



# Manitoba Orchid Society

For the Love of Orchids Newsletter

**Next Meeting: 28 February 2010**

**Note this is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in February, one week later than usual!**

**Salle Antoine Gaborieau  
Franco-Manitobain Cultural Centre,  
340 Provencher Blvd. (at Rue Des Meurons)**

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### **Novice Programme**

Question and answer with emphasis on  
show preparation.

**Starts at 1:00PM**

### **Regular Programme**

Show Preparation

**Starts at 2:00PM**

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### **Bring Plants for Show & Tell**

Plant sales by members are encouraged.

Goodies will be provided by Sheila Pilgrim, Horst Hack, Marilyn Kraut and Helen Toews

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**February 28<sup>th</sup>** MOS General meeting. Note this is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in February, a week later than usual. Emphasis on show preparation.

**March 26, 27- & 28.** MOS Show & Sale—Orchid Paradise.

**LIQUIDATION**

Due to ill health, Edmond Cormier is moving out of his house.  
For those interested in a house with attached greenhouse, lath-house, orchids, supplies, equipment and container growing trees, please inquire at 204 256-2600.

**Hearts & Flowers**

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



To Arturo Alejandro, Dave & Elaine Moran, Horst Hack, Marianne Hack, Diane Tolgyessy and Garnet Ward for bringing flowering plants to the January Show & Tell.

To Darlene Stack for hosting Terry Groszeibl during his recent visit to our club.



The Executive encourages all members to provide feedback, comments, and 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 Rob Kato
- Treasurer Garnet Ward
- Secretary Phyllis McCaskill

**Appointed**

- Membership Gary Jaworski
- Social Eva Slavicek
- Public Relations
- Special Orders Darlene Stack
- AOS/COC Rep Kevin Duerksen
- Library Lilianne Foster
- Newsletter Robert Parsons
- Webmaster Robert Kato

**Manitoba Orchid Society Show & Sale**  
**March 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**“Orchid Paradise”**

*By Lorne Heshka*

Webster’s dictionary defines “paradise” as: a place of bliss; hence, a state of happiness.

What an appropriate title for an orchid show in Winnipeg in March! We have had our fill of winter and are ready for something to lift our spirits. And what is the best way to transform everyone to a “state of happiness”? The answer is simple: Fill a wonderful setting like the Assiniboine Park Conservatory to overflowing with the most attractive and intriguing flower in the world; add some of the most friendly and energetic people in the city and “presto” – we have Paradise!!

The show committee has been working hard to ensure the plans are all in place – and now we need your assistance to make this happen. Begin grooming plants for the show now. Plan on entering a display or bring plants for the club display. Volunteer to help at the Show. Attend the lectures. Come to the banquet. And best of all invite your friends.

Together - let’s enjoy the “Orchid Paradise”!

## **Confirmed Show Vendors:**

### **Orchids by Kimberly** - Kimberly Pronyshyn

Winnipeg, MB

phone: (204) 632-6177

Web site: <http://www.members.shaw.ca/orchidsbykimberly/>

e-mail: [bamboobaby@shaw.ca](mailto:bamboobaby@shaw.ca)

### **Orchids in Our Tropics** - Doug and Terry Kennedy

Gormley ON

Phone/Fax: (905) 727-3319

Web site: <http://www.orchidsinourtropics.com/>

### **Mike Gabrielson** - Sherwood Park, A.B.

Phone: (780) 410-1571

e-mail: [mikegab@telus.net](mailto:mikegab@telus.net)

### **Ever Spring Orchids** - [Winnipeg, MB](#)

Phone: (204) 338-2340

Web site: <http://www.everspringorchids.ca/>

e-mail: [grking@shaw.ca](mailto:grking@shaw.ca)

### **Paramount Orchids** - Calgary, Alberta

Phone: (403) 686-7021

Fax: (403) 686-6270

e-mail: [info@paramountorchids.com](mailto:info@paramountorchids.com)

Web site: <http://www.paramountorchids.com/>

### **Marsh Hollow** - Mario Ferussi

Fenwick ON

Phone: (905) 892-4187

Web site: <http://www.marshhollow.com/>

All vendors are accepting pre-orders of plants. All orders are to go directly through the vendors themselves. Some vendors give discounts on pre-orders. If you have questions, the best person to contact is **Kevin Duerksen** at [kevind76@mts.net](mailto:kevind76@mts.net) or 633-0314.



