

The South Coast Orchid Club of SA Inc.
Gazette

**March
2010**



PRESIDENT: Geoff Spear

PATRON: Sydney Monkhouse

AT A GLANCE

The next meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will be held at 8pm on Wednesday 3rd March 2010 at St. Bernadette's Church Hall, corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Marys. Guest Speaker for the night will be Rob Warden speaking on Cattleya Orchids.

BEGINNERS' CLASS John Gay talking on cattleyas. Please be in attendance in the recreation room at 7.15pm for 7.20pm start.

PENCILLERS' CLASS will be held at 7:15pm in the Kitchen area (next to the recreation room). Noel Oliver will be the presenter. Please bring a pen and book.

DAYTIME CHAPTER The next meeting to be held at Lou Kesting Hall, Dover Square, off Broadway, South Brighton on Thursday, 11th March 2010 at 2pm. The guest speaker will be Geoff Spear talking on Cymbidiums.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL GROUP: The next meeting will be held on Sunday 21st March 2010 at 2.00pm in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. The Guest Speaker will be John Gay talking on Cattleyas.

2010 COMMITTEE

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CLUB MEETING DATES

3 rd March	Rob Worden	Cattleyas
7 th April	Colin Jennings	
5 th May	Sophie Thompson	
2 nd June	Workshop	
7 th July	Shade House – Tim Seymour-Smith Prop. of Youngs and presentation of Shade Houses by Judy and Rod McRedmond.	
4 th August	Clive Hall - Mt Beenak Orchids - Victoria	
1 st September	Trevor Garard	Phalaenopsis

CLUB MEETING DATES (cont)

6 th October	Graham Zerbe	Stawell Country Challenge
3 rd November	Jane Higgs	Phragmipedium
1 st December	Party Time	Guest Speaker Lesley Gunn

SUBSCRIPTION TIME

Please remember your subscriptions are now due, pay a visit to our treasurer Judy McRedmond. She would love to see you and have a chat.

SHOWING YOUR ORCHIDS

Members who wish to show plants must be financial. Your number and name of plant must be on appropriate coloured labels: 2nd Division Yellow 1st Division Buff Open Division Green.

PUBLIC LIABILITY

Under insurance guideline all members and Committee attending any function or meeting held by the Club must now sign an attendance book by name and signature.

LUCKY NAME BADGE

Make sure you wear your name badge you may win a prize!

BIRTHDAY DRAW

Put your name in the Birthday box. You may win a prize!

BEGINNERS' GROUP PROGRAMME MAIN MEETING 2010

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
March 3 rd	John Gay	Cattleya
April 7 th	Geraldine Flavel	Preparing Orchids for Autumn Show
May 5 th	John Robinson	Cymbidiums – Housing and Caring for Collection
June 2 nd	Trevor Garard	Zygopetalums
July 7 th	Brian Lyttle	Oncidiums
August 4 th		Paphiopedilums
September 1 st		Australian Native Epiphytes
October 6 th	Kevin Western	Australian Native Cymbidiums
November 3 rd		Australian Native Terrestrials

SOCIAL CALENDAR 2010

Saturday 13 th March	Rod McRedmond will give a tour of Royal Flying Doctor Service facility and aircraft at Adelaide Airport starting at 1 pm.
8 th June	Visit Vili's Pies 9.30am 2-14 Manchester Street, Mile End.

ORCHID CALENDAR FOR 2010

Sunday 2 nd May to Sunday 9 th May	Autumn Show at Centro Colonnades Judging and Put in: Saturday 1 st May
Saturday 12 th June to Sunday 13 th June	S.A.R.O.C. Fair at Pulteney Grammar School Put In: Friday 11 th June
Sunday 25 th July to Saturday 31 st July	Winter Show at Castle Plaza corner South Road and Raglan Street, Edwardstown. Judging on 24 th July.
Sunday 1 st August	Bus Trip/Plant House visit. Moss and Rosemary Bray's, Virginia Nursery at Burton (Lunch), Noel Oliver
TBA	Main Group Workshop
Friday 13 th August	Southern Group Workshop 10.30am Elsie and Reg Clifford's home
26 th to 29 th August	Southern Regional Group Show, R.S.L. Hall, Coral Street, Victor Harbor.
Sunday 19 th to Saturday 25 th September	Spring Show at Centro Arndale, 470 Torrens Road, Kilkenny. Judging Saturday 18 th September.
Sunday 10 th October	Plant House Visit. Fisher Family for morning Tea, then Valley Orchids for visit then to Jane and Don Higgs, Myponga, for a BBQ Lunch.

