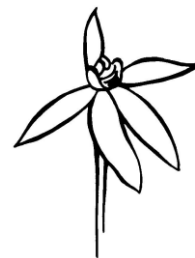


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Regular monthly meetings:

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:

May: Colin Bower - Detection of cryptic species of sexually deceptive orchids by specific pollinators

June: Frank Fogliati (TBC) - Stanhopeas & Gongoras, OR:
Peter Coyne - Orchids & other interesting plants of Norfolk Island

Upcoming Orchid Events

Orchids Out West: 25-27th May, Fri/Sat 9am - 4pm, Sun 9am - 3pm, Hawkesbury Race Club, Clarendon
Mingara Orchid Fair: 23-24th June, Mingara Recreation Club, Mingara Drive, Tumby Umbi
Shoalhaven Orchid Society Winter Show: 30th June – 1st July, Berry Showground
Southern Riviera Orchid Society: 7th July, 9am - 2pm, CWA Hall, Wason St, Milton
Eurobodalla Orchid Club: 13-14th July, Fri 9am - 4pm, Sat 9am - 2pm, CWA Hall, Queen St, Moruya
Batemans Bay Orchid and Foliage Society: 20-21st July, Fri 10am - 8pm, Sat 10am - 3pm, Soldiers Club, 2 Beach Rd, Batemans Bay

President's Comments

I have been seeing to the myriad little things around the greenhouse to get everything set for winter. Funny – the thermostat on the heater worked last winter – why doesn't it now? With the price of electricity rising, it's all the more important to insulate your growing houses if you use heat. Contact Bill Ferris if you want to purchase some Sancell bubble wrap.

The other thing I always do before winter is a thorough round of pest control as things can really get out of hand over the winter with everything crammed into a small space (wasn't the glasshouse bigger last year?). Take time to pick up and look at each and every plant and decide if anything needs to be done before winter. I was doing this on the weekend and found a plant that had sent its flower spike down through the bench mesh, so I didn't notice it. The buds hadn't opened yet, so no harm done, but it was a close one.

Good growing,
Jane Wright



March Judges' Choice Hybrid: *Paphiopedilum* Harold Koopowitz 'Venous Red' HCC/AOC, grown by David Judge

Committee Members

President:	Jane Wright	
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	Bob Forrester	
	John Ryan	
	Karen Groeneveld	6299 7080
	Zoe Groeneveld	6299 7080

Committee meetings:

May: Bill Ferris

June: Jane Wright

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Time to revamp the Constitution

Although our constitution has served us well for many years, various changes in legislation and the workings of modern society (like email), mean it's time to update our constitution. Rather than write it from scratch, or tinker with the existing one, we propose to start with the standard model rules for associations from the ACT Office of Regulatory Services and make the minimum number of changes necessary to satisfy the needs of the society; the idea being that we are more likely to fulfil the regulatory requirements if we keep it simple. The Committee will do the major work on this, but if anyone is interested in being involved, please contact any member of the committee. The new draft constitution will be circulated to members for discussion before putting it to a special general meeting for approval later in the year.

Time to Nominate for Committee

We will say thanks and farewell to at least one committee member this year and so we need new people to join the committee. It is a chance for you to become involved in making the society the kind of society you want it to be. The committee meets once a month, usually an evening during the week following the regular meeting; the day is determined annually according to the preferences of the committee members. As the meetings are held at the homes of the committee members, we get to see how each person grows their orchids. Aside from the business of running the society, we have a lovely social time. If you have any questions about what it is like to be on committee, speak to any member of the current committee. Included with this bulletin is a nomination form, which should be returned to Robyn Noel (in her role as Public Officer) no less than 10 days before the AGM in June. Only if there are insufficient nominations to fill all positions may nominations be taken from the floor on the night.



March Judges' Choice Specimen: *Diplodium truncatum*, grown by Nita Wheeler



March Judges' Choice Species & Orchid of the Night: *Paphiopedilum dianthum*, grown by David Judge

Norfolk Island Flora

Peter Coyne of our society started the Norfolk Island office of the Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service in 1978 quite early in his career in nature conservation. Although he went on to do significant work for Australia's mainland federal national parks – Kakadu, Uluru and Booderee – as well as working in a variety of other nature conservation roles including starting up the National Reserve System and administering wildlife trade, he never forgot Norfolk Island. Recently, he published a much-needed book, *Norfolk Island's Fascinating Flora*. Peter will talk to our society on the topic of Norfolk Island flora (including orchids) at our June or July meeting, and will bring along books for you to purchase if you are interested.

