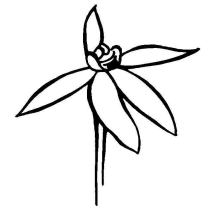


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Regular monthly meetings

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.

February 2009: Alan Stephenson on Native Orchids of the South Coast

March 2009: Discussion on orchid mixes: bark vs. cocoa peat and chips

Orchid Society of Canberra Events

Horticultural Society of Canberra Mar 7 & 8

Wesley Centre, National Circuit Forrest ACT

Orchid Workshop Mar 7 & 8

Tathra Public School

New Member Workshop Sun Mar 22 at

Jim Harper's, 12 Mathieson Crs, Weetangera

Upcoming Orchid Events

Hills District Orchids Feb. 24 9-4

183 Windsor Rd, Northmead NSW

President's Comments

2009 is upon us and another year has passed. I wish all members the very best for the New Year. Unfortunately the year did start off on a sad note with the death of one of our former members, Brian Leedham. Brian was on the committee for quite some years fulfilling the role of Secretary which he did very well. He was also a good grower of cattleyas and other small growing orchids and with his wife Moyna moved to Adelaide several years ago to be nearer their daughter and her family. Our thoughts go out to Moyna and the family.

We have a few events to look forward to in the coming months - in March there is our combined Show with the Horticultural Society and I would encourage members to support this - details follow later in the bulletin. Also there is the weekend workshop which is being coordinated by the Sapphire Coast Orchid Society at Tathra on the weekend of the 7 & 8 of March and again I encourage members to attend this. Also towards the end of March we will have a workshop to which all members are invited, details later in the bulletin. I ask again if any members have suggestions for speakers or

topics they would like to hear about please talk with me or one of the committee members and we will see what we can arrange. I looking forward to seeing everyone at the February meeting, until then, good growing.

New Member Workshop

One of the major benefits of being a member of the Orchid Society is the exchange of information about growing and flowering orchids. Every year, we have a workshop which is primarily aimed at our new members where older members demonstrate their methods of dividing and potting plants as well as their regimens for watering and feeding. It is a time for all new members to meet some of the old guard and to have more time than is usually available at our monthly meeting to ask questions and learn from experienced growers. Even those who have experience always learn something from these workshops. This year the workshop is going to be on Sunday March 22 at 11:00 AM at Jim Harper's house at 12 Mathieson Cres, Weetangera. Bring something to BBQ or a sandwich for lunch and drinks will be provided. The workshop usually finishes by 2 PM. Please let Jim Harper (harpej28@hotmail.com) or Robyn Noel (robyn.noel@csiro.au) know if you are coming so we can have enough drinks.

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Committee meetings:

Feb 9: Rob Rough

Mar 9: Jim Harper

Apr. 6: Scott Mann

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The Horticultural Society of Canberra Show

Our Society has one show a year at the end of September. However, we are affiliated with the Horticultural Society and have an orchid show associated with their show four times per year. It is a great opportunity to display your plants and to have them judged. The first show of 2009 will be on March 7 & 8 and held in Lancaster Hall of the Wesley Centre on National Circuit, Forrest. It is very easy to enter plants, call **Jim or Robyn Donlan** at 6255 1371 or Email at jdonlan@internode.on.net or call **Jan Livingston** on 6242 9665 **at the latest by 8 PM** on the Thursday before the show. All you have to tell them is how many plants in each class you intend to bring to the show. Plants should be brought to the hall on Friday before the show from 6:00 – 10:00 PM. Since we only have one show each year, this is another opportunity to display those plants that you have in bloom. You might win a prize! It is also good for the Society to show off to other plant lovers the diversity and quality of the plants that we grow and to convert some gardeners to orchid growers. The schedule giving the orchid categories and class numbers follows in this Bulletin. Give it a try!

