



Manitoba Orchid Society

For the Love of Orchids Newsletter

From the President

Dave Moran



Our 2010 Orchid Show, March 26th-28th, is just a few weeks away and the theme of the show is "Orchid Paradise". 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.

Remember to pre-register your plants. If you are not sure the plant will be in bloom pre-register it anyway, as it is so much easier to cancel an entry at last minute than to add one. 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. Last year we needed to supplement our plants with purchases from vendors.

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 and Ernest Gemeinhart are returning. Mario Ferussi, known to many of us, will also be part of this year's judging team.

The annual awards banquet will be held on Saturday March 27th at the Travelodge, 20 Alpine Avenue. The meal is \$31.00 or \$33.00 per person for Chicken Wellington or Prime Rib Roast, respectively. Our guest speaker is Doug Kennedy, co-owner of Orchids In Our Tropics. 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 18th at 253-4160 and let her know if you are able to come, as well as your choice of menu.

Because the third Sunday in March is only a week before the show, note there is no March meeting.

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 18th, at 253-4160 to let her know if you are planning to attend.

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

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Submission deadline 31 March 2010 for April 2010 Issue

	<p>March 26, 27- & 28. MOS Show & Sale—Orchid Paradise.</p> <p>April 18 MOS General Meeting (topic TBA) and Novice Meeting (topic tentatively Swap & Shop)</p>
<p>Ever Spring Orchids Open House</p>	<p>March 13th & 14th Always Room For One More! This is a highlight for Winnipeg orchidophiles, with a wide variety of plants, sale discounts of 10-50 % off, and refreshments. Not to be missed!</p>
<p>Club Order Orchid Inn</p>	<p>Email Darlene Stack at darlene.stack@gmail.com with your choices before March 19. You may copy and paste the line from the PDF that gives the plant number, name and price. If you lack e-mail or have questions her phone is 895-3670. Greater details on page 5 of the newsletter.</p>
<p>Hearts & Flowers</p>	<p>If you hear of any good/bad news regarding members or their families, please call Phyllis McCaskill and let her know.</p>
	<p>To Arturo Alejandro, Neil Dunham, Horst Hack, Gary Jaworski, Joyce Jaworski, Darlene Moar, Diane Tolgyessy and Ann Yewish for bringing flowering plants to the February Show and 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>
<p>Do you have e-mail?</p>	<p>From time to time, I send out e-mail messages that don't make the newsletter deadline, regarding club events and other orchid-related items. If your e-mail is listed in the membership roster, you receive such notices. If it's not, but you wish to be included, send me your e-mail address at: newsletter@manitobaorchidsociety.ca</p>

2006/2007 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

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

Kimberly has several named lady's-slippers in bud. These could be entered in the show for judging. Prices are reasonable.

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.

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

Phone: (204) 338-2340

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e-mail: grking@shaw.ca

Paramount Orchids - Calgary, Alberta

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Marsh Hollow - Mario Ferussi

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Ed Cormier - Winnipeg, M.B.

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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 or 633-0314.

Plant Orders: A couple of options

Orchid Inn

We have an opportunity to purchase plants from Sam Tsui of Orchid Inn. He is especially known for his work on Paphiopedilum orchids, but also has offerings of Phragmipediums and Catasetums listed. This is a special order and so the club will cover the shipping and documentation costs and the plants will be delivered to Winnipeg from the Toronto show.

Darlene Stack will co-ordinate this order. Email her at darlene.stack@gmail.com with your choices. For those with e-mail, you may copy and paste the line from the PDF that gives the plant number, name and price. She will have a few copies of the price lists available. If you lack e-mail or have questions her phone is 895-3670. Sam will confirm with her whether the plants are available and she will contact you. **Your order must be sent to Darlene by 19 March 2010.**

The plants should arrive here on 13 or 14 April and would be available to be picked up at Darlene's house at 115 Wexford, west of Assiniboine Park. Alternately, if you are not overanxious, your orchids could be delivered to the April meeting on Sunday April 18. When the entire order is complete you will receive a call indicating what you owe factoring in the exchange and the discount. Cash or cheques payable to the M.O.S. upon receipt of the orchids

The club will get a 25% discount for a large order so do not order directly from Sam or you won't be part of the club shipping and volume discount. (People are welcome to contact Sam if they have questions—just don't order directly.)

