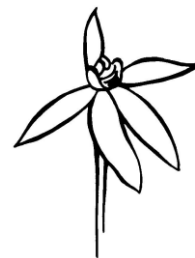


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*Petalochilus fuscatus*



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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.

## Meeting Program

February: Nita Wheeler - growing terrestrial orchids  
March: Mark Clements - orchids of Western Australia

## Upcoming Orchid Events

**Orchid Workshop:** 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> March 2013, Saturday 9:30am - 5pm, Sunday 9:30am - 1:30pm, La Salle Motel and Conference Centre, Narooma. Speakers will be Ray Clements (*Tinonee Orchids*) and Bill Miles (*Orchid Species Plus*).

**Orchids Out West:** 25-27 May 2013, Fri/Sat 9am - 4pm, Sun 9am - 3pm, Hawkesbury Race Club, Clarendon  
For more information please visit our website:  
[www.canberraorchids.org/](http://www.canberraorchids.org/)

## Horticultural Society of Canberra Shows

**Autumn Show:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2013, Wesley Centre, National Circuit, Forrest

## President's Comments

What heat! I've been watering furiously, and so far, things have been going ok, although I've lost one *Vanda* spike completely and some *Cymbidium* leaves are looking rather burnt.

Make sure to put the Horticultural Society Autumn Show in your calendar (2-3 March). This serves as our autumn show too, so please plan ahead and enter some plants in the show. See full details elsewhere in the bulletin.

We are attempting to put together a program of speakers that includes some topics we haven't heard about in a while. So far, we have Gary Hart from Sydney lined up for July to talk on Paphiopedilums, and Gary Yong Gee from Brisbane to show images in September and to give us some pointers on how to take beautiful pictures. If there is a topic that you'd like covered, or if you have a suggestion for a speaker, please talk to one of the committee.



November Judges' Choice Specimen: *Laelia milleri*, grown by Bob Bush

## Committee Members

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## Committee meetings:

13<sup>th</sup> February: Bill Ferris  
11<sup>th</sup> March: Bob Forrester

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## Meeting Program:

February: Nita Wheeler will speak on growing Australian terrestrial orchids, and give a potting demonstration.

March: Mark Clements will show images and talk about the orchids of Western Australia. WA is a real centre of diversity for the stunning genus *Arachnorchis* (spider caladenias in the old speak), amongst other orchids.

## Southern Orchid Spectacular

Several members packed up your orchids and took them to Sydney for the Southern Orchid Spectacular in early October 2012. The theme of our display was "Alice in Wonderland" – an extension of the theme used by Karen Groeneveld at our own show in spring. It was a more naturalistic display than we have done in some time – lots of moss involved, which turned out to be very effective. We were delighted to win first prize in class 2 for a display of 3-4 m<sup>2</sup> by an affiliated society. Thanks to Karen, Peter and Zoe Groeneveld, Mark Fraser and Sandra Corbett, Robyn Noel and Roger Williams for helping to pull it all together. Also, a big thank-you to the members who were prepared to lend us their orchids once again.



## Annual Popular Vote Prize

For many years at the Christmas party, we have awarded the Graham Phillis Trophy to the member who won the most popular votes in the preceding 12 months. In keeping with our show trophies, we have discontinued the practice of a perpetual trophy, and instead will present an individual trophy for the winner to keep.

This year, we also decided to give a prize for the member who won the most judges' choice votes in the preceding year. For 2012, our winners were:

Popular Vote: Karen Groeneveld

Judges Choice: David Judge

Congratulations to you both.



November Orchid of the Night: *Phalaenopsis* hybrid, grown by Karen Groeneveld

## Sancell Bubble-wrap

Members who have installed this product have been favourably impressed. If there is sufficient interest I am prepared to co-ordinate the order for another roll before the cold weather arrives. The bubble-wrap is 1.5m wide and a roll is 100m and I would like the order to come close to 100m to get a favourable price. As a rough guide, about 25m is required for an 8 foot x 8 foot house. Expressions of interest (definite and exact orders) will be taken at the February meeting or you can contact me (6297 5635) or email [orcsoc@yahoo.com](mailto:orcsoc@yahoo.com).  
Bill Ferris.



