

The South Coast Orchid Club of SA Inc.

# Gazette

**May  
2014**



**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 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at St. Bernadette's Church Hall corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Marys. The guest speaker will be Kevin Cattermole who lives at Napperby near Port Pirie. His subject will be 'Orchid Genetics'.

### CHANGE OF TIME FOR JUDGING:

**Please have plants benched by 7.40p.m. so that judging can commence 7.50p.m.**

**If you are going to be late due to work commitments please ring Sue Zerbe on 0411 180 015.**

**BEGINNERS' GROUP:** 7.20p.m. Daniel Lutz. Bring all your questions along.

### DAYTIME CHAPTER

The next meeting will be held at Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton on Thursday 8th May 2014 at 2pm. Our guest speaker will be Kevin Cattermole talking on 'Creating Growing Conditions for Orchids'.

### SOUTHERN REGION GROUP

The next meeting will be held at 2pm on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2014 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. Guest speaker Graham Zerbe whose subject will be 'Preparing Your Orchids for Shows'.

### BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS – MAY

Anne Campbell, Helen Western, Geoff Spear, John Carassai.

### BIRTHDAY DRAW

Is your name in the book?

### LUCKY NAME BADGE

Make sure you wear your name badge. You may win a prize.

### PLANTS WANTED:

Members you may have plants you would like to donate to the Club. The Club always gives new members a plant. You may be able to help. Please phone Lucy on 83814420.

P.S. Old wrapping paper and ties would also be appreciated.

### Vale

The Committee and Members of South Coast Orchid Club extend sincere condolences to Sue and Graham Zerbe on the passing of their daughter Sunny on 3rd April 2014. Our thoughts are with you both at this very sad time.

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**AUTUMN SHOW PASADENA SHOPPING CENTRE  
SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY TILL SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2014**

The Autumn Show is only 1 week away. Let's make this a spectacular Show.  
The Committee needs the assistance of members to:

Volunteer to help on trading table;  
Sell your surplus plants on the trading table. Ask Dorothy for swing tickets  
and selling sheets.

**REMINDER:** To show your plants at the Autumn Show you must be a financial member and have owned your plant for at least 6 months.

**VENUE:** Pasadena Shopping Centre, Five Ash Drive, Pasadena. Enter from ground floor car park up the escalator to exhibit in front of Dan Murphy's or you may go via supermarket entrance on the ground level.

**JUDGING :** Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at Hamilton Secondary College, 815 Marion Road, Mitchell Park in the basketball stadium.

**PUT-IN TIME:** 11.30 TO 12.45

**JUDGING:** Judging starts at 1.00 pm sharp.  
After judging, plants are to be taken to Pasadena Shopping Centre. Please make prior arrangements to take your plants from Hamilton School to Pasadena.

**TRADING TABLE SETUP:** Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May after 4 pm until 5 pm please.  
**NOTE:** PLANTS CANNOT BE TAKEN INTO THE STORE BEFORE 4.00 pm.

**DISPLAY:** Your display plants may be taken into Pasadena after 4.00 pm. Please take your plants to Pasadena as soon as possible for us to build a beautiful display. This is an excellent site.

**MOST IMPORTANT:** The Show Marshall will ring any member if for some reason he/she feels that any plants may be starting to show signs of distress.

**2014 S.A.R.O.C. ORCHID FAIR**

**Venue:** The Drill Hall, Torrens Parade Ground, North Terrace, Adelaide at the rear of Government House. Free parking on the Parade Ground.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June:**

**Hall Opens :** 10.00 am for set up. 12.00 pm for Displays - Helpers please.

**Display:** Completed by 5.00 pm.

**Judging:** 6.00 pm – Award Judging – notify Roger Rankin by 5<sup>th</sup> June.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June:**

**Hall opens:** 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

**Dinner:** To be held at Oakden Central, cnr. Fosters Road and Hilltop Drive, Oakden commencing at 6.30 pm. Members wishing to attend please see Lucy at May meeting or phone her on 83814420 before 20<sup>th</sup> May. This is an exciting night. Let's organise a group of South Coast members to attend.

