



Manitoba Orchid Society

For the Love of Orchids Newsletter

Next Meeting: 21 October 2012
Conference Room
Canadian Mennonite University,
600 Shaftesbury Blvd.
(SW corner of Shaftesbury Blvd. and Grant Avenue)

Regular Programme: Annual Auction

Starts at 1:00 P.M. (note time is earlier than the usual meetings) with plants being accepted after 12:30 P.M. This year's proceedings of plant sales will be split 50% for the club and for the contributing member. To make it easier for our volunteers, please pay by cheque.

Ensure you have 2 tags in each pot, one with your name and the other with the name of the plant.

Plants must be sold through the auction only—no other selling of plants is permitted at the October meeting.

Only members in good standing (i.e. membership paid up) by the beginning of the meeting may buy or sell plants at the auction.

No Novice Program and no Show & Tell.

Goodies will be provided by Irene Landry, Beverly Pukalo, Leah Paluch & Elaine Moran.

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October 21 Annual Auction

November 18 Novice Meeting: Dave Moran will do a presentation on vermicomposting.

December 9 Christmas Party Potluck

Mentorship Program

The Manitoba Orchid Society is fortunate to have a number of members with a wealth of orchid knowledge. Four such, Lorne Heshka, Denise Fortier, Neil Dunham and Jim Gillespie have agreed to act as mentors to newer members who have questions on general orchid culture. They will certainly try to answer your orchid culture-related questions. I encourage all to phone or approach them at the monthly meetings with your questions.

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, Horst Hack, Marianne Hack, Lorne Heshka, Gary Jaworski, Ewa Kurnicka, Irene Landry, Dave & Elaine Moran for bringing flowering plants to the September Show & Tell.

Benefits of Membership

Manitoba Orchid Society members now receive the following discounts: 10% at La Coste Nursery, 10% at Schriemer Home & Garden Showplace, 10% at Shelmerdine Nurseries & 15% at Village Garden Center, upon presentation of valid membership cards.

2011/2012 Executive

Elected

- President Harvey Keselman
- Past President Dave Moran
- 1st V.P. Kevin Duerksen
- 2nd V.P./Show Chair Lorne Heshka
- 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 Ewa Kurnicka
- Newsletter Robert Parsons
- Webmaster Gary Jaworski

Editor's Message:

October means it's auction time! We will again, in addition to the plants, be auctioning off a copy of OrchidWiz (more details on the next page about this software). There will be a reserve bid of a hundred dollars on it. Rob Kato is contributing a metal halide lighting system and has directed the money from its sale go to establishing a fund for endowing memorial trophies for Joyce Jaworski and perhaps other deceased members. See you there! (A complete list of meeting dates for this year is on page 6.)

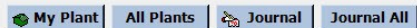
What is OrchidWiz?



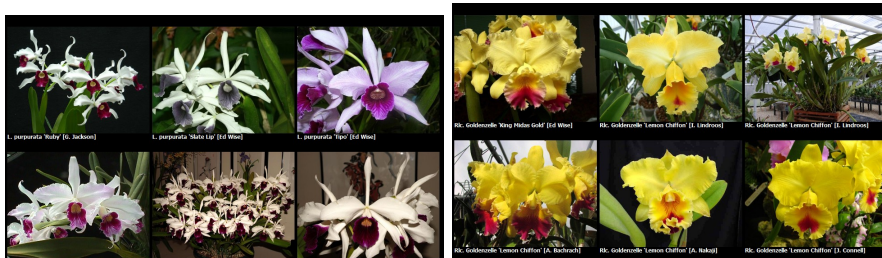
OrchidWiz is an easy-to-use software application for orchid research, discovery and to help growers keep track of their orchids. It was designed with three primary goals in mind: (1) Ease-of-use; (2) Accuracy; and (3) Completeness.