## Horticultural Society Autumn Show

It's almost time again to prepare your plants for the Autumn Show that is hosted by the Horticultural Society of Canberra. Many years ago, we thought it would be good to have an autumn show, but realised that we simply would not have sufficient plants in flower to pull it off. So we made arrangements with the Horticultural Society for a large number of orchid classes, and it's been going strong ever since.

**How to enter:** Call in your entries to Sheila Hodgson by 8pm on the Thursday 28 February on 6254 8017 or email her at [2hodgson@tpg.net.au](mailto:2hodgson@tpg.net.au). All exhibits must be staged by 10am on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. The show closes at 4pm on Sunday 3 March. The full show schedule can be found on the Horticultural Society Website: [www.hsoc.org.au/](http://www.hsoc.org.au/)

## **Horticultural Society Autumn Flower Show Orchid Classes**

### **SECTION A: OPEN**

#### **Cattleya Alliance**

120. Species

122. Hybrid - intermediate

121. Hybrid - standard

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

128. *Vanda* and *Ascocenda* hybrids

127. *Phalaenopsis* 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**

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**

### **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**



November Judges' Choice Hybrid: *Paphiopedilum Julius*, grown by David Judge

## General Meeting Minutes

**7 November 2012**

### **Speaker:**

Dennis Diehm gave an excellent presentation on mid-sized and miniature *Cattleyas*, which are among the best known of all orchids. They originated in the American tropics, but there are now thousands of hybrids. Mid-sized and miniature *Cattleyas* are compact and might flower two or three times a year. The flowers of seedlings from a single cross are very variable.

In the past many needed winter heat, but breeding has improved temperature tolerance. The ideal temperature range is from a minimum of 4-8 C, to a maximum of 30-35 C. In frosty areas they may need heat. Cattleyas need plenty of light, and in winter can have full diffused sun. During hot periods the plants and floor can be misted – Dennis uses ten-second bursts of mist when the temperature reaches 35 C. Hand watering is recommended once a week in winter, and every two days in summer. Dennis suggests feeding well to get new growth and flowers - an NPK ratio of 20:8:12 plus seaweed emulsion works well.

Dennis pots his seedlings in 4 parts coarse Perlite to one part milled sphagnum or peat moss. For mature plants he uses 50% 5-8 mm bark, 40% Perlite and 10% charcoal. It's recommended to wash and dry the bark to remove any tannin. Re-pot when the plant is crawling out of its container as large plants are best.

Cattleyas are not very prone to fungal diseases, but overwatering should be avoided. Viruses are likely to be present in every collection and infections can be detected when cell breakdown is visible as mottling in the flowers' petals and sepals. Infected plants must be destroyed to keep the virus from spreading to healthy plants.



November Judges' Choice Hybrid: *Diuris punctata*, grown by Paul Tyerman

**Awards:** Jane Wright presented the numerous awards won by Canberra Orchid Society members at the Spring Show and the Southern Orchid Spectacular.

#### Secretary's Report:

Bulletins: Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society - November  
Campbelltown and Districts Orchid Society - October  
Sapphire Coast Orchid Club - October  
Miriam Anne Orchids -

October/November

Horticultural Society of Canberra -  
November 2012/January 2013

Brochures: Sapphire Coast Orchid Club Australian Native Orchid Show - 2-3 November  
Neutrog Pooh Bah Club (multiple copies)

Magazines: Orchids Australia - October 2012  
Australian Orchid Review -  
October/November

Other mail: Renewal form for the Orchid Digest  
Membership application arising from the show  
Bank statement and cheque book

**Treasurer's report:** Robyn reported the current bank account balance of \$21,718.69.

Acceptance of the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports moved by Terry Turner and seconded by Nita Wheeler - approved.

