



# Manitoba Orchid Society

For the Love of Orchids Newsletter

**Next Meeting: 15 January 2012**  
**Canadian Mennonite University, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd.**  
**(SW corner of Shaftesbury Blvd. and Grant Avenue)**  
**General Meeting: Conference Room,**  
**Novice Meeting: Room C09**

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## **Novice Programme**

Preparing plants for the show  
(and other show-related info)  
with Lorne Heshka

**Starts at 1:00PM**

## **Regular Programme**

Orchid Digest Presentation on  
Catasetinae (Catasetum, Cynoches  
and Mormodes)

**Starts at 2:00PM**

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**Plant sales by members are encouraged**

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

Goodies will be provided by Sheila Pilgrim, Phyllis McCaskill, Dorothy Duerksen,  
and Joan Heshka.

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**Submission deadline 19 January 2012 for February 2012 Issue**



January 15: General meeting will be an Orchid Digest powerpoint on Catasetinae (Catasetum, Cycnoches and Mormodes) by Fred Clarke; novice meeting will be show related preparations.

February 19: General meeting will consist of a panel of experts who will address your orchid problems, possibly including some hands-on demonstration. There will be no novice meeting and the regular meeting will start at 1:30 P.M.

**March 23-25: MOS Show “Orchids Forever”**

**Hearts & Flowers**

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



To Sylvia Cahill, Wendy Chaytor, Irene Landry, Dave & Elaine Moran, and Jim Roy for bringing flowering plants to the December Show & Tell.

To Fraser Cameron, Lilianne Foster, Joyce Jaworski, Leona & Lorne Heshka, Irene & Ben Landry, Caroline Lenover, and Leah Paluch for their donations of items for the Christmas party raffle.



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.

**2011/2012 Executive**

**Elected**

- President Joyce Jaworski
- Past President Dave Moran
- 1st V.P. Kevin Duerksen
- 2nd V.P./Show Chair Rob Kato
- Treasurer Fraser Cameron
- Secretary Phyllis McCaskill

**Appointed**

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

## **2012 Manitoba Orchid Society Show & Sale “Orchids Forever ”**

**March 23-25**

Below is a listing of vendors attending our show. Many will take pre-orders and some may offer discounts for them. If you see something you like on their website, there is no guarantee it will make the trip, unless you indicate your interest!

### **Confirmed Show Vendors:**

**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/>

**Monica de Witt** – Edmonton, Alberta

e-mail: [monicadwt@gmail.com](mailto:monicadwt@gmail.com)

**Chanthorn Orchids** – Vancouver, BC

e-mail: [chanthorn\\_orchid@hotmail.com](mailto:chanthorn_orchid@hotmail.com)

**Windsor Greenhouse** – Windsor, ON

Web site: <http://www.windsorgreenhouse.com/index.html>

**Wild Orchidaceae** – Winnipeg, MB

Suite 113-1100 Concordia Ave, East Kildonan, MB R2K 4B8

Phone: 204-663-7753

## **"SON OF" MOS FINANCIAL PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS**

*Fraser Cameron, Treasurer-MOS*

In this installment of the series, I will deal with the Show costs. The 2011 Show generated a net profit of approximately \$3,000. The 2012 Show committee was able to suggest reduction in costs as follows.

Joyce Jaworski will try to reduce the cost to MOS of the banquet Meal by approximately \$80.

Lorne Heshka and Joyce have been able to reduce the Banquet speaker cost from \$471 to \$100, a saving of \$371.

The Committee has agreed to reduce the Mobile Signs from three to two thereby saving about \$125

Assiniboine Park Conservancy has offered us park sign rentals for one side instead of two, which will save us \$210.

Wendy Chaytor (who is in charge of Public Relations) will try to get a donation of an orchid for the Draw Prize, saving us \$45. Wendy is also looking at reducing the cost of orchids given to radio and tv stations which could save MOS between \$30 to \$80.

Dave and Elaine Moran have been able to find a replacement trophy for the "Natsuk" keeper for \$100, as opposed to last year's keeper, which cost \$250, a saving of \$150. Elaine will also recycle awards (ribbons & rosettes), which have been donated back to the MOS by members who have won them. We are particularly in need of rosettes, so if you have any you feel that you can donate, speak to Elaine.

Through the efforts of those that I have mentioned above, we have been able to reduce our costs by approximately \$1,000 compared to the 2011 Show.

### **Now get ready for the other side of the coin (increased costs).**

This year we will be paying to host the Show Judges, which could cost \$600.

The cost of additional security at the Conservatory is dictated to us by the Conservatory, and will tentatively cost us an additional \$500.

The Conservancy contract this year calls on us to insure them and the City this year in the amount of \$2 Million, the cost of which is unknown at this time.

Awards (rosettes) will possibly cost us as much as \$300 this year.

The above additional expenses will be nearly \$1,400

You can see that expected expenses over revenue are about \$400 more than last year. Hopefully this may be countered in part by an increase in admission price to \$7.

