



NEWS

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**Hybrid in person and virtual
Meeting: Sunday, April 3rd, 2022**

In person at the Toronto Botanical
Gardens Floral Hall, Virtually via Goto
meeting

Program:

**Vendor and Member Sales
tables in person only at the
TBG Noon to 1 pm**

**1 pm: The SOOS Virtual Show
Table (See revised rules below)**

Followed by

**Dave Sorokowsky from
Paph paradise
on
'Don't Fear the Slippers'
and**

**Your live Show Table and
Raffle.**

Show Table Rules

As we move to in-person Sunday Afternoon
Meetings, we will continue with our virtual show
table (limit of 5 per person changed from 10).
Members are encouraged to bring their plants for
our in-person show table at the TBG (no limit). We
ask that plants be entered either virtually or in-
person, but not for both. Be sure to print the live
show entry form legibly. **Illegible entries will be
disqualified.**

To participate in the Virtual Show Table:

1. Take photos between Sunday, March 20th
and Wednesday, March 30th. Please include
a close-up shot of the flower and one of the
whole plant. One plant per email works
best.
2. Be sure to include:
 - a. the name of the orchid;
 - b. why you love it; and
 - c. how you grow it.
3. Send photo and write up to virtual@soos.ca
on or before Wednesday, March 30th.
4. Virtually, members are limited to 5 different
plants. Displays of multiple plants are
allowed.
5. Submitting photographs to SOOS
constitutes permission for SOOS to publish

those images; no remuneration is offered or implied.

6. Join us Sunday, April 3rd in-person at the TBG or virtually.

Points will be given in the usual manner towards the 'Orchid Grower of the Year' program for participation and winning. Winners will be posted on the SOOS website and the SOOS You-Tube Channel.

Categories will be the same for both in-person and virtual show tables:

- ~ Cattleya Alliance
- ~ Vanda Alliance
- ~ Cypripedium Alliance
- ~ Oncidium Alliance
- ~ Dendrobium Alliance
- ~ Cymbidiinae/Catasetinae
- ~ Miscellaneous
- ~ Displays

Don't forget that you can post your photos on the SOOS Facebook *Group* Page anytime of the month!

President's Remarks

Welcome Orchid Enthusiasts SOOS is returning to in-person meetings at the Toronto Botanical Gardens ("TBG") on Sunday April 3, after a two-year hiatus due to the COVID pandemic. Hallelujah!

There will be orchid vendors in attendance, we will have a Members Sales Table, a Raffle and you will be able to renew or buy a membership at the Membership Table. We will make a live video stream of the "in person" meeting available to our members unable to attend the TBG, like what we have done during the past two years of Virtual meetings. We will continue to have a Virtual Show Table although we will now be limiting entries to 5 per member, and we will have a live Show Table at the TBG, with unlimited entries per member. There will be a Virtual Grower of the Year competition as well as a "Live" Grower of the Year competition.

Our speaker in April will be David Banks, who will be joining us remotely from Australia, and will be speaking about the long lasting *Latouria Dendrobiums*. We will display the presentation on the big screen in the meeting hall. Due to the time differences between Toronto and Sydney, we plan on doing the Virtual Show Table at the start of the meeting, to be followed by David's presentation. The Live Show Table may be before or after David's presentation, depending on timing.

Our test of the "hybrid meeting" format during our March meeting was remarkably successful with Max Wilson, who heads our Tech Committee, working his magic in the background. We are very hopeful that will be the case once again in April, however we ask that you please be patient, in case any hiccups arise.

You may need a code to park at the TBG in April, and masks may be required in the TBG. Please monitor your emails for details as the meeting approaches.

With the return to in-person meetings, we anticipate that in February 2023, we will once again be able to undertake our Annual Show. Our Show is a huge undertaking for which planning usually starts over the summer and begins in earnest in the Fall. Please consider joining the Show Committee, or perhaps think of how you might be able to volunteer in another capacity to make this event the successful endeavor that it has been in the past.

This year Orchidfest will be held on Sunday August 7. Rather than have speakers this year, the plan is to hold a "Mini-Sale" with Canadian vendors instead. There would also be AOS Judging on the Sunday. More details to follow over the next few months.

With all the uncertainty regarding COVID and government restrictions, our Program Director Terry Kennedy has already lined up several virtual guest speakers through spring 2022.

