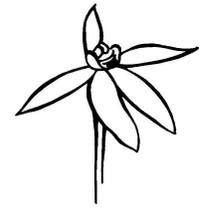


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Regular monthly meetings

Monthly meetings of the Society are held on the first **Wednesday** of each month (except January) at the **Seventh Day Adventist Church, corner Gould and Macleay St. Turner**. Meetings commence at 8:00pm with the library and trading table open from 7:30pm.

July 2007: THE AUCTION

August 2007: Rod Peakal on sexual mimicry of insects by orchids.

Orchid Society of Canberra Events

NOTE THAT MONTHLY MEETINGS WILL BE AT THE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH AND NOT THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTRE.

Upcoming Orchid Events

Schoalhaven Orchid Society 30 June – 1 July

Berry Showground, Berry

Eurobodalla Orchid Club 20-21 July

CWA Hall, Moruya

Batemans Bay Orchid Club 10-11 August

Community Hall, Batemans Bay

Sapphire Coast Orchid Club 17-19 August

Twyford Hall, Merimbula

Albury-Wodonga & District Orchid Club 31 Aug – 1

Sept. Centro Lavington, Lavington

President's Comments:

First I would like to thank all those bringing in plants to be benched for getting them on the bench by 7:45 PM. This helps those setting up the popular vote to get all the plants in place with the necessary markers before the meeting begins. It also helps a great deal to have everyone step away from the benches after depositing their plants so that the crew can move freely along the bench reorganizing plants. Thanks are due to all those who have helped with the counting of the votes. It distributes the work load and makes it less onerous for the bench organizers.

I would also like to thank the "old" Committee members for their service last year. We had two new members last year, Bob Evans and Jim Harper. Everyone on the past committee is willing to continue for this coming year. Our main function is to organize the meetings and Spring Show and other

events. To do our best for the Society, we would like to hear ideas from all members for improving the meetings and for topics for speakers. So please speak to a member of the committee and make some suggestions.

In the "old days" when the Society used to meet in the Griffin Centre, the meeting day was on Tuesday. There are some people who can not make the Wednesday meetings and would prefer us to shift back to Tuesday. When we were at the Senior Citizen's Centre, that wasn't possible but now it might be in our new venue. If there are those that would really like to shift back to Tuesday evening, please let me or a member of the committee know. Also, if it would be a problem for you, please let one of us know. We will have a discussion on the possible shift at the next few meetings.

It has also been suggested that if a member has a "sick" plant and they want to know what is wrong, they should bring it to a meeting and we will arrange to have an expert look at it. The expert could then explain to the meeting what the diagnosis is. For the safety of all our plants, **all sick plants should be brought in sealed clear plastic bags** to prevent spreading insect and viral pests. So if you have a question about a plant, do bring it in.

Committee Members

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Committee meetings:

July: Robyn Noel

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REMINDER of 2007/8 DUES

Please either send your dues check to Robyn Noel, P.O. Box 612, Canberra or bring it or money to the next club meeting and see her about renewing your membership. Our fiscal year ended April 30.

The Auction

The July meeting is the auction. Therefore please bring in anything that you have lying around that someone else could use. Also make those great jams, marmalades, lemon butters etc that we all like but don't have the time or skill to make. We hope to see you all there, it should be fun and all proceeds really help the club.

A New Judge

It is with great pleasure that we announce that Robyn Noel has become fully qualified as a Judge. Well done Robyn. This promotion represents a great deal of hard work which has resulted in the accumulation of a lot of knowledge about all the different orchids.

Annual Two-Day Workshop

This coming March 2008, it will be our turn to host the annual two-day workshop. While plans are still tentative, it looks like it will be the weekend of March 8/9. The speakers will be Murray Shergold of EasyOrchids and Bill Miles of Orchids Species Plus. Thus the emphasis for this workshop would be on species orchids. It should be a lot of fun and a great source of information and plants. We will keep you posted as plans become more definite.

Materials for Glasshouse

Bob Rough has angle iron and enough glass for a glasshouse that he would like to sell. The price is negotiable. If anyone is interested, they should contact Bob directly.

May 2nd 2007 General Meeting

Attendance: 42

Visitors: Martin Zierholz, Usha Pun, Kathryn Ovington, Irena Lander, Brian Newton.