OrchidWiz is so intuitive that anyone who can use a computer mouse can benefit from it. There are thousands of OrchidWiz aficionados around the world. Many world-class institutions use OrchidWiz for their basic research needs, i.e., Selby Gardens, the Smithsonian Greenhouse and the Singapore Botanic Gardens. More than 200 orchid nurseries and 330 Orchid Society judges have licensed OrchidWiz, another testimony to its breadth and accuracy.

Discover Orchids



- Inventory and track your own orchids in the OrchidWiz Journal
- Add your own photographs into the Journal.
- Almost 40,000 color photographs of orchids.



- Photographic references for almost 16,000 species.
- Look-up orchids by new taxonomic names or by older more familiar Sander's names
- Information on more than 29,000 species.
- Genealogy charts for more than 127,000 hybrids.

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A new *Phragmipedium* (Orchidaceae: Cyripedioideae) from Ecuador

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Abstract. A new species of *Phragmipedium*, *P. andreettae*, is described and illustrated from northwestern Ecuador and its affinities are discussed. The new species is closely allied to *P. fischeri*, from which it differs by the narrow leaves, the pale rose to white flowers, the elliptic to obovate petals with reflexed margins, the reflexed margin of the dorsal sepal, the narrower and pale rose lip, and the longer than broad and bifid staminode.

The genus *Phragmipedium* ranges from southern Mexico to Bolivia and eastern Brazil. The exact number of species in the genus remains contentious: 33 species have been described in the genus but several have been variously reduced into synonymy (Gruss 2003). McCook (1998) listed 15 species, whereas Gruss (2003) and Quené & Gruss (2003) accepted 21 species. The exact number may well lie somewhere between these figures.

Several of these have recently been described as new to science, including two, the red-flowered *P. besseae* Dodson & J.Kuhn from Peru and Ecuador, and the rose-purple flowered *P. kovachii* J.T.Atwood, Dalström & Ric. Fernández from Peru, that are very distinct from any of the other species. The discovery of yet another species in Ecuador is, therefore, not that surprising.

A small-flowered species, allied to *P. schlimii* (Rchb.f.) Rolfe and *P. fischeri* Braem & H.Mohr, has recently been collected in northwestern Ecuador in the same region where *P. fischeri* was discovered a decade ago. It has a similar habit and habitat to *P. fischeri* according to the collector, although exact details of the province are not available. It is similarly coloured to some pale forms of the Colombian *P. schlimii* but its lip and staminode shape are quite distinct, being differently coloured, longer than broad and distinctly, if minutely, bifid at the tip.

The type plant was flowered in cultivation in the collection of Ecuagenera of Gualaceo, Ecuador, and the type has been deposited in the National Herbarium in Quito. It is named in honour of Padre Andreetta, the Salesian priest who has had a life-long interest in orchids and who inspired the Portilla family in the foundation and development of Ecuagenera.

A lithophytic *plant*. *Leaves* linear, acute, up to 15 x 1.3-2 cm, mid-green. *Inflorescence* erect to arching-suberect, 13-16 cm long, unbranched or with one branch, flowers produced in succession; peduncle purple, finely white-pubescent; sterile bract on peduncle acute, 2-3 cm long, green; fertile bracts conduplicate, ovate-lanceolate, acute, 2-2.5 x 1 cm, green with a purple base. *Flowers* with pale pink sepals, white petals flushed with pale pink on back, and white staminode with a yellow central spot; lip pink

with purple- and pink-spots and with a yellow stripe along the back wall within; pedicel and ovary 5.5-6.5 x 0.2-0.3 cm, purple, finely white-pubescent. *Dorsal sepal* elliptic, obtuse, 2.1-2.2 x 1.2-1.3cm, lateral margins reflexed, finely pubescent on both surfaces; synsepal similar in shape, shorter than the lip, 2-2.2 x 1.6-2 cm, bi-keeled on reverse, margins reflexed. *Petals* elliptic to obovate, rounded, 2.4 x 1.6 cm, margins reflexed, finely white pubescent on inner surface. *Lip* urceolate, 2.1 x 1.2-1.4 cm, finely pubescent on outside; side margins incurved, more so at the base, hairy within and without. *Column* 0.6 cm long; staminode obtrullate, 0.7 x 0.6 cm, bifid at tip; anthers small, bilocular; stigma 4.5-5 mm long, spatulate, hidden by staminode.