Sales Table

Jane was able to purchase some nice plants for the sales table at the Sydney International Orchid Fair. They are all small-growing plants that are near flowering size that can be grown as house plants as well as in the intermediate glasshouse. Included are: *Doritis pulcherimma*, hybrid Tolumnias (aka equitant Oncidiums), and Howearas. Prices \$7-\$9.

David Judge wins award

David Judge's plant of *Paphiopedilum gratixianum* 'Geyserland' received an Award of Merit at the recent NSW Judging Panel Workshop, held here in Canberra. The judges were particularly impressed with the long stems and the good colour and patterning of the flowers. Well done David!

Coelogyne 'Lyme Bay'

Name: *Coelogyne* 'Lyme Bay'

Parents: *Coelogyne speciosa* x *Coelogyne usitana*

Registered: Burnham Nursery

The above extract from *Orchids Australia Supplement – June 2007, New Orchid Hybrids, November – December 2006 Registrations* really caught my eye. Here was another new *Coelogyne* hybrid which, like many earlier hybrids, could take years or decades before becoming available to the many orchid enthusiasts in Australia. I wished I had one of these plants but the expense of importing a live plant plus quarantine costs just made it too expensive to consider. Then I thought, wait a moment, I have a *Coelogyne speciosa* and a *Coelogyne usitana*, so I could make my own copy of *Coelogyne* 'Lyme Bay'.

In May 2007, I made the appropriate cross and carefully monitored the ensuing development of the seed pod. However, despite considerable reading, I was not yet confident enough to attempt the next stage when the pod was fully ripened, so in September 2008 I gave the pod to Bill Miles of Orchid Species Plus to make some flasks for me. Bill told me that he had three flasks for me and that the plants looked really healthy. I collected the flasks from Bill at the Cronulla Orchid Show in October 2009. I de-flasked two flasks at the end of October and gave the third flask to Kevin Dawes who is also a *Coelogyne* fanatic and who helped me to expand my knowledge of orchid seed propagation.

Then followed the many months, even years, of watching the plants slowly develop, which is much like watching grass grow, except that grass grows faster than orchids. Eventually one of the plants flowered, but it was from the flask that I had given to Kevin, which suggested to me that my growing environment needs some improvement. Kevin kindly returned the plant to me so that I could bench it at our society meeting on 4 April 2012. I must admit that on finally seeing a *Coelogyne* 'Lyme Bay' in flower in Canberra, which may well be the first such flowering in Australia, I felt a great sense of satisfaction. I also know that there are many other *Coelogyne* hybrids being developed; some will be copies of existing registered hybrids and some, hopefully, will be new registrations. Best of all they will be available in Australia.

Don Chesher



Coelogyne 'Lyme Bay'

Australian Orchid Foundation Information

AOF website:

www.australianorchidfoundation.org.au

Information has been received from the Australian Orchid Foundation about the following:

Memorial Orchid Garden

The Memorial Orchid Garden is a register to pay tribute to those who have passed away. This register records an image and details of that person with at least 200 words outlining their interest in orchids, their achievements, their involvement with the orchid societies and other details that should be recorded for future generations.

Donations to the Memorial Orchid Garden are deductible for taxation purposes and the minimum entry to the register is a donation of \$100. Donors can be assured that the entire donation will go to the funding of various projects that are undertaken by the Australian Orchid Foundation.

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Urgent Appeal for Orchid Species Seed

The Australian Orchid Foundation runs an international seed bank to promote and facilitate the propagation and conservation of orchid species, but the Orchid Species Seed Bank urgently requires more fresh seed.

If you have orchid seed capsules you want to donate, send the dry seed to the Seed Bank, harvested as the capsules yellow. Place in a paper envelope and then in a crush-proof container, e.g. slide box or small postal carton.