Orchid Schedule for March Horticultural Show

SECTION A: OPEN

Cattleya Alliance

- 120. Species
 - 121. Hybrid-Standard
 - 122. Hybrid-Intermediate
 - 123. Hybrid-miniature
- Best specimen plant from classes 120-123

Paphiopedilum Alliance

- 124. Species
 - 125. Hybrids
- Best specimen plant from classes 124-125

Vandaceous Alliance

- 126. Vandaceous alliance species
 - 127. *Phalaenopsis* hybrids
 - 128. *Vanda* and *Ascocenda* hybrids
 - 129. Other vandaceous hybrids
- Best specimen plant from classes 126 – 129

Oncidium Alliance

- 130. *Oncidium* species
 - 131. *Oncidium* hybrid
 - 132. *Odontoglossum* Alliance species
 - 133. *Odontoglossum* Alliance hybrid
 - 134. Other *Oncidium* Alliance species
- Best specimen plant from classes 130- 134

Pleurothallid Alliance

- 135. *Masdevallia* species
 - 136. Other Pleurothallid species
 - 137. Hybrid - 30mm or greater
 - 138. Hybrid – less than 30mm
- Best specimen plant from classes 135 – 138

Orchid not otherwise specified

- 139. *Coelogyne* alliance species
 - 140. *Dendrobium* alliance species
 - 141. *Dendrobium* alliance hybrid
 - 142. Any other orchid species
 - 143. Any other orchid hybrid
- Best specimen plant from classes 139 & 143

SECTION B: NOVICE CLASSES

- 144. *Cattleya* alliance
 - 145. *Paphiopedilum* alliance
 - 146. Vandaceous alliance
 - 147. *Oncidium* alliance
 - 148. *Pleurothallid* alliance
 - 149. Orchid not otherwise specified
- Best Specimen plant from classes 144-149

MAJOR PRIZES

All entries in the orchid section will be considered for the Major Prizes

Champion Orchid of the Show:

The Laurence Woods Perpetual Trophy for Champion Orchid of the Show to be held for one year, \$20 plus a ribbon.

Reserve Champion Orchid:

The Lila Rose Perpetual Trophy to be held for one year, \$15 plus a ribbon.

Champion Specimen Orchid: \$10 plus a ribbon



Orchid table at the November 2008 Horticultural Show

Orchid Workshop

This year, the Sapphire Coast Orchid Club is hosting the annual workshop on orchids. It will be held at the Tathra Public School on March 7&8. The two speakers are Clive Halls of Mt. Beenak Orchid Nursery and Terry Poulton. Clive grows and sells plants of the *Oncidium*-*Odontoglossum* Alliance, *Madevallias*, *Zygopetalums* and *Sarcochilus* among others. He is an active breeder of hybrids as well as an expert grower. Terry is an award winning grower and breeder of *Cymbidiums*. As at past workshops, they will give presentations on both Saturday and Sunday on various aspects of breeding and growing orchids. The program begins on Saturday at 9:30 AM and runs until about 4 PM after which there is a dinner at the

Tathra Bowling Club (not included in registration fee). On Sunday, the meeting begins at 9:30 AM and ends with lunch at 1:00 PM. These workshops usually have about 50 attendees and so there is ample opportunity to ask questions of the speakers and other growers and to buy plants. It is a fun and easy way to learn a lot in a short time. The cost is \$50 per person and that includes all lectures, morning and afternoon teas and a BBQ lunch on both days. Registration is needed by February 14 and should be sent to SCOC, PO Box. 885, Merimbula, NSW, 2548. A form is available on our website or at our February meeting. Accommodation should be booked separately and a list of places is on the website or will be at the meeting.

Sam Tsui Seed Flasks

Many of you remember Sam Tsui of The Orchid Inn Nursery who came to a meeting last year. He breeds Paphiopedilums and Phragmipedium as well as some Cattleyas. A list of his range of seed flasks can be obtained from his Australian agent, Robert Bisetto, who can be contacted on rbisetto@optusnet.com.au. He can arrange for importation and payment etc. Any member who is interested should contact Robert and make the necessary arrangements. If you don't have Email and are interested, see one of the members of the Committee who will help you.