April 3rd Phil Spence (Australia), "Latouria Dendrobiums"

May 1st Marni Turkel (California), "Show (me) the Plant"

June 5th Bill Thoms (South Carolina), “What’s new in Bulbos and how to grow them” [Bulbophyllums; the Incomplete Guide, From A to WHY?](#)

August 7th, Orchidfest at the TBG (details to follow)

I hope that you will continue to support the Virtual Show Table each month, as we have seen many orchids that often would not be able to make it to our in-person meetings. I have been amazed at the beauty and diversity of bloom photos submitted by our members. Remember, photo submissions can be sent to virtual@soos.ca and the submission window this month is Mar. 20-30. If you missed the Show Table, you can still see it on our [SOOS YouTube channel](#) any time at your leisure.

Many of you have joined and participated with others on the SOOS Facebook Group page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SOOSOrchid/>. Please continue to post photos of your flowers and plants there, and feel free to comment, share your knowledge or ask questions.

I hope that you and your orchids are doing well, and I look forward to seeing you in person on April 3.

John Vermeer

Conservation Corner

In the midst of all the uncertainty in the world it is important to remember that individuals can make a difference. Whether you are supporting refugees from an unjust conflict, or picking up garbage in a park, we should all be striving to make the world a better place than it was when we got here.

For those of us in Ontario, we have an election coming soon. As I have mentioned before, make yourself aware of your local candidates, ask questions that are important to you.

Ontario Nature has a great blog post by their Conservation and Education Director, Anne Bell. She covers three areas that should be at the top of everyone concerned about the environment.

1. Protected Areas: implementing nature-based solutions to climate change and biodiversity loss

2. Species at Risk: restoring a science-based approach to protection and recovery

3. Accountability: respecting the public voice

The blog post gives links to relevant information, and outlines questions you can ask your candidates when they come to the door. The blog post is called **Vote for Nature**

<https://ontarionature.org/vote-for-nature-blog/>

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

— Margaret Mead

In a recent episode of CBC Sunday Magazine in an interview with Piya Chattopadhyay, Maude Barlow asked to end with this quote from the *Talmud* –

Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world’s grief

Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now.

You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it.

As we return to in-person meetings, the Conservation Committee will have a table where you can check out orchid-gami and take some home for a suggested donation of \$ 10 per set. See you soon! John Alexander.

ABOUT SOOS

SOOS Web site: www.soos.ca ; SOOS Facebook group:

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Member of the Canadian Orchid Congress; Affiliated with the American Orchid Society, the Orchid Digest and the International Phalaenopsis Alliance.

Membership: Annual Dues \$30 per calendar year (January 1 to December 31). Surcharge \$15 for

newsletter by postal service Membership secretary: Liz Mc Alpine, renew or join on line at soos.ca/members. 2020 Memberships have been extended to the end of 2021. 2021 new memberships will renew free of charge for 2022. If you have not renewed your membership for 2022 this will be your last newsletter. Please renew now.

Executive: President John Vermeer, Vice-President ?
Treasurer and Virtual program committee chair, Cathy Dunn,
Secretary, Sue Loftus;

Other Positions of Responsibility: Program, Terry Kennedy; Plant Doctor, Inge Poot; Vendor and Sales table coordinator, Lynda Satchwell; Membership, Liz Mc Alpine; Web Master, Eric Tai Tech Committee chair, Max Wilson; Newsletter, Peter and Inge Poot; Librarian and TBG Liaison, Tom Atkinson: In person Showtable, Synea Tan: Volunteer coordinator, Greg Warner: Annual Show, Vacant; Refreshments, Joe O'Regan. Conservation Committee Co-chairs, John Alexander and Tara Seucharan, Cultural snapshots, Alexsi Antanaitis, Directors at large Marion Curry, Jay Norris, Honorary Life Members: Terry Kennedy, Doug Kennedy, Inge Poot, Peter Poot, Joe O'Regan, Diane Ryley, Wayne Hingston.

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We are also on Utube at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aOAUvZ5A0hk>

Toronto Judging Centre of the American Orchid Society:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/457408221588858/?ref=pages_profile_groups_tab&source_id=304367208791

Other Upcoming events:

April 1- 2, Genesee Orchid Society Show, Rochester , NY.