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June:**

**Hall opens:** 9.00 am til 4 pm.

**JUDGES ROSTER 7/05/14**

**Open Division:** Leader: Wendy Lodge, Judy McRedmond, Recorder: Peter Haltis.

**First Division:** Leader: Noel Oliver, Rohan Crowhurst, Recorder: Trevor Stutley.

**Second Division:** Leader: John Gay, Graham Zerbe, Recorder: Vicky Cooper.

*Sue Zerbe*

Registrar of Judges

### ORCHID CALENDAR FOR 2014

<b><u>AUTUMN SHOW:</u></b>	<b>SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY UNTIL SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY at Pasadena Shopping Centre, 5 Ash Drive, Pasadena.</b>
<b><u>S.A.R.O.C. FAIR:</u></b>	<b>SATURDAY 7th JUNE AND SUNDAY 8th JUNE at Torrens Parade Ground Drill Hall.</b>
<b><u>MAIN GROUP WORKSHOP:</u></b>	<b>SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2 pm TO 4.00 pm at the home of Paul and Donja Hayes, 44 Clements Terrace, Christies Beach. Phone: 8382 8856.</b>
<b><u>WINTER SHOW:</u></b>	<b>SUNDAY 27th JULY TO SATURDAY 2nd AUGUST at Federation, Arndale.</b>
<b><u>SOUTHERN REGION GROUP SHOW:</u></b>	<b>THURSDAY 28th AUGUST TO SUNDAY 31st AUGUST at R.S.L. Hall, Coral Street, Victor Harbor.</b>
<b><u>BUS TRIP:</u></b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> AUGUST to the North</b>
<b><u>SPRING SHOW:</u></b>	<b>SUNDAY 21st SEPTEMBER TO SATURDAY 27th SEPTEMBER at Colonnades Shopping Centre.</b>
<b><u>BONSAI CLUB:</u></b>	<b>SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER DISPLAY AND TRADING TABLE at McLaren Vale.</b>
<b><u>SOUTHERN GROUP WORKSHOP:</u></b>	<b>SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER at Reg and Elsie's home, 46, Lamont Road, McCracken.</b>

### Daniel Lutz Youth Recognition Award

The South Coast Orchid Club Of S.A Inc nominated Daniel Lutz for the Youth Recognition Awards 2014. Daniel was presented with his certificate on Saturday the 5th of April 2014.

#### Personal Achievements.

A passion for growing orchids and vegetables has enabled Daniel to be joint winner of the school based Apprentice /Trainee of the year. He has achieved 2010 Certificates 2 and 3 in Horticulture , completed year 12 , awarded the 2013 Coco Cola Amatil Regional Scholarship from the Royal Agricultural Society and completed the Diploma of Agriculture at Armidale University.



## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Well here we are again at the lead up to a very busy orchid time. I have spent the last 2 months potting up orchids and they are looking great. Wonderful to hear so many cymbidium growers are showing signs of having a tremendous flowering season.

This year you have a great selection of guest speakers. Lucy has asked Geoff Bailey to speak at our Club in August and he has accepted. He was guest speaker at the Cym Club last year. Geoff Bailey is a very talented speaker and Editor of 'Orchids Australia' magazine. Geoff's topic in August will be Mixed Genera.

At S.A.R.O.C. Fair this year our display will be very different to our previous designs. Please help to make this a success, we need your beautiful orchids to make this theme come alive.

One week to Autumn Show. This is the Show when orchids are very scarce. Please have one more look in your shade house, as we need to make a great display for Mothers' Day. It is amazing how many people bring along their elderly parents to enjoy our Mothers' Day display. We also need trading table plants which make an ideal gift for Mothers' Day.

Happy Mothers' Day to all of our mothers. Enjoy the day.

Good growing and showing,  
Geoff.

## **DAYTIME CHAPTER**

Hi Everyone,

Today at our Daytime Chapter we were certainly all given a great insight into the world of Bonsai. Mr. Brian Osborn, one of our newest members was our guest speaker for the day. Brian came along with some fantastic specimens of this art of growing and shaping plants. He explained some of the many shapes and styles of shaping and wiring up to obtain many great and majestic styles. All very lovely to see. They came in all shapes and sizes. This art of shaping plants goes back many centuries. With this art form you need to be very patient and do things gradually. The way of displaying them is also very important. The stands they use are lovely to see and really complete the picture. The judges look for everything to be in balance and shaped to perfection. Brian says he will bring in some landscape displays later in the year for us all to see. We just seemed to run out of time. Thanks Brian for a job well done. Excellent. The plants all looked great and you really seem to be passionate about them all.

