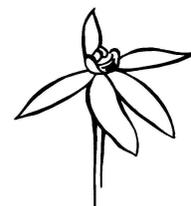


# Bulletin of the Orchid Society of Canberra, Inc.

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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 **Canberra Senior Citizens Club (10 Watson St., Turner)**. Meetings commence at 8:00pm with the library and trading table open from 7:30pm.

**March 2006: David McClenaghan** on orchid photography

**April 2006: Don Chesher** on growing Coelogyne orchids.

**May 2006: Clive Halls** of Mt. Beenak Orchids will talk and have plants for sale.

## Orchid Society of Canberra Events

### Horticultural Society of Canberra Show

Sat/Sun March 4 and 5

Wesley Uniting Church, Griffith

More later in this bulletin

**WORKSHOP: March 18 & 19** at Kianinny Resort located in Tathra on the coast. More later in this bulletin.

## Upcoming Orchid Events

### Sydney International Orchid Fair

Fri-Sun 31 March-2 April: 9-5 except 9-3 Sun  
Harvey Lowe Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground

### Australian Orchid Council Conference

Weds-Sun 19-23 July

Port Macquarie, NSW

More info: [www.optusnet.com.au/~aoc2006](http://www.optusnet.com.au/~aoc2006)

## President's Comments

As we start a new year, there are a few things that I think are important to say. First, new members are very welcome in the club and we hope that you will find the meetings fun, useful and friendly. Second, the popular vote for the orchids that members bring in is a significant part of the meeting. You do not have to be an expert to vote! Most of us aren't experts and we vote for plants within a group that we like for whatever reason. We aren't judges and our criteria vary but our vote is just as valid as any other. We always try to have someone with experience, an accredited judge, vote on the best species and hybrid plant. Having them explain why a plant is a winner is interesting and helps us become more sophisticated in our choices. Still, it is really important for everyone to take part in the popular vote and to participate in the processes of the club. Many new

growers, including myself, are reluctant to bring in plants to put on the bench because we aren't sure that they are good enough. If they have flowers, bring them in! It is always useful to compare your plant with others even if it doesn't win the popular vote. Other members might be able to give you some hints on how to improve your growing methods. You do not need to have a greenhouse and all the associated paraphernalia to grow and flower orchids. There are many plants that in fact do best on a window sill in the kitchen and will flower there. So join us in the popular vote and be sure to remember to vote for the best of the night.

Third, the Committee meets each month and plans events that we hope are of interest including speakers at meetings and special events. We need your input on what topics you would like discussed and what events you would like to have. We are considering another New Member Workshop for the end of March but it only makes sense if new members want to participate. I certainly found it to be a very useful experience when I started growing orchids and I am sure others have as well. Please let a member of the Committee know if you are interested in the New Member Workshop. Fourth, later in this bulletin, there is a reminder of the Workshop at Tathra in March. These create a pleasant and easy way to learn a lot about growing plants and are particularly useful for new growers. I encourage you to attend.

## Committee Members

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### Committee meetings:

**March 2006:** Robert Rough

**April 2006:** Bill Ferris

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## Annual Subscriptions

**\$25 single, \$30 joint, \$5 junior membership.**

## **Coffee Club:**

**March:** No Coffee Club

**April:** Sunday April 9 at 1:30-3:30 PM at Sheila and Peter Cudmore's at 10 Nangor Street, Waramanga

**May:** Sunday 7 May at 1:30-3:30 PM Brian and Moyna Leedham at 42 Henry Street, Cook

**June:** Sunday 11 June at 1:30-3:30 PM Robert and Audrey Rough at 25 Moruya Circuit, Kaleen

For those of you who have never attended a Coffee Club, it is a great opportunity to visit a grower and see their plants and learn about the conditions in which they grow them. One can learn a lot by observing the techniques people use to satisfy the demands of their plants. In addition, there is the social aspect of meeting and talking orchids with other members. It is one of the most important and pleasant events of the Orchid Society