Cross pollinate flowers of different clones if possible; this does produce more viable seed. For all seed and protocorm enquiries, contact:

AOF Species Seed & Protocorm Bank
Mr Dick Thomson
PO Box 2152
Templestowe Lower Victoria 3107

Phone: (03) 9850 9867

Email:

protocorm@australianorchidfoundation.org.au

Australian Orchid Foundation Essay Prize 2012

The AOF Essay Prize is an annual writing competition. The essay topic for 2012 is 'Orchid Conservation at home'. The closing date for entries is the 30th June. Three prizes are to be won; 1st prize \$350, 2nd prize \$ 250, 3rd prize \$150. Visit the AOF website for rules and further details.

Publications

The AOF has a number of publications for sale. For titles and prices visit the AOF website.



April Judges' Choice Species: *Dendrochilum arachnites*

Annual General Meeting

1 June 2011

Meeting opened by President Robyn Noel at 8:00pm
Apologies: Mark Clements, Mark Fraser, Sandra Corbett, Lynn and Brian Phelan, Theo and Jenny Schutz
Guests: none

Secretaries report:

Orchid Digest Vol. 75-2 April, May and June 2011
Miriam Ann Orchids Newsletter - June 2011
Campbelltown and Districts Orchid Society - May 2011

Burbank Orchid Nursery - May 2011 Catalogue

Sapphire Coast Orchid Club - May 2011

Letter from AOC on Directors and Officers Liability Insurance

Treasurer's Report:

Bill Ferris reported that we had \$ 19,510.87 in the bank. The balance was up on the previous month as memberships had come in and there was income from the May meeting. The accounts have been presented to the auditor and will be distributed to the membership when cleared. The accounts will show an improvement on the previous year, in part reflecting a favourable outcome from the Spring Show and ongoing sales of our book. However, as stocks of our book are now very low there is a pressing need to prepare the next edition of the book.

Moved by Laurie Woods and seconded by Karen Groeneveld - approved

Award: Robyn Noel presented Ben Walcott with a Meritorious Service Award on behalf of the Society and the Orchid Society of NSW for his years of service on the Committee and for establishing the role of the Orchid Volunteers in the Australian National Botanic Gardens.

Life Membership: Laurie Woods asked Robyn Noel to leave the room for a moment and then he took the chair of the meeting. He presented, on behalf of the Committee, the nomination of Robyn Noel for Life Membership in the Orchid Society of Canberra Inc. He pointed out that she joined the committee in 1995 and has been a member ever since serving as Treasurer and then President. A vote was taken by the members present and there was unanimous agreement to award Robyn Life Membership. Robyn returned and resumed the chair.

The Committee then presented the following slate of members for the 2011-2012 year:

President: Jane Wright

Vice President: Laurie Woods

Treasurer: Bill Ferris

Secretary: Robyn Noel

Members: Peter Coyne

Bob Forrester

Karen Groeneveld

Zoe Groeneveld

John Ryan

This Committee was approved by the Membership.
Meeting closed at 8:15pm

General Meeting Minutes

March 2012

Welcome to members

Apologies: Lynne & Brian Phelan, Theo & Jenny Schutz, Rob & Audrey Rough, Ron & June Doyle

Members Present: 34

Visitors: none

Talk:

Representatives of the Orchid Tray Company introduced us to their new products. Members were then given a chance to buy from Orchid Tray Company.

The Minutes of previous meetings were read from the Bulletin - acceptance proposed by Ben Walcott seconded by Bob Bush - accepted

Excess library stock was sold off for \$2 a book.

Members were chosen at random from the attendance record to go up and select a book each.

Secretary's Report:

Bulletins: Eurobodalla - February & March 2012

Sapphire Coast - February 2012

Albury-Wodonga - February 2012

Bateman's Bay - January & February 2012

Miriam Anne Newsletter

Magazines: Australian Orchid Review – February & March 2012

Orchids Australia - December 2011 & February 2012

Catalogue: Dendi Orchids

Other mail: Australia Post Invoice for Post Office Box

Australian Orchid Foundation letter and information

Magazine from Horticulture Society of Victoria

Acceptance of the Report moved by Nita Wheeler and seconded by Terry Turner - approved

Treasurer's Report:

Balance: \$20,754.43

Acceptance of the Report moved by Pam Phillips and seconded by Ben Wallace - approved

Tip of the month:

Nita Wheeler showed us how to use a soldering iron to make holes in plastic pots. She also explained how suspending hanging pots from a barrel swivel (found in fishing or camping supply shops) allows them to turn easily. We were also given the tip that a spray gun can be used to remove dead scale.