Apologies today from Josephine, Anne, and Shirley Gordon. Hope to see you all again soon.

A lovely display of orchids today. Many different genera. All well presented and lovely to see. No Popular Vote today, just orchid appreciation. Thanks to all the members who brought in their plants to share with us. Thanks Rowan, your orchid was lovely. We don't see many of that genera. Well done and thanks for the thought. We all loved it. Thanks also to Geoff for doing the commentary.

The meeting was closed after another great afternoon. Thanking all in attendance.

Bye Dorothy,  
8277-1793.



Brian Osborn from the Bonsai Club giving his interesting talk on growing miniature plants/trees.



### SOUTHERN REGION GROUP MEETING SUNDAY 16th MARCH

**Beginners' Group:** 1.30 pm with Noel Oliver.

The President opened the meeting at 2.00 pm and spoke about the Main Group's Autumn Show.

**New Member:** Krys Gilmore received plant and name badge.

**Apologies:** Reg and Elsie Clifford, Judy Crafter ,Bruce Kirk.

**Next meeting :** Ron Yates will speak on Intergeneric Oncidiinae. Ron has a brilliant presentation. Please don't miss this one.

**The Basket of Easter Eggs:** was won by Rus Sutton.

**Second and First Division winners:** received an Easter Bunny along with their glass or mug.

**Guest Speaker:** John Gay was our Guest speaker with a very interesting talk on mixed genera and a floral art Demo.

**Judging:** Noel Oliver and Graham Zerbe were the judges today.

**Plant of the Day:** Milt. Christina Carpenter Rumsfelt benched by Eileen Pinnock.

**Popular Vote:** Miltassia Spider Man 'Teflon 2' benched by Ruth Tugwell.



Eileen Pinnock presented with her Easter bunny trophy and glass by Noel Oliver for her Plant of the Day Milt. Christina Carpenter Rumsfelt.



Ruth Tugwell presented with her Easter bunny trophy and glass by Noel Oliver for her Popular Vote winner Miltassia Spider Man 'Teflon 2'.

## SRG April Results List

Ref.No.

