



THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SA INC.

Gazette

May 2024

Patron: Coralie Hills FAOC
President: Michael Willoughby

AT A GLANCE

The May General Meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will Wednesday 1st May 2024 at 8.00 pm at the Marion-Warradale Uniting Church Hall, Corner of Township Road and Church Crescent. Our Guest Speaker will be Nicky Zurcher speaking about Paphiopedilums Nicky will have plants for sale..

LEARNERS' GROUP: There will be a Learners' Group Meeting at the May Meeting at 7.15pm. All members are welcome to attend. Bring your problems / plants for discussion.

JUDGING: Please have your plants benched by 7.40pm so Judging can commence at 7.50pm. If you are running late due to work commitments please phone Phil on 0438 891 612.

DAYTIME CHAPTER: The next meeting will be held on Thursday 9th May 2024 at 2.00 pm at the Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton. Our Guest Speaker will be Roger Herraman talking about the Santa Barbara Orchid Show. Roger will have plants for sale.

SOUTHERN REGION: The next meeting will be held at 2.00 pm on Sunday 19th May 2024 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. There will be a workshop based meeting conducted by Michael Willoughby and Vicky Cooper so bring your questions and problems along. Learners Group meets at 1.15 pm.

LUCKY NAME BADGE: Make sure you wear your Name Badge to meetings, you may win a prize.

PUBLIC LIABILITY: Under Insurance Guidelines all members and Committee attending any function or meeting held by the Club must sign and print your name in an Attendance Book.

VALE BARRY BAILEY

It is with great sadness that the Club records the passing of Barry Bailey, who we are sure will be known to many Club members. Barry was a Life Member of the Cymbidium Orchid Club of SA and was very respected by the Cymbidium Community throughout Australia. He was very generous with his time and would do anything for anyone, especially newcomers to the orchid world.

Our thoughts go out to his family and friends.

R.I.P.

DEADLINES FOR NEXT GAZETTES
26 May and 23 June

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LIFE MEMBERS

* denotes Member who has passed away.

1978 Dulcie Grave *	1986 Harry Viney *	2009 Don Biebrick *
1978 Leora Harvey	1986 John Nicholls *	2009 Henk Van Leuveren *
1978 L. & H. Poole *	1989 Helen Edwards	2010 Dorothy Carassai
1978 Ellie Shaw *	1990 Dr, Keith Northcote *	2011 John and Bev Gay
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1979 Bernie Hanson *	2005 Merve Steele *	2015 Lesley Fenton
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1985 Brenda Lynch	2007 Ron and Irene Parish	2020 Malcolm Mangelsdorf
1985 Bubs Gready *	2007 Murray Baulderstone *	2021 Donna Meeuwsen
	2008 Geoff and Lucy Spear	

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Subscriptions for 2024 are now due. There will be no increase in subscriptions for 2024. We do value your membership and seeing you at meetings each month.

RATES – One membership covers all groups

Family Membership	\$38.00
Single Membership	\$30.00
Junior Membership	\$22.00

Rural and Interstate Membership

Family Membership	\$34.00
Single Membership	\$28.00

Account Details: BankSA Glenelg. BSB: 105-145
(Use your grower number for Reference)

Account No.: 545457040



President's Message

The Show Season is upon us yet again, with our Autumn show being on from 9th May through to the 11th May at the Seaford Central Shopping Centre. Bring your flowering plants so as we can put on an appealing display for the public. Also any of your plants in your collection that are 'extras' can be put on the sales bench for sale.

The South Australian Orchidaceous Society will be holding their 2024 Autumn show at the Western Link Church Hall, Crittenden Road, Findon for one day only on Saturday 18th May, hours 9am - 4pm.

The South Australian Orchid Fair 2024 will be held at the Campbelltown Function Centre, Montacute Road, Rostrevor over the Saturday & Sunday of the June long weekend. More details will be in the Gazette.

Our guest speaker this month will be Nicky Zurcher who will talk on his orchids focusing on Paphiopedilums and Phragmipediums. Nicky will also have plants for sale. Nicky focuses on hybridising Paphiopedilums that can flower over the warmer months of the year.

In Autumn it is most important to keep the water up to our plants as many genera are still in growth stage and building up reserves for their rest and flowering later in the year, and the warm weather can extend well into April as is evident this year.

It is always prudent to place snail bait on your pots to ward off the little critters (albeit not to close to young spikes as the snails/slugs may choose these over the bait). Also place a stake by your flowering spike to protect it from being damaged as it grows. Fertilize your orchids weekly, (a weak solution of fertilizer) and make sure they are all protected from the elements as they still need fresh air around them. Rats can be a problem as they are looking for a source of moisture during this quite dry Autumn. They do like to chew into pseudobulbs and also nip off flowering spikes looking for a 'drink'.