### **What about future years?**

The Show has been in most years a substantial portion of MOS revenue. Nearly half of all 2010-2011 MOS revenue was generated by the Show. Even with that, MOS was as a whole still running a deficit of nearly \$3,000 in 2010-2011. The 2011-20112 MOS Budget calls for a deficit of approximately \$1,500 with an estimated 2012 show Net Revenue of \$3,000.

Years after 2012 will undoubtedly show increases in costs for the use of the Conservatory, meal costs for the Awards Banquet, and a probable loss of the Major vendor at the Show.

In my opinion decisions must be made in 2012 with relation to MOS finances.

Will we continue to run up deficits until there is nothing left?

Will we reduce our Program and Administration Costs drastically?

Will we reduce Show costs to the bare bones and possibly compromise its quality?

Will we run Judged Shows (which will cost about \$2,500 more than non-judged shows) only every second or third years? If we choose this last option we could also loose the revenue from sale of plants by judges who are also vendors, thereby reducing the savings.

**A LOT TO THINK ABOUT!**

## **An Interesting Success Story *Cycnoches herrenhusanum***

*A Growing Experience by Margaret Haydon*

I would like to share my enjoyment in growing and flowering this very bright sunshine yellow flowered orchid, which releases an interesting and pleasant fragrance. Not only is it a “happy” color, but I consider the fragrance to be a bonus. It has turned out to be a small, compact plant that is not only floriferous but also gives me a break from watering it for a number of months, during the late fall and winter.

The complete name of this plant is *Cycnoches herrenhusanum* (*Cycnoches herrenhusanum* ‘SOV’ x *Cycnoches herrenhusanum* ‘Cindy Hill’). I purchased the single pseudobulb, a mere 12 cm tall by 1 3/4 cm wide at its base (4 3/4 in. tall by 3/4 in. wide at its base) from Roy Tokunaga of H & R Nurseries, Inc., Waimanalo, Hawaii, in November 2009 when he visited our Ottawa Orchid Society (OOS) as a guest speaker. I saw the sale photograph and decided to purchase this little plant. At home I planted this pseudobulb in a small pot with styrofoam chips in the bottom for drainage and sphagnum moss to anchor a number of dry roots and then I proceeded to fill the pot with the moss up to the base of the pseudobulb. I waited for the new growth to appear early in 2010 and only started to water a small amount once the new growth was several inches tall with thick white roots going deep into the sphagnum moss. By the summer of 2010 the new growth was growing rapidly with the assistance of generous and frequent waterings containing Minnesota State University (MSU for tap water) fertilizer. Instead of the new second growth pseudobulb losing its leaves in the late fall, it proceeded to grow a new third growth and I continued to water and fertilize the plant throughout the winter. The plant remained on a stand in the southwest window just behind sheer curtains.

Blooms finally! I had expected this *Cycnoches herrenhusanum* to bloom in the fall of 2010 instead of producing a new (third) growth. In February of 2011 a flower spike tip appeared secretly under the arching leaves of pseudobulb number two. I was hopeful for flowers for our OOS show near the end of April but it was not to be. About a week after our show the single downward cascading inflorescence carrying 12 pale yellow buds, each approximately one inch long, quickly started to open from the top down. In a few days the fragrance was quite evident and pleasing to me. As the flowers charmed me over the next few weeks, their color deepened to a dark yellow and then approximately 3 to 4 weeks after opening, the dozen flowers browned and dropped off. This plant went on to surprise me again. In June and July 2011 it produced a second longer cascading inflorescence, which extended below the bottom of the pot so the plant was set at the edge of the plant stand to allow for the overhang. I was surprised and thrilled with many more flowers appearing for the first time on the new third pseudobulb. The flowers were beautifully spaced so as not to overlap one another but they were difficult to count because they totally encircled the approximately, 12 inch long cascading inflorescence. Well, this was just wonderful to have all these cheery yellow flowers with their lovely fragrance. When the flowers dropped off after 3 to 4 weeks I counted 25 of them.

This little plant had yet another surprise for me! In the fall the third pseudobulb produced another inflorescence and all flowers opened just in time for the ECOS show in Montreal near the end of October 2011. Finally I was able to share these beautiful fragrant yellow flowers with other folks. This compact little plant arrived home from that Montreal show with a 2nd place ribbon. I counted 24 flowers when they eventually fell off. In early November 2011 the leaves dropped, as they should and this little plant *Cycnoches herrenhusanum* is finally taking a well deserved rest. I am very impressed with the three bloomings (May, July and October 2011) this year. I plan to repot the three pseudobulbs in the spring and look forward to what this super little plant has to offer in the future.