## **New Member Workshop:**

At the end of October last year, a New Member Workshop was held at Robyn Noel's house. As usual with these sorts of events, not all the new members were able to attend so we are considering offering another New Member Workshop on March 26 at 10:30 AM. We would like to know if any new members would be able to attend. We would also be very interested in hearing from new members if there are any particular topics that they would like addressed. These Workshops focus on techniques of repotting and mounting plants as well as general care. Bring your lunch and join in further talk after the demonstrations. Please see a member of the committee at a meeting if you are interested or Email or phone Ben Walcott (contact information at the end of the bulletin). It is a really good way to meet people and to learn a lot in a short time.

## **New Members:**

It is a great pleasure to welcome the following new members. We apologize for not including you in our previous bulletins.

**Charlotte Bakos , Kevin Dawes, Teresa Healy  
Elizabeth Campbell, Megan Dawes, Ted Govier  
Lesley Cheeseman, Sarah Macneil, Coral Ogilvie  
Amelia Da Silva, Ian Chaplin, Helen Richards  
Joe Da Silva, Jenny Marks, Louise Taylor  
Mike Heal, Paul Cheeseman, Rhonda Scoullar  
Val Heal, John Davis, Theo Houterman, Bill Handke  
Maureen Meddemmen, Leanne Meddemmen,  
Beverly Houterman, Craig Wood, Marilyn Ryan  
Jan Furniss**

## **Horticultural Society Autumn Show**

Lancaster Hall at Wesley Uniting Church, Fitzroy Street between National and Dominion Circuits, Griffith. The

shows are open to the public on Saturday from noon-5pm and on Sunday from 12:30-4pm.

Quite a few years ago now, we teamed up with the Horticultural Society to present an autumn show. We wanted to have an occasion in autumn to show our orchids, but we realised that we just don't have enough flowers at that time of year to mount a show on our own. With the help of the late Lila Rose, we came to a terrific arrangement with the Horticultural Society. They now put quite a few orchid classes into each of their shows, but a really complete schedule in the Autumn Show, to cater for us. As a result, we have put on some pretty terrific displays over the years.

This year, we have novice classes as well, for those growers that still qualify as novices for our shows (see "What is a Novice" later in this bulletin).

I would encourage all members to enter their flowering plants in the show. It's a great boost to the visibility of our club. It's a very simple process – just follow the direction below.

1. By **8pm on the Thursday 2 March**, phone Mrs. Linn Doyle (02) 6231 7755, and tell her how many plants of each category you plan to enter. Note that you must have owned and been in possession of the orchids for at least 6 months.
2. Bring your plants to Lancaster Hall for staging on Friday (6-10pm) or Saturday (7:30-10am). There is a 10 cent charge for each entry.
3. If you win any prizes, your winnings (1<sup>st</sup> \$1, 2<sup>nd</sup> 50c) must be collected before the show closes. Uncollected money will revert to the Horticultural Society.
4. Collect your plants immediately after the show closes at 4pm on Sunday. The speed at which this Society can pull down a show is awesome!

## **The Autumn Show 4-5 March 2006**

The orchid classes are:

### **Section A: Open**

#### **Cattleya Alliance**

154 Cattleya species

155 Hybrid – standard

156 Hybrid- intermediate

Best specimen from classes 154-156

#### **Paphiopedilum**

157 Species

158 Hybrid

Best specimen from classes 157,158

#### **Vandaceous Alliance**

159 Species

160 Phalaenopsis hybrids

161 Vanda and Ascocenda hybrids

Best specimen from classes 159-161

#### **Oncidium Alliance**

162 *Oncidium* species

- 163 *Oncidium* hybrid
- 164 *Odontoglossum* alliance species
- 165 *Odontoglossum* alliance hybrid
- 166 Other *Oncidium* alliance species