Nursery Bench Acquisition

After the passing of David Spring of AD Spring Pty Ltd located in Sydney, in late 2007, the well-known "Spring" Nursery Bench business has been sold to C-Mac Nursery Equipment. The sale included the manufacturing equipment, designs, patents and know-how, enabling C-Mac to continue to offer the same robust, heavy duty product range for which the brand-name has been synonymous. Nursery Bench enquiries should now be directed to C-Mac at (02) 9631 6000 or website www.adspring.com.au.

November General Meeting 2008

Attendance: 57

Apologies: Jim Harper, Nita Wheeler, Leanda O'Connor, Lynne and Brian Phelan, Laurie Woods, Theo and Jenny Shutz.

Announcements:

- The coming Horticulture show dates and details can be found in our bulletin.
- Orchid Society T-shirts are available.
- The trophies from the show are coming.

Guest Speaker:

Tonight we had Kelli Gowland speak to us on her studies of orchids and their associated hosts and fungal relationships.

The study was done on 3 orchid species, *Plectirrhiza tridentata*, *Sarcochilus parviflorus* (was *S. olivaceus*) and *Sarcochilus hillii*.

The study was complex and quite difficult, involving the extraction of the fungus from the orchid roots, growing this, and introducing the fungus to germinating orchid seeds.

The findings were that orchid distribution matches fungal distribution, however, the drought and some poor batches of seeds affected the results.

It was interesting to see the process of research and how different factors affected results.

Secretary's report:

Newsletters – from the Horticultural Society of Canberra, OSNSW, Bateman's Bay, Sapphire Coast, Albury-Wodonga, Mriam Ann, Campbelltown and District, Eurobodalla.

Publications – The Orchadian (Sept 08), Orchid Digest (Oct, Nov, Dec 08), Orchids Australia (Oct 08), the Australian Orchid Review (Oct/Nov 08).

Report moved by Jane Wright and seconded by Bob Bush.

Treasurer's report:

The balance is at \$23,761.00

Report moved by Ben Wallace and seconded by Mark Fraser.

Darwin Exhibition:

As the Orchid Society is providing plants for this exhibition members are encouraged to help out by offering their own plants when in flower. Those who work on the exhibition will have the benefit of free entry to the exhibition. See Ben Walcott.

Raffle winners: Zoe Groenveld, Bob Forrester, Lorraine King.

Lucky Door: David Judge.



November 2008 Judge's Choice species
Asso. miniatum Tawat X Tea grown by Ben Wallace



November 2008 Judge's Choice hybrid
Paph. lebaudianum grown by Terry and Juliane Turner



December 2008 Judge's Choice Hybrid
Vanda Peggy Foo Angelina grown by Jane Wright



November 2008 Popular Vote
Hyalosema sp. Grown by Mark Fraser



December 2008 Judge's Choice species (tied)
Coel. pandurate grown by Don Chesher



November 2008 Judge's Choice species (tied)
Oligochaetochilis despectans grown by Mark Clements



December 2008 Judge's Choice species (tied) **and**
 Orchid of the Night
Brassia verrucosa grown by David Judge