Points Awarded

### Second Division

#### Australian Native Epiphyte – Hybrid

107 Den. Hilda Poxon

Keith & Russ Sutton

3

#### Australian Native Epiphyte – Species

106 Den. lithocola

Ruth Tugwell

3

#### Cymbidium – under 60 mm – Species

116 Cym. dayanum

Eileen Pinnock

3

#### Laeliinae – Cluster

112 Ctt. Browniae 'Riga'

Ruth Tugwell

3

113 Ctt. Browniae 'Riga'

Keith & Russ Sutton

2

114 Blc. Minerva Manuel

Eileen Pinnock

1

#### Laeliinae – Non Standard

115 C. Dendi's Double

Eileen Pinnock

3

#### Laeliinae – Standard over 100 mm

108 Lc. Angelheart 'Hihimanu'

Ruth Tugwell

3

109 Thw. Adelaide Silver

Keith & Russ Sutton

2

104 C. Margaret Degenhardt

Val Phillips

1

#### Laeliinae - Standard under 100 mm

105 Slc. Mahalo Jack

Val Phillips

3

110 Rth. Angel Sound

Ruth Tugwell

2

111 Lc. Red Elf x Blc. Nokes Amber

Ruth Tugwell

1

#### Oncidium Hybrid – Over 60 mm.

118 Ionocidium Popcorn 'Haruri'

Eileen Pinnock

3

119 Miltassia Spider Man 'Teflon 2'

Ruth Tugwell

2

120 Odontonia Tropical Heatwave 'Everglades'

Ruth Tugwell

1

#### Oncidiinae Hybrid – under 60 mm.

117 Milt. Christina Carpenter Rumsfelt

Eileen Pinnock

3

#### Paphiopedilum – Non Standard

121 Paph. (callosum x charlesworthii)

Ruth Tugwell

3

#### Popular Vote

122 Miltassia Spider Man 'Teflon 2'

Ruth Tugwell

#### Plant of the Day

123 Milt. Christina Carpenter Rumsfelt

Eileen Pinnock

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Ref. No.			Points Awarded
<b>Open Division</b>			
<b>Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid</b>			
135	Sarco. Velvet ('#3' x 'Cool Dude')	Kevin Trevan (295)	3
<b>Cymbidium 60 - 90mm Red Pink Brown</b>			
154	Cym. Beverley Cobb 'Chocolate' 4N	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	3
<b>Laeliinae - Non Standard</b>			
139	Epi. [Gold Valley x ( Orange Blaze x Joseph Lii) x Pacific Glory]	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	3
140	Bc. Binosa 'Lyn'	John & Bev Gay (65)	2
<b>Laeliinae - Species</b>			
141	B. nodosa	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
<b>Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm</b>			
136	C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'	John & Bev Gay (65)	2
<b>Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm</b>			
137	Pot. Burana Angel 'Hsinying'	John & Bev Gay (65)	3
138	Gsl. Aussie Sunset x Thw. Dot's Emperor	Zerbe G, S & L (18)	2
<b>Oncidiinae - Hybrid &lt; 60mm</b>			
143	Onc. Lemon Heart	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	3
<b>Oncidiinae - Hybrid &gt; 60mm</b>			
142	Milt. [Moir Moir x (clowesii x Kismet)]	Kevin Trevan (295)	3
<b>Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid</b>			
147	Den. Woo Leng 'Blue Lip'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
148	V. Usa 'Udon'	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	2
149	V. Wong Poh Nee 'Cassie'	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	1
<b>Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species</b>			
150	Odc. uncatum	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	3
<b>Orchid Seedling - any Genera</b>			
151	Epi.[Gold Valley x (Orange Blaze x Joseph Lii) x Pacific Glory]	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	3
<b>Zygopetalinae - Hybrid</b>			
144	Z. Artur Elle x Zba. Elfin Jade x Z. Helen Ku	Kevin Trevan (295)	3
145	Zpb. Nova	Kevin Trevan (295)	2
146	Zga. Clare Fisher 'My Gem'	Kevin Trevan (295)	1
<b>First Division</b>			
<b>Cymbidium 60 - 90mm - any other colour</b>			
111	Cym. Kusuda Shining 'Geyslerland'	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	3
112	Cym. Devon Elf 'Vivienne'	Silvester Ng (1491)	2
113	Cym. Runaway 'Roma'	Silvester Ng (1491)	1
<b>Cymbidium 60 - 90mm White Cream Yellow Green</b>			
110	Cym. Autumn Wonder 'Early Snow'	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	3
<b>Cymbidium under 60 White Cream Yellow Green</b>			
162	Cym. Zig Zag 'Kiwi'	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	3
<b>Laeliinae - Cluster</b>			
100	Ctt. Valentine Day 'Leanne'	Malcolm Young (754)	3
101	Ctt. Valentine Day	Rito & Rosetta Silvestri (302)	2
<b>Laeliinae - Non Standard</b>			
102	Thw. Empress Worsley 'Roman Holiday'	Eileen Pinnock (519)	3
<b>Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm</b>			
98	C. Clark Herman	Wendy Lodge (406)	3
<b>Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm</b>			
99	Ctna. Capri Lea	Rito & Rosetta Silvestri (302)	3
<b>Oncidiinae - Hybrid &lt; 60mm</b>			
105	Milt. Goodale Moir 'Golden Wonder'	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	3

## April Results List (cont.)

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

### First Division (cont.)

#### Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

103	Milt. Cogniauxiae	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	3
104	Milt. Christine Carpenter Rumsfelt	Eileen Pinnock (519)	2

#### Oncidiinae - Species

106	Onc. divaricatum	Wendy Lodge (406)	3
107	Onc. flexuosum	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	2
108	Onc. flexuosum	Rito & Rosetta Silvestri (302)	1

#### Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

114	Phal. Unknown	Wendy Lodge (406)	3
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#### Paphiopedilum - Non Standard

109	Paph. Olivia Maudiae Gothic	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	3
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### Second Division