Successful growing & showing

Michael Willoughby

TRADING TABLE

The Club has a Trading Table at the Main Meeting. You can purchase pots and stakes etc. We also have Virus Test Kits for sale to members. The test covers Cymbidium Mosaic Virus and Odontoglossum Ringspot Virus in 1 rapid test. It comes with an easy to follow instruction sheet. A visual demonstration is available at www.youtube.com/regabiotech These kits have a long life.



Product Program

Neutrog has advised online ordering cut off date and collection date for the Winter Session

Cut off for online orders: 8.00am 3rd May 2024

Collection date: Friday 17th May or Saturday 18th May (depending on place)



ORCHID CALENDAR 2024

MAIN MEETING

Wednesday 1st May 2024 8.00 pm
Marion-Warradale Uniting Church Hall, Cnr Township Road and Church Crescent, Marion.
Guest Speaker: Nicky Zurcher speaking on Paphiopedilums.
Nicky will have plants for sale.
Learners' Group Meeting at 7.15 pm

COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be no Committee Meeting for this month as it clashes with the put in for the Autumn Show,

DAYTIME CHAPTER

Thursday 9th May 2024 2.00 pm
Lou Kesting Hall, Off Broadway, South Brighton
Guest Speaker: Roger Herraman talking about the Santa Barbara Orchid Show in the USA, Roger will have plants for sale.

SOUTHERN REGION MEETING

Sunday 19th May 2024 2.00 pm
Carrickalinga House, Victor Harbor
A workshop based meeting will be conducted by Michael Willoughby and Vicky Cooper. Bring your questions along and any plant problems. Learners' Group Meeting at 1.15 pm

AUTUMN SHOW

Wednesday (Put In) 8th May to Saturday 11th May 2024
Seaford Shopping Centre

SA ORCHID FAIR

Saturday 8th June and Sunday 9th June 2024
Cambelltown Function Centre, 172 Montacute Road, Rostrevor

WINTER SHOW

Friday (Put In) 5th July to Sunday 7th July 2024
Marion-Warradale Uniting Church Hall. Cnr Township Rd and Church Crescent, Marion.

SOUTHERN REGION SHOW

Wednesday (Put In) 21st August to Friday 23rd August 2024
Victor Central Shopping Centre, Victor Harbor

SPRING SHOW

Friday (Put In) 20th September to Sunday 22 September 2024
Marion-Warradale Uniting Church Hall. Cnr Township Rd and Church Crescent, Marion.



Happy Birthday

**GEOFF SPEAR, ANITA BUGDEN,
JOHN HARRIS, ALAN MILLER,
PETER DAVIDGE, RUTH CREEDY**



SOME MEMBERS' PHOTOGRAPHS



AUTUMN SHOW

Thursday 9th May to Saturday 11th May 2024
SEAFORD CENTRAL SHOPPING CENTRE

The Committee needs the assistance of the members to volunteer to help on the Trading Table. Sell your surplus plants on the Trading Table, ask Anne for swing tickets and selling sheets.

Reminder: to sell your plants at the Show and to display your plants you must be a financial member and you must have owned your plant for a least 6 months.

PUT IN: Wednesday 8th May, 5.00 pm for set up of display area - help is needed.
 Plants for Display and Plants for Trading Table when set up is completed.

TAKE OUT: Saturday 11th May at 5.00 pm.

JUDGING: The plants will be judged in-situ in the display.

Please help make our Autumn Show a success by bringing in all your flowering plants. Ribbons and prize money are back.

MOST IMPORTANT: The Show Marshall will ring any member if for some reason he feels that any plant may be showing signs of distress.

TRADING TABLE: As well as members' plants for sale, we will have a range of Zygopetalums, Cymbidiums, Phalaenopsis, Oncidium, and Australian Native Orchids for sale.

AUTUMN SHOW SCHEDULE 2024

CARD CLASSES NOT FOR PROMOTION – CARD ONLY	PROMOTIONAL CLASS	GENERA & DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONS (PRIZE MONEY)
Australian Native. Epiphyte Species. Epiphyte Hybrid. Terrestrial Species. Terrestrial Hybrid. Specimen, Seedling.	Best Australian Native	Champion Australian Native
Cymbidium. Majority of flowers > 90mm. Majority of flowers 60-90mm. Majority of flowers <60mm. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best Cymbidium	Champion Cymbidium
Paphiopedilum. Standard. Non Standard. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best Paphiopedilum	Champion Paphiopedilum
Laeliinae. Standard >100mm. Standard <100mm. Cluster. Non Standard. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best Laeliinae	Champion Laeliinae
Oncidiinae. Oncidium Hybrid <60mm. Oncidium. Hybrid >60mm. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best Oncidiinae	Champion Oncidiinae
Zygopetalinae. Zygopetalinae Hybrid. Zygopetalinae Species. Specimen, Seedling.	Best Zygopetalinae	Champion Zygopetalinae
Phalaenopsis. Standard. Non Standard. Species, Seedling.	Best Phalaenopsis	Champion Phalaenopsis
Dendrobium. (other than Aust. Native) Hybrid, Species, Seedling.	Best Dendrobium	Champion Any Other Genus
Vandaeae. Standard. Non Standard. Species, Seedling.	Best Vandaeae	
Any Other Genus. Hybrid. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best Any Other Genus	
THE GRAND CHAMPION IS SELECTED FROM GENERA CHAMPIONS		
Trophies :		Champion Seedling
W A Young : Trophy for Grand Champion		Champion Species
H & B Viney : Trophy for Champion Laeliinae		Champion Specimen
P C Loke : Trophy for highest aggregate at 3 Shows		Division Champions

