



David Sorokowsky

Paphiopedilums



It all started with a few orchid seedlings from a 'big box' store...

Soon all the windows were full. Then the grow lights went into the spare bedroom, and then the inevitable greenhouse was built. As David and Stacey Sorokowsky's collection grew they experimented with different genera, but found that slipper orchids were the most intriguing. After a few years paphiopedilums became their main focus.

After David received his degree in biochemistry from the University of Toronto, Dave opted to step outside his chosen field and operated a tropical fish import business for eight years. Upon returning to school, Dave received a degree in enology and viticulture from Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario. While attending Brock, Dave began acquiring orchids one 2" pot at a time and before he graduated, Dave had over 100 orchids. Winemaking and a passion for orchids prompted Dave to seek a warmer climate in California about one year later. Dave is an accredited AOS judge. In 2018 Dave left winemaking in order to focus all of his time running Paph Paradise Orchids.

David and Stacey have over 20 years experience growing and breeding top quality orchids with over to 100 AOS and CSA awards. Having been a major customer of the Orchid Zone, they were able to acquire some of the finest plants in the world from them, and now are using these exceptional orchids to produce their own new and unique breeding lines. After dabbling with hybridizing for a few years, David and Stacey started setting significant numbers of seed pods in 2013/2014. These seedlings started blooming in 2017 and each year more and more are blooming. Dave has more than 118 registered crosses since 2005.

Dave will be bringing plants for sale. Dave is taking pre-orders for any of our members who are interested in specific plants from Paph Paradise. 10% discount on orders over \$100. Pre-orders are due November 3. You can email Dave with your order at dave@paphparadise.com, please remember to include that you will be at the GCOS meeting.