*Taken from Spike (Newsletter of the Ottawa OS) December 2011*

## **An Orchid by Any Other Name**

*– submitted by Ed Cott, Windsor Orchid Society (Taken from the January 2011 issue of the newsletter of the Orchid Society of Nova Scotia and reproduced here with a few editorial changes)*

I often wonder how hybridizers and award winners decide on a name for their plants when called upon to give one. Sometimes it's obvious but many times it is a mystery. A couple of years ago, I had acquired a very small seedling of an orchid hybrid from a grower I had come to know in Florida. The cross was between Ryncattleanthe (syn Blc.) Orange Nuggett (from R.F. Orchids) and Cattlianthe (syn Slc.) Galaxy Belle (from T. Orchids). I am partial to the compact cattleyas and especially to those of orange and yellow. I pampered this fragile seedling for more than two years and on October 1 of this year it rewarded me with two beautiful blooms. They were brilliant orange for the most part and they also displayed hues of yellow at the base of the lip and maroon along its ruffled fringes and along the outside edges of the petals and sepals. If this special cross blooms each year at this time, its colours are certainly well-suited for the autumn season.

The Fall is my favourite season – due in part to my partiality toward the colours that dominate it but also because of my intolerance of the heat. Certainly this year, October brought some relief with it.

At the same time the Fall is filled with sentiment for me because it was 15 years ago this year that my father passed away after having been ravaged by a relentless cancer that showed no mercy. It defeated a man who had shown undaunted strength in dealing with the many tragedies that marked his life. His father died when he was quite young and at a time when his siblings had already ventured out and had established a life of their own. So it fell upon him to help support his aged mother and maintain the meagre family farm. He volunteered to enlist when the Nazis invaded Europe and was a gunner in the Royal Canadian Air Force at the age of 19 until a serious injury brought him home. He then married and, along with my mother, raised 5 children who, in my mind, turned out pretty good. To provide for us, he had a full-time job as a tool & die maker and also played guitar (he came from a musically inclined family) in a band that performed on weekends at weddings and parties to earn extra money – he abruptly gave up music once his full-time job was enough to ensure that we lacked none of life's necessities. His only brother, and his best friend, chose suicide over a lonely existence as a widower and Dad put up a strong front to handle the job as executor, never being able to fully grieve for his loss.

My relationship with my father was not everything I wish it had been. Don't misunderstand me – I admire(d) and love(d) him. He was devoted to his family, a constant provider and protector. Conversations were awkward between us because, I thought, we had little in common. He was a hunter, a pastime he carried from his youth when he managed the farm and provided for his mother. It was his passion and he looked forward to it every September. Now, in retrospect, I realize that we did share that appreciation for the Fall season. In the summer months, before duck hunting season opened, he would spend hours tending to his roses and vegetable garden. It was from him that I gained my appreciation of the therapeutic value of tending to your plants. And so, we shared that as well.



So you are probably wondering where I am going with all this rambling. Well, back to that first bloom seed-ling I talked about in the beginning. As I said, the intense colour of it reminds me of the season and all the sentiments that go with it, especially my Dad. And so, with the help of my friend, the Florida orchid breeder, I started the process of having the orchid hybrid named after my Dad. Today, on the anniversary of his passing, a letter arrived from the Royal Horticultural Society notifying me that my application had finally been accepted and that my once untitled, first-bloom seedling is now to be known as Ryncattleanthe (Blc.) Memoria Wilfred Cott. Happy hunting Dad – if only you were here, we'd have so much to sit and chat about.



Ryncattleanthe (Blc.) Memoria Wilfred Cott

## **Minutes - Manitoba Orchid Society General Meeting December 11, 2011**

*Recorder: Phyllis McCaskill*

### **1. Call to Order:**

Joyce Jaworski called a short meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. This meeting took place immediately before our Annual Christmas dinner. There were no new members in attendance.

Each person attending the dinner was given 1 free raffle draw ticket for 2 draw items and tickets were sold for the remainder of the draw items.

Volunteers to bring goodies for the January, 2012 meeting are Sheila Pilgrim, Phyllis McCaskill, Dorothy Duerksen, and Joan Heshka.

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

Motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting by Rob Parsons, seconded by Dave Moran-carried.

### **3. Financial report: - Fraser Cameron**

Fraser presented a financial report along with a motion to accept this report; seconded by Ben Landry – carried.

### **4. Programs: - Kevin Duerksen**

Our January 2012 program will consist of an Orchid Digest Presentation, on Catasetums. For the February program, Kevin has asked for an “expert panel” and volunteers for this panel are Irene and Ben Landry and Jacques Cahill at this time; however, more volunteers are needed.

### **5. Show Report – Rob Kato**

Rob reports that there is a new slide show available to be watched on our web site.

### **6. AOS/COC Representative: -Kyle Lucyk**

AOS calendars are ordered and extras have been ordered but they are not in yet.

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

Eva thanked everyone for all the food that they brought in.

### **8. Library: - Lilianne Foster -No report**

### **9. Public Relations: Wendy Chaytor -No report**

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

Gary reported that we have 108 members.

### **11. Newsletter: - Rob Parsons –no report**

Lorne Heshka said grace and we had a wonderful Christmas dinner.

### **12. New Business:**

None.

### **13. Show and tell:**

Rob Parsons and Kevin Duerksen did the show and tell.

### **14. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Rob Kato at 4:29 p.m.

All were encouraged to stay after the dinner to mingle and socialize.

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