Orchids at the Spring Horticultural Show September 2008

| Class | Name of Class | Plant | Grower |
|-------|------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| 217 | One intermediate Cymbidium | 1 st <i>Cymbidium</i> unknown | Robyn Noel |
| 218 | One miniature Cymbidium | 1 st <i>Cymbidium</i> Interns Best Vinn X Do Heitoo | Jane Wright |
| 220 | One Cattleya alliance hybrid | 1 st <i>Lc</i> Trick or Treat Orange Beauty X self 2 nd <i>Sc</i> Precious Jewel 'Ruby' X <i>Sc</i> Chester Arai | Rob Rough Rob Rough |
| 221 | One Paphiopedilum alliance | 1 st <i>Paph.</i> Harold Koupowitz 2 nd <i>Paph. hirsutissimum</i> | David Judge David Judge |
| 222 | One Vandaceous alliance | 1 st <i>Phal</i> Brother Precious Stone X <i>Phal</i> Bright Peacock 2 nd <i>Rhyncostylis gigantea</i> | Don Chesher Jane Wright |
| 223 | One Oncidium alliance | 1 st <i>Miltonia</i> Fire Water 'Red Butterfly' | David Judge |
| 224 | One Pleurothallid | 1 st <i>Masd vietchiana</i> 2 nd <i>Masd</i> Cusco Gold | Rob Rough Jane Wright |
| 225 | One native Dendrobium alliance | 1 st <i>Den.</i> Yondi 'Jessica' X Warrior 'Ryan' 2 nd <i>Den. kingianum</i> Zip Violet Velvet | Rob Rough Jane Wright |
| 226 | Any other Australian native orchid | 1 st <i>Sarc</i> Hottice 'Rich Port' X Heidi 'Kelunga' 2 nd <i>Sarc</i> Melba 'Big No 2' X Highton Magic 'Red' | Don Chesher Rob Rough |

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|-----|--------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 227 | One Coelogyne alliance | 1 st <i>Dendrochilum tenellum</i> 2 nd <i>Coelogyne</i> Unchained Melody | Don Chesher Rob Rough |
| 228 | Any other orchid species | 1 st <i>Dendrobium sanderianum</i> 2 nd <i>Dendrobium nobile</i> | Jane Wright Rob Rough |
| 229 | Any other orchid hybrid | 1 st <i>Dendrobium</i> Hiroshi & Tokyo | Mark Fraser & Sandra Corbett |

CHAMPION ORCHID

Dendrochilum tenellum

Don Chesher

**Orchids at the Spring Horticultural Show
November 2008**

| Class | Name of Class | Plant | Grower |
|-------|------------------------------------|--|--|
| 80 | One Cymbidium | 1 st <i>Cymbidium</i> unknown | P. Hamond |
| 81 | One standard Cattleya alliance | 1 st <i>C.canhamiana</i> 2 nd <i>C. Mem Jerome Shultz</i> 'Bette' X S/C Royal Beau 'Jessica' | Ben Walcott Joan Powell |
| 83 | One miniature Cattleya alliance | 1 st <i>Epi. Cat Nebo</i> 2 nd <i>Potinara Dal's Emperor</i> | Anne and Neville Howarth Mark Fraser and Sandra Corbett |
| 84 | One Cattleya alliance species | 1 st <i>Cattleya forbesii</i> | Ben Walcott |
| 85 | One Paphiopedilum alliance species | 1 st <i>Paph. hirsutissimum</i> | Ros Anderson |
| 87 | One Vandaceous alliance | 1 st <i>Vanda Tricolor</i> 2 nd <i>Phal Sogo Goldeni</i> X <i>Phal Tai</i> 'Yellow Bird' | Jane Wright Mark Fraser and Sandra Corbett |
| 88 | One Oncidium alliance | 1 st <i>Colminara Wildcat Yellow Butterfly</i> | Ben Walcott |
| 89 | One Native Orchid | 1 st <i>Diuris drummodii</i> Buttery 2 nd <i>Sarc olivaceous</i> | Lyn Edwards Jane Wright |
| 90 | One Pleurothallid species | 1 st <i>Masd, ionochuris</i> 2 nd <i>Dryadella edwalii</i> | Tina Anderson Mark Fraser and Sandra Corbett |
| 91 | One Pleurothallid hybrid | 1 st <i>Masd Veitchiana</i> X Tuakau Candy 'Super Stripes' 2 nd <i>Masd White Angel</i> X Beenak | Tina Anderson Tina Anderson |
| 92 | Any other orchid species | 1 st <i>Anastrachilus rothchildiana</i> 2 nd <i>Bulbophilum sunatranum</i> | Jane Wright Terry Turner |
| 226 | Any other orchid hybrid | 1 st <i>Coelogyne Mem W Michelet</i> 'Burnham' 2 nd <i>Frascula Hiroshi Tokunaga</i> | Don Chesher Mark Fraser and Sandra Corbett |