From the President:

Jane Wright presented a badge to new member Lance Saunders. She then congratulated David Judge on his Horticultural Show success and thanked members for putting plants into the Horticultural Show. Jane announced that we would have a copy of the book *Australian Succulent Orchids* for members to look at next month and see if anyone is interested. If so, we will make a bulk order.

Raffle Prizes: Terry Turner, Paul Tyerman, Bob Forrester, Nita Wheeler, Ben Wallace

Lucky Door Prize: Joe Portelli

Meeting closed: 10.20pm



April Judges' Choice Hybrid: *Dendrobium* 'Daddy Longlegs', grown by Bill Ferris

General Meeting Minutes

April 2012

Welcome to members

Apologies: Lynne & Brian Phelan, Theo & Jenny Schutz, Ron & June Doyle, Jane Wright & Roger Williams, Anne Mackenzie & Mark Clements, Gert & Trudy Friedrich, Warwick Finch and John Ryan.

Members Present: 37

Visitors: none

Secretary's Report:

Bulletins: Eurobodalla - April 2012

Sapphire Coast - March 2012

Albury-Wodonga - March 2012

Bateman's Bay - March 2012

Miriam Anne Newsletter - March & April 2012

Magazine: Orchids Australia - March 2012

Catalogue: Tinonee Orchids

Other mail: Australia Post Receipt for Post Office Box

thank you note from Comstat

letter from Neutrog

letter from Bateman's Bay Orchid Society for our participation in the March Workshop

details of Mingara Orchid Fair - 23 & 24 June 2012

Acceptance of the Report moved by Kevin Dawes and seconded by Karen Groeneveld - approved

Treasurer's Report:

Balance: \$20,764.63. Financial year ends 30 April so fees are now due. Bill Ferris talked about the bubble-wrap the Society bought – there's only a small amount left. If there are enough firm orders the Society will consider buying another 100m roll.

Acceptance of the Report moved by Pam Phillips and seconded by Ben Walcott - approved.

Talks:

Richard Phillips – Cymbidiums

Richard talked about the problems he'd encountered with moving house; plants take a while to adapt to new conditions. He gave a description of how *Cymbidium* plants should look - mentioning the pseudobulbs, leaves and growing conditions. Richard then talked about re-potting. You need to clean up your plant and break up if necessary or just re-pot into larger pot. Pack your plant firmly into the pot to keep it steady and allow new roots to grow. You need to adapt your techniques to suit the different conditions in your own area. Try and keep your orchids free from fungus (possibly with the use of fungicide such as Kocide). Keep the humidity up to assist in keeping mites under control, and systemic pesticide can be used. You can use a variety of fertilisers with Cymbidiums.

Bob Bush – Workshop at Bateman's Bay

Bob gave a brief talk about the recent Workshop held at Bateman's Bay. The speakers at the workshop were Stephen Stebbing (Orchids on Newbold) who spoke about mounts & cool growing orchids, and Scott Barrie (Barrita Orchids) who talked about his methods as a commercial grower. Scott uses a potting mixture of 1/3 Rockwool, 1/3 polystyrene, and 1/3 perlite (Rockwool & perlite can be found in hydroponic shops). He also strips off the older leaves of his plants to open them up and allow more light to reach their centres. Barrita Orchids is having an open day on the 22nd April from 10.00am.

Don Chesher – *Coelogyne* hybrid

Don talked about a *Coelogyne* he had seen a picture of, but he didn't think it would become available in Australia – more details elsewhere in the Bulletin.

Mark Fraser – *Phalaenopsis* as house plants

Phalaenopsis hybrids including *Doritaenopsis* and *Phalaenopsis*-like *Sarcanopsis* seem to grow best in the house; but in Mark & Sandra's experience, most

Phalaenopsis species are unsuitable for indoor culture - exceptions include *Doritis pulcherima* and *Phalaenopsis equestris*.

Where to grow them?