Apologies: Brian and Lynne Phelan, Jenny and Theo Shutz, Bill Ferris, Jane Wright, Norma Bush, Carol Ede, Ben and Ros Walcott.

Announcements:

- Ben Walcott was away so Vice President Bob Bush filled in.
- Congratulations were given to Robyn Noel who has become a fully qualified judge.
- The committee is looking at keeping the new meeting venue at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, instead of the Senior Centre.
- Up and coming orchid events can be read in the bulletin.
- The St Ives Orchid Fair held by the OSNSW to be held at the shopping centre and not the show ground.
- Reminder to heed the request in the Bulletin to please try to bench plants at meetings by 7.45 and to stand back from the table afterwards so those setting up have some room to move.
- We have been invited back to speak at Floriade, so members are asked to consider volunteering for a speaking slot.
- Committee nominations due in.
- It is also time to pay membership dues.
- Next month is the AGM.
- Name badges handed out.
- Certificates handed out for winning categories of last months benched plants
- Trophies from the Hort Show given out to David Judge and Ben Walcott
- Ross and Tina Anderson volunteered to do the popular vote count.
- The plan for counting of popular votes will be to have one experienced counter team up with a novice at each meeting.

Topic for the night: A general discussion on growing tips

We had a general discussion on the subject of growing tips with Bob Bush calling on a number of the members to share their secrets with the rest of us. Here are some of the questions, answers and general tips.

Bill Ferris – A water saving idea Bill uses is to water pots by dunking into a bucket filled with water. This waters the plants very thoroughly and the drainage can be saved by catching it using a couple of extra buckets. Other water saving ideas included using mixes that are more water retentive such as the new coconut chips, and altering the growing environment so it is cooler and less evaporation can happen.

Another great tip from Bill was to place Cymbidium pots into larger pots that had been turned upside

down and the bottom cut out. This gave the top heavy Cymbidiums stability and provided insulation to the roots as well.

Ben Wallace – Bob asked Ben about humidity, in particular whether a home humidifier was suitable for use in a glasshouse. Ben told us that continuous nightly use of a home humidifier would see it last about 6 – 12 months. It is a good idea to clean them afterwards and some have special tablets to keep them clean. Ben advised to only use them when heating, as the heating process dries the air. The standard methods of humidifying air are to use foggers or misters, and watering the area in the evening before the heating comes on. Humidity is important to those orchids that open their stomata at night for gas exchange and therefore require humidity at night – if the air is dry their stomata remain closed and they then miss out on their CO₂.

Ross Anderson – Bob asked Ross about bubble wrap. Ross has lined his solar weave orchid house with a heavy duty UV stabilised bubble wrap that is flat on both sides. This should provide good insulation and reduce the need for heating over winter. Ross told us he bought the bubble wrap from a man in Ballarat and that it had to be bought in bulk. The cost is \$6.60/m and a roll is 2 ½ m wide. Ross will let us know how it performs. He told us that ordinary bubble wrap would only last a couple of years.

Nita Wheeler – Nita advised that she eliminates heating problems by growing hardy plants and covering them with horse feed bags (White Weave) when the weather got very cold – she has left them on for up to 4 days with no ill effect.

Nita also told us that she used to grow her bromeliads under benches where her orchids were growing and the water that bromeliads needed in their cups provided humidity for the orchids.

Nita was asked about a polystyrene orchid mount she had used for a Dockrillia pugioniforme. She told us she had had the Dockrillia mounted on this for the past 5 years. Polystyrene is not UV stable, but Nita told us that this orchid was usually inside and so did not receive direct sun.

Mark Fraser – Bob asked Mark about heating in his orchid houses. Mark said that for his hot house he uses a fan heater and doesn't let the temperature fall below 14 – 15 degrees C and uses the thermostat on the heater to control this. In his cool house he keeps the temperature above 5 – 6 degrees C and uses an oil column heater with a fan to circulate the warm air. The advantage of this heater is that it doesn't dry the air (this house contains Masdevallias and Odontoglossums in sphagnum and on bark mounts,

and they don't like to dry out), and once again the thermostat on the heater is used as the temperature control. The oil heater has a timer and this is also used. Additional insulation is achieved for plants in this house by double potting i.e. having an extra pot on the outside of the original pot, and this helps plants keep cool in summer and warm in winter.