Best specimen from classes 162-166

#### **Pleurothallid Alliance**

- 167 *Masdevallia* species
- 168 Other pleurothallid species
- 169 Hybrid including *Masd. veitchiana*
- 170 Hybrid not including *Masd. veitchiana*

Best specimen from classes 167-170

#### **Orchid not otherwise specified**

- 171 Species
- 172 Hybrid

Best specimen from classes 171, 172

#### **Section B: Novice Classes**

- 173 *Cattleya* Alliance
- 174 *Paphiopedilum*
- 175 Vandaceous Alliance
- 176 *Oncidium* Alliance
- 177 Pleurothallid Alliance
- 178 Orchid not otherwise specified

Best specimen from classes 173-178

#### **Major Prizes for Orchids**

All entries in the orchid section will be considered for the major prizes.

#### **Champion Orchid of the Show**

The Lawrence Woods Perpetual Trophy, \$20 plus ribbon

#### **Reserve Champion of the Show**

The Lila Rose Memorial Perpetual Trophy, \$15 plus ribbon.

#### **Champion Specimen Orchid**

\$10 plus ribbon.

### **What is a “Novice” Grower?**

A number of people have asked what is the definition of a novice grower and what does it mean.

Monthly meetings: A novice grower is one who has never won a popular vote in any category of orchids at a monthly meeting. The Committee has decided to re-introduce a special part of the bench allotted to novice growers to encourage people who have had their first blooms to bring them in. This will be a separate category which will be judged on its own. Growers must identify themselves as novice and either tell the bench organiser (Rob Rough) or place their plant (any type of orchid) in the area identified for novices. Once a novice has won a popular vote, they are no longer a novice and in future their plants will be judged with the others.

The yearly show: Novice growers can be entered in displays (Section A) or as individual plants (Section C). “Section C is open only to financial members of the Orchid Society of Canberra, residing within 50 km of the ACT. In Section C, ‘Novice’ shall mean any exhibitor until they have won in an aggregate of first prizes in any

3 sub-sections at any Orchid Show or Shows, but they shall cease to be a novice in respect to each sub-section in which they win a first prize. The exhibitor shall remain a novice until the end of the calendar year in which they win their third first prize, but shall cease to be a novice in respect of a particular sub section in which they have won their first prize.

In all cases, the bench organizer or show marshal(s) must be aware that a submitted orchid is from a novice grower.

### **Orchid workshop**

As reported in the previous bulletin, on Saturday and Sunday March 18&19, an Orchid Workshop will be held at Kianinny Cabins in Tathra on the coast. This year it is hosted by the Sapphire Coast Orchid Club and has two guests, David Keanelly and Irene Bodell. David will talk about cymbidiums and will have mericlones for sale. Irene will talk on native plants and how best to grow them. Most participants will spend Friday and Saturday nights at Kianinny Cabins and return on Sunday afternoon. The program starts at 9 AM on Saturday and ends after lunch on Sunday. There is a registration fee of \$50 which covers all lectures, morning and afternoon teas and BBQ lunches both days. The registration forms and schedule are on our website

([www.geocities.com/RainForest/Vines/7040/index.html](http://www.geocities.com/RainForest/Vines/7040/index.html)) and we will have some at the March meeting. If you book directly with the Resort (Kianinny Resort website is <http://www.kianinny.com.au/index.html> and their phone number is 02 6495 1990) be sure and tell them you are part of the orchid meeting.

### **Orchid Society Meritorious Service Award**

At the December meeting, the Orchid Society of Canberra, on behalf of the Orchid Society of New South Wales, presented **Robyn Noel** with a meritorious service award. The inscription stated that “**This award is presented in recognition of your outstanding service to the Orchid Society of Canberra over many years. As treasurer you have managed the club’s resources admirably and have been a very effective member of the Committee. Your efforts to make all members, new and old, feel welcome and valued is greatly appreciated by all.**” We are all delighted to recognize Robyn for all her hard work on our behalf. Thank you and congratulations!

