

NROS News

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APRIL 2008

Wednesday, April 9th, 2008

Regular Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Holy Rosary Church Hall
21 Queen Street
Thorold

PROGRAMS

"AN INTRODUCTION TO THE
SOCIETY LIBRARY"

by David Culp and Rick Rempel



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MARCH SHOW TABLE

Class 1 Cattleya Alliance

****Lc. Straight Answer 'No Question'	R. Rempel	1 st .
C. intermedia	R. Rempel	2 nd
Blc. Haw Yuan Beauty	P. Hinman	3 rd
Slc. Roblar 'Orange Charm' HCC/AOS	W. Muste	
C. skinneri v. coerulea	S. Dietsch	
Blc. Husky Boy 'Romeo'	P. Hinman	
C. aurantiaca 'Penny Ann'	S. Holierhoek	
Slc. Clouds Angry Tangerine	N. Vandenberg	
C intermedia	N. Vandenberg	

Class 2 Paphiopedilum

Paph. Varina Vaughn 'Fire Engine' x Winston Churchill 'Redoubtable'	P. Hinman	1 st
Paph. emersonii	P. Hinman	2 nd
Paph. Villosum var. boxallii	F. & K. Wilkinson	3 rd

Class 3 Phalaenopsis

Phalaenopsis ????	C. Fuerniss	1 st
Dtps. ???? (Harlequin type)	G. Streeter	2 nd

Class 4 Oncidium Alliance

Oncidium ????	W. Muste	1 st
Oncidium Wildcat 'Lorene'	W. Muste	2 nd

Class 5 Cymbidium

Cym. Silvia Miller 'Canary'	K. & F. Wilkinson	1 st
Cym. ????	S. Dietsch	2 nd

Class 6 Dendrobiums

Dendrobium Spring Doll	A. Roger	1 st
Dendrobium pachyphyllum	L. & J. Stewart	2 nd
Dendrobium farmerii	A. Roger	3 rd
Dendrobium White Rabbit	A. Roger	
Dendrobium thrysiflorum	A. Roger	

Class 7 All Others

Stenosarcus Vanguard 'Fireball' JC/AOS	N. Dekker	1 st
Coel.lawrenciana	N. Vandenberg	2 nd
Polystachya pubescens	R. Rempel	3 rd

Coel. flaccida
Propetalum Mathina 'Elizabeth' HCC/AOS

S. Dietsch
P. Hinman

Class 8 Specimen Plants

Reanthera monachia

R. Rempel 1st

Class 9 Vanda Alliance

Ascda. Princess Mikasa

N. Vandenberg 1st

Vasco. Five Friendship

S. Holierhoek 2nd

*****PLANT OF THE MONTH

Here are the show results for the Royal Botanical Gardens Orchid show, courtesy of Nancy Vandenberg.

1. The display received a 3rd. It was set up by Kathy Wilkinson and Nancy.

Simon Holierhoek	1 st	Coel. Cristata
	2 nd	Rhyn. glauca x L. cristata
Kathy Wilkinson	1 st	Cym. Canary
Aimee R	3 rd	Den Spring Dol
	3 rd	Den farmeri
Rick Rempel	1 st	Reanthera monachia
	2 nd	Lc. Straight Answer 'No Question'
	3 rd	Ascda. Suk Sumran Sunlight
	2 nd	Polystachia pubescens
	1 st	C. intermedia (Also won 'Best Cattleya Species')
Sylvia Dietsch	3 rd	Coel. flaccida
Phil Hinman	2 nd	Paph. Varina Vaughn. 'Fire Engine'
		x Winston Churchill
	2 nd	Paph. Flame Arrow x (Shadow Magic x Red Maude)
Wayne Hoeschle	3 rd	Den. Golden Blossom 'Kogane'
	3 rd	Paph. Delophyllum
	1 st	Phal.unknown

Thanks to everyone who contributed plants along with myself for the display. It was nice to set up a large floor display for a change.

P.S. My daughter Diana set up her own display and received "Best display by a junior-Wayne Eyles Award" and "Best Display by an individual-Canadian Orchid Congress Award"

Diana wanted to thank Wayne Hoeschle, Aimee Roger and Rick Rempel for letting her use

some of their plants for her display.
Thanks Nancy, and to everyone who contributed.

The results of the London Show are as follows:

The display was set up by Colin and his wife Cathy. Take down was by Warren Steele.

Aimee Roger	1 st	Den thrysiflorum
Kathy & Fred Wilkinson	1 st	Cym. Sylvia Miller 'Canary'
Phill Hinman	1 st	Blc. Haw Yuan Beauty
	2 nd	Paph. Flame Arrow x (Shadow Magic x Red Maud)
Wilhelmina Muste	3 rd	Odcdm. Wildcat 'Lorene'
	3 rd	Slc. Roblar 'Orange Charm' HCC/AOS
Rick Rempel	2 nd	Lc. Straight Answer 'No Question'
	1 st	Reanthera monachia and Best Vandacious
Nancy Vandenberg	2 nd	Coel. lawrenciana

Thanks to Colin and Cathy Burns for set- up, Warren Steele for take-down, and to everyone that contributed plants. Thanks to Warren Steele for the picture of Society Display.



BULLETIN BOARD

Meeting

Our April meeting will be all about our Society library. David Culp, our librarian and Rick Rempel, our President will be showing us what is available to our membership and how to sign out books. If you haven't taken advantage of our library, please attend the meeting and see what's available.

Open House

Cloud's Orchids Open House is on the week-end of April 12th. & 13th., 2008, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The workshop will take place at 12:00 p.m. on both days and will be on "Repotting Orchids".