### **Editor's Message**

Included with this newsletter, you will find the volunteer form for the show. Please read it over and strongly consider volunteering for one or more shifts at the show. I can't think of a better way to spend a few hours than immersed in orchids. It's also the best way to really get to know your fellow members. Especially appreciated are those who help with the Thursday set-up, which can be a protracted process, and the all-important takedown on Sunday after it's all done.

## Amateur Cattleya Growers and Sprawling Pseudo-Bulbs!

Ned Mattinen

One of the most noted errors in the growing of Cattleya orchids with beginners is in letting their plants grow without staking the new growth upright. What a miserable sight! (Especially when a prospective buyer would like to purchase a division from such a plant having prize winning blooms!) In the not too far past, I purchased on two separate occasions plants from two persons. Both plants had very beautiful blooms . . . but those pseudobulbs were almost horizontal with the potting media! The growers of these plants probably thought that the pseudobulbs would straighten out themselves one of these days. (No sir, dear grower, not a chance! Once these new growths lay horizontal after reaching over 3 inches in length . . . Only "TNT" will be able to raise them up!)

I do not consider myself an expert at staking pseudobulbs upright by any means, nor do I know the secrets of the orchid nurseries in staking up theirs . . . but I certainly will not let my plants go unstacked and have blooms rubbing lips with the growing table! (Or windowsill.) A number of varieties in the Cattleya line have difficult pseudobulbs to train upright and many of these (especially young plants) which are "willowy" have a tendency to bend in the center of the pseudobulb. . . making it almost impossible to get them upright. Some of these plants may acquire an almost sudden bending in the center of the pseudo-bulb! (As if overnight.)

Cattleya orchids in their natural state (species) in the jungles will be found overhead growing on trees with the pseudobulbs sprawled in all directions with the majority of the blooms facing sunward . . . put these plants into a pot in this condition on your table or windowsill and you will find yourself with a crimped neck from trying to look into the blooms! Yes, nature specially fixed these orchids in the jungle trees to grow this way.

If a person could obtain every Cattleya orchid plant with self-supporting pseudobulbs, it would be a grand delight! To this date I haven't found much more than a handful of Cattleyas with self-supporting pseudobulbs. Two plants in my collection rate very high in this respect . . . they are *Blc. Encanto* and *Blc. Rising Sun*, which have never required much staking or tying, as they grow straight upward. (Bless them!) Some dwarfish *Sophrolaeliocattleya* could also follow this same pattern and even if not . . . they would be easier to train than the large growing Cattleyas. So . . . if you are a person who abhors staking or tying up plants it is best to seek orchid plants requiring the least support.

To those amateur growers of Cattleya orchids who do not mind staking and tying up their plants, I have included along with this article a few diagrams on the staking and tying of Cattleya orchid plants. There may be other better ways of doing the job, but I have managed to get by fairly well on this method (until better ideas come along.)

One thing I could never be wrong on . . . that is, use plastic coated tie-ems or twist-ems as they outlast paper coated types.

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Untrained plant



Same plant, trained upright

FIG. 1  
New growth  
growing horizontally.

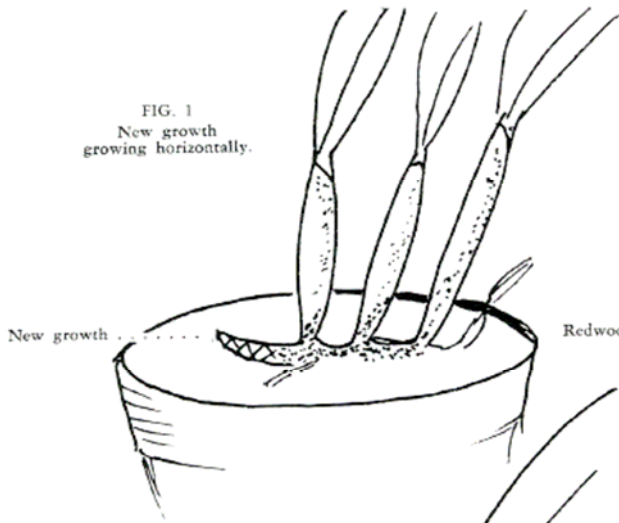


FIG. 2  
Chip of Redwood bark  
inserted under new  
growth to help  
steer it upright  
(stone can be  
used also).

