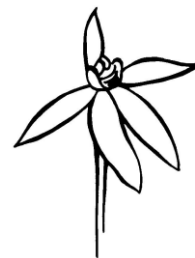


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Regular monthly meetings:

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.

Speakers:

March 2011: Gary Backhouse - Masdevallias & Draculas

April 2011: Ben Wallace - CAM plants

Orchid Society of Canberra Events

Annual 2 Day Workshop: 12 & 13 March 2011, Canberra Carotel Motel, cnr Aspinall and Zelling Sts, Watson.

Upcoming Orchid Events

Canberra Horticultural Society Autumn Show: 5 - 6 March, Wesley Centre, National Circuit, Forest.

Sydney International Orchid Fair: 8 - 10 April, 9am - 5pm, Castle Hill Showground, cnr Showground & Carrington Roads, Castle Hill.

Orchids Out West: 20 - 22 May, Hawkesbury Race Course.

Mingara Orchid Fair: 25 - 26 June, Mingara Recreation Club, Mingara Drive, Tumbi Umbi, NSW.

20th World Orchid Conference: 13-20 November 2011, Marina Bay, Singapore.

President's Comments

Our speaker for the March meeting is Gary Backhouse and he will be talking on Masdevallias and Draculas. He is a grower of these plants and will bring some for sale - he is also a great photographer so he should have some wonderful photos. As we make the effort to bring speakers from interstate, can I please encourage you to show your support by coming along to the meetings.

We also have the Autumn Orchid/Horticultural Show on the first weekend in March - see details further in the Bulletin. Any entries you can make will be welcomed by the Horticultural Society. Also, don't forget our Workshop at the Carotel in Watson on 12/13 March. We would appreciate receiving your registration forms as soon as possible so that we know the numbers for the catering.



February Judge's Choice hybrid & Orchid of the Night: *Sarcopsis* Noelene Russell, grown by Mark Fraser and Sandra Corbett.

Committee Members

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Committee meetings:

March 7: Bob Forrester

April 11: Karen & Zoe Groeneveld

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Horticultural Society of Canberra - Autumn Flower Show

Saturday 5th March 2011 - 12 noon to 5pm.
 Sunday 6th March 2011 - 11.30am to 4pm.
 Entries close with the Honorary Show Secretary at 8pm, on Thursday, 3rd March, 2011.
 For further information visit the Horticultural Society's website: www.hsoc.org.au/pages/shows.htm#1

ORCHIDS

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. Other hybrid
 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 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 hybrid
 143. Any other orchid species
 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
 The winner will receive a Ribbon plus \$20 and will hold the Trophy for one year.

Reserve Champion Orchid
 The Lila Rose Perpetual Trophy
 The winner will receive a Ribbon plus \$15 and will hold the Trophy for one year.

Champion Specimen Orchid
 Ribbon plus \$10

Orchid Shows

| Date | Event |
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| 8 - 10 April 9am - 5pm | <u>Sydney International Orchid Fair</u> Castle Hill Showground, Cnr Showground & Carrington Roads, Castle Hill (Entrance off Carrington Rd) |
| 20 - 22 May | <u>Orchids Out West</u> Hawkesbury Race Course |
| 25 - 26 June | <u>Mingara Orchid Fair</u> Mingara Recreation Club, Mingara Drive, Tumbi Umbi, NSW |
| 15 - 16 July Fri 9am - 5pm Sat 9am - 1pm | <u>Eurobodalla Orchid Club</u> CWA Hall, Queen St, Moruya |
| 22 - 23 July Sat 10am - 8pm Sun 10am - 3pm | <u>Batemans Bay Orchid and Foliage Society</u> 2 Beach Rd, Batemans Bay |
| 12 - 14 August Fri/Sat 9am - 5pm Sun 9am - 1pm | <u>Sapphire Coast Winter Show</u> Twyford Hall, Merimbula |
| 19 - 20 August | <u>St Ives Orchid Fair</u> St Ives Showground, Mona Vale Road, St Ives |
| 26 - 28 August Fri/Sat 9am - 5pm Sun 9am - 1pm | <u>Eurobodalla Orchid Club</u> Narooma Sports and Leisure Centre, Blue Water Dr, Narooma |
| 9 - 10 September Sat 10am - 8pm Sun 10am - 3pm | <u>Batemans Bay Orchid and Foliage Society</u> Soldiers Club, 2 Beach Rd, Batemans Bay |
| 15 - 16 September Thu 9am - 5pm Fri 9am - 4pm | <u>Sapphire Coast Spring Show</u> Scout Hall, Gipps St, Bega |
| 17 - 18 September Sat 11am - 5pm Sun noon - 4:30pm | <u>Canberra Orchid Society Spring Show</u> St Johns Hall, 43 Constitution Av, Reid |
| 24 - 25 September | <u>Wagga Orchid Society</u> Community Centre, 1 Tanda Place, Glenfield, Wagga Wagga |