EXHIBITORS' RULES FOR SHOWS

1. All exhibitors must be financial members of the South Coast Orchid Club of South Australia Incorporated, and you must have owned your plant for at least 6 months..
2. Entries are free.
3. Exhibitors are bound by the Constitution, Rules, By-Laws and Special Show Rules of the Club.
4. The opinion of the judges is final and binding and no objections or discussions regarding results will be considered, with one exception, which is an infringement by an Exhibitor of any of the Club's Rules, By-Laws or Show Rules. Any objection in this case must be lodged with the Club Show Marshall/Secretary.
5. The Club accepts no responsibility for any loss, damage or infection suffered by any plant or blooms exhibited.
6. The Club reserves the right to photograph any of the exhibits.
7. In all matters regarding the arrangement and conduct of the show (with the exception of judging) the Show Marshall/Secretary is the ruling authority.
8. No plants suspected by the Club Virus adjudicators of being infected with virus will be eligible for competition and such plants will be completely isolated from all other plants.
9. The exhibition areas will be closed during the judging. No exhibitors, the public or members other than the Show Marshall/Secretary, Judges of the Club, Associate Judges and other persons appointed to assist in judging will be allowed to remain in the exhibition area during this period.
10. Non-exhibitors are requested not to congregate in the exhibition area prior to judging so that officials can arrange plants and perform other necessary duties.
11. Plants must be labelled with the coloured labels provided by the Club with the exhibitor's number and name of plant. These are available from the Show Marshall/Secretary or his/her nominee.
12. Exhibitors are to ensure that all labelling be neatly and correctly performed in accordance with the procedure laid down on orchid Nomenclature and Registration.
13. All plants benched for judging at the show must be made available to be in the Club display.
14. All exhibits must be benched by the nominated time on the nominated day for judging. The nominated day and time will be published in the Club Gazette in the month prior to the Show.
15. Exhibits must not be removed before nominated time on the nominated day at the end of the Display. The nominated day and time will be published in the Club Gazette in the month prior to the Show.
16. Exhibitors unable to remove their own plants from the show should provide the person so doing with a letter of authorization.
17. Damage caused in transit to the show should be reported to the Show Marshall/Secretary or Registrar of Judges prior to judging.
18. If, in the opinion of the judges, a plant is not worthy of an award or prize in any specified section, then none shall be given.



PREPARING ORCHIDS FOR SALE

1. Select the plants that you want to let go.
2. Clean all pots. Wipe them over with a damp cloth to remove all white residue or salt from the pots. If these pots have been recycled from somewhere else, please make sure all advertising and price stickers are all cleaned off.
3. Check all stakes and add more if necessary and re-tie.
4. Remove old brown husks from bulbs and remove weeds, snails, scale etc.
5. Remove all dry ends on the leaves and shape to a point.
6. Wipe leaves over with a mixture of milk and water (1 part milk to 10 parts water). Do not overdo the milk by adding extra as the fat in the milk will clog the pores in the leaves which will then yellow off and die.
7. Water all plants 2-3 days before, not on the morning that you are bringing them in. This water really makes a mess on our clothes, tablecloths and the floor.
8. Get plant sales sheets and plant price tags from Treasurer beforehand. The sales sheet is a carbonless duplicated sheet, so both sheets are to be used together. Press down firmly on a hard surface to imprint on the second page. The original and duplicated sheets must be lodged with plants. On the top left hand corner of the page, print your name. On the right hand side write in your club member number, Rule a narrow column down the left side of the page. This column is for the plant number 1-30. On the right hand side you need a column a bit wider for the selling price of the plant. The centre section is for the name and colour eg *Cym. Without Peer* 'Soft Touch' (pink). Be reasonable with the pricing, not greedy. Either you want to sell it or you don't. Take into account the number of spikes and condition of the plant. If you are not sure of pricing, ask some one.
9. Next write your labels. It's a good idea to do both sides of the tag. Your member's number goes on the left hand side and the plant number on the right hand side. Circle the plant number. Write your price under these numbers. As you put your tags on the plants, double check that the prices and numbers on the tags match those on your sales sheets.
10. When you bring your plants in, they must be checked off by another person against what you have written on your sheets. You will be given one sheet back along with payment for sales but you may wish to write out another copy for yourself to keep in the meantime. You can help with the checking off by reading out the numbers and price while the person checking checks this Information off against what is on your sheets. If there is a discrepancy, it needs to be attended to and another ticket written out if need be.