Rob Rough – Rob was asked to share some pointers about how he grows his Cattleyas. One tip was not to let the plants dry out when flowering as this would result in the flowers being crowded onto a short stem. Many books will say not to water when flowering as in nature it is dry when these plants flower, but as Rob pointed out, in the glasshouse at this time (generally winter) the heaters were coming on and this was drying. It was also important to keep this in mind with plants against the glass sides where the heat would also have a drying effect.

When repotting Rob says that you need the new growth plus about 4 back bulbs and place these into a pot with the leader in the center. The old roots will survive and branch out, so keep these. It is difficult to keep growths from growing out over the edge of the pot and these will inevitably flower. Rob was asked if it was okay to put the whole old plant, pot and all, into a new pot as is suggested in some books. Rob agreed that you could do this, but you end up with large pots where a great percentage was old non-productive growths. It is better to repot properly.

Another question was, if you split the plant well before repotting, does it make a new growth from those old growths you have split off? Rob said that yes, a new growth would emerge from just behind the cut. The best time to make the cut was Sept/Oct as the growths would take off quickly and send out new roots. He advised not to make the cut if the plant was looking stressed and dried, and to keep 4 back bulbs rather than 3 as many books suggested. Rob was asked what it meant if your Cattleya was yellow and shriveled. Rob's answer was that a Cattleya in this state is dying and you need to tip the plant out of its pot and look at the roots. If there are roots then repot into a new mix and water carefully. Another question was asking what causes the flower sheaths to die. Rob said that some species just do this, but this did not affect flowering. Sometimes on the same plant different things might happen, but if in doubt it is okay to cut the sheath and look inside to see what is happening.

Rob mentioned that Sarcophilus hybrids are forming their buds at this time of year and it is important to provide plenty of water.

David Judge – David told us that he had lost some plants to rot even though they were quite near a fan. When he made a closer inspection he discovered that right near the fan there was actually very poor air circulation. He warned to check everything thoroughly, or better still, to invest in an industrial fan that was designed to run constantly.

Bob Bush – Bob showed us some of his ideas. Sarcophilus was growing well on a branch of paper bark that had been cut at an angle to avoid rotting. Driftwood together with some sphagnum also made a good mount for a Kingianum. Cork glued to a rock made a stable mount that could be placed on a bench rather than hung. Choose a flattish rock and mark with chalk where the mount will go. Mould the cork by cutting and glue the clean surfaces together with liquid nails. Orchids can be tied on with pantyhose.

A hanging mount that is proving too dry can be remedied by changing from a vertical position to a horizontal position.

Grow Sarcophilus ceciliae successfully by drilling holes into a terracotta saucer and gluing rocks onto it as a growing medium. Perch S. ceciliae onto this and it will have a well drained media with the crown on top.

Terracotta pots were discussed for use with Cymbidiums. Ben Wallace said that once this was the way that Cymbidiums were grown and this worked well, although as terracotta is porous it was necessary to be sure to keep the water up to them. Bob Bush remarked on how difficult it could be at repotting time when the roots had adhered to the sides of the pot.

For displaying, coat hangers can be molded to hang from the top hook and have hooks or supports fashioned from the other lower wire parts. This can be used to support a horizontal log type mount. For a bench display, mesh can be molded to support such a mount in a similar way.

Bob hangs his mounts in his glasshouse along barbed wire. The barbs keep the mounts separated. Bob showed us how wire could be bent over the rim of a pot and straight up to provide support for newly potted orchids.

Later on in the evening Bob told us a bit about using a hot water system in the glasshouse for heating, and using a solar panel to heat the water. People interested will need to see Bob for the details on how to set this up, but some pointers were to always have pipes sloping continuously. They can flatten out but must not go up then down. Corners are okay (?) The solar panel must be lower than the storage tank as hot water rises. Also, it is good to have the

tank in the middle of the house and to design around it to get the maximum advantage. Just having the tank in the greenhouse will go a long way towards stabilizing the temperatures.

Bob Evans – Bob makes totems out of gutter guard that he folds over along the length and secures with fishing line. He fills this with medium bark pieces. When he hangs them he attaches fishing/barrel swivels so the mount can rotate easily.

Other suggestions were made about filling such totems with the coconut husk that are the latest potting media being trialed. A comment was made that with coconut type material of any kind, Legionella bacteria needs to be considered. Chewing insects also enjoy living in such spaces if the totem did not dry out completely between waterings.