For those people who do not want to order paphs, phrags and catasetums a fall order from another grower is being planned.

The timing is very close to our show so it is not the best for the pocketbook but this is the time that Sam is in Canada.

Orchids Limited

Jason Fischer will be making a visit to Winnipeg for our June meeting and bringing plants to sell. This is not a club order per se, but they are taking pre-orders. Because of the necessity of paperwork for CITES regulations, the cut-off for ordering Appendix 1 plants will be April 12th. This is mainly Paph & Phrag species and hybrids, as well as Peristeria elata, Renanthera imschootiana, Laelia jongheana & lobata, and Aerangis ellisii. May 28th is the probable cut-off for all others. (More exact details will be shared, as they become available.) Orchids Limited have a wide variety of orchids and members can order directly, either from their website <http://www.orchidweb.com/> or their toll free number 1-800-669-6006, or via e-mail to orchids@orchidweb.com. Payment can be made directly to Jason at our meeting by cash, cheque or credit card.

Kyle Lucyk can be contacted for more information at kylelucyk@gmail.com or by phone at 284-1195.

Canada Post Issues Four New Orchid Stamps In 2010

(See illustration on top of Page 7.)

Elegant, luxurious, and laced with sensuous aromas, orchids (Orchidaceae) have been a subject of worldwide fascination for centuries. They symbolized virility to the ancient Greeks, were called “the plant of the King’s fragrance” by the Chinese, and were even used in love potions during the Middle Ages. But don’t be misled by their beauty and grace; orchids can be deceiving. They depend on pollinators to produce seeds, and often lure them in through sexual deceit (imitating the scent of the pollinator’s mate), and mimicry (emulating the blooms of other pollen-rich flowers). In fact, through their peculiar knack for seduction, these flowers have multiplied and diversified into the biggest flowering plant family on Earth. More than 60 species of orchids can be found scattered across the Canadian landscape, from Newfoundland and Labrador’s sheltered earth pockets to the moist soil near British Columbia’s hot springs.

This year, Canada Post will issue a set of four definitive stamps featuring orchids that grow in Canada. The stamps are the fifth issue in a popular series that began in 2004. “These flowers are extremely interesting, both in terms of their variations in appearance and peculiar breeding patterns,” notes Danielle Trottier, Manager of Stamp Design and Production at Canada Post. “This series has been a great opportunity to showcase their exquisite diversity.”

The **Striped Coralroot** (*Corallorhiza striata*), named for its heaps of coral-like roots and distinctive red striping, comes to life on the domestic PERMANENT™ stamp. The vibrant leafy stems and flaring petals of the **Giant Helleborine** (*Epipactis gigantea*) are in full bloom on the U.S. stamp. The charming rose-pink blossom of the **Rose Pogonia** (*Pogonia ophioglossoides*), which emits the sweet scent of fresh raspberries, is captured on the international stamp. And the upright clusters of the showy magenta flowers of the **Grass Pink** (*Calopogon tuberosus*), which grace wet bog lands in mid summer, are featured on the oversize denomination stamp.

“We chose the flowers for their different shapes and colours, because we wanted to display the wonderful varieties of wild orchids that grow in Canada,” says Sophie Lafortune, who, along with design partner Monique Dufour, designed the issue. Each stamp features a photograph that shows off the elegant, sculpted blooms and vivid shades for which orchids are famous. “We added a soft green around the contour of the flowers to emphasize their distinct shapes, while locating them in their natural environments,” explains Lafortune. The flowers are set against a white background. “Since the stamps are so small, we needed a background that would really make the flowers pop.” The souvenir sheet features a close-up of a Moth Orchid (*Phalaenopsis*). “The strong contrast between this vibrant background and the white stamps really gives prominence to the stamps.”

The stamps, available in coil, booklet, and souvenir sheet format, will be cancelled in Flowers Cove, Newfoundland.



Paphiopedilum (Cyberspace X Voodoo Magic)
Photo by Ricky Leung



Paphiopedilum Tyke
Photo by Darlene Stack



Rhyncholaeliocattleya (formerly *Potinara*) Shinfong Honey 'Happy New Year'
Photo by Robert Parsons