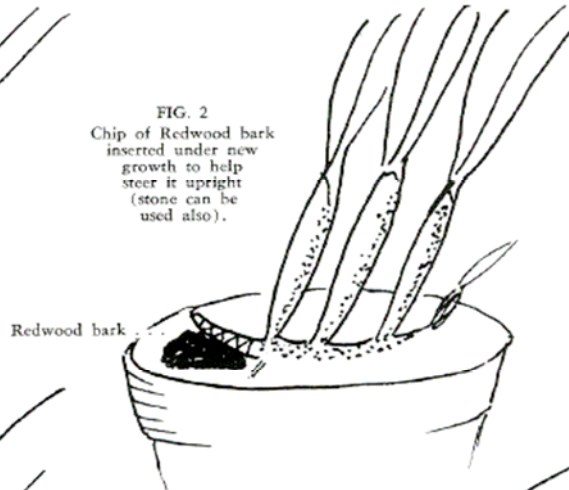


FIG. 3  
New growth  
at 2 inches  
tall.

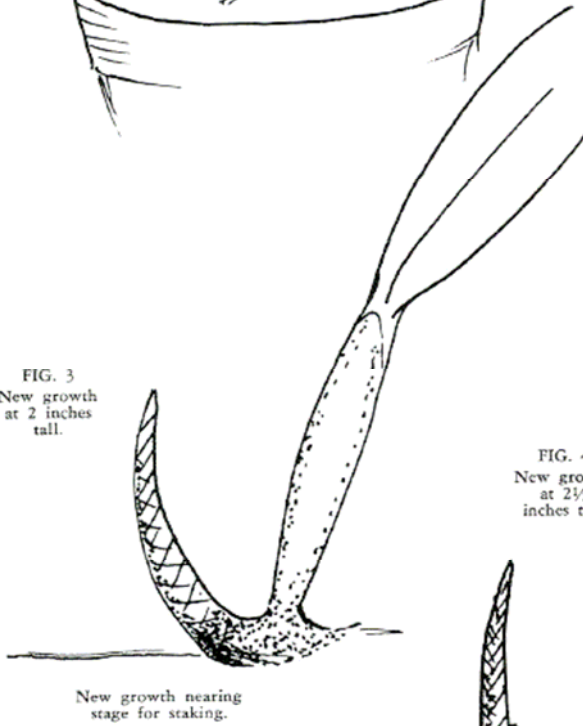
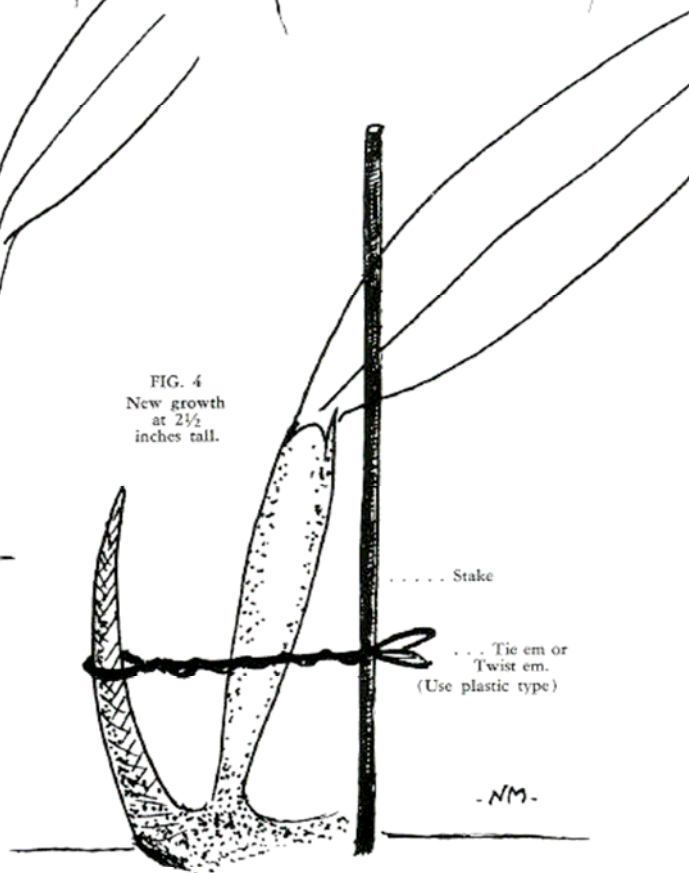


FIG. 4  
New growth  
at 2½  
inches tall.