People who submit articles to the Club for inclusion in our Gazette express opinions which are not necessarily those of the Club.

No guarantee is provided to anyone using the ideas & opinions expressed in these articles.

**Items must be delivered to the Editor by the second Thursday of each month.
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CLUB MEETING DATES

March 2010

- 3 Main Meeting – Rob Worden on Cattleyas
- 11 Daytime Chapter - Geoff Spear
- 21 Southern Regional Group - John Gay

April 2010

- 7 Main Meeting – Colin Jennings
- 8 Daytime Chapter
- 18 Sthn Regional Group - Geoff Spear

May 2010

- 5 Main Meeting – Sophie Thompson
- 13 Daytime Chapter
- 16 Sthn Regional Group -Brian Mathews

June 2010

- 2 Main Meeting - Workshop
- 10 Daytime Chapter
- 20 Sthn Regional Group - Trevor Garard

July 2010

- 7 Main meeting - Shadehouses
- 8 Daytime Chapter
- 18 Sthn Regional Group

August 2010

- 4 Main meeting – Interstate speaker Clive Hall of Mt Beenak Orchids
- 12 Daytime Chapter
- 15 Southern Regional Group

September 2010

- 1 Main meeting – Trevor Garard
- 9 Daytime Chapter
- 19 Southern Regional Group

October 2010

- 6 Main Meeting - Graham Zerbe
- 14 Daytime Chapter
- 17 Southern Regional Group

November 2010

- 3 Main Meeting - Jane Higgs
- 11 Daytime Chapter
- 21 Southern Regional Group

December 2010

- 1 Main Meeting -Leslie Gunn at the Christmas breakup
- 9 Daytime Chapter
- 19 Southern Regional Group

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last night I gave a lot of thought as to what I could write in this newsletter to you. I am very glad I am retired and can put my time into looking after my orchids in this dreadful weather. Hopefully many of you attended at least one of the meetings that Graham Morris spoke at. He gave a lot of information on how to look after your collection in the heat.

Lucy has taken her orchids inside, I do hope only orchid growers visit us, as other friends I'm sure would think we are eccentric.

I noticed you all enjoyed the BBQ. It was nice to socialise once again so soon after the Christmas break. How nice to see chefs Henk & George preparing the BBQ and all committee members helping to make this a great evening. Congratulations to all trophy winners and also to all members who brought their plants along for us to enjoy.

Congratulations to Dorothy Carassai for receiving her Life membership, Dorothy is always available when needed and loves her orchids. Maybe you have friends that are wondering what is involved in growing orchids. It would be a good opportunity to bring them along to our March meeting. John Gay and Rob Worden are speaking on Cattleya orchids. This surely would impress your friends about your hobby.

Your Club needs a member who can take photos each month of the Flower of the Night and photos at Shows. Judy and Lucy both have cameras but there may be a member who has a more professional camera. This request is of the utmost importance to our Club because we need the best photos to be put up for Flower of the Year.

Good growing, keep cool.

Geoff.

Congratulations!!!

The Les Nesbit trophy for the best Species grown in South Australia in 2009 was awarded to David Cammack for his *Dockrillia teretifolia*.

A participation certificate for species was awarded to Anne and Colin Campbell for their *Dendrobium lithocola*.

A further participation certificate for species was awarded to Geoff and Lucy Spear for their *Dockrillia linguiformis*.

Plant of the Year

At our February Main Meeting members voted that C.(Ctt.) *Bactia* 'Forever Yours' benched by Richard and Beryl Wilson was the plant of the year. Congratulations to you both.

Qualification

Please note that the unedited report from our auditor Paul Schmerl which appeared in the February Gazette referred to an audit of the Club books by a "Mr Gallagher". This audit was not carried out by Mr Don Gallagher, Accountant. It is regretted if any embarrassment has been caused to Mr Don Gallagher.

Quotes taken from Orchid Wise by Roger Rankin

A confirmed orchid fanatic said he only kept making new crossings because he was too old to try something new.

It is no good crying over a broken spike, all you can do is tie up another one and only a bit earlier.

DAYTIME CHAPTER REPORT

Hi everyone,

Another year has passed and here we are having our first meeting for 2010. I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and that the New Year will be kind to us all health wise and may we all endeavour to grow our orchids a little bit better. We do get rewarded for our efforts and fertilising really helps.

Our meeting today was a very lively affair, starting off with a lovely luncheon. Everyone was very chatty and all had a great time. The food was great and many thanks to those who participated.

Apologies today come from Mrs Heather Lucas, Barbara Randell and Lance Davis. Hoping you are all okay and we are all looking forward to seeing you again very soon.