Secretary's report:

Newsletters – Miriam Ann, Albury-Wodonga, Gosford and District, OSNSW, ANOS (Vic), Bateman's Bay, Sapphire Coast.

Publications – The Alpine Gardener (March), The Orchadian (March), Orchids Australia (April).

Other – Flyers for Aranbeem Orchids Open Day 19th and 20th May, Registration forms and schedule for the Sapphire Coast Regional Show and Conference 29th and 30th September at the Bega Town Hall.

Minutes moved by Nita Wheeler and seconded by Anne Mackenzie.

Treasurer's report: Balance is at \$12,859.47. There are the usual bills as well as membership renewals coming in. Some orchids for the society have been bought by Jane at the Orchid Fair at Castle Hill.

Report moved by David Judge and seconded by Sandra Corbett.

Raffle winners: Kenneth Turner, Quinn Chung, Robyn Noel, Gert Friedrich, Nita Wheeler.

Lucky door prize: Louisa Chung

AGM June 6th 2007

The minutes of the previous AGM 2006 were moved by Terry Turner, seconded by Mark Fraser and accepted by all.

All committee positions were declared vacant.

The nominations for 2007 – 2008 were:

President – Ben Walcott

Vice President – Bob Bush

Treasurer – Robyn Noel

Secretary – Barbara Corsini
Non-office bearing members – Bill Ferris, Robert Rough, David Judge, Bob Evans and Jim Harper. There were no objections and these people were declared as in these positions for the next year. The nominations were moved by Nita Wheeler, seconded by Anne Mackenzie and accepted by all.

June 6th 2007 General Meeting

Attendance: 42

Visitors: David Primer, Brian Newton.

Apologies: Trudy and Gert Friedrich, Sheila and Peter Cudmore, Mark Clements, Laurie Woods, Jim Harper, Bob and Norma Bush, Bob Evans, Jim Harper.

New Member: Catherine Ovington.

Popular vote counting: Kevin Dawes volunteered.

Announcements:

- At the July meeting there will be an auction so members are encouraged to bring items to sell.
- Rod Peakal will speak on sexual mimicry and orchids at the August meeting
- The library is now up and running at our new venue at the Seventh Day Adventist Church. It will be located in the room off to the side of the kitchen.

Guest Speaker:

We had Brian Phelan come to speak to us about how he grows his *Odontoglossums*. Brian admitted that he first grew these orchids accidentally, and was unaware of their reputation for being difficult. Brian actually found them quite easy to grow. Canberra has quite a good climate for growing *Odontoglossums* – they like to be grown quite cool, as low as 6 – 8 degrees C (though they prefer 12 – 13). They don't like temperatures above 25 degrees C, but because Canberra has such dry air it is quite easy to cool spaces using misting, fogging or evaporative coolers, at the same time providing humidity that they appreciate. One of the advantages of growing *Odontoglossums* is the fact that they flower throughout the year, producing showy colourful flowers. They like to share conditions with *Masdevallias* and *Miltonias*. Brian recommends growing *Odontoglossums* in sphagnum as the sphagnum will hold together and allow you to tap off the pot and look at how the roots are going. If obtaining sphagnum is difficult, the plants can be grown in small bark, though the bark won't hold together without a pot like sphagnum does. A trick Brian showed us here was

to plant into clear plastic cups with drainage holes melted around the bottom and a bit around the sides. This is then placed into a tube pot where it fits quite snugly. This allows inspection of the root system by lifting the cup out of the pot. The dark pot prevents light reaching the outside of the cup – this would cause algae to grow and obscure the roots. In these tubes, Brian had rather large plants, so it would seem that *Odontoglossum* like small pots. While *Odontoglossum* like to be constantly moist, the roots don't like to be wet for too long and Brian recommends watering only when nearly dried out. The largest pot used by Brian is a 6-inch pot. He said that anything larger will stay too wet for too long after watering and rot. While bark is good it requires a lot of watering so Brian recently tried the new coconut chips as a growing media. Summer was fine, but once the cooler weather came he found pots staying too wet and suffering from root rot. For potting Brian says to have 4 –5 good bulbs and this will be big enough to have a flowering plant. Always remove leafless back bulbs. Newly potted plants don't need much water and it is a good idea to group new plants together. Roots will grow in front of the new lead and once they are about an inch long the pots can be watered. Once a good strong root system is established it is difficult to over water. After flowering reduce watering a bit. Fertilise weakly at every 3 out of 4 waters. Not too much light is needed and the leaves will bronze if they receive too much. They can also be grown on mounts where they will produce lots of aerial roots. They flower roughly 9 months of the year and are prone to all pests, though 2-spotted mite is not often a problem as the conditions are too moist. Small plants mustn't be allowed to flower. Mexican *Odontoglossums* are a bit different in that they have a very distinct and sometimes long dormant period. Once a flower spike starts to form watering must be completely withheld until the flowers open or else the flowers will abort. Sometimes this dry period will last for 3 months. Roots sometimes don't grow until new growth is matured, so more care needs to be taken with watering generally. Mexican *Odontoglossums* are mini sized plants and Brian grows these in mini orchid bark.