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| 1 - 2 October | <u>'The South and West Regional Conference and Show'</u> Shoalhaven Orchid Society, Nowra High School |
| 7 - 9 October | <u>Southern Orchid Spectacular</u> Sharkies Club, Cronulla |
| 4 - 5 November Fri 9am - 5pm Sat 9am - 3pm | <u>Australian Native Plant and Bonsai Show</u> Twyford Hall, Merimbula |
| 13 - 20 November 2011 | <u>20th World Orchid Conference</u> Marina Bay, Singapore. For information see their website or contact Bill Ferris. |
| 11 - 16 September 2012 | <u>19th Australian Orchid Council Conference</u> Perth |

Canberra Horticultural Society Shows

| Date | Event |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| 5 - 6 March | Autumn Show |
| 17 - 18 September | Spring Bulb and Camellia Show |
| 29 - 30 October | Iris, Rhododendron and Azalea Show |
| 12 - 13 November | Spring Exhibition and Rose Show |

Note: all shows at the Wesley Centre

Exciting Orchid Growing Opportunity

Like to help propagate, grow and display a wide range of orchids? Then become an Orchid Volunteer at the Australian National Botanical Gardens. All that is required is half a day a week of your time.

It is an exciting time in the ANBG orchids. There are plans for a substantial increase in the size and range of the collection and the public presentation of the orchids, much of which will be done by the Volunteers. If you would like to become a Volunteer or find out more about the role of the Volunteers, please speak to Mark Clements, Jane Wright, Ben Walcott, Bob Bush or Bill Ferris.

General Meeting 2nd February 2011

Apologies: Pamela Phillips, Lynn and Brian Phelan, Theo and Jenny Schutz, Robyn Noel, Jane Wright

Guests: Marie Flood, Joe Portelli, Tamsin Alley and Jean Campbell

Number of Members: 29

Talk of the evening: Laurie Woods introduced Ray Clements of Tinonee Orchids who talked on "My Favourite Orchids."

Ray first announced that Murray Shergold of Easy Orchids has had a major stroke and is in hospital.

Ray then went on to talk about his favourite orchids. He said that he is surrounded by many different orchids and has seen them over the years at shows, but he still has some favourites that he likes to talk about.

Angraecum didieri from Madagascar grows in a humid environment at intermediate temperatures. It is a compact plant with very large white flowers and can grow on cork or in an open mix.

Sediria japonica, as the name implies, is from Japan. It has a wonderful perfume when it blooms in January. It fills the whole nursery area with its scent. It needs to be mounted and can grow in cool conditions down to 2-3 degrees. It enjoys humidity and needs heavy shade.

Paphiopedilum parishii has 7-8 flowers on each stem. They are slow growing plants with a hard leaf. It takes about 10 years to go from flask to mature plant.

Dendrobium 'Mousmee' is a hybrid with large flowers on tall stems. It's easy to grow, but don't get water down into the new growths as they can rot.

Inobulbun munificum is a species from New Caledonia with pendulous inflorescences. It has hairy pseudobulbs which makes it interesting. It grows in pots and is left alone in a corner of the nursery over winter.

Miltonia (Minas Gerais X Purple Queen) X *Miltonia* 'Minas Gerais' is an easy to grow orchid with yellow flowers. Its parents don't have any yellow, so one wonders where the colour came from. It is a tough plant and will grow with the Cymbidiums.

Rhynchostylis retusa 'George' is summer flowering with spikes of flowers 2 feet long. It is a cooler growing plant - down to 2-3 degrees in winter. Ray keeps his in hanging baskets where it gets regularly soaked with water, although it needs perfect drainage.

Calanthe seiboldii is an evergreen terrestrial orchid which has lovely yellow flowers. Ray grows them in shredded cocoa fibre which seems to suit them.

Stenoglottis longifolia is from South Africa. They are easy to grow, and as they lose leaves, they grow new ones. They are developing lots of hybrids in South Africa, some of which have decorative leaves. Don't over water these plants.

Sarcochilus falcatus is a large flowered species with variable flower colour.

Cymbidium 'Australian Midnight' is half Australian and half Asian in origin. It is slow growing and needs an open mix and dryer conditions than most Cymbidiums. Ray grows it in the same conditions as Cattleyas.

Phaius australis 'Jinaanga' is a rare and endangered plant growing on Aboriginal land. Ray is the Custodian of this plant and has propagated some by mericlone.