Our guest speaker today was Mr Brian Matthews with his wife Elanor. Brian is very much involved with the Adelaide Zoo, as a volunteer in the Children's Section. This section is involved in giving all children the opportunity to touch and handle the smaller animals. Brian also builds animals from bones back at the skeleton farm, which he then uses as a teaching tool at local schools. Some of the animal skins are tanned and used for the children to touch and feel the softness of the furs of animals that they would never have had the chance to touch if these animals were alive. He also goes on field trips, tagging small animals with radio transmitters to study and record their movement. He really seems to love his work. Well done Brian and thank you for sharing your afternoon with us.

Thanks also to Rod for coming and explaining the workings of our new web site to members. Quite a few seemed very interested and were asking lots of questions.

Our display table today looked very sad. There is not much around at the moment. We just had two cattleya plants on display. Mrs Maureen Zoladziewski's cattleya, Valentine's Day "Red" was voted best. It was a lovely plant, just one spike with three lovely flowers. Congratulations Maureen. Well done.

Thank you to everyone who helped in the kitchen. This was very much appreciated. Thanks also to those who brought in plants for our raffle prizes.

Our meeting was closed, after another great afternoon of caring and sharing, everyone then enjoying a cuppa.

Bye Dorothy
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SOUTHERN REGIONAL GROUP

Congratulations to Eileen Pinnock, winner of the Roy Hill Trophy for Cymbidium Bedivere 'Highbury' at the main Winter Show. Roy Hill was a member in the very early days of our Club, a committee member for many years and a very hard worker. He loved his cymbidiums.

The Brian and Moyna Leedham Trophy for the highest aggregate points for Australian Natives was won by Keith and Russ Sutton.

Victor Harbor used to be renowned for being cooler, don't believe it now, you are having the same problems now as we are in the city. We have noticed most of the members have taken notice of Graham Morris' talk and have installed misters etc.

Thank you to Jill Taylor for a very informative talk, Jill is President of The Orchidaceous Society, a Judge and a very knowledgeable lady.

It's nice to see how well your judging went, it is great to have 1st and 2nd Division judging, just shows how well you have done in 5 years.

Keep cool.

Southern Regional Group February Results List

First Division

Australian Native Hybrid

Den. Hilda Poxon 'Ern' Eileen Pinnock (519) 3

Laeliinae Species

Encyclia cochleata Eileen Pinnock (519) 3

Laeliinae >100mm

C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin' Eileen Pinnock (519) 3

Second Division

Laeliinae Species

Encyclia cochleata R Clifford & Family (567) 3

Laeliinae < 100mm

Epi. Unknown R Clifford & Family (567) 3

Laeliinae >100mm

Brassada Spiderman Judy Crafter (1175) 3

C. Portia Coerulea K & R Sutton (570) 2

Flower of the Day

Brassada Spiderman Judy Crafter (1175) 3

Cultural Notes - Cymbidiums

Growers of Cymbidiums who have succeeded in negotiating the recent hot weather with little or no damage to their plants are to be congratulated, however, with the approach of Autumn, considerable sting has gone out of the sun and now is a good time to attend to your plants and obtain the best results from the forthcoming flowering season.

Cyms will benefit from a dose of Osmacote or Campbells, yellow or blue on a regular basis .

Flowering spikes will have appeared from the base of mature bulbs or will be breaking through the outermost leaves at the base on new growths. They will continue to appear over the next few months, it is wise to turn the plant and place the developing flower spikes in a northerly direction thus eliminating unsightly bends in the spikes as they develop. If you have any insects, fungal or bacterial problems now is the time to combat these before flower buds emerge from the sheath, if you have succeeded in avoiding such problems don't rest on your laurels but apply a cover spray for prevention, it is far easier to prevent a problem rather than waiting till it has a hold. Use Fongarid. Remember to always water before you fertilize.

If you are troubled with red spider or mite you will find a mix of Maverick + Eco oil very effective. Slugs and snails are about and should be eliminated well before flowering season. There are a number of good baits available. Another pest is mice, they eat the pollen caps from the flowers making them useless for cut flowers or showing, a most useful method, is a length of plastic tubing with a cap one end with mouse bait places inside it, this will be kept dry and away from your pets.

Air movement is of great importance and is a great help in controlling fungal and bacterial outbreaks. A circulating fan of some description will be beneficial. This is especially helpful when orchids are in a glass house or flowering house when in spike. At night time due to moist and humid conditions, fungal spores germinate with alarming rapidity. A few minutes spent daily in the glass house or shade house with the trained eye of a grower ascertains any change in growth habit or disease development. This pays handsome dividends when the flowering season commences and the flower spikes appear. The eventual flowering is the culmination of 12 months growing and each grower should be prepared to spend a little extra daily time, to ensure this flowering in unimpaired.