April 6-9, AOS Spring Members meeting. www.aos.org

June 11, Orchid Digest Speakers DAY. See orchiddigest.org for info.

Toronto Judging Centre. March 5 Awards:

Brassocattleya Green Bird (Binosa x Brassavola Little Star) 'DiCiommo' CCM/AOS 84 points, Joe DiCiommo

Cattleya DiCiommo Rubens (Hawaiian Jewel x Circle of Life) 'DiCiommo' HCC/AOS 77 points, Joe DiCiommo

Cattleya Kagaribi Dawn (Kagaribi x Tropic Dawn) 'Red Star' HCC/AOS 77 points, Jean Allen-Ikeson

Phalaenopsis Crystal Surprise (Lioulin Venus x LD's Bear Queen) 'Scarlet O'Hara' HCC/AOS 79 points, Bryan & Ee

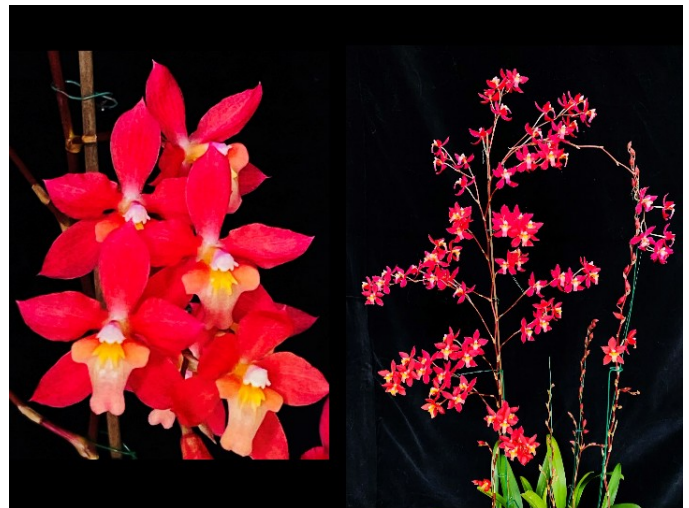
Paph. villosum f. fuscoroseum 'Hung Sheng' CHM/AOS 83 points, Leslie Ee

Paphiopedilum godefroyae f. album 'Double Happiness' AM/AOS 80 points, Leslie Ee

Next Judging April 2 Garden Hall, Toronto Botanical Garden. Judges education 10 am, plant drop-of 12 noon, AOS judging 1pm.

Plant of the Month: Oncidium Lois Posey 'Synea' AM/AOS, Synea Tan

What a stunner! I concur totally with Terry Kennedy's opinion, that this plant should have been at the AOS judging to be awarded a possible Certificate of Cultural Merit or better, depending on the condition of the leaves!



Synea grows it in a small pot, but waters it with rain water every second day and mists it if the flowers get dry. The flowers last about two weeks.

Natural light is supplemented with two LED lights.

She fertilizes the plant with Miracle Grow, a slow release fertilizer, the type with the high middle number, ie high in Phosphate.

The plant is summered out of doors.

You outdid yourself again Synea!!!!

The Orchids of Borneo by John Varigos,

Summarized by Inge Poot



John Varigos

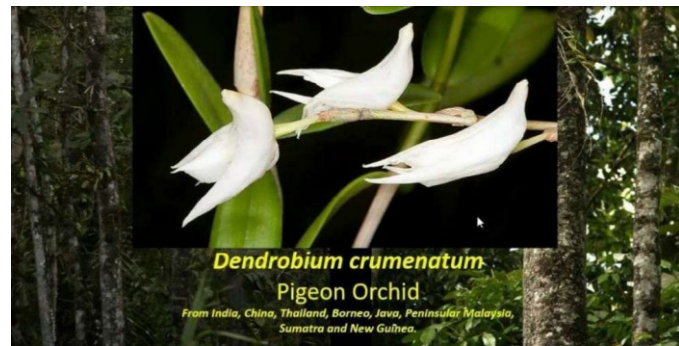
The March programme was an interesting travelogue into the mountaintops of Borneo

and the orchids encountered there – over a period of several years, during several trips.