Secretary's report:

Newsletters – Gosford and District, OSNSW, ANOS (Vic), Albury-Wodonga.

Publications – Orchids Australia (June), Orchids (American Orchid Society)(May), Orchid Digest (April/May/June).

Other – Burbank Orchid Catalogue for winter, Flyer for Tinonee open day on July 8th and a walk is also planned for the 7th for those interested, Newsletter from The Royal Hort. Society of Victoria including flyers for lots of shows (bromeliads, succulents etc),

Information for the 19th World Orchid Conference to be held Miami in January 2008.

Report moved by Nita Wheeler and seconded by Bill Ferris.

Treasurer’s report: Balance at \$13,683.72

Report moved by Terry Turner and seconded by David judge

Lila Rose Reserve Champion Orchid: This award was won by Ben Walcott

Raffle winners: Carol Ede, Tony Lanza, Jan Furniss, Jane Wright, Leanda O’Connor

Lucky door prize: Lynne Phelan

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Magazines Received

The Alpine Gardener (March 2007)– contents include Growing in sand, Evolution, John Massey and his garden, Remembrance of thing past, Show reports for 2006.

The Orchadian (March 2007)– Contents include Dendrobium ‘Kayla’, Cymbidium cannaliculatum, Rhizanthella slateri, 2 new species of Orchidaceae from the ACT and southern NSW, Back to the Barrington Tops.

The Orchadian (June 2007)– contents include Dendrobium bracteosum, Dendrobium Adrian Lonne ‘Lyndal’, Sarcophilus fitzgeraldii ‘Magnificent’, many Dendrobiums featured, Corybas from Mt Wilhelm, Pterostylis form Mt Wilhelm, Bulbophyllum species with the wow

factor, Coelogyne species also with the wow factor, Saccoglossum papuanum,

Orchids Australia (April 2007)– contents include WA Orchid Spectacular, Orchids of the Milne Bay District PNG, Vale Lou Sasso OAM, Victorian country challenge, Norma Stafford, many cultural notes.

The Orchid Review (May-June2007) – Contents include A New species from Borneo, BibliOrchidea (world’s largest data base of orchids), Orchids in Chinese medicine, Deflasking orchid seedlings, Orchids of Peru.

Orchids (June 2007) – Contents include Cyrtopediums in China, An Orchid Bee naturalizes in Florida, Nomenclature errors, Mini Cattleyas, 19th World Orchid Conference Exhibits and reports, Bletilla.

Australian Orchid Review (June/July 2007) – Laelia anceps, Bulbophyllum macranthoides, Judging Cymbidium orchids, Orchid roots and rest periods, Many features on Cymbidiums, Paphiopedilum spiceranum, A new species from the Phillipines.