#### Australian Native Epiphyte - Species

115	Epi. elongatum 'Fairy Lavender'	Rowan Crowhurst (763)	3
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#### Cymbidium under 60 Red Pink Brown

119	Cym. Little Beauty 'Sundaani'	George Misirlis (1125)	3
120	Cym. Sundaani Autumn 'Twilight'	Daniel & Andrew Lutz (709)	2

#### Cymbidium under 60 Species

124	Cym. dayanum	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	3
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#### Cymbidium under 60 White Cream Yellow Green

121	Cym. Sundaani Autumn 'Summer Glow'	Daniel & Andrew Lutz (709)	3
122	Cym. Sundaani Autumn 'Tess'	Jenni Ciplys (1323)	2
123	Cym. Sundaani Autumn 'Sailor's Warning'	Daniel & Andrew Lutz (709)	1

#### Laeliinae - Cluster

116	Ctt. Browniae 'Riga'	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	3
117	Ctt. Valentine Day 'Susie'	Daniel & Andrew Lutz (709)	2

#### Laeliinae - Non Standard

118	Lc. Interceps	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
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#### Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

128	Milt. Goodale Moir 'Golden Wonder'	George Misirlis (1125)	3
129	Milt. Unknown	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	2

#### Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

125	Brsa. Spiderman	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
126	Milt. Leucoglossa	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	2
127	Milt. Cogniauxiae	Rowan Crowhurst (763)	1

#### Oncidiinae - Species

130	Brs. gieroudiana	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
131	Onc. flexuosum	Rowan Crowhurst (763)	2
132	Milt. spectabilis	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	1



## **April Plant Commentary**

### **FLOWER OF OPEN DIVISION AND FLOWER OF THE NIGHT:**

Open Division had seventeen plants benched tonight and the winner of Open Division and Flower of the Night was *Dendrobium* Woo Leng 'Blue Lips' grown by Peter and Geraldine Flavel.

This intermediate *dendrobium* produced four graceful inflorescences having ten to eighteen flowers with eleven buds left to open. The flowers were a very delicate green, grading out to a pale white/cream, with a solid purple lip.

The species in the background of this plant results in the slight twisting of all the segments which certainly adds a touch of charm.

Congratulations Peter and Geraldine what a lovely plant to share with us tonight.



### **FLOWER OF FIRST DIVISION**

First Division had 21 plants benched tonight and the winner was *Cattlianthe* Valentine Day 'Leanne' grown by Malcolm Young.

This very eye catching plant has a very sturdy inflorescence topped with a cluster of twenty seven flowers, looking waxed as if they had been polished, glossed over the brown/red colour. Lip was fluted crimson starting yellow then a centre line of crimson. The column was white with tiny purple dots.

Malcolm, a very attractive plant, which would have caught every one's eye tonight.



## **April Plant Commentary (cont.)**

### **FLOWER OF SECOND DIVISION**

Second Division had 24 plants benched tonight and the winner was *Brassia gireoudiana* grown by Paul and Donja Hayes.

This exceptional plant, mounted on a piece of cork, had one tall gently arching inflorescence, boasting seven of the palest creamy/green flowers, with brown spots and a cream labellum lightly sprinkled with little brown spots at the top. The dorsal sepal were like curls on top with the ventral sepals, like tendrils cascading down.

Paul and Sonja such a beautifully grown plant and would be envied by all to have in their collection.



### **POPULAR VOTE WINNER**

*Cattleytonia* Capri Lea was grown by Rito and Rosetta Silvestri. They really know how to have the wow factor when you look at the plants they bench at our meetings and shows and I can assure you this was no different. The plant carried ten inflorescences with the white centered and finely pink veined flowers grading to a darker shade on the tips and labellum.

Rito and Rosetta thank you for another one of your well grown plants.



## **EXHIBITORS' RULES FOR SHOWS**

1. All exhibitors must be financial members of the South Coast Orchid Club of South Australia Incorporated.
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 if it should so wish.
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 for the show week.
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 week. 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**

Select the plants that you want to let go.