The equator divides Borneo into two sections, with the southern portion being about one third of the country and the northern portion being about two-thirds. All of the trips described in this travelogue were to the areas north of the equator. The climate not surprisingly is very hot, humid and wet – there was a heavy shower almost every afternoon. The fly in the ointment of this warm paradise are the leeches.....They are everywhere and the travelers had to stop every 20 minutes or so and remove the little horrors that got past their defenses,,,,, The travelers usually followed logging roads that were close to the summits of the terrains. Orchids on those trips were only found once you reach a certain fairly high altitude and from then on were plentiful. The terrain in these higher altitudes bearing orchids was mossy and had good air movement. Such conditions allow seed dispersal and the moss provided a moisture and possibly nutrient reservoir for the seedlings.

As is the case in any habitat, a good proportion of the orchids found were rather insignificant, but every now and again a spectacular orchid made the trip worthwhile!

Some of the most beautiful species photographed by our speaker were:



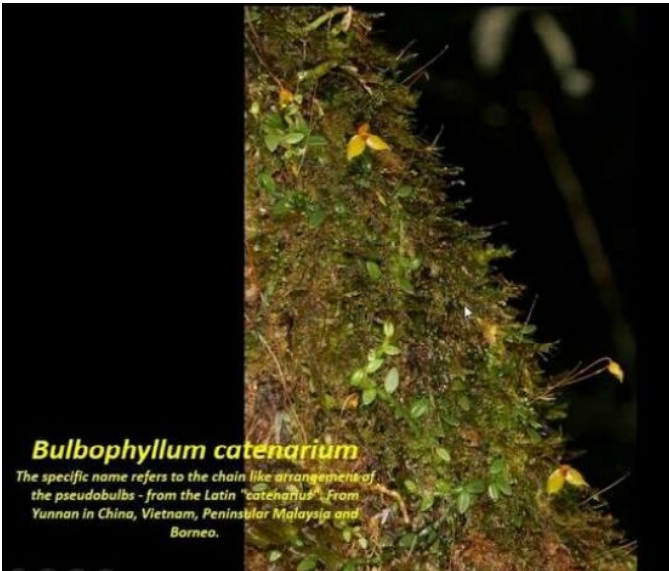
Dendrobium crumenatum was found in huge colonies and if you look carefully at the two pictures behind the close-up of the flowers you will see lots of white specks that are flowers of this species.



When you see those two species at our shows, you will know where they are native to.

An absolutely charming miniature is *Bulbophyllum striatellum*! It is not unlike a *Masdevallia* but has little round pseudobulbs and a “galloping” rhizome!





Another charming miniature: *Bulbophyllum catenarium*

And an as yet undescribed miniature species of *Chelonosteles*:



Another must-try-to-get miniature bulbophyllum:



Yikes! What bug is this Bulbo simulating?



Talk about convergent evolution! A Zootrophium imitator, with one entry hole on the bottom, instead of the two side holes in Zootrophium!




The Tenom Agriculture Park is noteworthy since it holds a collection of about 400 of the about 1500 orchid species found in Borneo.

Each plant is outfitted with a tag bearing the name and a QR code that takes you to a web-site that gives more information about the plant:

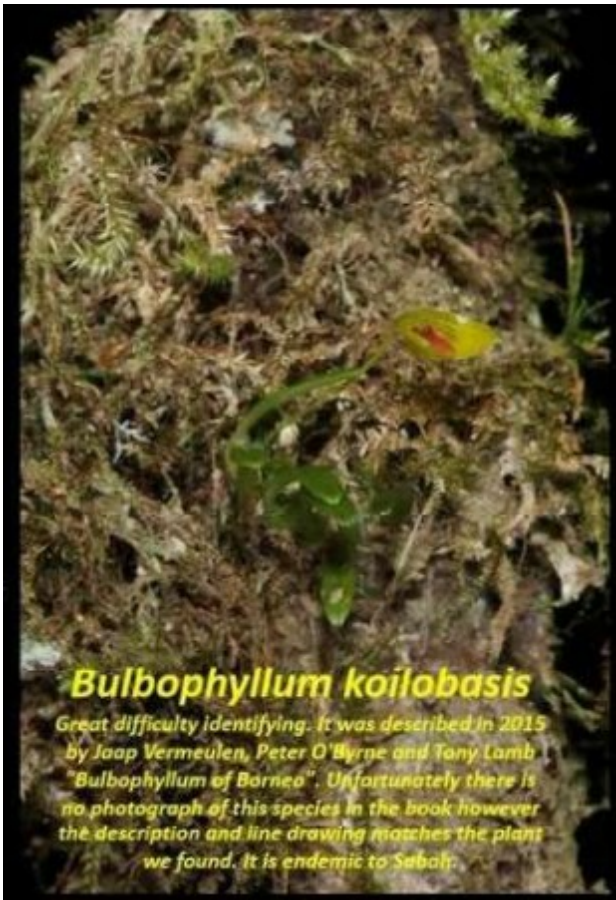


LIPARIS LOBONGENSIS



- Common Name The Mt Lobong Liparis [A mountain in Borneo]
- Flower Size .4" [1 cm]
- Found in North Borneo at elevations around 800 to 2300 meters
- Warm to cold growing epiphyte with a creeping rhizome giving rise to approximate, pyriform below & long-attenuated distally, rugose pseudobulbs enveloped by imbricate
- Thin textured leaf that blooms in the spring on a 3.2 to 9.6" [8 to 24 cm] long, rachis thickened, two winged, successively single flowered inflorescence with imbricating, lanceolate acute, rigid, persistent & obliquely ascending floral bracts.

On a trip up Mount Trusmadi , this beauty was photographed:



Bulbophyllum koilobasis

Great difficulty identifying. It was described in 2015 by Jaap Vermeulen, Peter O'Byrne and Tony Lamb "Bulbophyllum of Borneo". Unfortunately there is no photograph of this species in the book however the description and line drawing matches the plant we found. It is endemic to Sabah.

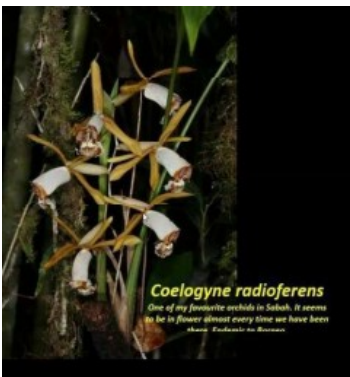
And an orchid adapted to hedge its bets by attracting two different pollinators with two different flower types per inflorescence!



Aeridostachya robusta

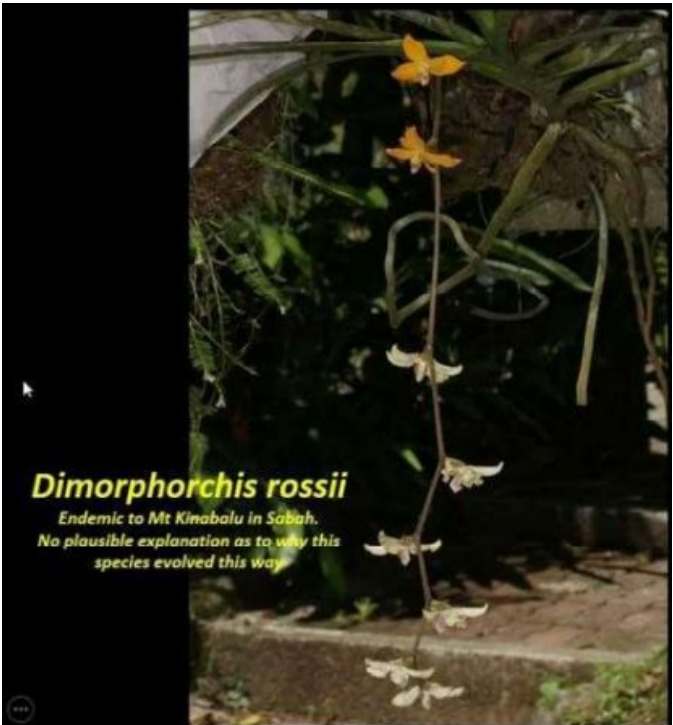
Found from Southern Taiwan, Thailand, Peninsular Malaysia, Borneo, through Java, Philippines and into Sulawesi and Sumatra, across New Guinea and into the Pacific Islands of Fiji, Samoa, Vanuatu, New Caledonia and Caroline Islands

As well as *Coelogyne radioferens* and *Bulbophyllum koilobasis*- a cute miniature:



Coelogyne radioferens

One of my favourite orchids in Sabah. It seems to be in flower almost every time we have been there. Endemic to Borneo