WAINS' ORCHID EXCELLENCE FERTILIZER

**1 Litre pack Part A and Part B
\$25
2.5 Litre pack Part A and Part B
\$45**

**If you wish to order please
contact Bill Jayne on
0419 039 022**



April Results List

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Points Awarded

Open Division

Laeliinae - Cluster

915	Ctt. Browniae 'Riga'	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	3
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Laeliinae - Non Standard

916	C. Siam Jade	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	3
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917	Rlc. Magic Meadow 'Napoleon'	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	2
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918	Psh. Green Hornet	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	1
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Laeliinae - Species

921	B. nodosa	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	3
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920	Psh. cochleata	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	2
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919	Gur. bowringiana var. Casa Luna	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	1
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Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm

913	C. Elusive Dream 'Peace'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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914	Rlc. Unknown	Jane & Don Higgs (1302)	2
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

922	Milt. Christina Carpenter Rumpfelt	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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923	Alcra. Samurai	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

934	Aer. krabiense x V. Peggy Foo	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

935	Ctsm. integerrimum 'Kevin'	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	3
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936	Gga. rufescens	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	2
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Paphiopedilum - Non Standard

924	Paph. Limidolli	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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925	Paph. Via George	John Seidel (101)	2
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926	Paph. Transdoll	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	1
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Paphiopedilum - Species

927	Paph. henryanum	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	3
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928	Paph. sukhakulii	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2
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929	Paph. sukhakulii	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	1
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Phalaenopsis Species

932	Phal. fasciata	Jane & Don Higgs (1302)	3
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933	Phal. pallens	Jane & Don Higgs (1302)	2
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Phalaenopsis Standard

931	Phal. Cool Water	Jane & Don Higgs (1302)	3
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Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

930	Gptm. Arlene Armour 'Conching'	John Seidel (101)	3
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First Division

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm All colours in Non-std

906	Cym. Cutesie x Dolly	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	3
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Cymbidium under 60 Species

907	Cym. dayanum	Beth Stronach (836)	3
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Laeliinae - Cluster

905	Ctt. Browniae 'Riga'	Beth Stronach (836)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

909	Gom. Alosuka 'Claire'	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	3
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910	Osp. Sunkissed 'Buttercup'	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	2
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911	Onc. Space Mine 'Red Rendezvous'	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	1
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

908	Brat. Aztec Toni'	Beth Stronach (836)	3
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Paphiopedilum - Non Standard

912	Paph. Dollgoldi	Beth Stronach (836)	3
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Second Division

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm All colours in Non-std

901	Cym. Sundaani Autumn 'Delight'	Helen McIntosh (299)	3
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Cymbidium under 60 All Colours inc Non-std

902	Cym. dayanum	Graham & Janette Smith (217)	3
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Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm

900	C. Rosie's Surprise	Judy King (546)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

903	Brt. Estrelita 'Sweet Senorita'	Craig Humfrey (268)	3
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Phalaenopsis Standard

904	Phal. Unknown	Graham & Janette Smith (217)	3
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PLANT COMMENTARY – APRIL 2024

Orchid of Second Division & Flower of the Night

The plant chosen by the Judges was a beautiful *Cattleya* grown by Judy King and was *Cattleya* Rosie's Surprise 'Judy's Joy'. This plant had two beautiful big flowers that were a real standout with vibrant colour and a terrific classic shape. The flowers were well displayed on the spike and were, large, flat and well filled in. the colour was a silky, deep mauve-pink shade with a white, yellow and mauve contrasting lip.

Congratulations Judy.



Orchid of Second Division & Flower of the Night

C. Rosie's Surprise 'Judy's Joy'

Grown by Judy King

Photo Neil Cooper

Orchid of First Division

The plant of First Division was grown by 'Laurie & Sue Carter and was *Gomesa* Alosuka 'Çlaire'.

A lovely clean plant with a full head of yellow and brown flowers. There were another three spikes yet to open. The yellow labellum really stood out from the smaller brown inner sections of the flower. Bright and very attractive. (*Gomesa* is the genus previously known as *Oncidesa*.)

Well done Laurie & Sue



Orchid of First Division

Gom. Alosuka 'Çlaire'

Grown by Laurie & Sue Carter

Photo Neil Cooper

PLANT COMMENTARY – APRIL 2024 cont ...

