



Manitoba Orchid Society

For the Love of Orchids Newsletter

From the President

Dave Moran

Our 2009 Orchid Show, March 27th-29th, is just a few weeks away and the theme of the show is "Tropical Treasures". 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.



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Annual Spring Orchid Show and Sale

Tropical Treasures

Friday, Saturday, Sunday
March 27, 28, 29, 2009
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. daily.

Assiniboine Park Conservatory
15 Conservatory Drive
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Admission \$5.00 per person Children under 14 free with adult supervision

Orchids and Orchid Supplies will be available for purchase. Cash, cheque or debit card only please.

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, as well as Kathy Kreger and Ernest Gemeinhart are returning.

The annual awards banquet will be held on Saturday March 28th at the Travelodge, 20 Alpine Avenue. The meal is \$32.00 per person and you have a choice of roast beef or Chicken Kiev. Our guest speaker is Ken Beattie, of the Assiniboine Park Conservatory. 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: 15 March 2009
Salle Académique, Rm. 1531
St-Boniface College,
196 De La Cathedrale Av.

Novice Programme

TBA

Starts at 1:00PM

Regular Programme

Tentatively a COC slide show

Starts at 2:00PM

Bring Plants for Show & Tell

Plant sales by members are encouraged.

Goodies will be provided by Arturo Alejandro, Sheila Pilgrim and Barb Tagg.

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

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Submission deadline 19 March 2009 for April 2009 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 Travelodge, 20 Alpine 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 Eva Slavicek
Public Relations
Special Orders Jim Roy
AOS/COC Rep Kevin Duerksen
Library Lilianne Foster
Newsletter Robert Parsons
Web Master Robert Kato

<p>Help Needed!</p>	<p>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.</p>
	<p><u>March 15</u> MOS General & Novice Meeting</p> <p><u>March 27 to 29</u> MOS Annual Show & Sale “Tropical Treasures”</p>
<p>Hearts & Flowers</p>	<p>Our best wishes for a speedy convalescence to Jerry Lenover who fell after the ice storm and broke his arm.</p> <p>If you hear of any good/bad news regarding members or their families, please call Morganne Jerome and let her know.</p>
	<p>To Arturo Alejandro, Darlene Moar & Garnet Ward for bringing flowering plants to the February Show & Tell.</p>
 <p>Suggestion Box Help us help you</p>	<p>The Executive encourages all members to provide feedback, comments, suggestions by filling out a comment sheet available from the Secretary at all General Meetings.</p> <p>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.</p>

Checklist for Growing Problems

To answer a question, such as "My Paphs or Phrags are not growing well", or "They are not flowering for me", it would be useful to have the following information. It will not always be possible to provide all of this information, but as much as possible is helpful, especially in eliminating certain possibilities, and sometimes knowing what you cannot provide may also give clues as to what is going on. It is also very possible that while thinking about how to answer these questions you will end up solving your growing problem. After you've answered as many of these questions as possible, we'd suggest looking at the articles "[Buying and Growing Your First Paph](#)", which contains information detailed well beyond just the beginner's level, and "[PAPHIOPEDILUM: Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#)" where you may very well find your answers. For more detailed information these articles cross reference to some of our other growing information articles.

Plants

Specifically, what plants do your questions refer to? Paphs and Phrags are not homogeneous groups of plants with regard to care, and it is necessary to know what plants are under discussion.

At what stage are they----seedlings, adults of single or multiple growths, recent divisions, or recent acquisitions, and when did they last flower? Is your problem related to just a few of your plants, or does it seem to cross all boundaries?

Light

If greenhouse growing, what is your geographic location and total shading factor (glazing plus shade cloth). In what micro-climate are the plants, i.e. if you are in a cool climate are they close to the wall in the back, far away from the heaters and are they generally therefore growing somewhat colder than other plants in your collection? Are your plants positioned right next to the glazing on the east or south side, and therefore subject to greater amounts of stress with regards to heat and light? Are you growing the plants under the bench, or if on the bench, are there hanging plants above them that drip upon them for a time after you've watered? Are you plants directly under a fan? Is there sufficient space between your plants on the benches, or are they crowded? If you cannot see the mix on the top of each individual pot, then they are crowded.