Light – Mark & Sandra grow their plants by an upper floor window facing east. This location gives a more even temperature and regular light. An east-facing window or a northern window with substantial eaves (or shading) seems to be most appropriate. Plants are susceptible to sunburn, so they should not have direct sunlight on them.

Temperature – these plants are well suited to indoor care, favouring much the same conditions as other popular houseplants like African Violets. Generally, if you are comfortable (without being rugged-up!) then your plants will be comfortable. Central heating is not a problem provided plants have enough moisture. However, a temperature drop is needed to initiate flowering.

Air - plants need fresh air, and good air circulation. Cold draughts on wet leaves and crowns can promote rot, endangering your plants. *Phalaenopsis* do best with some moisture in the atmosphere, as long as the air is not saturated. It may help to stand pots on saucers of moist gravel as this helps add to the humidity around the plants. A kitchen windowsill (near the sink) may work well, but a bathroom may not, as there may be too much change in temperature.

How to grow *Phalaenopsis*

Pots - plants can be grown in the transparent/translucent plastic pots. This allows you to keep an eye on root development, as well as letting light in to the roots, which contain chlorophyll and can photosynthesise. Most *Phalaenopsis* will produce some aerial roots. Do not try to force these into the pot as they may break or rot off, but allow them to wander. Clear pots can help reduce the amount of aerial roots that the plant produces.

Potting medium – Mark uses sphagnum as a potting medium. Fresh (live) sphagnum is preferable but dried (and re-hydrated) sphagnum will do. Other growers have had success with bark and coir-based media – the choice may depend on one's own growing conditions or availability of sphagnum.

Watering - plants are watered once a week or as needed. Plants are sprayed daily (more in warm weather), taking care to moisten the undersides of the leaves. Try to avoid leaving water in the crown of the plant as this can lead to the crown rotting and your plant may die.

Feeding - dilute fertilizer is applied monthly in warmer weather. Mark has had success with the Horticultural Solutions for Orchids (HSO) vandaceous fertilizers, and is currently experimenting with other fertilizers.

Flowering

Flowering is generally initiated by an autumn/winter temperature drop. Stake flower spikes early, but do so later in the day as they are easier to shape. Once the flowers have finished you can cut the spike just above a node to stimulate further flowering. Avoid changing the orientation of the plant as the flower spike develops - this can produce unwanted kinks in the spike. Later in the development of the spike, movement can result in the tangling of the flower buds, upsetting the natural tendency to symmetry. Avoid getting mist on buds.

Problems with *Phalaenopsis*

Pests and diseases – for mealy bug and scale you can use a cotton-bud dipped in a mix of methylated spirits and water to remove them, or use Eco-oil. As a last resort, use Confidor against a major infestation. Use the spray outdoors and wear safety gear. Given the concerns regarding Confidor and bees, avoid spraying near where bees are active.

Rot - cut off infected leaf section and dust cut edges with powdered sulphur. If the rot reaches the crown, the plant is doomed.

Viral disease – this can often be difficult to diagnose in *Phalaenopsis*. Signs of viral disease may include short-lived flowers and unusual colour breaks (particularly where they are uneven).

Trouble-shooting

If the upper leaf surface is mottled with silver and/or purple, this may simply be the expression of the influence of species such as *Phalaenopsis schilleriana* and *P. stuartiana* in the background of the hybrid, and is not a problem.

If the growth is obviously distorted, or the leaf shape irregular, the cause may be incompatibilities in the plant's breeding history, or aneuploidy (uneven or irregular chromosome counts).

If *Phalaenopsis* plants are very slow to grow and develop, it may be because they are bred to be very large. The cause is polyploidy, or multiple sets of chromosomes. Because of the intensive in-breeding of many of the large standard whites, this is a common problem. The famous hybrid *P. 'Cast Iron Monarch'* was typically a hexaploid (6n), and recent research has found cases of 12n and 16n.

Many of the problems associated with *Phalaenopsis* culture are associated with the complex and often

incestuous breeding lines. If you are after some of the more unusual forms (orange colour, blue colour, peloric forms etc.) you must accept that some will be failures.

New *Phalaenopsis*

Phalaenopsis are very easy to de-flask. Carefully wash seedlings, dip leaves in Envy, and pot into sphagnum moss. Keep the seedlings in a terrarium or seedling propagator, as they appreciate high atmospheric humidity.