Distribution. Known only from NW Ecuador; 500-1000 m.

Literature Cited

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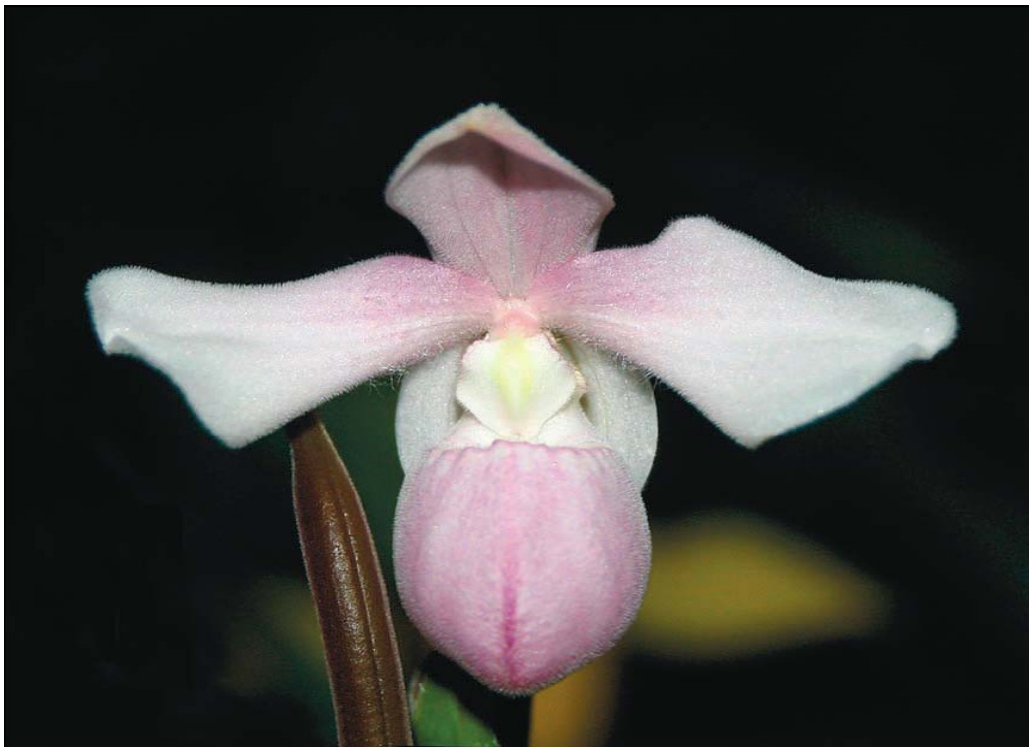


Fig. 2. *Phragmipedium andreettae* P.J.Cribb & Pupulin. Frontal view of the flower that served as the holotype (*Portilla s.n.*, QCA).

Taken from the November 2011 issue of the *Orchid Society of Nova Scotia* and reproduced with a few editorial changes. The original Article can be found at:

[http://www.lankesteriana.ucr.ac.cr/lankesteriana/Lankesteriana%20vol.%206.%202006/Lankesteriana%206\(1\)/Numeroporsecciones/02%20Cribb%20&%20Pupulin%202006.pdf](http://www.lankesteriana.ucr.ac.cr/lankesteriana/Lankesteriana%20vol.%206.%202006/Lankesteriana%206(1)/Numeroporsecciones/02%20Cribb%20&%20Pupulin%202006.pdf)



A comparison of two fairly recently discovered pink *Phragmipedium* species; *Phragmipedium andreetae* on left and *Phragmipedium fischeri* on right. Photograph by Kyle Lucyk.

Meeting Dates Manitoba Orchid Society for 2012/13

These are the third Sundays of the month, unless otherwise noted. There is no meeting in March because of the show.