Good and Happy Growing times.

Main Meeting February Results List

Ref. No.		Points Awarded
Open Division		
Cymbidium < 60mm (all colours)		
1	Cym. Coromandel Christmas	Zerbe, G & S (18) 2
Dendrobium (not Aust Native) Hybrid		
2	Den. Wee Long 'Blue Lips'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487) 3
Laeliinae Non Standard Cluster		
8	Ctt.(C.) Valerntine Day 'Belinda'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487) 3
9	Ctt.(C.) Valentine Day 'Tiger'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487) 2
Laeliinae Non Standard Other		
10	Bl. Sea Urchin	Gerald Voskamp (1650) 3
11	E. Bees' Knees	Bev & John Gay (65) 2
Laeliinae Species		
5	E. cochleata	Bev & John Gay (65) 3
Laeliinae Standard < 100mm		
6	Lc. Twilight Song 'Beryl'	Bev & John Gay (65) 3
Laeliinae Standard > 100mm		
7	Blc. Adelaide Queen	Bev & John Gay (65) 3
Oncidiinae Hybrid (Oncidium Hybrid)		
12	Onc. Sarcatum	Bev & John Gay (65) 3
Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid		
15	Aer. Korat 'Koki'	Noel Oliver (102) 3
14	Angcm. Longiscott 'Hihimanu'	Bev & John Gay (65) 2
Zygopetalum Hybrid (inc. intergenerics)		
13	Zga. Clare Fisher 'Ella'	Trevor Garard (152) 3
First Division		
Australian Native Epiphyte Species		
4	Den. lichenastrum	David & Kay Cammack (1535) 3
Laeliinae Non Standard Cluster		
18	Epi. Orange Glow 'Frosty'	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556) 3
19	Epi. (Hokulea x Blood Red King)	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556) 2
20	Epi. Bees' Knees x Enc. cochleata	Murray Baulderstone (25) 1
Laeliinae Non Standard Other		
21	Blc. Rio's Greenmist	Eileen Pinnock (519) 2
22	Ctt. (C.) Valentine Day 'Lisa'	Murray Baulderstone (25) 1
Laeliinae Species		
16	Prosthechea cochleata	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556) 3
17	Prosthechea cochleata	Wendy Lodge (406) 2
Oncidiinae Species		
23	Onc. flexuosum	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141) 3
Second Division		
Laeliinae Standard < 100mm		
26	Lc. Mini Song	George Misirlis (1125) 3
Laeliinae Standard > 100mm		
27	C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'	George Misirlis (1125) 3
Laeliinae Standard Cluster		
28	Ctt. (C.)Valentine Day	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129) 3
Oncidiinae Hybrid (Any other Oncidiiae)		
29	Onc. unknown	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129) 3
Phalaenopsis/Dor. Novelty		
30	Phal. Ken Petereson x Br. Peacock	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129) 3
31	Phal. unknown	George Misirlis (1125) 2
Vandaeae Interge Species		
24	Neofinetia falcata	Tony & Lynn Fisher (488) 3
Zygopetalum Hybrid (inc. intergenerics)		
25	Zga. Advance Australia	George Misirlis (1125) 3

February Plant Commentary:

Flower of First Division: *Epi.* Orange Glow 'Frosty' grown by Pauline and Mark Hockey. A very well grown plant with two heads of flowers of good size which would be considered to be an improvement over the species in their background. The well displayed pink flowers were 35mm in each dimension with some frilling along the edges making a very nice display.



Flower of Second Division: *Ctt.* (C.) Valentine Day grown Donnja and Paul Hayes. A tall upright plant with a single inflorescence of a cluster of 13 open flowers. The flowers displayed themselves well in a cluster. Sepals and petals were deep orange-red with a very glossy surface. The mid-lobe of the labellum was red with some yellow along the sides and the reddish tinged yellow side lobes curved up over the column.



Flower of Open Division and flower of the night: *Aerides* Korat Koki grown by Noel Oliver. A very interesting well grown genus not often seen on the bench. The natural habitat where this species is India, the Philippines, New Guinea and as far north on the Asian continent as China. The plant bore two pendulous inflorescences of 25 and 15 open flowers with white petals and white sepals and labellum heavily marked with purple.



March Judges Roster:

Panel 1: Graham Zerbe, John Gay, Colin Campbell

Panel 2: Noel Oliver, Wendy Lodge

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