### **Orchid jobs to do in March and April**

By Jane Wright

After the hot weather we’ve had, it’s a relief to have some cooler temperatures. But don’t forget that winter will be on us soon. My rule of thumb is to get all the plants into their winter arrangements by Anzac Day at the latest. So it’s not too early to start to reline the glasshouse and make sure the heater and thermostats work.

With the warm days and cool nights, we get the initiation of *Phalaenopsis* spikes. If your conditions are very stable with little difference between day and night, it may be worthwhile to give your plants a holiday outside for a week or two. Just make sure that you don't scorch the leaves or let them dry out too much under these different conditions!

Before settling the plants for winter, it's a good idea to go over them all very carefully, checking for any insects. I like to do one spray of all the orchids before winter, just to make sure that I don't have big problems during winter.

If it turns out that you can't fit everything back into the space you have available, consider selling some spare divisions on the sales table. Remember to put the price on a separate tag, and remember to allow for the society's 10% commission when you price the plants.

### **OSC Email Group**

The email group among members of the Orchid Society of Canberra appears to be going well, and I am happy to put more people on the list. If you wish to join, see me at the next meeting or send me an email at [david.judge@apsc.gov.au](mailto:david.judge@apsc.gov.au). *David Judge*

If you wish to receive the bulletin quickly via Email and save the Society the mailing and printing costs of this bulletin, please contact the bulletin editor, Ben Walcott, at [bwalcott@netspeed.com.au](mailto:bwalcott@netspeed.com.au). Those of you who are already on my list do not have to reply to this request.

### **CROSSWORD No 19 SOLUTION**

By Dennis Drobe

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### **Journal Reviews February 2006**

#### **The Orchid Review Nov/Dec 2005**

Articles include (a) New natural hybrids in *Catasetum*. (b) Finding the perfect place to grow orchids – the windowsill. (c) The Genus *Pleurothallis*, containing a world of strange species. (d) A discussion of the use of *Oncidium tigrinum* in the breeding of Intergeneric

hybrids. (e) A description of a rare orchid hybrid between *Renanthera imshootiana* and *Vanda coerulea*. (f) The conservation of the insignificant but highly endangered jewel orchids of the India region. (g) A discussion of why single-flowered species within *Paphiopedilum* sometimes produce two or more flowers. (h) An outline of the fundamental principles involved in studying island floras, as this relates to the genetic studies of orchids. (i) A description and illustration of *Monosepalum dischorensis*, an obscure *Bulbophyllum* from New Guinea. (j) A continuation of the history of orchid designs which appeared on ceramics from 1847 to the present day, and (k) a description of *Campylocentrum grisebachii*, a leafless orchid found in Venezuela.

#### **The Orchid Review Jan/Feb 2006**

Articles include (a) A discussion of a fascinating collection of wild orchids found growing at the British Cemetery on Corfu. (b) A discussion of the hairiness found in *pleurothallids*. (c) Growing orchids from seed, and the harvesting of seed capsules. (d) A discussion of the *Bulbophyllum* section *Lepidorhiza*. (e) Efforts being made to conserve *Cattleya dowiana*, a showy species found in Costa Rica. (f) Planning the perfect orchid greenhouse. (g) A description and illustration of *Catasetum rectangulare*, a new species from Colombia. (h) A description of some floriferous pendulous-growing *Dendrobium* species from the Philippines (i) a continuation of the series on the challenges posed to orchid systematists by genetic studies pursued on islands, and (j) a history of the genus *Cycnoches*, and the taxonomic difficulties involved.

#### **Orchids Australia Dec 2005**

An article by Mick Keith describes Madagascan orchid species he has grown. Peter Taylor writes about *Paphiopedilum insigne*, which he describes as being "beautiful, tough and easy to grow if simple cultural rules are adhered to". There is an article on the WA Orchid Spectacular & Conference 2005. Colin Hamilton writes about *Bulbophyllum echinolabium*, which won the Champion Exotic Species at the above Conference. Stephen and Robyn Monkhouse write about their experience in moving Adelaide Orchids to Bali, and Rex Johnson writes about some orchids seen at the International Orchid Spectacular, held in Melbourne in August 2005.

#### **Australian Orchid Review Dec 05 - Jan 06**

Gary and Judy Backhouse write about their visit to Papua New Guinea, and the orchids which may be found there. Gary Fuchs writes about the care and culture of vandaceous orchids, with a number of great photos. Eric Christenson tracks down a yellow form of *Ascocentrum curvifolium f. luteum*. Jim Cootes discusses variation within *Phalaenopsis equestris*. Perry Larsson writes about his *Coyanthes mastersiana x Stanhopea reichenbachiana*, which flowered continuously from December 2005 to November 2006, with a total of 52 inflorescences. Peter O'Byrne describes a new species *Dendrobium sutiknoi*, a previously undescribed species from the section *Spatulata*. David Banks describes a new

species, *Bulbophyllum novaciae*. There are the usual articles on *Cymbidiums*, including one on the building of a *Cymbidium* collection.

**Orchids AOS Dec 2005**

Articles include (a) Searching for orchids with the coveted blue hue. (b) The history and taxonomy of *Calanthe ceciliae* (c) Building floral arrangements using orchids. (d) The use of orchids in corsages in the 1940's. (e) Insulating your greenhouse to reduce heating bills. (f) The damage caused by Cyclone Wilma to the AOS Visitors' Centre in Florida. (g) Pseudocopulatory pollination in *Lepanthes* by fungus gnats, and (h) six new species of Sobralia, from the Section *Abbreviatae*, found in Panama, are described.

**Orchids AOS November 2005**

Articles include (a) finding *Renanthera coccinea* in bloom in the Khao Yai National Park in Thailand. (b) A report on how lime and fertility affect hybrid *Paphiopedilum*. (c) A discussion of how various interpretations of Orchid Show themes can heighten displays. (d) The wide choice of flower form, colour and plant size available within *Oncidiums* – with some beautiful photos. (e) Taking precautions to safeguard orchids in the greenhouse during winter. (f) The challenges facing the preservation of orchids in the Indian Ocean island of Madagascar. (g) An absolutely glorious colour parade of photos of *Sophrholaeliocattleyas*. (h) Creating a climate-controlled space to grow orchids in a window, and (i) Developing an appreciation for orchids through conservation.

**Orchids January 2006**

Articles include (a) an analysis of orchid fragrances, ranging from foul to flattering, which stimulate the senses. (b) Tips for managing your collection to grow better orchids. (c) Practical ideas for potting orchids. (d) An introduction to a series in four parts about the orchids of Costa Rica – Part 1 – The Era of Rudolf Schlechter. (e) Building a bamboo summer house for Cattleyas, and (f) A description of a new orchid species *Microthelys rubrocallosa* found in the Sacramento Mountains in New Mexico

**CROSSWORD No 20**

by Dennis Drobe

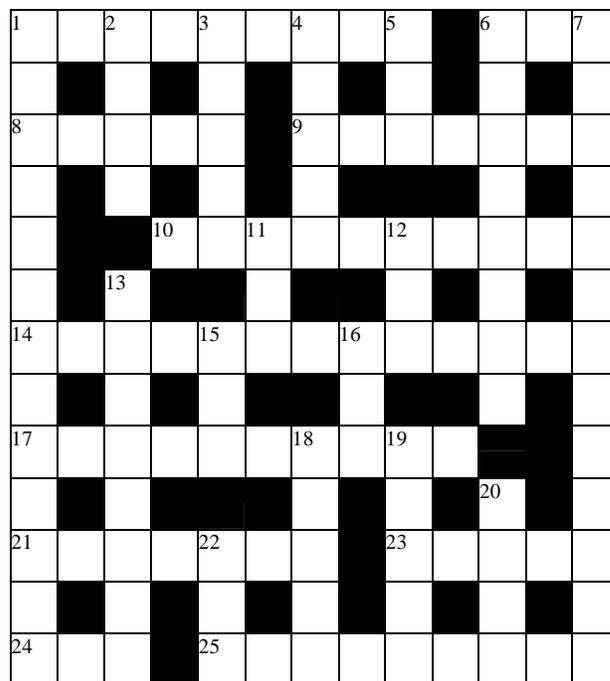
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- 6 Of course (3)
- 8 A sweet herb (5)
- 9 Flee, Son! Your normal condition (7)
- 10 The type of sailor who sails on inland lakes and rivers only (10)
- 14 Rubber, glass, ceramic, etc (13)
- 17 A type of jazz, IT and charged particles make for customs (10)
- 21 500 choirs arranged the flowers (7)

- 23 Johanna ..... wrote *Heidi* (5)
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- 25 I vote for Neal and loftiness of thought (9)

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- 1, 1 Across, 6 Quote from a small village (2,2,2,3,2,2,4,2,3,8)
- 2 "The only thing worse than a liar is a liar that's ..... a hypocrite!" - Tennessee Williams (4)
- 3 Drone (5)
- 4 Three is to the right (5)
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- 6 See 1
- 7 Causes soil erosion and loss of epiphytes (13)
- 11 A neon without a starter can go on for a very long time (3)
- 12 Why be coy, initially, with a boxing organization? (3)
- 13 Embellished hen dance (8)
- 15 Japanese sash (3)
- 16 Flying saucer (3)
- 18 Reissued without colour for progeny (5)
- 19 Gum tree (5)
- 20 Elevated convolutions on the surfaces of the cerebral hemispheres (4)
- 22 Diamonds [Slang] (3)



## Popular Vote February 2006

	Plant	Owner
Laeliinae hybrid – miniature	<i>LC. Mini purple coerulea</i>	Tony Lanza
Laeliinae hybrid - intermediate	<i>C. Lulu Pink Blush X C. laudate hybrida</i>	Bob Rough
Laeliinae species	<i>Enc. cochleata</i>	Jane Wright
Dendrobium exotic hybrid	<i>Den. Dindaeng Blue</i> tied with Unknown	Terry and Julianne Turner Terry and Julianne Turner
Dendrobium exotic species	<i>Den. williamsianum</i>	Ben Wallace
Sarcochilus hybrid	<i>Sarconopsis Rita Anderson 'Tinonee'</i>	Rob Rough
Paphiopedilum species	<i>Paph. praestans 'Red leaf form'</i>	David Judge
Paphiopedilum hybrid	<i>Paph. Red Manda Fire Hot X philipinense Red Cork Sirens</i>	Terry and Julianne Turner
Phalaenopsis species	<i>Phal. lueddemmanniana 'purpurea'</i>	Tina and Ross Anderson
Coelogyne hybrid	<i>Coel. Memoria W Micholitz 'Bunhami'</i>	Don Chesher
Coelogyne species	<i>Coelogyne merrilli</i>	Don Chesher
Onchidium alliance species	<i>Psychopsis papilio</i>	Jane Wright
Onchidium alliance hybrid	<i>Odna. Papageno 'Salmon'</i>	Brian Phelan
Cymbidium species	<i>Cymbidium canaliculatum</i>	David Judge
Zygopetalum	<i>Zba. Kiwi Shadow 'Cabernet' X Z. John Banks 'Purple Lips'</i>	Ben Walcott
Orchid of the Night	<i>Phal. hybrid No1.</i>	Tina and Ross Anderson
Judges Choice - Species	<i>Cymbidium canaliculatum</i>	David Judge and Rajani Rai
Judges Choice - Hybrid	<i>Odna. Papageno 'Salmon'</i>	Brian Phelan

### **Contributions to the Bulletin**

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