Dimorphorchis rossii

Endemic to Mt Kinabalu in Sabah. No plausible explanation as to why this species evolved this way

On a trip to visit the Kundasang War Memorial and Garden, the highlights of the orchid flora seen were:



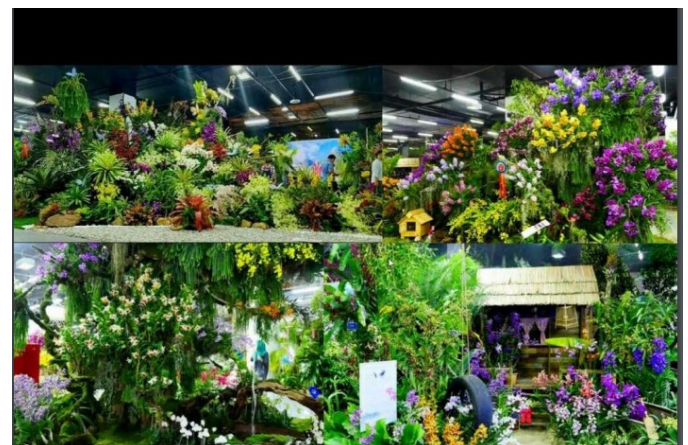
Gunung Mulu National Park and heritage Area is another great place to visit. Among other treasures the visitors can see:



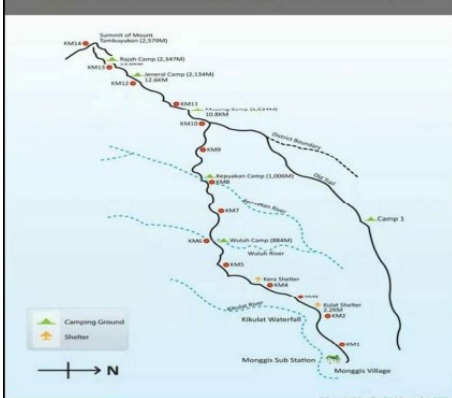
And near Mount Kinabalu the trekkers found:



If possible time wise it is very worthwhile to try to time any visit while the Asian Pacific Orchid Conference in Kuching is being held. Nothing compares to seeing orchids grown to perfection in close proximity to their native habitat!



MT. TAMBUYUKON TRAIL MAP



Our speakers next trip to Borneo will be to visit Mount Tambuyukon! Maybe some of our more intrepid members can try to be among the trekkers! Leeches or no leeches!!!!



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Mar 6, 2022 Show Table Ribbons

Class	First	Second	Third
Class 1 Cattleya Alliance	Brassocattleya Morning Song 'Canaima Exotic Lip' AM/AOS, David Bryan <i>Cattleya labiata f. coerulea</i> 'Blue Diamond', Leslie Ee	Enanthleya Magic Wand, David Bryan Laeliocattleya Hsin Buu Lady, Elena Chilova Rhyncholaeliocattleya (Rlc. Circle of Angels x C. Angel's Fantasy), Elena Chilova Cattleya Di Ciommo Rubens, Joe Di Ciommo Rhyncattleanthe Young-Min Gold, Joe Di Ciommo <i>Rhyncholaelia digbyana</i> , Sandra Micucci Rhyncattleanthe Star Fire, Ted & Charlene Kretz	Rhyncholaeliocattleya Jennifer Off 'Joan' HCC/AOS, David Bryan <i>Guarianthe skinneri h.f. coerulea</i> , Fiona McKay <i>Encyclia cordigera var. rosea</i> , Inge & Peter Poot Brassocattleya Green Bird, Joe Di Ciommo Rhyncholaeliocattleya Liou Hope, Joe Di Ciommo Cattleya Final Touch 'Canaima's Rojita' AM/AOS, Leslie Ee <i>Cattleya lueddemanniana</i> , Michael Hwang Enanthleya Magic Wand, Yvain McLeggon Myrmecatavola Frances Fox, Yvain McLeggon
Class 2 Paphiopedilium	<i>Paphiopedilum villosum f. fuscroseum</i> 'Hung Sheng' BM/TPS, Leslie Ee	Paphiopedilum hirsutissimum f. alborivide 'Green Goblin', Leslie Ee Phragmipedium Don Wimber 3N, Synea Tan Phragmipedium Cardinale 'Lisa', Ted & Charlene Kretz	Paphiopedilum hennisianum f. christiansenii, Inge & Peter Poot
Class 3 Phalaenopsis and Vanda Alliance	Phalaenopsis (Jungo Smith 2006 x Yaphon Sensational), Leslie Ee <i>Rhynchostylis gigantea</i> (Orange), Synea Tan	Phalaenopsis Masterpiece, Elena Chilova Phalaenopsis Sogo Yukidian, Elena Chilova <i>Phalaenopsis tetraspis h.f. brunneola</i> 'Coff-EE-mate', Leslie Ee <i>Oeoniella polystachys</i> '2021', Sandra Micucci <i>Rhynchostylis gigantea</i> , Synea Tan	<i>Phalaenopsis equestris</i> , David Bryan Phalaenopsis Moroccan Sunset, Elena Chilova Sarcochilus (Kulnura Mischief 'Orange Gold' x Parma 'Fran'), Joe Di Ciommo <i>Aerangis somalensis</i> , Sandra Micucci <i>Oeoniella polystachys</i> '2019', Sandra Micucci <i>Vanda sanderiana</i> , Sandra Micucci Phalaenopsis Mini Mark, Silvie Porter Phalaenopsis Chienlung Little Orange 'Nan', Yvan Richard