From the Vice-President:

Trophies from the Canberra Horticultural Society show were presented to David Judge, and a copy of the book *Australian Succulent Orchids* was displayed for members to look at and place orders.

Raffle Prizes: Pam Phillips, Yvonne Day, Nita Wheeler, Bob Bush, Lorraine Wilson.
Lucky Door Prize: Peter Coyne

Meeting closed: 10.20pm



April Orchid of the Night: Thelychiton 'Hilda Poxon', grown by Karen Groeneveld

Horticultural Society Autumn Show 2012
Orchid Section

Champion Orchid			<i>Paphiopedilum dianthum</i>	David Judge
Reserve Champion Orchid			<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Harold Koopowitz 'Venous Red'	David Judge
Champion Specimen Orchid			<i>Paphiopedilum dianthum</i>	David Judge
Class		Place	Plant	Owner
120	Cattleya Alliance species	1	<i>Encyclia cochleata</i>	Jane Wright
		2	<i>Encyclia cochleata</i>	Ben Walcott
121	Cattleya Alliance hybrid standard	1	<i>Brassocattleya</i> hybrid	Ben Walcott
122	Cattleya Alliance hybrid intermediate	1	<i>Laeliocattleya</i> Wrigleyi 'Orchid Library'	Ben Walcott
		2	<i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> Dal's Success	Jane Wright
123	Cattleya Alliance hybrid miniature	1	<i>Sophrolaeliocattleya</i> Candy Ball 'Sunlight'	Terry and Jules Turner
124	Paphiopedilum species	1	<i>Paphiopedilum dianthum</i>	David Judge
		2	<i>Paphiopedilum henryanum</i>	David Judge
125	Paphiopedilum hybrid	1	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Harold Koopowitz 'Venous Red'	David Judge
		2	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Berenice	David Judge
	Best specimen Paphiopedilum alliance		<i>Paphiopedilum dianthum</i>	David Judge
126	Vandae species	1	<i>Kingidium deliciosum</i>	Mark Fraser & Sandra Corbett
127	Phalaenopsis hybrid	1	<i>Doritaenopsis</i> Joy Nancy Lady	Mark Fraser & Sandra Corbett
		2	<i>Doritaenopsis</i> Taida Auckland 'Taida'	David Judge

128	Vanda and Ascocenda hybrid	1	<i>Vanda hastate</i> x <i>tessellata</i>	Jane Wright
		2	<i>Vanda</i> hybrid	Jane Wright
131	Oncidium hybrid	1	<i>Miltoniopsis</i> Lilian Nakamoto 'Tanto'	David Judge
135	Masdevallia hybrid <30mm	1	<i>Masdevallia</i> Gold Wing	Jane Wright
140	Dendrobium alliance species	1	<i>Dendrobium lawesii</i>	Mark Fraser & Sandra Corbett
141	Dendrobium alliance hybrid	1	<i>Froscula</i> Hiroshi Tokunaga	Mark Fraser & Sandra Corbett
142	Any other orchid hybrid	1	<i>Bulbophyllum</i> Jersey	Mark Fraser & Sandra Corbett
		2	<i>Calanthe</i> Dominii	Jane Wright
143	Any other orchid species	1	<i>Epigeneium nakaharae</i>	Mark Clements
		2	<i>Diphys laxiflora</i>	Jane Wright
144	Best specimen orchid not otherwise specified		<i>Epigeneium nakaharae</i>	Mark Clements

Sales Table

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	

Out and about around Canberra: March-April

Early in April some of our members went on a couple of walks around Black Mountain and saw many local orchids in flower. Below are the lovely species they found.



Corunastylis cornuta



Corysanthes hispida



Diplodium truncatum



Diplodium revolutum



Specularantha rubescens



Eriochilus cucullatus

Photos by Zoe Groeneveld

What's flowering in the glasshouse this week?

April 2012

There isn't much in flower at present. When compared with previous autumns, it's slim pickings. However, growth this past spring and summer has been very good.

Laelia 'Juvenilis' below is a cross between *Laelia perrinii* and *Laelia pumila*. It is a beautiful flower with a dark cerulean lip.