Auction

The Executive would like to hold an auction at our June Meeting. More details will be given at the April Meeting.

Goodies

This is a reminder to Wilhelmina Muste and Maria Booy that they are signed up to bring the goodies for coffee at the April Meeting. Thanks, Ladies!

New Members

We would like to extend a welcome to two new members, Claudia Carthew and Lou Meevis. Welcome, Claudia and Lou!!

April 19th. & 20th., 2008
The Annual Toronto Artistic
Orchid Association Show
Chinese Cultural Centre,
5183 Sheppard Ave., East
(Markham Road)

April 26 & April 27, 2008

Ottawa Orchid Show

Nepean Sportsplex
1701 Woodroffe Avenue

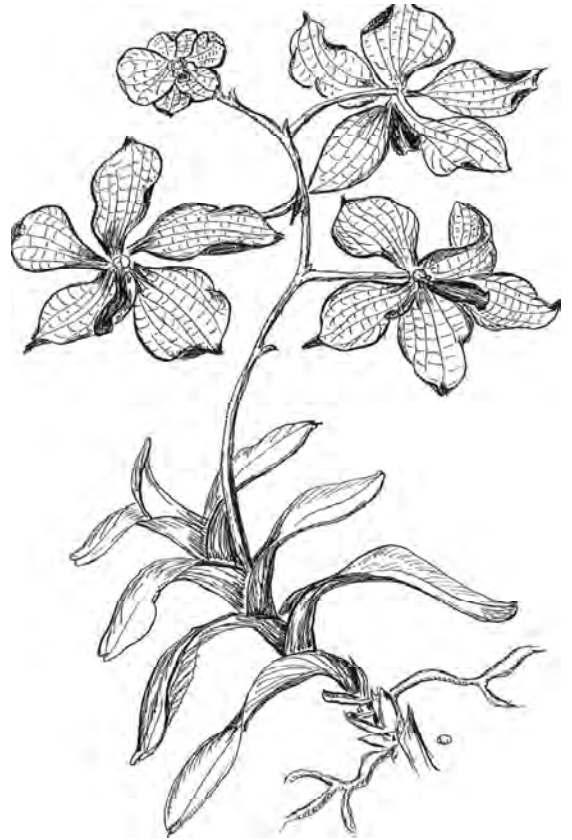
VANDA Orchids

Pronounced: VAN-dah

The pride of tropical orchid growers, Vandas are a challenge to grow in Canada because of their need for warmth, high light and humidity. Successful culture of these plants is possible, and brings forth stunning flowers in white, yellow, green, yellow orange red and burgundy shades as well as blue. Fast growing and frequent bloomers, Vandas can be most rewarding.

Healthy Vandas start with healthy roots:

- Pot in a very coarse medium. Fir bark mixtures are best, with 2.5 to 3.5 cm chunks of bark. In humid areas, plants may be grown without any medium, hanging from a wire, however, if they are potted, some large chunks of bark or charcoal may be required to hold the plant in place.
- Repot when plant outgrows its pot. Because no pot is really required, this is mostly for the grower's convenience in handling the plant.
- Typically the existing pot will be covered with roots inside and out and should simply be placed into a larger pot without disturbing the roots any more than necessary. Roots growing around the pot will bend more easily if moistened first. Choose a clay pot or cedar basket.
- Vandas will grow roots over the side of the pot and up into the air as well as out from the stem well above the pot. Leave these roots on the plant, perhaps misting them when the plant is watered.
- Roots should be soaked at least once daily, more often in sunny, warm weather, and then allowed to dry before the next soaking. Water thoroughly, particularly if your water has a high mineral content.
- Do not use water softened in salt-consuming water softeners. Low mineral water is preferred, such as naturally soft water or rain water. If hard water is used, water very heavily to flush minerals. Use room temperature or warmer water.
- Fertilize frequently with a balanced fertilizer. One-quarter to one-half strength recommended by manufacturer for house plants every week in spring and summer and every two weeks in autumn and winter.



Healthy leaves produce more and bigger flowers:

- High to very high light levels are appropriate for most. Terete Vandas (with cylindrical leaves) require the most light while Ascocenda and Rhynchostylis need less light. Leaves should be a medium green, not yellowish or dark green. They should be firm, not long and floppy (more light needed). A slight red blush indicates good light on some plants while a red blush which covers the leaves indicates too much light.
- Three or more hours of sun on a west, south or east window, or under a bank of 8 fluorescent light tubes, or HID sodium or metal halide lights. Only the shorter varieties are appropriate under fluorescent lights. In areas of dark, overcast winters, artificial lighting may be a must.
- Vandas do best with 70-80% humidity, but will grow and bloom, although more slowly and with fewer flowers, in lower humidity. Use humidifier to raise humidity – humidity pans and misting rarely effective. Enclosing plant growing areas is effective but ensure fresh air and air movement to avoid mold and rot.
- Grow Vandas in warm temperatures with 18°C minimum winter nights and 35°C summer day maximum. Ensure 6-12°C day/night difference to aid flower formation. Vanda *coerulea* and hybrids, as well as *Neofinetia* hybrids require slightly cooler temperatures to initiate flowering.

Vandas usually bloom every few months and the flowers last for two to three weeks:

- Maintain plant orientation while spike is growing for best display.
- Buds turning yellow, wilting and falling prior to opening is from not enough energy in the plant to open the flower either because the light is too dim, the plant is too small, or the roots have rotted. Also caused by ethylene gas (given off by ripening fruit) or by drastic temperature changes.

Space prevents more detail here. The general "Orchid Culture" sheets in this series, available from your society or on the web at <http://www.canadianorchidcongress.ca/> provide further cultural information. For specific help with your orchids or further information join your local orchid society.