Staking of new growth at 2½ to 3 inches in height. Use halfway mark on new growth for tying. As new growth gets taller slide the tie em higher. Tie ems can be removed when new growth has fully matured and can support itself. If growth cannot support itself without tie ems . . . keep them on permanently.

## **Minutes - Manitoba Orchid Society General Meeting January 17, 2010**

*Recorder: Robert Parsons*

### **1. Call to order:**

Dave Moran called the meeting to order at 2:01 P.M. He asked for goodies for the February meeting, and Sheila Pilgrim, Horst Hack, Marilyn Kraut and Helen Toews volunteered. He asked Darlene Stack to introduce our guest speaker, Terry Groszeibl of Forestview Gardens, who gave an informative & enjoyable presentation on some of the newer nobile type Dendrobiums.

### **2. Minutes of the last meeting:**

In the absence of Phyllis McCaskill, Dave moved the minutes be accepted, as published; seconded by Fraser Cameron; carried.

### **3. Financial report: Garnet Ward**

Garnet provided copies of the financial report. He moved to accept the treasurer's report; seconded by Rob Kato; carried.

### **4. Programs: Kyle Lucyk**

Kyle was absent, with no report, but Dave indicated the February general meeting, to be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> to avoid conflict with the Festivale du Voyageur, would be primarily on show preparation.

### **5. Show Chairperson Report: Rob Kato**

Rob had several committee members report on their respective areas. Lorne Heshka had show books for distribution, and some promotional show bookmarks he'd produced. Denise Fortier provided bookmarks and posters for distribution. Colleen Paluch asked people to sign up for food donations for the hospitality room at the show. Sandy Carroll made an appeal to anyone who might be traveling to look for orchid-related items suitable for show banquet prizes and auction items.

### **6. AOS/COC Representative: Kevin Duerksen**

Kevin announced Canada Post has released a new series of orchid stamps, with a different orchid flower on each of the domestic, US, overseas and large package rates. The next COC show will be hosted by the Central Ontario Orchid Society in Cambridge, ON, in September.

### **7. Hospitality: Eva Slavicek**

No report.

### **8. Library: Lillian Foster**

Lillian reminded people of the variety of materials available and said members desiring a particular item can e-mail her prior to a meeting and she will bring it to that meeting.

### **9. Public Relations:**

This position is still vacant.

### **10. Membership: Gary Jaworski**

Gary announced we have 121 members.

### **11. Newsletter: Robert Parsons**

No report.



**12. Website: Rob Kato**

Show update should be completed this upcoming week. Ideally, an indication—with map—of our new venue for meetings will also appear soon.

**13. Special Orders: Darlene Stack**

No report.

**14. Old Business:**

We are still in need of someone to bring our P.A. system to and from our meetings.

**15. New Business:**

The Friends of the Conservatory is holding a fund-raising event for the Friends Butterfly Project Fund at the Canadian Mennonite University, North campus, 500 Shaftesbury Blvd on January 31st. It will consist of a slide-show presentation by Sara Williams on world gardens, a performance by the Royal Dance Conservatory, music by jazz pianist John Long and a presentation on Butterfly Houses by Dr. Jeffrey Marcus. Tickets are \$25 and can be obtained by calling 895-4560.

**16. Raffle draw:**

Winners were Rachelle Ginsberg, Judy Browne, Wendy Chaytor, Eva Slavicek, Dorothy Duerksen, Diane Tolgyessy, Anne Yewish (X2) and Leah Paluch.

**17. Show & Tell**

Guest speaker Terry Groszeibl described the plants. At the end, he presented a gift plant from his stock to each of Arturo Alejandro, Horst Hack and Diane Tolgyessy in recognition of their plant growing efforts.

**18. Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn by Colleen Paluch.

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



*Paphiopedilum javanicum*. Photo by Darlene Stack.



Top *Paphiopedilum Alwine*; Bottom *Paphiopedilum hennisianum* X *Paphiopedilum fowliei*  
Photos by Robert Parsons