Class 4 Oncidium and related	Oncidium Lois Posey 'Synea' AM/AOS, Synea Tan	Brassidium FANGtastic Bob Henley, Fiona McKay Miltoniopsis Mario Van Peebles 'Ruby Storm' AM/AOS, Synea Tan Oncidium Atahualpa, Ted & Charlene Kretz	<i>Trichopilia tortilis</i> , Elena Chilova <i>Psychopsis papilio</i> , Peng Zhang <i>Oncidium hastilabium</i> , Ted & Charlene Kretz Zelemnia Midas 'Synea' HCC/AOS, Yvan Richard
Class 5 Cymbideae	Clowesetum Jumbo York, Eugene McSweeny	<i>Cymbidium goeringii</i> "Fuji no Yuubae", Michael Hwang/ Taras Kowalczyk Cynodes Jumbo Phoenix 'Jumbo', Synea Tan Cymbidium Snow Ball 'Hatfields' 4N, Synea Tan	Cymbidium Fatal Beauty 'Hatfield', Synea Tan
Class 6 Dendrobium	Dendrobium (Gillieston Jazz x Victorian Flare), Ted & Charlene Kretz	<i>Dendrobium kingianum</i> 'Red Splash', Anna Kogan Dendrobium Micro Chip, Elena Chilova Dendrobium Christmas Chime 'Asuka' AM/AOS, Eugene McSweeny <i>Bulbophyllum treschii</i> 'Squiggy', Leslie Ee	Dendrobium NOST44 P.TAIDA SMILE 'SGY', Connie & Milton Charlton <i>Dendrobium lindleyii</i> , Michael Hwang Dendrobium Roy Tokunaga, Synea Tan
Class 7 All Others	Phaiocalanthe Kryptonite 'Parkside' AM/AOS, Ted & Charlene Kretz	<i>Dendrochilum cobbianum</i> , Cathy Dunn Coelogyne Bird in Flight 'Night Hawk' HCC/AOS, Synea Tan	<i>Coelogyne tomentosa</i> , Connie & Milton Charlton Angulocaste Apollo 'Gold Court' AM/RHS, Yvan Richard
Class 8 Specimen Plants			
Class 9 Baskets and Displays	Phalaenopsis Big Lip x 3 , Elena Chilova		

Member plant sales. There is a member plant sale table at most of our in person monthly meetings where SOOS members can sell their plants. There is a limit of 10 plants per membership per meeting and **for this month you are required** to help with the sales. Also please note that 10% of the sales amount must go to SOOS to assist us with hall rental and meeting expenses. If you wish to use this opportunity please fill out the 'Members table sales' form below prior to the meeting and bring it with your sale plants. Copies of this form can also be downloaded from our website at soos.ca.



Members Table Sales

Date: _____

Member's Name: _____

Member # _____

Phone # _____

	Plant Name	Price	-10%	Payout
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- A 10% commission is charged - ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST DOLLAR.
- Sellers can collect their money at the END of the meeting.