Phaius pulcher comes from the high slopes of mountains in Madagascar where it grows in deep wet sphagnum moss. Ray grows them in shredded coconut fibre in deep Cymbidium pots and keeps them continuously moist.

Pterostylis falcata is from Barrington Tops where it grows in water courses and even in boggy creek situations.

Diuris venosa is a very rare plant found only in a small area. It has variable colours.

Caledonia flava is a Western Australian terrestrial orchid with yellow flowers. There are many natural hybrids within the patches of these plants.

Caladenia nivalis is also from Western Australia and is an example of the many spider orchids.

Diuris corymbosa, another orchid from WA, is variable in colour and form. It is one of the 'Donkey Orchids'

Tinonee are having their open day on 10 July and all are welcome. If you come a day early, you can go on an orchid walk with Ray and others.

Laurie thanked Ray for his interesting talk.



February Judge's Choice species: *Brassavola nodosa*, grown by Mark Fraser and Sandra Corbett.

President's Announcements:

Laurie announced that Gary Backhouse will speak at the March meeting and Ben Wallace will talk at the April meeting. Later in the year, Kevin Dawes will talk on *Dendrochilums*.

The Orchid Workshop, which we are hosting this year, will be held on Saturday and Sunday 12-13 March. Members should register now.

Laurie also distributed the Horticultural Society of Canberra show schedules for 2011.

Ray announced that even though Murray Shergold was ill, the trips that were announced both before and after the World Orchid Conference in Singapore will go on as planned.

Secretary's Report:

The Orchid Spike Albury-Wodonga - November
Campbelltown and Districts Orchid Society - November
Miriam Ann Orchid Newsletter - November
The Orchadian - December 2010
Guide to Blooming Tasmania 2010-11
Australian Orchid Review subscription due
The Orchid Review Vol. 118 No. 1292 - December 2010
Australian Orchid Review - Dec-Jan Vol. 75 No. 6
The Orchid Spike Albury-Wodonga - December
Batemans Bay Orchid and Foliage Society - December
Eurobodalla Orchid Club - December
Campbelltown and Districts Orchid Society - December
Orchids Australia - December

Sapphire Coast Orchid Club - November
The Orchid Review Vol. 118 No. 1291 - September 2010
Neutrog Brochures
Royal Horticultural Society Victoria - December Issue 13
Sapphire Coast Orchid Club - January
Horticultural Society of Canberra - February-April
Easy Orchids promotion of tours
Batemans Bay Orchid and Foliage Society - February
The Orchid Spike Albury-Wodonga - February

Moved Karen Groeneveld and seconded Ben Wallace – approved.

Treasurer's Report:

We have \$ 18,303.84 in the bank. A quiet month but some registrations for the Workshop are coming through.
Moved Rob Rough and seconded Sandra Corbett– approved.

Raffle: Craig Allen, Mark Clements, Richard Phillips, Bob Bush, Vi Mac

Door Prize: Don Chesher

Sales Table

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| Pots/Fertilizer/wire products | Bill Ferris | 6297 5635 |
| Shirts | Robyn Noel | 6258 5734 |
| 25th Anniversary glasses | Ben Walcott | 6161 2742 |
| Bark | David Judge | |
| Orchid Mate | Laurie Woods | |



Currently flowering around the ACT - *Diplodinium coccinum*, photo by Zoe Groeneveld.

Popular Vote February 2011

| Category | Plant | Owner |
|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Laeliinae hybrid | <i>Cattleytonia</i> Why Not 'Lee' | Rob Rough |
| Laeliinae species | <i>Brassavola nodosa</i> | Mark Fraser and Sandra Corbett |
| Other Species | <i>Cirrhopetalum umbulatum</i> | Mark Clements |
| Vandaceous alliance | <i>Neofinetia falcata</i> | Ben Wallace |
| Masdevallia hybrids | <i>Masdevallia veitchiana</i> 'Sol' AM/AOS X Taukur 'Candy Stripe' | Bob Bush |
| Oncidium alliance species | <i>Gomesa recurva</i> | Bill Ferris |
| Other hybrids | <i>Sarcopsis</i> Noelene Russell | Mark Fraser and Sandra Corbett |
| Paphiopedilum alliance hybrid | <i>Paphiopedilum</i> St. Swithin X <i>P. moquettianum</i> | Ken Turner |
| Australian native species and hybrids | <i>Diplodium coccinum</i> | Ben Walcott |
| Orchid of the Night | <i>Sarcopsis</i> Noelene Russell | Mark Fraser and Sandra Corbett |
| Judges Choice - Hybrid | <i>Sarcopsis</i> Noelene Russell | Mark Fraser and Sandra Corbett |
| Judges Choice - Species | <i>Brassavola nodosa</i> | Mark Fraser and Sandra Corbett |

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