If under lights, what type, wattage and distance from them, both horizontally and vertically? How long are the lights on? Do you seasonally vary the time the lights are on? Are your timers working correctly?

Temperatures and humidity

What are your typical daytime and nighttime temperatures? Have the plants been moved recently to a new location so that they are experiencing new and different temps? Are temperatures constant throughout the year or do they vary by season? If varying, give the typical seasonal temperatures. Do you know what your average relative humidity is, and is it strongly variable?

Water

How do you determine when to water your plants? Do you water on a fixed schedule? Do you water with several volumes per pot (i.e. until there is a large amount of run through), or less? When you water, can you see the surface of each pot to ensure that every pot receives water? Does the water run through freely through the pot, run very slowly through the pot or pool up on the surface when you water? What is your water quality in terms of hardness and pH? Do you have an analysis, particularly with regard to calcium, magnesium and sodium? What is the approximate temperature of your water when you apply it to your plants, particularly is it much cooler than the air temperature, or of the plant's leaf surface? What time of day do you water, can you water only in the mornings, do you water later in the afternoon, or approaching evening? If watering in the greenhouse in the evening through unavoidable circumstances, do you raise the temperature of the greenhouse overnight? If you are growing under lights, do you water just before the lights go on, or after they go off?

Fertilizer

What do you use for fertilizer? At what strength do you fertilize, and at what frequency? Do you use different fertilizers at different times of the year? What is the pH of your fertilizer/water irrigation mix? Do you have an accurate measuring system for fertilizer? Do you use any supplements and at what frequency and rate? Does your fertilizer contain calcium and magnesium?

Pots and Potting Mix

What is your potting mixture composed of? How long have your plants been in this mix, and does the mix appear fresh or has it broken down so that it resembles soil? Do various plants have different mixes, or is your collection in a homogenous potting mix? How do you prepare the mix,

and do you have a constant 'recipe' that you use? What is your pot size with regard to the root system of your plant? What are your pots made of and what is their shape and depth? Describe the drainage system of your pots. Do you use any sort of crocking? On what type of surface do the pots rest, are they on a solid based tray, on mesh, or on pebbles?

Roots

How often do you repot? Have you unpotted your plant recently and examined the roots? If so, describe the condition of the roots, especially with regard to quantity and color, substance (hollow, squishy, firm). Also, are there white growing tips in evidence? Are the roots going tightly around and around the inside of the pot, very nearly filling the pot with little visible evidence of remaining potting mix? Are there only roots on the outside walls of the pot, or are there roots in good condition throughout the pot? Are there emerging new white roots at the base of the plant? Are the roots only on the top of the mix in the pot, and refusing to go down into the mix?

Top Growth

Describe the top growth--the leaves-- of your plant. How many growths, has it flowered previously, and when was the last time it flowered? Do your plants seem to be extending their rhizome above the surface of the pot, and thus attempting to put out roots above the mix? What is the color of the leaves, is it uniform throughout or are there varying streaks or spots (not referring to the natural mottling some Paph leaves have)? Are the lower leaves pale in color, or almost yellow, or are they brown and very dry? What do the leaf tips look like, are they the same color of the rest of the plant, or are they dark in color and crispy, or damp? Are the leaves turgid or floppy? Are you growing new leaves at a rate equal to or faster than the loss of older ones? Are there dark, wet areas at the bases of the leaves? Are there areas of dark, crispy spots or blotches anywhere on the leaves? Are there new starts on the plant, and are they growing well or are they turning dark brownish-orange in color and appear wet? If your plants are mottled leaf types, is the mottling barely discernible, or are the leaves very darkly mottled? Are the new growths of the plant maturing smaller in size than the previous mature growths?