May 2007 Orchids



Masd. Vietchiana ‘Sol’ X Ta Taukau Judge’s Choice-Hybrid. Grown by Eddy Collett



Dendrochilum wenzelii Tied Orchid of the Night
Grown by Don Chesher

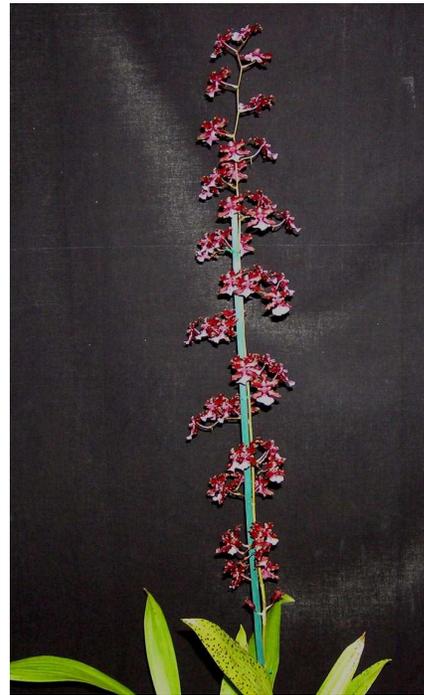


Onc. Taleah X Arila Sylvia Tied Orchid of the Night
Grown by Bob Rough



Eriochilus pulchra Judge's Choice-Species
Grown by Mark Clements

June 2007 Orchids



Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' Best of Night
Grown by Ann and Bill Osmand



Lc. Gaskell-Pumila 'Azure Star' Judge's Choice-Hybrid



Brassavola caudata Judge's Choice -Species
Grown by Terry and Julianne Turner

Popular Vote May 2007

	Plant	Owner
Laeliinae hybrid	<i>C. portia</i>	Rob Rough
Laeliinae species	<i>L. anceps</i>	Nita Wheeler
Oncidium alliance species	<i>Ornithophora radicans</i>	Bob Evans
Coelogyne hybrid	<i>Coel. assimica</i>	Don Chesher
Australian Dendrobium hybrid	<i>Den. Intense Intense</i>	Bob Bush
Pleurathurid alliance hybrid	<i>Masd. vietchiana</i> 'Sol' X Taukau Candy Striper	Eddy Collett
Dendrobium exotic species	<i>Vappodes lithocola</i>	Mark Clements
Vandinaeous alliance species	<i>Aerangis luteo-alba var rhodostricta</i>	Mark Clements
Paphiopedilum hybrid	<i>Paph. Claire de Lune</i>	Quin Yueu Chung
Paphiopedilum species	<i>Paph. spicerianum</i> 'Big Top' X <i>spicerianum</i> "Caudor"	David Judge
Australian terrestrials	<i>Eriochilus pulchoa</i>	Mark Clements
Other species	<i>Bulbophyllum echinolabium</i>	Terry and Julianne Turner
Orchid of the Night	<i>Dendrochilum wenzelii</i> Tied <i>Onc. Taleah</i> X <i>Arila Sylvia</i>	Don Chesher Rob Rough
Judges Choice - Hybrid	<i>Masd. vietchiana</i> 'Sol' X Ta Taukau Candy Striper	Eddy Collett
Judges Choice - Species	<i>Eriochilus pulchoa</i>	Mark Clements

Popular Vote June 2007

	Plant	Owner
Laeliinae hybrid	<i>Blc. Crispin Rosales</i> 'Carmela'	Rob Rough
Laeliinae species	<i>Brassavola caudata</i>	Terry and Julianne Turner
Oncidium alliance hybrid	<i>Hwr. Mary Eliza</i>	Rob Rough
Oncidium alliance species	<i>Lembroglossum cervantesii</i> var 'Rosea'	Brian Phelan
Coelogyne species	<i>Coel. mooreana</i> 'Brock Horst'	Don Chesher
Phalaenopsis hybrid	No Name	Tina Anderson
Pleurathurid alliance species	<i>Masd. dynastes</i>	Jane Wright
Masdevalia hybrid	<i>Msd. ionocharis</i> X <i>exquisita</i>	Mark Fraser
Odontoglossum alliance	<i>Oda. Allan Long</i> 'Different Beat'	Brian Phelan
Paphiopedilum species	<i>Paph. wardii</i> 'Royale'	David Judge
Terrestrial exotic	<i>Taurantha tenuicauda</i>	Mark Clements
Cymbidium hybrid	<i>Cym</i> Margaret Thatcher	Bill Osmand
Dendrobium Exotic	<i>Den. Good White</i>	Terry and Julianne Turner
Orchid of the Night	<i>Onc. Sharry Baby</i> 'Sweet Fragrance'	Bill Osmand
Judges Choice - Hybrid	<i>Lc. Gaskel-Pumila</i> 'Azure Star'	Rob Rough
Judges Choice - Species	<i>Brassavola caudata</i>	Terry and Julianne Turner

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