Orchid of Open Division

The plant of Open Division was *Brassavola nodosa* grown by Ron & Irene Parish. This is a species from the Mexico region and was a very attractive display of delicate white heart shaped flowers on five inflorescences. A well grown plant in good health. Notably this grex has been awarded 77 times but only once in Australia.

Thank you for sharing this lovely plant with us, Ron & Irene.



Orchid of Open Division
Brassavola nodosa
 Grown by Ron & Irene Parish
 Photo by Neil Cooper

Thank you to our Judges for a job well done.
 Good Growing.

Phil Steer
REGISTRAR



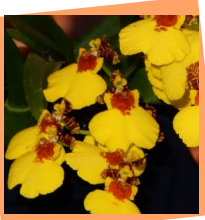
SEEDLING OF THE NIGHT
Paph. Via George
 Grown by John Seidel
 Photo Neil Cooper

EDITORS NOTE

Quite a considerable numbers of our members receive this Gazette in black and white by mail. Others have elected to have the Gazette directly emailed to them. They receive the Gazette in full colour and have the benefit of beautiful photographs of very colourful orchids. They also receive the Gazette up to a week before the mail can deliver it to you others. If you would like to have the colourful version emailed to you send me an email so that I receive your correct email address.

Please don't forget that this is your Gazette. If there is anything you would like to see covered or anything you would like to see changed, please let me know. I especially like photographs to include and details of your successes with your orchids.

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DAYTIME CHAPTER

Thursday 11th April 2024



Hi everyone,

17 members attending the Daytime Group meeting welcomed back our guest speaker Jane Higgs.

Jane demonstrated her method of repotting a particularly resistant Cymbidium plant highlighting her preferred choice of pots, bark, tools including sterilising. Following another educational question-and-answer session Jane donated three repotted plants to the raffle table. As one seasoned grower said, "I always learn something new when Jane presents". Thank you, Jane.

Lucky Name Badge Winner: Andrew Dean

Lucky Seat Winner: Margie Brown

Birthday of the Month: Keith Bleechmore and Happy Birthday also to Coral Tillmanns and Margie Brown



Plant of the Day Winner:
Coral Tillmanns with
Oncidium Sharry Baby

Well done Coral



Many thanks to Coral and Val for their assistance and to our generous members providing raffle plants.

Next Meeting : Thursday May 9th - 2.00pm

Lou Kesting Hall. Broadway, South Brighton

Guest Speaker: Roger Herraman talking about the Santa Barbara Orchid Show in USA.

Roger will have a number of plants for sale

Alan Miller

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Richard Crinion

Anne Steer

ADVERTISEMENTS

In future editions of the Gazette where space permits it is proposed to have a advertising page where members can sell plants, equipment etc. or can asked for plants that they would like to have in their collections, etc.

If you would like to participate please contact the editor with your requests.



SOUTHERN REGION MEETING Sunday 21st April 2024

Convenor, Chris Heysen, opened the main meeting at 2.00 pm welcoming the 19 members present. A special welcome to relatively new members Peter and Dorothy Berry who normally attend the day Group meetings at Brighton but have joined us here today. We hope to see you on a regular basis. And welcome to our guest speaker Jane Higgs. Jane's presentation today will be interesting. It will be a fun and entertaining Orchid Quiz. You will learn amazing facts about orchids.

Apologies: John and Bev Gay, Heather McDonald, Ruth Creedy, Dianne Cawley, Alan Clayton, Lyn Heysen and Graham and Jeanette Smith.

Guest Speaker: Our guest speaker, Jane Higgs gave us a very interesting presentation/quiz with a wide range of different facts about orchids. For example Orchids (Orchidaceae) are the second largest group of flowering plants in the world – they grow on every continent except Antarctica. There are nearly 900 genera and close to 30,000 species of orchid. The smallest orchid (*Platystele* spp.) is only the size of a 10c piece with flowers about 2mm across while the largest (*Grammatophyllum speciosum*) can reach over 7.5 metres in height and many metres across. And perhaps the most interesting or weird fact – the word orchid comes from a Greek word for testicle!! Go figure! Thank you Jane, for a great talk.

Birthday Prize: Chris Heysen

Lucky Name Badge: Bob Clayton

Lucky Door Prize: Jane Higgs

Announcements:

1. The Autumn Show will be early next month – put-in at 5pm Wednesday 8th May and take out at 5pm Saturday 11th May – at Seaford shopping centre. For those wishing to sell plants see Anne for sales sheets and tags.
2. Advance notice for our own Southern Region Show which will again be in the Victor Central Shopping Centre – put-in on Wednesday 21st August at 5pm and take-out on Friday 23rd August 5pm.

The raffle was held as usual and Chris thanked the donors of raffle prizes.