CHAMPION ORCHID

Masd ionochuris Tina Anderson

Popular Vote November 2008

| | Plant | Owner |
|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| Laeliinae hybrid | <i>Lc. aquinii</i> Nature Burst | Ben Walcott |
| Laeliinae species | <i>C. Intermedia alba</i> | Rob Rough |
| Vandenacous hybrid | <i>Vanda tricolor</i> | Jane Wright |
| Sarcochilus hybrid | <i>Sarc. hartmanii</i> Cappa KWR X Sylvanwale | Bob Bush |
| Sarcochilus species | <i>Sarc.</i> Lundsby #1 | Jane Wright |
| Australian Terrestrials | <i>Oligochaetochilus despectans</i> | Mark Clements |
| Oncidium hybrids | <i>Tolumnia</i> Stoplight guy | Jane Wright |
| Dendrobium exotic species | <i>Den. fimbriatum</i> | Ben Wallace |
| Coelogyne species | <i>Coel. lawrenceana</i> | Don Chesher |
| Pleurothallid hybrid | <i>Masd. antizana</i> Dragon Lair | Tina Anderson |
| Pleurothallid species | <i>Masd. coccinea var lindenii</i> | Tina Anderson |
| Paphiopedilum alliance species | <i>Paph. hirsutissimum</i> | Ros Anderson |
| Any Others | <i>Hyalosema sp.</i> | Mark Fraser |
| Orchid of the Night | <i>Hyalosema sp.</i> | Mark Fraser |
| Judges Choice - Hybrid | <i>Paph. lebaudy anum</i> | Terry and Julianne Turner |
| Judges Choice - Species Tie | <i>Asso. miniatum</i> Tawat X Tea <i>Oligochaetochilus despectans</i> | Ben Wallace Mark Clements |

Popular Vote December 2008

| | Plant | Owner |
|--------------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Laeliinae hybrid | <i>Blc.</i> Sanyang Rocky 'Kuan Long' | Rob Rough |
| Laeliinae species | <i>C. schilleriana</i> | Mark Clements |
| Phalaenopsis hybrid | <i>Phal.</i> Unknown | Terry Turner |
| Vandenacous hybrid | <i>Vanda</i> Peggy Foo Angelina | Jane Wright |
| Sarcochilus species | <i>Sarc. ceciliae</i> | Jane Wright |
| Onchidium alliance species | <i>Brassia verrucosa</i> | David Judge |
| Odontoglossum hybrids | <i>Oda.</i> Shellay Anne 'Softie' | Brian Phelan |
| Miltonopsis | <i>M.</i> Dearest X Briatrip Country Road | Brian Phelan |
| Coelogyne species | <i>Coel. pandurata</i> | Ben Wallace |
| Pleurothallid hybrid | <i>Masd.</i> White Angel 'Beenak' | Tina Anderson |
| Pleurothallid species | <i>Masd. scobina</i> | Tina Anderson |
| Paphiopedilum alliance species | <i>Paph. roebelini</i> | David Judge |
| Paphiopedilum alliance hybrid | <i>Paph.</i> Susan Booth 'Karoo' X <i>rothchildinana</i> X <i>garderii</i> | David Judge |
| Cymbidium | <i>Cym.</i> Cricket | David Judge |
| Any Others | <i>Ang. diderii</i> | Bill Ferris |
| Orchid of the Night | <i>Brassia verrucosa</i> | David Judge |
| Judges Choice - Hybrid | <i>Vanda</i> Peggy Foo Angelina | Jane Wright |
| Judges Choice - Species Tie | <i>Brassia verrucosa</i> <i>Coel. pandurata</i> | David Judge Ben Wallace |

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