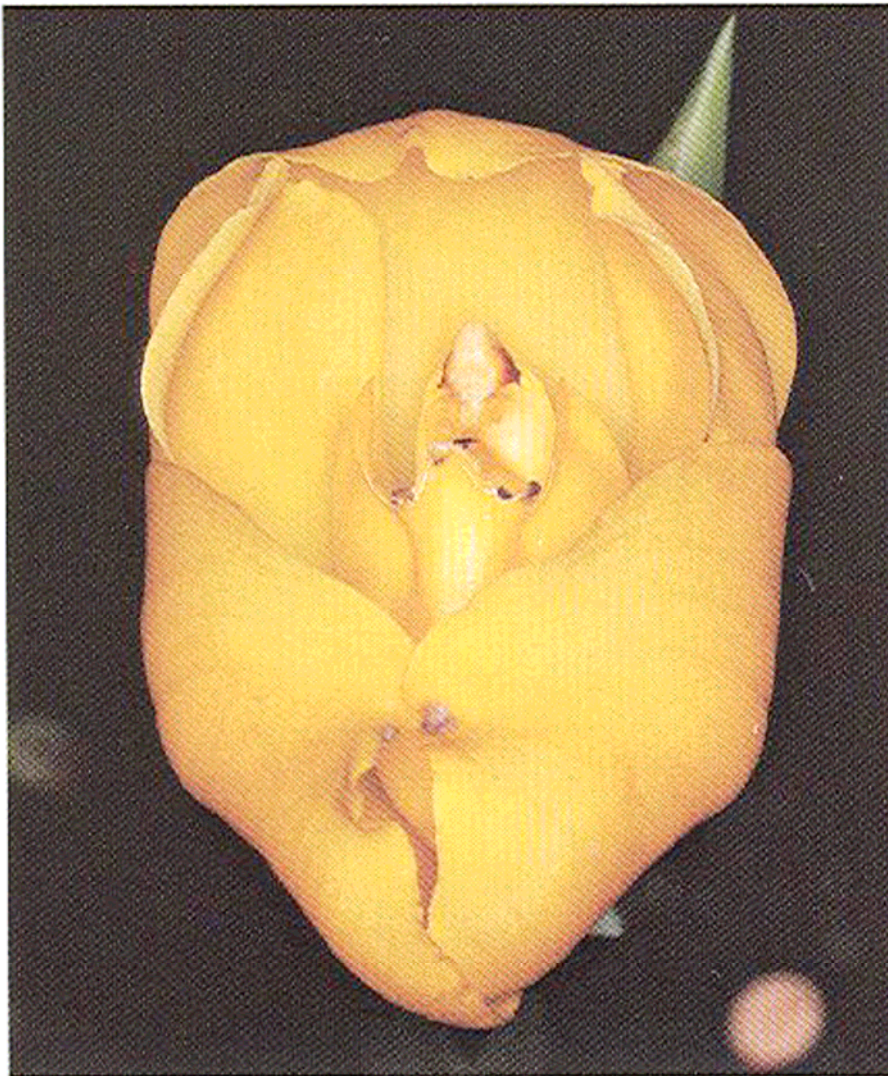
If you have questions, call or e-mail Kevin Duerksen at 633-0314 or Kevin.Duerksen@shaw.ca

Anguloa Species "The Tulip Orchids" *Anguloa clowesii*; *Anguloa ruckeri* (both called tulip orchid or cradle orchid)

No author given

A cuplike formation of sepals gives Anguloas the common name tulip orchid. The other name is derived from a hinged lip that rocks in the lightest breeze. Long, broad deciduous leaves grow from pseudobulbs; a flower stalk sprouts from each pseudobulb. Late in the spring the 8- to 12-inch-long sheathed stalks of *Ang. clowesii* bear solitary waxy flowers with lemon- to golden-yellow sepals and petals that almost conceal small downy white lips. The cup measures up to 3 inches deep and 2 to 3 inches in diameter. Two to four wrinkled leaves 18 to 24 inches long sprout from the top of each pseudobulb. *Ang. ruckeri* is similar in appearance to *Ang. clowesii* but its leaves are smaller and its flowers larger. Olive green to yellow on the outside, these fragrant blossoms vary from pure white to blood-red inside. *Ang. ruckeri* blooms from spring into summer.