Judging: was carried out by Phil Steer and Don Higgs. **Judges Commentary:** Phil Steer.

Chris asked members, particularly those in Second Division, to bring in their plants for the monthly meetings. Today's display was disappointing with only 9 plants exhibited. One of the best ways to learn more about growing better and more attractive plants is to bring them to a meeting where experienced judges are available to give advice on improved growing culture. Apart from that, other club members are always interested to see what other people are growing.

The meeting closed at 2.55pm and was followed by everyone joining in to share a cuppa and a selection of cakes and cakes and biscuits.

Chris Heysen 0419 386 769

Next meeting – Sunday 19th May 2024.

This will be a workshop run by our Club President, Michael Willoughby. He will be assisted by Vicky Cooper, a long time member of the club and one of the club's panel of judges. She is an experienced grower of a wide range of orchids. If you have any problem plants please bring them in to get advice on how to deal with them (if the problem may be virus then ensure they are securely packaged in a sealed plastic bag).

April Results List

Ref. No.			Points Awarded
First Division			
Cymbidium over 90mm - Species			
529	Cym. tracyanum	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	3
Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm			
528	Rlc. Nakornchalsri Red	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	3
Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm			
530	Ons. Everglades Elegance 'Nancy Lee'	Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140)	3
Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid			
532	Den. Pink Ballerina	Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140)	3
531	Phal. Sweet Talk	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	3
533	Den. (Dark Dame x Johannis)	Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140)	2
Second Division			
Laeliinae - Non Standard			
526	Rlc. Angela	Margaret & Warren Yelland (350)	3
Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid			
527	Phal. [Hsinying Heart X (Hsinying City x Hsinying Red Lips)]	Margaret & Warren Yelland (350)	3

SOUTHERN REGION PLANT COMMENTARY

Today's plant numbers were down and a little disappointing. The quality of the plants continues to be of a high standard.

Orchid of Second Division & Plant of the Day

The plant chosen by the Judges was a lovely *Phal.* [Hsinying x (Hsinying City x Hsinying Red Lips)] grown by Margaret & Warren Yelland.

A stunning set of dark mauve/purple flowers on a straight up inflorescence on a small plant.. There were eight flowers on a lovely side by side ranking "look at me".

Congratulations Margaret & Warren

ORCHID OF SECOND DIVISION and PLANT OF THE DAY

Phal. [Hsinying x (Hsinying City x Hsinying Red Lips)]

Grown By
Margaret & Warren Yelland
Photos Jane Higgs



SOUTHERN REGION PLANT COMMENTARY Cont ...

Orchid of First Division

The plant of First Division was grown by Chris & Lyn Heysen and was *Den. Pink Ballerina*. A small plant, with three inflorescences and some 20 beautiful pink flowers shadowing a slightly darker pink labellum. It has been grown well and is a real standout. This plant has *Den. bigibbum* as one of its parents and it really shows off the *Den. bigibbum* shape.

Well done Chris & Lyn



ORCHID OF FIRST DIVISION

Den. Pink Ballerina

Grown By Chris & Lyn Heysen

Photo Jane Higgs



Seedling of the Day *Rlc. Nakornchalsri Red*

Grown By

Genny & Dudley Huxtable

Photo Jane Higgs

Thank you to our Judges, Don
and Phil for a job well done!
Good Growing!

Phil Steer

Registrar

CYMBIDIUMS FOR BEGINNERS by Brian Milligan

Few of those who grow orchids in Victoria appreciate how lucky we are compared with most European and North American growers, for whom an expensive heated glass-house is essential during winter. In Melbourne we can grow many orchids quite well in a semi-shaded corner of the garden, although a shade house generally provides better results. Cymbidiums are the most popular orchids because they are hardy and easy to grow and flower. There are more than 100 different species in the genus Cymbidium. From these species many thousands of different cymbidium hybrids have been bred and an incredible variety of colours is now available. Flowers vary in size from miniatures barely 50 mm across to monsters that span almost 150 mm. Most hybrids have upright flower spikes, some carrying as many as 20 blooms; others with pendulous inflorescences are best grown in hanging baskets. Depending on their parentage some hybrids flower as early in the year as March, while some late-flowering hybrids may retain their blooms until Christmas. Most produce their flowers between July & October.