- Obtain plant sheets and plant price tags from Lucy in the weeks prior to the sale.
- Clean all pots. Wipe them over with a damp cloth to remove all white residue of salt. If these pots have been recycled from somewhere else, please make sure all advertising and price stickers are removed.
- Check all stakes. Add more if needed and re-tie if necessary.
- Remove old brown husks from bulbs.
- Remove weeds, snails, scale etc.
- Remove all dry ends on the leaves and shape to a point.
- Wipe leaves over with a mixture of milk and water (1 part milk to 10 parts water). Do not add extra milk as the fat in the milk will clog the pores in the leaves which will cause them to yellow and die.
- Water all plants 2 – 3 days before taking them in for sale. PLEASE DO NOT water them on the day you are bringing them in as the water really makes a mess on clothing and everywhere else, eg the floor.

## **PREPARING ORCHIDS FOR SALE (cont.)**

**The sales sheets:** These have a carbonless copy.

Please use both sheets together.

Press down firmly on a hard surface to imprint on the second page.

- Print your name in the top left hand corner
- Print your club member number in the top right hand corner
- Rule a narrow column down the left hand side of the page. This column is for plant number from 1 – 30. Please use consecutive numbering for additional sheets ie 31 – 60 for page 2 etc.
- A slightly wider column on the right hand side is for the selling price of the plant.
- Be reasonable, not greedy. Either you want to sell it or not. If you are not sure, ask someone. Take into consideration number of spikes and condition of the plant.
- The centre section is for the description eg Cym. Den Cat etc and the name of your plant and colour. Ie Without Peer 'Soft Touch' (pink).

**Price tags.**

- Member number in top left hand corner.
- Circle the plant number in the right hand top corner.
- Price underneath.

It is a good idea to write this information on both sides of the tag.

Make sure that the tag on the plant matches the information on your sales sheet.

These plant price tags need to be checked off on your sheet by another person when you bring them in.

You can help by reading out the numbers and price on the tag with the other person checking off the list. If this does not correspond, it needs to be attended to.

Give both copies of the sheet to the person checking the plants off.

If you need a copy take a third copy for yourself. However, in most cases, you will be given one sheet back with your cheque.

We hope that these notes help you. Lucy and I are always around to assist you further if needed. So just ask for help should you need it.

Dorothy

**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.  
E. & O. E.**

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### **PUBLIC LIABILITY**

Under insurance guidelines all members attending any function or meeting held by the Club must sign an attendance sheet.

## Orchid Culture Notes for May

The first week of May signals the start of our solar winter but it's usually later in the month before the big cold blasts from the south let us know what's in store for the next 4 months. Still, like our weather in general, May can be a changeable month with warm days and cool nights in between changes.

The onset of colder weather tends to bring about an increase in orchid nasties, many seeking shelter and not all are of the insect and fungal type. Rats and mice can play havoc with plants and have a distinct liking for bulbs, flowers and new growths. One or two well placed mouse traps and baits can turn up a few critters, even in the most secure glasshouse or shade house. Even hanging plants are not immune from attack and I have had many hanging *Oncidium*'s with new spikes docked overnight. Very frustrating to say the least as it is another year wait for the next one.

One thing I do keep an eye on from now is the tiger moth. This is the mother to the woolly bear caterpillar that wreaks havoc later in the season when they are larger, quite mobile and hungry. I inspect my surrounds every morning when it's cold and especially the sides of my shade house. The moths climb the sides and are sluggish in the cool of the morning. They are easily collected and dispatched. Each one of these moths is full of eggs. Aphids of the brown and yellow type invade now and soft scale tends to be in profusion as well. They will attack the softer parts of our orchids and have a liking for new growths and flower spikes. They will often leave pale spots on the leaves where they suck out the chlorophyll and these spots stay for the life of the leaf. Buds on spikes will yellow and fall off. You can spray them off with a gentle squirt of water if the infestation is small. Only revert to sprays if the infestation is severe. I use pyrethrum with good results, but a word of warning is when using any spray on a plant in spike for the first time, try it on a sacrificial plant of the same genera first. That way if the spike reacts and drops buds, it's not a great deal. This is part of a good learning curve and the rule also applies to changing the medium in which the plant grows.