Dendrobium engae



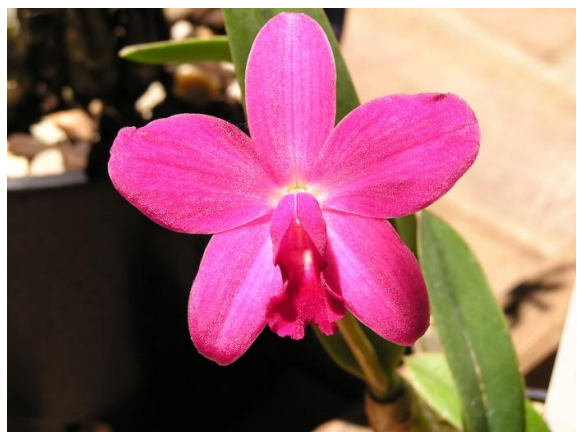
Cattleya loddigessii 'Streeter's Choice'



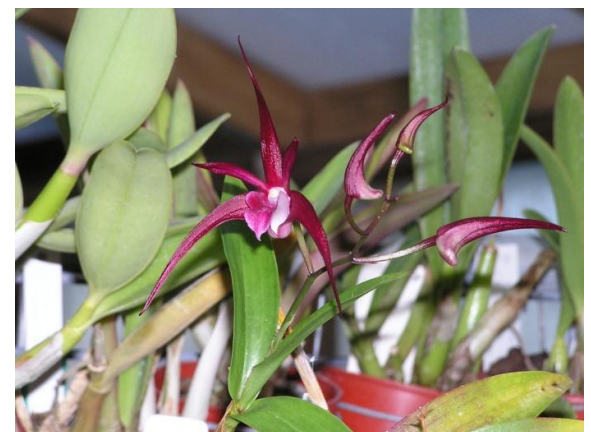
Laelia 'Juvenilis'



Laelia perrinii



Sophrolaeliocattleya 'Bright Angel' x *Laelia rupestris*



Dendrobium Kathleen Eugene 'Midnight'

John Ryan

Popular Vote March 2012

Category	Plant	Owner
Laeliinae species	<i>Epidendrum porpax</i>	Ben Walcott
Laeliinae hybrid	<i>Laeliocattleya Wrigleyi</i> 'Orchid Library'	Ben Walcott
Vandae hybrid	<i>Doritaenopsis</i> Taida Auckland 'Taida' JM/JOGA	David Judge
Oncidiinae	<i>Miltoniopsis</i> Lillian Nakamoto 'Tanto'	David Judge
Paphiopedilum species	<i>Paphiopedilum dianthum</i>	David Judge
Paphiopedilum hybrid	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Harold Koopowitz 'Venous Red' HCC/AOC	David Judge
Coelogyninae	<i>Dendrochilum magnum</i>	Don Chesher
Cymbidium	<i>Cymbidium suavissimum</i>	Ben Wallace
Australian terrestrial	<i>Diplodium truncatum</i>	Nita Wheeler
Any other orchid group 1	<i>Gongora galeata</i>	Karen Groeneveld
Any other orchid group 2	<i>Cirrhopetalum umbellatum</i>	Mark Clements
Orchid of the Night	<i>Paphiopedilum dianthum</i>	David Judge
Judges Choice - Hybrid	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Harold Koopowitz 'Venous Red' HCC/AOC	David Judge
Judges Choice - Species	<i>Paphiopedilum dianthum</i>	David Judge
Judges Choice - Specimen	<i>Diplodium truncatum</i>	Nita Wheeler

Popular Vote April 2012

Category	Plant	Owner
Laeliinae species	<i>Encyclia fragrans</i>	Ben Walcott
Laeliinae hybrid	<i>Cattleya</i> Chocolate Drop 'Kodama'	Ben Walcott
Paphiopedilum species	<i>Paphiopedilum wardii</i>	David Judge
Paphiopedilum hybrid	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Billy Cardalino	Terry Turner
Oncidiinae	<i>Oncidium</i> Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	Ben Walcott
	<i>Miltassia</i> Royal Robe 'Terry's Pick'	Ben Walcott
Coelogyninae	<i>Dendrochilum arachnites</i>	
Australian Dendrobinae	<i>Dendrobium</i> Hilda Poxon	Karen Groeneveld
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