Beginners are advised to buy plants in flower. By all means choose the colours you like best but also make sure that the plant has healthy foliage and large pseudo-bulbs (the bulbous growths at the base of the foliage). A plant with lots of leafless pseudo-bulbs (back-bulbs) has probably led a hard life and may need to be re-potted immediately. Place the plant in your garden where it will receive dappled sunlight throughout the day. A totally shaded area is unacceptable – the plant will continue to



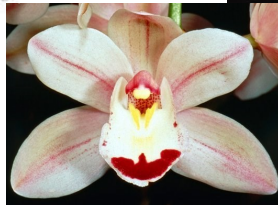
Cymbidium Kimberley Winter
'Sunbound' AM/OSCOV



Cymbidium One Tree Hill
'John's Quest' AM/OSCOV



Cymbidium Careless Heart
'Cutie Pie' HCC/OSCOV
CC/OSCOV



grow but it is unlikely to flower again! The ideal situation is a sunny spot covered with shade cloth (shade factor 50%). Keen growers usually have a shade house fitted with a clear fibreglass or polycarbonate roof to protect their plants from frost and wet, wintry conditions. Although this roof prevents the flowers from being damaged by rain or hail, it obliges the grower to water throughout the year. Most growers fit a shade-cloth cover above the roof between September and late April but remove it during winter so that their plants receive as much light as possible at that time.

Cymbidiums should be watered throughout the year. Provided their potting mix is in good condition, they benefit from being watered on every sunny day during the summer months. Much less water is necessary during winter, once or twice each week being sufficient. Liquid fertilizers should be applied weekly in summer, monthly in winter. Slow-release fertilizer may also be applied after the plants have flowered. Cymbidiums should be re-potted every two or three years, whether they have outgrown their pots or not. The weathered pine bark sold as potting mix for orchids in Victoria continues to break down over time, eventually becoming undesirably acidic and also producing a sludge that limits the free drainage necessary for healthy root growth. The orchid should therefore be removed from its pot, and the roots freed from old potting mix. Remove any soft, decayed roots and leafless pseudo-bulbs before re-potting the plant in fresh mix. Never re-use old potting mix, as it may transfer disease from one plant to another. For the same reason, wash your hands before re-potting another orchid, and never re-use old pots unless you first sterilize them chemically.

Having successfully grown and flowered your mature cymbidiums, try growing some small seedlings and mericlones. The latter are exact replicas of prize-winning plants, and although a little dearer than un-flowered seedlings, they guarantee a flower that will be true to description. Young seedlings or mericlones may take a few years to flower, but when they do, you have the right to call yourself an accomplished cymbidium grower.



Orchid Culture Notes for May

May usually sees the true break in season when the warm balmy days of autumn are replaced by the cold of winter. Weather can be erratic this month with temperatures up in the high 20's down to the low teens. Usually the first frosts happen this month especially if the air remains dry. I do remember one May where we had an exceptional run of days over 25 °C with light winds but in general May is the one month where the north westerlies increase and rainfall becomes more reliable towards the end of the month. This means provision of additional cover should now be a consideration. Ideally most enclosures for our plants should have a section with a hard roof to keep plants dry or at least some plastic sheeting to provide some level of cover. I opt for the opal colour polycarbonate sheet that provides 55% shade cover as the next few months sees the sun low in the sky and light levels need to be maximised for most genera this time of year. Solar weave is a useful temporary cover as well.

Another recommendation for the cover is that many of our plants are now in or about to go into spike. Wet developing flower heads will mark or be affected with various fungal problems so that little extra cover will make all the difference and you have the added bonus that you can work with your plants even if it is raining.

Also inspect your plants and make adjustments to those that are unstable as we do not want that nice specimen covered in flower spikes falling over during the next gale do we? Check hanging plants next time you water or it rains and take notice where the water drips down as you do not want it dripping onto another plant below or eroding the soil based mix that homes the terrestrials. Even dew condensing off a hard roof can cause issues for the unfortunate plants below it.

Watering should be reduced now as the cooler weather and higher humidity means our pots do not dry out so fast and secondly many plants are now entering a rest phase. Typical genera that require resting periods are the native epiphytes, Cattleyas and Oncidiums. Many other genera continue to grow, albeit a little more slowly, and these include Cyms, Zygoes, Sarcocylus and Paphiopedilums to name a few. Resting plants should receive little or no water for long periods during their rest, depending on the genera, and no fertiliser as they will not use it. If anything, feeding a resting plant may prove a disaster to the root system so when the plant breaks dormancy in spring it uses up all energy into replacing the lost root system at the expense of strong new growth.

You will find many resting plants bulbs and canes will shrivel, some quite markedly. This is quite normal. Some lose their leaves entirely. For example Catasetums and some Lycastes. These stay fully dry as they grow a new root system every year.

If I do water any of the resting plants I will give them a little drink and only in the mornings on a rising temperature. The bulbs and canes fill out quite quickly again. In nature despite enduring up to 6 months without any rain they do experience heavy dews at night that moistens the bark and mosses they attach to so they never really go totally without a drink. Those plants that are always on the move can continue to be fed and watered at a reduced rate to that which applies during the main growing season.

Feeding wise should be reduced to fortnightly and again in the mornings so plants are dry by nightfall. May usually gives us a good indication of what will flower winter and spring and most plants are fed with the high potash, blossom booster feeds to strengthen the racemes and help bring out the colours.