September 16th, 2011
October 21st
November 18th
December 9th (Second Sunday of the month)
January 20th, 2012
February 17th
March 22-24th Manitoba Orchid Society Show & Sale
“A Symphony of Orchids”
April 21st
May 26th (Fourth Sunday of the month)
June 16th

Minutes - Manitoba Orchid Society General Meeting September 16, 2012

Recorder: Phyllis McCaskill

1. Call to Order:

Vice President Kevin Duerksen, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Kevin paid tribute to our President Joyce Jaworski, who passed away this summer.

We have a new member, Beverly Pukalo.

The minutes of the last executive meeting are available from the secretary Phyllis McCaskill.

Suggestions are always welcome. Please sign suggestion slips for follow-up purposes and hand them to any executive member.

Volunteers for the October coffee treats are: Irene Landry, Beverly Pukalo, Leah Paluch, Elaine Moran.

Ewa Kurnicka is our new librarian. Thank you, Ewa, for volunteering to do this job. Kevin introduced our speaker, Chuck Taylor who spoke on Phrags.

2. Minutes of the last meeting:

Rob Kato moved we accept the minutes of the last general meeting; seconded by Denise Fortier; carried.

3. Financial report: - Fraser Cameron

The treasurer's report to August 31, 2012 was presented. Fraser moved we accept this report; seconded by Dave Moran; carried.

The year-end report was presented. Fraser moved we accept this report; seconded by Denise Fortier; carried.

The 2011/2012 report was presented. Fraser moved we accept this report; seconded by Rob Parsons; carried.

The 2012 MOS Show report was presented. Fraser moved we accept this; seconded by Ben Landry; carried.

Fraser gave a treasurer's report which stated we have no deficit this year and we are in a good financial position. Fraser moved we accept this report; seconded by Denise Fortier; carried.

4. Programs: - Kevin Duerksen:

October is our annual auction for paid up members only. We will set up at 12:30 and start at 1:00. Please remember to put your name on a tag in the pot of the orchids you bring to be auctioned or we will assume all the money goes to the club. Fraser asked if we could pay for our purchases by cheque as this makes his job easier.

Kevin is still working on the November program.

5. Show Report – Lorne Heshka

We will be hosting the COC annual general meeting at our next orchid show. We need to rent a room for this meeting. The COC will contribute up to \$1000 to help us with hosting this event.

6. **AOS/COC Representative: - Kyle Lucyk**
Nothing to report
7. **Hospitality: - Eva Slavicek –**
Eva thanked everyone for the baking for the coffee break. There was a suggestion that we try to provide a caffeine free beverage, or anything other than tea or coffee, as there are a number of people who can't have caffeine.
8. **Library: Ewa Kurnicka -**
No report.
9. **Public Relations: Wendy Chaytor –**
Wendy will advertise the November meeting when we know what the program is.
10. **Membership: - Gary Jaworski**
We have 63 paid memberships.
11. **Special Orders: - Darlene Stack**
There have been requests for small bags of bark. This will have to be done in the spring. Contact Darlene if you are interested in purchasing medium or fine bark.
12. **Newsletter: - Rob Parsons;**
Rob has had some problems with a new computer. Let him know if you are having problems with the newsletter.
13. **Webmaster – Gary Jaworski**
The new website is almost done.
14. **New Business:**
Kevin asked for someone to volunteer to finish the term as president. A description of the job was given and what the constitution states was discussed. Kevin can't do all the jobs he has now so someone needs to step in and help out. Harvey Keselman has volunteered to fill in as President.
15. **Raffle:**
Harvey Keselman, Garnet Ward, Arturo Alejandro, Dave Moran, Jim Roy, Lorne Heshka, Dorothy Duerksen
16. **Show and tell:**
Show and Tell was done by Kevin Duerksen and Chuck Taylor.
17. **Adjournment:** Moved by Rob Parsons @ 4:30 p.m.

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