Air Movement

How much air movement do you provide for your plants? Are fans blowing directly on the plants or moving the air over them? Describe the feel and smell of the air in your growing area.

Pesticide Applications

Have you made any applications of pesticides, fungicides, horticultural oils etc. to your plants in the last few months?

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Minutes - Manitoba Orchid Society General Meeting February 15, 2009

Recorder: Joan Heshka, in the absence of Morganne Jerome

1. Call to order:

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

Dave welcomed new member Evelyn Heide

Minutes of the November executive meeting are available

Goodies for March 15 meeting: Arturo Alejandro, Sheila Pilgrim, Barb Tagg

Presentation: Hardy Orchids, A COC Program presented by Lorne Heshka

2. Minutes of the last meeting:

Motion to accept the minutes, as published, proposed by Rob Kato, seconded by Garnet Ward, carried.

3. Financial report: Garnet Ward

Garnet moved acceptance of this report, seconded by Jim Roy carried.

4. Programs: Kyle Lucyk

Kyle was absent. No report.

5. Show Chairperson Report: Lorne Heshka

Lorne reviewed the following:

Judges: Terry Kennedy is Head Judge
Ernest Geimenhart
Kathy Kreger

Registration:

Because of many errors in last years show Lorne reviewed the particular problem areas:

1) Novice registration - If you are a novice please enter in Section 114a

2) Paph primary & complex hybrids - colour of paphs is from petals & labellum

3) Phal colour is from behind the petals, markings from the front

4) Paintings, etc must be by entrant except for collectibles.

Phone or e-mail Lorne if you wish to enter a display.

Gary Jaworski reviewed the registration form - directions are now on the website. If you are entering plants in the club display use Exhibit # 29. Art display is #30. If you are putting in your own display call Lorne for your exhibit number.

Kevin Duerksen- vendors are:

Orchids by Kimberly
Ever Spring Orchids
Orchids in our Tropics
Mike Gabrielson
Paramount Orchids
Orchids limited

Thursday evening volunteers can purchase plants from Vendors; pre-orders must be direct with vendors.

Hospitality - Joan Heshka reported that she will have a sign up sheet for bringing food. Times for coffee and lunch will be posted. Coffee will not be ready prior to 10:00 am. Thurs set-up - there will be sandwiches available. Friday MOS will provide supper for judges and helpers.

Banquet - Joyce Jaworski announced that the banquet will be at the Travelodge - Choices are Chicken and Prime Rib.

Auction - Sandy Carroll is on track with getting items.

Public Relations - Eva Slavicek reported on her progress in contacting media. Denise Fortier had Show Posters available and asked that everyone assist in the distribution of the posters.

Display co-ordinator - Elaine Moran- she has visited the conservatory with Jim Roy & Rob Parsons and has spoken to Kaaren Pearce and feels everything will work out well. Please advise Lorne if you will be doing an exhibit as Jim & Rob must assign space for your exhibit.

Volunteers - Dave Moran - listed the needs for the show - please send in your volunteer form. This year we will seek feedback from visitors regarding how they found out about the show. Draw will be held for an orchid plant - entry forms will be available at the MOS desk.

6. AOS/COC Representative: Kevin Duerksen

No report.

7. Hospitality: Eva Slavicek

No report.

8. Library: Lilianne Foster

No report.

9. Public Relations:

This position is still vacant.

10. Membership: Gary Jaworski

Gary reported membership numbers. They were not recorded, but are believed to be 118.

11. Newsletter: Robert Parsons

No report.

12. Website: Robert Kato

Rob advised that he has added a section on how to register your orchid for the show to the website.

13. Special Orders: Jim Roy

No report.

14. Unfinished Business:

Dave advised that the position of Public Relations is still open. Also we are looking for someone to transport the sound system to and from the meetings.

15. Raffle draw:

Raffle winners were not recorded.

16. Show & Tell

Dave Moran described the plants, assisted by Lorne Heshka.

17. Adjournment:

Colleen Paluch moved the adjournment of the business meeting.

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