Also watch out for ants. If they are in your plants follow them and check both sides of the leaves. More than likely you will find scale. The ants harvest them and in return offer the scale protection and are rewarded with the sticky nectar they produce. Ants are always up to no good and can easily transfer scale from plant to plant. You will often see sugary spots on the leaves below where they have congregated. In extreme cases you will get sooty mould that is similar to what you find on citrus. I find Eco Oil will clean them up. You may have to rub the mould off as well as any dead scale as the scale will not always fall off. In particular this applies to hard scale. A used toothbrush is a handy tool for this. After treatment if you have no ants, then that is a sure sign the scale has perished.

May is still *Zygopetalum* month for flowers and don't green looper caterpillars love these. Rarely in significant numbers to spray, the trick here to observe the tell tale skeletonising of a new leaf where the new grub on the underside of the leaf has hatched and started his first meal. They are easily squashed but not that easy to see sometimes. Best to get them when small and not full size where they will eat an entire flower in a sitting. Most autumn flowering *Cattleyas* and *Oncidiums* form the main part of our show plants at the moment. Remember that after flowering most of these autumn flowerers will require a rest which means little in the way of water and feed. They should be moved under cover with as much light as you can give them this time of year and ease back on the water. Resting plants don't really need any fertilising until spring growth recommences. Winter *paphiopedilums* are well into spike and water must be kept out of the top of the plant where the spike shows leaves or its doom as that water gets very cold at night and fungus will finish off a year's work. *Botrytis* is the usual culprit. Spraying the collection this time of year with the mild conditions, soft growth and high humidity with a fungicide is not a bad idea. Also spray the pots, benches and even the sides of the shade house and the floor. Fungus sits anywhere.

It is a good time to spray your *cymbidiums* for scale whilst the spikes are still tight in sheath and the buds protected. An early clean up of your show plants is also beneficial now as the bulbs are easy to de husk without spikes in the way and lessens the chances of breaking a spike or knocking off a bud or 3. May and June will be the last months we give our *Cymbidiums* a bloom booster high potash type feed before reverting back to a higher nitrogen based feed in July.

Some early terrestrials are already in flower now but the regular *Pterostylis* and *Diuris* we mostly grow are only just starting to take form. No flowers on these yet apart from the cauline group of *Pterostylis* ( eg *Ptst.laxum*). Keep weeds thinned out as invariably a few do come up in the terrestrial pots. Pots should be kept evenly moist and under 50% cloth ( better with hard roof).

With the sun getting close to its lowest ebb late this month the importance of light become's paramount. It does not take long for a plant to display dark green and floppy leaves caused by a lack of light, especially the newest growths. These plants will become susceptible to pest and disease attack and will not flower all too well, it at all. Mind you though there are some species and hybrids such as the *Phalaenopsis* are naturally like this but if your *Cattleya*, *Oncidium* and even humble *Cymbidium* shows these traits then move them quick to a brighter location.

## Orchid Culture Notes for May (cont)

Watering in general should slow down now as evaporation is reduced considerably and you will find most orchids will prefer to be on the drier side especially those that have some sort of pseudobulb. Mother nature does not turn on the tap every day at 4pm or provide a constant humidity or level of air movement that our artificial environments provide. They are rather forgiving and the majority won't pack it in if they go dry for awhile but if they do shrivel they are just saying hey I'm thirsty. This time of year it is best to water mid morning on a rising temperature rather than late at night because they will cope with cold as a dry plant better than a cold wet plant. More damage is done to orchids over winter by being kept cold and wet than any other time of the year. Feeding wise things also start to slow down as well. A slowdown in growth and temperature means the plants do not need as much feeding now so as a rule feeding reduces by half now down to none at all for dry resting plants.

Other chores for this month are the cleaning up of our shade houses and making sure all is well for the wild winds of winter. The day after I fixed up all my holes and loose bits it blew a gale. Good timing huh!

De husking and removal of autumn leaf drop as well as some final sprays to combat mites, scale etc should be undertaken before flower spikes show as these sprays can damage flowers very easily. Give your pots a clean up as well Salt build up around the holes are unsightly. Some soapy water and a scourer pad will clean them up nicely.

I find May a pleasant month with nice weather and a bit of rain. It is also the most exciting month for my spring collection as I now see what is in store for my collection of natives and cymbidiums and everything else!

Steve Howard

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**THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA:** Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at St. Bernadette's Church Hall corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Mary's. Beginners Class starts at 7.15p.m., meeting at 8.00p.m.

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