Anguloa clowesii



HOW TO GROW

Give tulip orchids a cool, shaded environment. If they are grown under artificial light, provide 1,500 foot-candles or less for 14 to 16 hours daily. Maintain a cool temperature range of 50° to 55° at night and 60° to 70° during the daytime. Keep the humidity at about 50 percent. Water the plants generously during the growing season, but suspend watering for several weeks after they have flowered, until root growth begins. This period of dormancy is essential to promote blooming. Pot anguloas in a well-drained mixture of 2 parts coarse peat moss, 2 parts sandy loam and 1 part each perlite and fine fir bark, or pot in a commercial cymbidium mix. During the active growing period, fertilize every third watering with a balanced fertilizer such as 18-18-18 diluted to half the strength recommended on the label. Propagate new plants by dividing pseudobulb clumps when repotting, leaving three or four pseudobulbs on each division.

Northwest Orchid Society, October 1996

Newsletter excerpts No. 96-C-W

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Coelogyne Lindley (Coel.): (see-LODGE-eh-nee) (see-loj-in-ee)

By Verne Smythe

I found the different references I used for this genus to give conflicting information, so I'm not sure what I have learned for sure. So, I am going to use (?) after a statement if it disagrees with one or more of the other references. The statements will be based on the majority agreements. Part of the reason for the discrepancy is that there are two basic types of growth: either deciduous or evergreen. Some species are from the cooler mountainous regions while others are from the mid-temperate lowlands. The higher elevation plants need cooler temperatures and a strict drier rest period while species from the low latitudes grow continuously and must never dry out.

This popular (?) genus has pseudobulbs with one or two pleated leaves. These pseudobulbs vary in size from less than 2 cm (1") to over 15 cm (6") tall and are mostly of an ovoid shape. They can be closely or widely (up to 10cm (4")) spaced on the rhizome. Leaves may be closely spaced or far apart. The genus was described by Lindley in 1825. He named the genus *Coelogyne* for the Greek words for *koilos* (hollow) and *gyne* (female) and the name refers to the hollow stigmatic area of the column.

The genus has over 200 species accepted by the World Monocot Checklist. The number of recent artificial hybrids published, indicates the growing commercial interest in *C. cristata*. The genus is distributed throughout Southeast Asia with main centres of distribution in Borneo, Sumatra and the Himalayas. The most common species are: *asperanta*, *corymbosa*, *cristata*, *dayana*, *fimbriata*, *flaccida*, *lawrenceana*, *massangeana*, *mooreana*, *ochracea*, *speciosa*, and *velutina*. Bloom sizes range from 1cm (1/2") to 10 cm (4") in width and are predominately white though tawny brown and green are also represented in the colour range. *C. pandurata* are used in hybrids to give black lip markings. Flower stems arise from the center of new growth or from the base of the pseudobulbs. Spikes can support a single flower from a short spike or have long cascading spikes with over two dozen blooms. Plants bloom in winter, spring and summer (?) and most blooms are fragrant.

Most species have well-defined growing and resting periods.

Light: As for Phalaenopsis or Oncidiums – 800 to 1,800 foot candles with good air movement.

Temperature: Cool species: 45 - 50°F (7 – 10°C) winter nights and never above 80°F (27°C) in summer.

Intermediate species: 55 – 65°F (13 – 18°C) in winter nights. Check the species you have on www.orchidspecies.com for the temperature requirements.

Fertilizer: a balanced 20-20-20, ½ teaspoon/gallon of water, applied every other week.

Watering: Constant moisture with good drainage throughout the year. New growths have tightly rolled leaves that tend to hold water. Care should be taken to avoid water standing in the new growths. (?)

(Probably right for low elevation plants. Higher elevation plants need a drier period. Some books suggest just misting for at least a few weeks in the dormant period, and then only if the pseudobulbs are starting to wrinkle too much.) (One reference suggests spraying in a hot summer.)

Potting: A variety of potting materials: bark mixtures, sphagnum moss, coconut fiber mixture. Repot every 2 years at the least and every spring is not out of the question. (?) (One reference says this genus resists repotting!) (Two references suggest hanging baskets or slotted wooden baskets for *C. fimbriata*, allowing them to grow around the basket and forming a ball.)

Coelogyne dayana - picture taken by Verne Smythe from an OOC show table on 28th April, 2006.