#### Q&A Session - led by Paul Tyerman

Joe had put young plants in a heated terrarium with aquarium lights, which resulted in them becoming lanky and etiolated. Possible causes discussed were inadequate light or light of the wrong colour and temperature, and lack of air movement.

David commented that some of his Paphiopedilums had really vigorous roots, but when he re-potted them, they rotted away. He now separates the roots thoroughly before re-potting. Don't just put them in a bigger pot. Terry suggested removing all roots in the centre and placing an upturned pot in the centre to ensure sufficient air reaches the roots.

Nita recommended stopping watering terrestrials now so they can be re-potted from about 20<sup>th</sup> December. It was suggested that when re-potting *Thelychiton speciosus*, cut all the roots off – the new root growth will be amazing.

**Raffle Prizes:** Lance Sanders, Jane Wright, Nita Wheeler, Bob Forrester, Yvonne Day, Mark Clements, Bob Bush, Paul Tyerman, Mahala Bertocci, Christine Finch and Kerry Pride

**Lucky door prize:** Laurie Woods



December Orchid of the Night: *Cymbidium canaliculatum* var. *sparksii*, grown by Lynne & Brian Phelan

**General Meeting Minutes**  
**5 December 2012**

In accordance with tradition, the December meeting was the Christmas party and lacked the formal structure of a normal meeting. It was well attended and lavishly catered.

**Trophies:**

Bill Ferris demonstrated the new system for our Spring Show trophies, replacing the perpetual trophies awarded for champion plants in various classes. As of the 2012 Show, the Society is no longer awarding perpetual trophies. Instead, winners of championships are now given individual trophies which they can keep. The change reflected considerations including:

- some of the trophy makers are no longer in business;
- some trophies had limited space to record further years' results; and
- others were showing signs of deterioration.

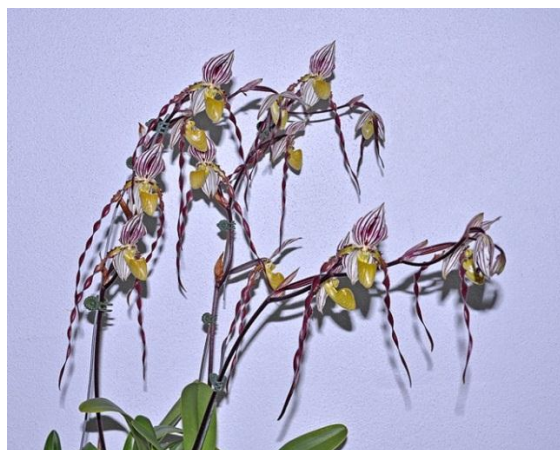
The old perpetual trophies were presented to the most frequent winner for them to keep. There is now a section on the Society's website showing a photograph of each old trophy, as well as a roll of honour listing all the people who have won each award in the past.

**Awards:**

Best attendance over the preceding year - Yvonne Day, Ros and Ben Walcott, Nita Wheeler

Most frequent winner of the monthly popular vote - Karen Groeneveld

Most frequent winner of the monthly judges' choice - David Judge



December Judges' Choice Species: *Paphiopedilum philippinense*, grown by David Judge

**Speaker:**

Jane presented a slide show of the Southern Orchid Spectacular, held in Cronulla in October. The Society entered a display around the theme of 'Alice in Wonderland' (a wonderland of orchids), which came first in its class. In addition, a number of the plants included in the display were awarded prizes. Jane's

photos were primarily of the Society's display, peppered with a few shots of other major displays from the Sydney region. Jane thanked those members who had provided flowering plants for the display and those who had travelled to Sydney to set up the display.

**Gifts:**

Each member received a Christmas present from the Society, a plant acquired from the collection of the late Brian Duke, which were mostly Masdevallias plus a few Oncidiinae and a few Cymbidiums.