Slugs and snails are now on the move so particular attention to a baiting programme should now be in place especially for those pots full of spikes. Use the blue pellets as they last longer and do not turn into a hairy monster within a few days. There is usually an autumn flush of looper caterpillars as well so ensure you have some Dipel at hand if their



Orchid Culture Notes for May cont...

numbers are out of hand, otherwise learn to observe the damage they cause to the under-sides of the plants leaves and squish them. Soft leaved plants such as *Zygopetalums* and *Phaius* are prone to attack. I have heard that it is best to spray Dipel in the evenings as the grubs continue to feed at night and the spray stays wet much longer giving a more effective result. Ensure both sides of the leaves are covered. If the solution will not stick because the plants leaves have a waxy coating then add a few drops of dishwashing detergent as a wetting agent. Keep an eye out for any ant movements now as well. These little up to no good critters are most likely introducing some unwanted pests into our collection. Soft scale is one which can be fixed up with Malathion and white oil or a product called Malascale cleans them up nicely. Spray the Cyms now before the spikes emerge from their protective sheaths for those that flower for the spring shows.

Mealy bugs are the other problem that once in the collection are very hard to eradicate as apart from living in the leaves and bracts they also move into the potting mix where they avoid sprays. Confidor will clean them up. If you have mealies then I suggest you keep the plants isolated from the rest of the collection and very clean; meaning ensure all leaf bracts are inspected and persistent leaf bases are removed as these are prime hiding places. In severe cases of infestation it is easier to ditch the whole plant rather than try and control it and have it transfer to other plants in the collection. Other chores for May are the cleaning up of our plants and weeding. I find after a rain, removal of leaf bracts from my *Cymbidiums* and *Zygopetalums* is much easier. Be careful you do not damage the new growths that start showing this time of year.

Many flowering plants now needing staking but ensure they are not tightly tied to the stakes as the spikes are usually growing quickly and need not be fully restricted by ties. Also once staked in position it is important not to move the plants around as the spikes will twist and contort trying to follow the sun if they keep getting moved around. A spray with Mancozeb is always a good bet this time of year to help eliminate some fungal problems associated with this time of year and don't forget foliar feeding either. Even though a plant's roots have gone into dormancy, the plant will still accept nourishment via its leaves.

It is now time to inspect the natives. Most of them will now begin to show the start of their flowering buds. It is certainly a time of year I get excited. Remove any dead leaves and hang them high and dry.

Many plants will shed a few leaves and *Cymbidiums* are no exception. Mostly it is the odd leaf on an old matured growth. If there are many yellowing leaves on the one plant it would pay to feel the bulb. Bulb rot has been common this year given the heat of summer and the extended Indian Summer of March and April. A soft bulb is a dead give away of bulb rot and more often than not it is fatal, especially on smaller plants. It would pay to dispose of any plants where the rot is significant unless it is a prized plant in which case you do what you can to save it. Place the pot and the mix into the rubbish and not the compost heap, otherwise the problem will spread. Spread the plants out and spray with a preventative fungicide, plants, pots and benches in the immediate area where the infection was noticed. Poor air movement from overcrowding is a common cause of this problem.

Steve Howard



ORCHID CLUBS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA **General Meeting Times**

THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA: In 2024, the Club will meet at the Marion - Warradale Uniting Church Hall, Cnr. Township Road and Church Crescent, Marion. at 8.00p.m. on the first Wednesday of the Month

THE DAYTIME CHAPTER: meets at the Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton on the second Thursday of the month at 2.00p.m.

THE SOUTHERN REGION: meets at Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor at 2.00p.m. on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

THE ORCHID CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA: meets at 8pm in The Enfield Community Centre, 540 Regency Road, Enfield on the 1st Thursday of the month.

Daytime Group: meets from 2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m. in the Enfield Community Centre, 540 Regency Road, Enfield on the 2nd Friday of the month.

THE MURRAY BRIDGE AND DISTRICT ORCHID CLUB: meets at 1.45pm in the Seventh Day Adventist Hall, corner Myall Avenue and Standen Street, Murray Bridge on the 4th Sunday of the month.

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ORCHIDACEOUS SOCIETY: Meets at the Plympton Community Centre, 34 Long Street, Plympton from 7.30p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

THE NATIVE ORCHID SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA: meets at 7.30p.m. at St. Matthew's Church Hall, Bridge Street, Kensington on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

THE CYMBIDIUM CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Meets at 7.30p.m. at Burnside Community Centre, 401 Greenhill Road, Tasmore on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL ORCHID COUNCIL: Represents all clubs in South Australia on the Australian Orchid Council. Meets three or four times a year, at which meetings all clubs are represented by a delegate or a proxy delegate. SAROC conducts the **SA Orchid Fair** in June each year.



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