Taken from the January 2009 Newsletter of the Okanagan Orchid Society Vol. 16 #1

Minutes - Manitoba Orchid Society General Meeting January 18, 2009

Recorder: Morganne Jerome

1. Call to order:

Dave Moran called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm

Dave welcomed all members to the January Meeting and wished everyone a happy new year.

Approved Executive Meeting minutes are available from the Secretary at all General Meetings.

Suggestion slips are also available from the Secretary at all General Meetings.

Suggestions can also be forwarded to any member of the Executive, provided that your name is included for follow up purposes.

Executive Meeting minutes for November will be approved at the January Executive meeting (there was no Executive meeting in December). If you would like a copy when they become available, please contact the Secretary.

Volunteers to bring refreshments to the February Meeting: Joan Heshka, Susan Ward, Judy Browne, Horst Hack.

Ed Maza brought some copies of the Orchid Digest magazine for members and donated a book to the raffle.

Program:

Dave introduced Kyle Lucyk, who gave a presentation on 'Cattleya Species and Their Culture' from the COC slideshow library.

At the conclusion Dave Moran thanked Kyle for his excellent presentation.

2. Minutes of the last meeting:

Motion to accept the minutes as published, proposed by Morganne Jerome, seconded by Jerry Lenover, carried.

3. Financial report: Garnet Ward

Garnet presented the Financial Report (copies available).

Motion to accept the financial report as presented, proposed by Garnet Ward, seconded by Robert Kato, carried.

4. Programs: Kyle Lucyk

February: A short presentation by Lorne Heshka from the COC slideshow library on the subject of 'Hardy Orchids', which he helped revise. The MOS Show will also be discussed at the meeting.

March/April/May are open at this time. If you have any topics of interest you would like to see presented, please contact Kyle.

5. Show Chairperson Report: Lorne Heshka

MOS Show will be held March 27-29, 2009.

Show books are completed. Copies were made available. If you need a copy please contact Lorne.

This year's theme is 'Tropical Treasures'.

The next Show Committee meeting will be February 3. Lorne will send an email reminder to Show Committee members.

6. AOS/COC Representative: Kevin Duerksen

Kevin was absent. No report.

7. Hospitality: Eva Slavicek

Eva thanked everyone who attended and brought items to the Xmas potluck dinner and to the January Meeting.

There were 3 spoons left over from the Xmas potluck dinner, and one silver spoon is missing. Contact Eva if you are missing or have an extra silver serving spoon.

8. Library: Lilianne Foster

Nothing to report.

9. Public Relations:

Position is still vacant. Please contact any member of the Executive if you are able and interested.

Public Relations duties include: sending out advertisements and information to local media to help promote the MOS.

10. Membership: Gary Jaworski

115 members signed up so far.

11. Newsletter: Robert Parsons

Nothing to report.

12. Website: Robert Kato

Nothing to report.

13. Special Orders: Jim Roy

Nothing to report.

14. Unfinished Business:

Orchid Fostering: The Orchid Fostering program with the Conservatory is now under way.

A volunteer is still needed to store and bring the PA system to General Meetings. Knowledge of how to operate and set up the PA system is not a requirement, as there are other members willing to do this. Please contact Dave if you are willing and able to volunteer.

Kimberly Pronyshyn has ordered bark media and will contact club members who placed orders once it arrives.

15. New Business:

Dave read a letter of thanks received from the Friends of the Conservatory thanking the MOS for its generous contribution from the proceeds of the 2008 MOS Show.

Show Budget: Lorne presented the proposed Show budget to members, copies available.

Motion to accept the Show budget as presented, proposed by Lorne Heshka, seconded by Jim Roy, carried.

MOS Budget: Garnet presented the proposed MOS budget to members, copies available.

Motion to accept the MOS budget as presented proposed by Garnet Ward, seconded by Robert Parsons, carried.

16. Raffle draw:

Winners were Sandy Carroll, Garnet Ward, Bonnie Davies (x3), Eva Slavicek, Dave Moran, Ilsa Chaytor, Denise Fortier, Lilianne Foster.

Dave thanked Ed Maza for donating a book to the raffle.

17. Show & Tell

Lorne Heshka described the plants, assisted by Dave Moran and Morganne Jerome.

18. Adjournment:

Motion for Adjournment - Jerry Lenover

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