December Judges' Choice Hybrid: *Odontoglossum Nancy Crees*, grown by Lynne & Brian Phelan



December Judges' Choice Specimen: *Cymbidium Kuranda*, grown by Lynne & Brian Phelan

**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	



**Horticultural Society of Canberra Spring Bulb & Camellia Show**  
September 2012

Class	Description	Prize	Plant	Owner
200	<i>Cymbidium</i> - standard	1	<i>Cymbidium</i> Plush Canyon 'Devils Falls'	Don Chesher
		2	<i>Cymbidium</i> unknown	Robyn Noel
204	<i>Cattleya</i> alliance hybrid	1	<i>Cattleya</i> unknown	Bob Bush
206	Vandaceous alliance	1	<i>Rhynchostylis</i> Spots 'Pink'	Jane Wright
		2	<i>Rhynchostylis</i> Spots 'Red'	Jane Wright
207	<i>Oncidium</i> alliance	1	<i>Beallara</i> Diana Dunn	Bob Bush
		2	<i>Oncidioda</i> Charlesworthii 'Mishima'	Ben Walcott
208	Pleurothallid alliance	1	<i>Masdevallia</i> Copperwings	Bob Bush
		2	<i>Masdevallia</i> Copper Angel 'Highland'	Jane Wright
210	Any other Australian native orchid	1	<i>Pterostylis curta</i>	Mark Clements
		2	<i>Thelychiton speciosus</i>	Julie & Tony Smith
211	<i>Coelogyne</i> alliance	1	<i>Dendrochilum williamsii</i>	Ben Walcott
		2	<i>Coelogyne cristata</i>	Ben Walcott
212	Any other orchid species	1	<i>Stenorrhynchos speciosum</i>	Jane Wright
		2	<i>Oerstedella centradenia</i>	Bob Bush
213	Any other orchid hybrid	1	<i>Dendrobium</i> Arthur	Bob Bush
	<b>Champion Orchid</b>		<i>Pterostylis curta</i>	Mark Clements

**Horticultural Society of Canberra Spring Exhibition & Rose Show**  
November 2012

Class	Description	Prize	Plant	Owner
65	<i>Cymbidium</i>	1	<i>Cymbidium</i> Hiroshima Pink Sensation	David Judge
		2	<i>Cymbidium</i> Plush Canyon 'Beenak'	David Judge
67	Intermediate <i>Cattleya</i> alliance	1	<i>Sophrolaeliocattleya</i> Damsel x <i>Laeliocattleya</i> Trick or Treat	Rob Rough
68	Miniature <i>Cattleya</i> alliance	1	<i>Sophrocattleya</i> Joanne	Rob Rough
		2	<i>Iwanagara</i> Apple Blossom 'H&R'	Rob Rough
69	<i>Cattleya</i> alliance species	1	<i>Laelia milleri</i>	Bob Bush
		2	<i>Cattleya intermedia</i> var. <i>amethystina</i> 'Aranbeem'	Bob Bush
70	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> alliance species	1	<i>Paphiopedilum lowii</i> 'Celebes'	David Judge
71	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> alliance hybrid	1	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Prince Edward of York 'Jules'	Terry and Julianne Turner
		2	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Bengal Lancers	David Judge
72	Vandaceous alliance	1	<i>Aerangis</i> Elro	Jane Wright
		2	<i>Asocentrum ampullaceum</i>	Mark Fraser and Sandra Corbett
73	<i>Oncidium</i> alliance	1	<i>Brassia verrucosa</i>	David Judge
		2	<i>Oncidium edwallii</i>	Bob Bush
74	Native orchid	1	<i>Sarcochilus parviflora</i>	Bill Ferris
		2	<i>Sarcochilus ceciliae</i> 'Lucky'	Rob Rough
75	Pleurothallid species	1	<i>Pleurothallis cardiothallis</i>	Mark Fraser and Sandra Corbett
		2	<i>Masdevallia caesia</i>	Jane Wright
76	Pleurothallid hybrid	1	<i>Masdevallia</i> Hot Shot Colour	Jane Wright
		2	<i>Masdevallia</i> Machu Pichu	Jane Wright
77	Any other orchid species	1	<i>Bulbophyllum phalaenopsis</i>	Terry and Julianne Turner
		2	<i>Bulbophyllum frostii</i>	Mark Fraser and Sandra Corbett
	<b>Champion Orchid</b>		<i>Bulbophyllum phalaenopsis</i>	Terry and Julianne Turner

