

NROS News

SEPTEMBER 2019

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**Holy Rosary Church Hall
35 Queen Street North
Thorold**

PROGRAMS

**Jean Ikeson on
Oncidium Hybrids**



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JUNE SHOW TABLE

Class 1 Cattleya Alliance

Blc. Yellow Bird	Charlene & Ted Kretz	1 st .
Iwanagarra Apple Blossom	Michele Horvat	2 nd .

Class 2 Paphiopedilum

Paph. Godefroyae "Bleeding Heart"		
X Paph. Anitum "Ninja"	Olga Safonova	1 st .
Paphiopedilum chamberlianum	Olga Safonova	2 nd .

Class 3 Phalaenopsis

Phalaenopsis amboinensis	Joanne Madsen	1 st .
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Class 4 Oncidium Alliance

**** Oncidium Splinter "Brookside"	Ted & Charlene Kretz	1 st .
Brassia Rex	Ted & Charlene Kretz	2 nd .

Class 7 All Others

Bletilla striata	Darrell Grant	1 st .
Lycaste Red Jewel	Ted & Charlene Kretz	3 rd .
Bulbophyllum Cloud's Goldrush	Ted & Charlene Kretz	

Class 9 Vanda Alliance

Neofinetia falcata	Michele Horvat	1 st .
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*****PLANT OF THE MONTH

BULLETIN BOARD

Hello, Everyone!! Welcome back to the Society meetings. Hope you all had a great summer and that all your orchids had tons of flowers!!

Meeting

Jean Allen-Ikeson will be our speaker at the September meeting and will be on Oncidium hybrids. Jean is a well-respected orchid grower and judge. She grows and sells orchids in Dundas Ontario, just north of Hamilton. She is an accredited American Orchid Society judge and author of many articles on orchids. Come out and listen to Jean talk about Oncidiums.

Picnic

The Executive would like to thank Fred and Kathy Wilkinson for hosting our annual picnic again this year. A good time was had by all the members and Fred and Kathy were again very gracious hosts. A thank you to all the members that brought a pot luck dish also. Thanks, everyone!

Hospitality

A reminder to Pam Fenwick and Ed Pomeroy that they are signed up to bring the sweets for the meeting. Thanks, Pam and Ed!

Show Display

Ted and Charlene have graciously volunteered to set up the Society display for the COOS Orchid Show

on the weekend of September 28th and 29th. If you have any orchids in bloom for this event, please contact Ted at the meeting or by phone. Thanks!

The COOS Orchid Show and Sale

Saturday, Sept 28, 2019 from 11:00am to 5:00pm

Sunday, Sept 29, 2019 from 10:00am to 4:00pm

**Cambridge Hespeler Arena,
640 Ellis Road, Cambridge, ON
N3C 1A1**

The following article is courtesy of the American Orchid Society.

Monthly Checklist for September and October

Cattleya

Despite the shortening days and lowering angle of the sun, September can still be one of the hottest months. Water and fertilizer need to be in balance with heat and light. The alert grower will notice, however, that his or her plants are beginning to slow down a bit. Growths are maturing, and the sheaths are giving the promise of the next six-months' bloom.

Check plants for potting needs for the last time this season. Any in dire need should be potted, even some that may be on the cusp, as there is just enough of the growing season left to allow the plants to establish before the days start to get really short and cold.

This is the month for purples derived from *Cattleya labiata* breeding to flower. If you are short on flowers, look into this group. There is nothing that can quite match this type for beauty and fragrance. They are easy to grow, too.

Plants summered outdoors should begin to be prepared to be brought back into the winter growing area. Clean the plants up and be on the lookout for any pests they may have picked up during the summer. Treat as necessary.

Cycnoches chlorochilon,
the green swan orchid



Cycnoches

This little-known and under-appreciated genus, which can have male or female flowers, is at its best in the autumn. Two of the spectacular varieties are *Cycnoches loddigesii*, with its large brown flowers resembling a prehistoric bird, and *Cycnoches chlorochilon*, the swan orchid. This last one has large, fragrant green flowers. The biggest problem, culturally, will be red spider mite infestations that require immediate attention. Plants are quite seasonal, requiring heavy watering in the growing season and then a drier dormant winter season.

Cymbidium

Summer can be the most rewarding season for cymbidiums. Growths should be coming strong now. The leaves of the new growths are best when they are broad and fairly stiff. The color should be a light green to nearly yellow. Early flowering varieties should be showing flower spikes, so move the plants into a cooler area with lower light. For mid-season varieties, lower the dosage of nitrogen to assist in spike initiation.

Dendrobium Burana Stripe is a popular and easy phalaenopsis-type hybrid



Dendrobium

This is a good season for hybrids of the Dendrobium phalaenopsis and Dendrobium canaliculatum types. Both are capable of putting on tremendous shows of long-lasting flowers. Fertilize with a low-nitrogen formula to promote the best flowers. Dendrobium phalaenopsis can get tall and top heavy, suggesting an attractive and heavy container would be appropriate for this type.

Rhynchostele bictoniensis

Both Rhynchostele bictoniensis and its hybrids bloom in this season. Rhynchostele bictoniensis, formerly known as Lemboglossum, Odontoglossum) is a showy species from Mexico that has three different color forms: sulphureum (green with white lip), album (brown with white lip) and roseum (brown with a pink lip). It is a vigorous grower with tall inflorescences of many flowers, and imparts to its progeny (as seen in Odcdm. Bittersweet and Odm. bicross) ease of culture, warmth tolerance and eye-catching patterns. They make a prime candidate for odontoglossum beginners and advanced alike.

Paphiopedilum

Standard, green-leaved paphiopedilums begin to show their bloom sheaths this month. Late-season heat waves can blast these early sheaths, so be observant about proper cooling and air circulation. As with the rest of your plants that may have been summered outdoors, it is time to prepare for their move inside. Clean each plant and implement pest-control practices. Repotting, if necessary, is appropriate.

Phalaenopsis

The bulk of this season's growth is being ripened this month, with growers in cooler climates seeing the first emerging inflorescences. Some night heating may be necessary in the cooler areas. Begin to watch watering more carefully, and reduce feeding proportionately with reduced watering needs. An extra dose of

phosphorus and potassium, such as a bloom-booster or high-acid-type fertilizer, is beneficial.

Rossioglossum grande shows off its large, dramatic flowers



Rossioglossum grande

Once known as *Odontoglossum grande*, this is a spectacular orchid with six to eight flowers up to 8 inches across. Often known as the tiger orchid, it has bright golden yellow flowers heavily marked with chestnut brown barring. The plants are beautiful with a grey-green cast to the foliage, which is borne on succulent pseudobulbs. It prefers hot and wet summers with cooler, even down to 40 F, dry winters. Grow under filtered light. Watch for snails and slugs that eat the flowers, pseudobulbs and leaves.

The AOS thanks Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay.