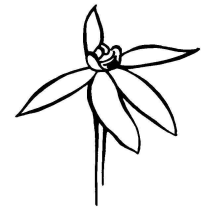


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Regular monthly meetings

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 2007: Graham Morris of Valley Orchids on commercial growing of orchids in China

April 2007: Rob Giles formerly of Wundebah Orchids will speak on Growing Orchids in High Country: Controlling Glasshouse Conditions

Orchid Society of Canberra Events

Horticultural Society of Canberra. 3&4 March at the Wesley Centre (see later item)

Annual Two Day Workshop Eurobodalla Orchid Club. 17 & 18 March at Luhuna Motel, Moruya.

Upcoming Orchid Events

Sydney International Orchid Fair 30 March – 1 April
Castle Hill Showground, NSW

Collectors Plant Fair 21-22 April, Bilpin, NSW

President's Comments:

I would like to thank Bob Evans and Mark Fraser for setting up the plants for the popular vote at the February meeting. Thanks also to Lynne and Brian Phelan for taking care of the vote tally. I will be asking again for volunteers for that task at the next meeting as that gives the people setting up the plants a break. Could I also request again that members leave their plants on the tables and then step away until all the plants have been put in place. I know that there is temptation for all of us to look at the plants before the meeting begins but please keep away from the plant tables until the popular vote. It is difficult for the organizers to move back and forth placing plants when members are in the way. Your help with this would be greatly appreciated.

The door prize and raffle plants are an important way for the club to raise money and to share plants. Not many people realize that while the club has bought some of these plants, many are donated by members. For example, the February door prize was donated by Brian and Lynne Phelan. Rob Rough and Theo and Jenny Schutz have all donated many plants over the years. We are very grateful for these helpful donations and hope that those that win the plants appreciate them and have

good success with them. We encourage any of you that have potted cuttings from your plants to donate them for the raffles. The only stipulation is that the donated plants should be reasonably established (a rule of thumb is about 1 year in the pot) so that less experienced growers will have success and they won't fall out of their pots.

On the subject of the popular vote, I would like to encourage all members and guests to participate. The rules are very simple and require no great expertise. Vote for flowering plant in each category that **you** like best, it is that simple. Do not forget to vote for the best orchid of the night.

The Committee and others work hard to get speakers that we think are interesting and relevant to orchids. I would urge that any member who knows of someone whom they think might be an interesting speaker to make the suggestion to a member of the committee. For example, Terry Turner thought of Rob Giles who is going to be our April speaker and we thank him for that and for making the contact. Suggestions on topics would be very welcome. Any help with the speaker aspects of the program is very welcome.

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Committee meetings:

March: Bill Ferris

Annual Subscriptions

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

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Annual Two-Day Workshop

There are still a few places left for this workshop. This year the Eurobodalla Orchid Club is hosting the annual two day workshop. It will be held on Saturday and Sunday March 17th and 18th 2007 at the Luhuna Motel, Princess Highway, Moruya. On Saturday, the program will run from 9:30AM to 5:00PM and on Sunday from 9:30AM to 2:00 PM. The two speakers are Dennis Deihm and Zicky Zurcher. John Robertson, previously announced as a speaker, is unable to attend so Zicky has kindly stepped in. He will talk on paphiopedilums. The format involves lectures and demonstrations of many aspects of orchid culture from these two experts. There will be plenty of time to ask questions or to talk privately to the speakers. The speakers are both commercial growers and I am sure will have lots of plants for sale. The booking form is on our website. The cost is \$50 for the weekend which entitles you to morning and afternoon teas and a BBQ lunch on both days, except no afternoon tea on Sunday. Dinner on Saturday night will be at a local restaurant at the participant's own expense. It is a fun time to meet members from other clubs and to share information.

The Horticultural Society of Canberra Shows

There are 4 shows each year (3&4 March, 15&16 September, 27&28 October and 10&11 November) held in Lancaster Hall of the Wesley Centre on National Circuit. There is a large table in the middle of the show that has our orchids for judging. To enter plants, call either Linn Doyle (6231 7755) or Lyn Edwards (6286 2781) at the latest by 8 PM on the Thursday before 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 (22&23 September) it is an 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.

March Show Schedule

3&4 of March: call in to register plants by the evening of Thursday 1 March and bring the plants on the evening of Friday 2 March 6-10 PM.

Section A: Open Cattleya Alliance

155. Cattleya Species

156. Hybrid- Standard

157. Hybrid – Intermediate

Best specimen plant from classes 155-157

Paphiopedilum

158. Species

159. Other Hybrid

Best specimen plant from classes 158 & 159

Vandaceous Alliance

160. Vandaceous Alliance species

161. *Phalaenopsis* hybrids

162. *Vanda* and *Ascocenda* hybrids

Best specimen plant from classes 160-162

Oncidium Alliance

163. *Oncidium* species

164. *Oncidium* hybrid

165. *Odontoglossum* Alliance species

166. *Odontoglossum* Alliance hybrid

167. Other *Oncidium* Alliance species

Best specimen plant from classes 163-167

Pleurothallid Alliance

168. *Masdevallia* species

169. Other Pleurothallid species

170. Hybrid including *Masdevallia vietchiana*

171. Hybrid not including *Masdevallia vietchiana*

Best specimen plant from classes 168-171

Orchid not otherwise specified

(classes 172 & 173 may be subdivided at the discretion of the judges)

172. Species

173. Hybrids

Best specimen from classes 172 & 173

Section B: Novice Classes

174. Cattleya Alliance

175. Paphiopedilum

176. Vandaceous Alliance

177. Oncidium Alliance

178. Pleurothallid Alliance

179. Orchid not otherwise specified

Best specimen plant from classes 174-179

Major Prizes

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

Champion Orchid of the Show

The Lawrence 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 plus \$15 and a ribbon

Champion Specimen Orchid \$10 plus a 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.

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February Coffee Club/New Member Workshop

Thank you to Rob and Audrey Rough for hosting the February Coffee Club and Workshop. A number of new members were able to attend and see Rob’s plants and greenhouse. It is always useful to see how others grow their plants and are coping with the dry conditions. Rob puts washed coco peat on the surface of his pots and shakes it down into the bark to retain more moisture. He showed off a *Stanhopea* in bud as well as a large pot of *L. anceps* with flower spikes all over it that was growing outside the greenhouse. He also had some plants for sale. There was a lot of talk and, of course, delicious munchies.

General Meeting Minutes February 2007

Attendance: 50

Apologies: Rob and Audrey Rough, Jim Harper.

New members: Gurt and Trudi Friedrick, Peter, Val and Kelli Gowland.

General announcements:

Trophy - The Champion Cymbidium Orchid trophy was handed to Pam and Richard Phillips

More awards - More awards were handed to those in the society who had attended the most meetings in the year. These went to Ross and Tina Anderson, Leanda O’Connor and Terry Turner.

Orchid displays – Members bringing orchids for the general meeting were reminded to stand back after dropping their orchids at the table so that Bob and Rob can set up

Counting votes – Ben asked for volunteers to count the popular votes at the general meetings so that Bob and Rob can attend the other half of the meetings. An immediate response was given from Brian and Lynne Phelan, so a ‘thanks’ to them. The plan is for someone different to volunteer each meeting to do the counting and thereby share the load.

March meeting – Graham Morris from Vallee Orchids in South Australia is booked for the March Meeting and has requested that orchids be pre-ordered. Ben provided copies of lists.

Coffee Club - A reminder for the Coffee Club to be held at Rob and Audrey Rough’s house Sunday 11/2/07 from Noon – 4.00pm.

Library – Ben announced that the library is in the process of being computerised and this will make operations easier and better organised (eventually).

Guest Speaker:

Tonight Mark Clements gave us a talk and a look at some of his 3,500 photos taken on a recent trip to Madagascar, off the coast of Africa. Mark and his partner Anne travelled to Madagascar along with 7 others, all of them involved in some way with the orchid industry. The pictures taken in Madagascar were amazing with every picture bigger and better than the last. Since the French left the infrastructure has fallen into disrepair, and this

made travelling tricky at times. Mark had photos of 'highways' that were pot-holed tracks and bridges that had fallen down and just been left. Then there were the stories of zebras on air strips and overloaded utes that served as taxis. Apart from this there was the task of organising the teams of porters, guides, cooks and permits to get into the tops of the mountains. Anyway, we saw pictures of orchids growing right on the beaches and also in every other imaginable place (I didn't get all the names but many were angraecoid orchids), amazing chameleons, beautiful gentle lemurs, huge leafed begonias, really pretty fluffy mealy bugs, huge baobabs, big green slater-like millipedes, giant snails, 'dead leaf' frogs, geckos, hibiscus, kalanchoes and lots lots more. 80% of the income for the island comes from the vanilla bean, and the flowers are hand pollinated each day. The pods are sorted by size and stacked in shelves. One shelf pictured was worth a huge amount of money. We saw pictures of very Asian looking rice paddies and this according to Mark is probably related to the fact that the people of Madagascar are originally from Indonesia. There was also a trip to the Tsingy, an awesomely huge limestone formation that goes for miles and has been weathered into sharp deep fissures that make it impossible to walk across. It was a great talk and we loved seeing the orchids from the very wet areas to the very dry, and we really loved seeing all the creatures, especially the lemurs! Thanks Mark.

March Orchid Workshop: A reminder given for the workshop with a couple of places still available.

Secretary's report:

Publications – Orchids(American Orchid Society)(Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan), Australian Orchid Review (Dec/Jan), Orchid Digest (Oct/Nov/Dec), Orchids Australia (Dec, Feb), The Alpine Gardener (Dec), The Orchadian (Dec), orchids of South Africa 2006

Newsletters – There are very many newsletters in from all of our regulars and if people are interested in having a look please talk to Barb (Secretary).

Other – 'Our Gardens' Summer 2006 magazines, a flier from Easy Orchids advertising a Malaysian tour of orchids and nurseries, information from the Griffin Centre about what is happening there now e.g. services etc.

Minutes moved by Terry Turner and seconded by Mark Clements.

Treasurer's report:

Balance at \$13,710.00 with not much moving in or out at the moment.

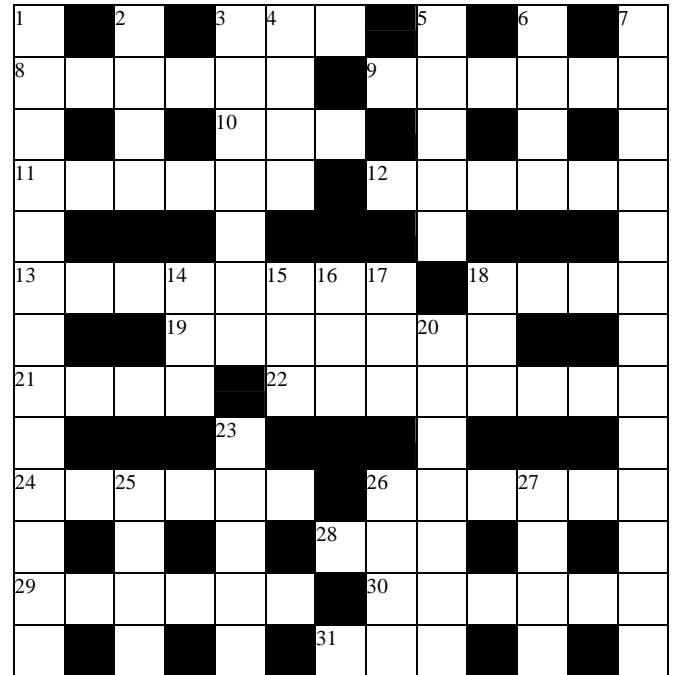
Report moved by Mark Fraser and seconded by Ross Anderson.

Raffle winners: Nita Wheeler, Carol Ede, Jan Furniss, Leanda O'Connor, Barbara Corsini, Ross Anderson, Lorraine King, Michael Heal.

Lucky door prize: Yvonne Day

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by Dennis Drobe



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- 3 "Cultivated leisure is the ... of man." - Oscar Wilde (3)
- 8 Nodding, orchid-wise (6)
- 9 Part of an orchid has six floral whorls (6)
- 10 A booking for musicians (3)
- 11 Testicle (L.) (6)
- 12 Picturesque (6)
- 13 Sickle-shaped (L.) (8)
- 18 Joan Sutherland or Maria Callas, e.g. (4)
- 19 Doughnut (7)
- 21 It's the crux but it sounds uncouth (4)
- 22 Why tact and ale produce an orchid (8)
- 24 Wattle genus (6)
- 26 The art of growing dwarfed, ornamentally shaped trees or shrubs (6)
- 28 Sparkling champagne was pioneered by cellarer ... Pierre Perignon (3)
- 29 Lip (L.) (6)
- 30 Ron, with Pat, is a regular customer (6)
- 31 Uncle Sam's RAN (1,1,1)

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- 1 Ill at ease (13)
- 2 Relating to the ear (4)
- 3 Concerning suffocating pain (7)
- 4 Goddess of fertility (4)
- 5 "The Orchid" starred Sophia Loren (5)
- 6 A farewell song (4)
- 7 Decrees (13)
- 14 Fish (3)
- 15 Twitch (3)
- 16 Fiddler crab genus (3)

- 17 Confirmed drunkard (3)
- 18 Equal to 10 litres (Abbr.) (3)
- 20 Moot ant is Turkish (7)
- 23 Ebola, mosaic and computer, for example (5)
- 25 White (L.) (4)
- 26 Strikes (4)
- 27 A flight of mallards (4)

Popular Vote February 2007

	Plant	Owner
Laeliinae hybrid – miniature	<i>Slc. Dreamcatcher</i>	Kevin Dawes
Laeliinae hybrid - intermediate	Blc. Everything Nice ‘Exquisite’	Ben Walcott
Laeliinae hybrid - standard	<i>Lc. Ocarina ‘Soleil Couchant’</i>	Ben Walcott
Cattleya species	<i>L. alaorii</i>	Lynn and Brian Phelan
Dendrobium alliance	<i>Vappodes affine</i>	Ben Wallace
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph dianthum</i>	David Judge
Pleurathurid alliance species	<i>Pleurothalis prolifera</i>	Jane Wright
Masdevallia hybrid	<i>Msd. Blushing Belle Macgregor</i>	Jane Wright
Coelogyne	<i>Coel. Andree Millar</i>	Don Chesher
Onchidium alliance species	<i>Oda Star of Jersey</i>	Brian and Lynn Phelan
Onchidium alliance hybrid	<i>Onc. Unknown</i>	Terry Turner
Vandinaceous alliance hybrid	<i>V. Rothschildianum</i>	Brian and Lynn Phelan
Other species	Zygo Artur Elle ‘Essendon’ X Helen Ku ‘Velvet Lady’	Kevin Dawes
Orchid of the Night	<i>V. Rothschildianum</i>	Brian and Lynn Phelan
Judges Choice - Hybrid	<i>Vasco Crownfox Magic ‘Fuji’s Magic’</i>	Jane Wright
Judges Choice - Species	<i>Paph. dianthum</i>	David Judge

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