## Popular Vote November 2012

Category	Plant	Owner
Laeliinae species	<i>Laelia milleri</i>	Bob Bush
Laeliinae hybrid	unknown	Ben Wallace
Vandae	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> hybrid unknown	Karen Groeneveld
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> species	<i>Paphiopedilum phillipinense</i>	Terry & Jules Turner
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> hybrid	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Julius	David Judge
Oncidinae - species	<i>Trichopilia tortilis</i>	
Oncidinae - hybrid	<i>Miltoniopsis</i> Firewater 'Red Butterfly'	David Judge
Pleurothallidinae species	<i>Masdevallia vietchiana</i> 'Prince des Galles'	Rob Rough
Pleurothallidinae hybrids	<i>Masdevallia</i> Machu Picchu 'Jay Vee'	Jane Wright
<i>Dendrobium</i> Alliance	<i>Dendrobium densiflorum</i>	Peter Coyne
Bulbophyllinae	<i>Sestochilus (Bulb.) lobbii</i>	Mark Fraser & Sandra Corbett
<i>Sarcochilus</i>	<i>Sarcochilus</i> Fitzhart 'Bloodshot' x self	Bill Ferris
Australian terrestrial	<i>Diuris punctata</i>	Paul Tyerman
Any other orchid	<i>Phaius tankervilleae</i>	Karen Groeneveld
Orchid of the Night	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> hybrid unknown	Karen Groeneveld
Judges' Choice - Hybrid	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Julius	David Judge
Judges' Choice - Species	<i>Diuris punctata</i>	Paul Tyerman
Judges' Choice - Specimen	<i>Laelia milleri</i>	Bob Bush

## Popular Vote December 2012

Category	Plant	Owner
Laeliinae	<i>Laelia purpurata</i>	Jane Wright
Vandae	<i>Angraecum didieri</i>	Bob Bush
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> species	<i>Paphiopedilum phillipinense</i>	David Judge
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> hybrid	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Lebaudyanum	David Judge
Oncidinae - <i>Miltoniopsis</i>	<i>Miltoniopsis</i> Arthur Cobbledick	Lynne & Brian Phelan
Oncidinae - other	<i>Odontoglossum</i> Nancy Crees	Lynne & Brian Phelan
<i>Coelogyne</i>	<i>Coelogyne</i> Edward Pierce	Kevin Dawes
Pleurothallidinae	<i>Acianthera bragae</i>	Mark Clements
<i>Cymbidium</i> species	<i>Cymbidium canaliculatum</i> var. <i>sparksii</i>	Lynne & Brian Phelan
<i>Cymbidium</i> hybrid	<i>Cymbidium</i> Kuranda	Lynne & Brian Phelan
Bulbophyllinae	<i>Bulbophyllum frostii</i>	Ken Turner
<i>Sarcochilus</i>	<i>Sarcochilus</i> Sweetheart	Nita Wheeler
Australian epiphyte	<i>Dendrobium canaliculatum</i>	Lynne & Brian Phelan
Any other orchid	<i>Dendrobium lindleyi</i>	Bob Bush
Orchid of the Night	<i>Cymbidium canaliculatum</i> var. <i>sparksii</i>	Lynne & Brian Phelan
Judges' Choice - Hybrid	<i>Odontoglossum</i> Nancy Crees	Lynne & Brian Phelan
Judges' Choice - Species	<i>Paphiopedilum phillipinense</i>	David Judge
Judges' Choice - Specimen	<i>Cymbidium</i> Kuranda	Lynne & Brian Phelan

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