

The South Coast Orchid Club of SA Inc.

Gazette

February
2014



PRESIDENT: Geoff Spear

PATRON: Sydney Monkhouse

AT A GLANCE

AGM, Meeting, Trophy Presentation, 2013 Flower of the Night Voting

The next meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will be held at 8pm on Wednesday 5th February 2014 at St. Bernadette's Church Hall corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Marys. The guest speaker will be John Richards whose subject will be Orchids in the Wimmera.

CHANGE OF TIME FOR JUDGING:

Please have Plants benched by 7.40p.m. so 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.

POSITION VACANT:

A member required to look after supper on main meeting nights. You will not be alone in this task as you will have other members to assist you.

BEGINNERS' GROUP: No beginners' Group in February

DAYTIME CHAPTER

The next meeting will be held at Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton on Thursday 13th February 2013 at 2pm. Our guest speaker will be John Gay.

SOUTHERN REGION GROUP

The next meeting will be held at 2pm on Sunday 16th February 2013 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. Guest speaker will be Geoff Spear talking on Cymbidiums.

FREE WORKSHOP FOR ALL MEMBERS

Please join us for a workshop to be held at the home of Rod and Judy McRedmond at 87 Kyeema Avenue Cumberland Park on **SATURDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 10 am til 12.30 pm.**

After a welcoming cuppa you will be taken on a trip around the garden to see the growing conditions of various genera grown by Rod and Jude who will be happy to answer any questions about their garden.

The Club will also hold a raffle. Raffle prizes to be donated by Rod and Jude including a piece of Paph. Chouvetii 'van Dyke' which won Grand Champion at the 2013 Adelaide Royal Show. Raffle tickets will be available @ 50 cents each.

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ORCHID CALENDAR FOR 2014

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HAIGHS VISIT
MAIN GROUP WORKSHOP

FEBRUARY 5th
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7th
SATURDAY 15th FEBRUARY 10 am til 12.30
at the home of Rod and Jude McRedmond
87 Kyeema Ave Cumberland Pk SA Ph 82933545

AUTUMN SHOW

SUNDAY 4th MAY TO SATURDAY 10th MAY at
Pasadena Shopping Centre

S.A.R.O.C. FAIR

SATURDAY 7th JUNE AND SUNDAY 8th JUNE at
Torrens Parade Ground Drill Hall.

MAIN GROUP WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 8th March 2-4.00 pm. at the home of
Andrew and Daniel Lutz, 14 Yorke Drive,
PASADENA ph. 81771331

WINTER SHOW

SUNDAY 27th JULY TO SATURDAY 2nd AUGUST
at Federation, Arndale.

SOUTHERN REGION GROUP SHOW

THURSDAY 28th AUGUST TO SUNDAY 31st
AUGUST at R.S.L. Hall, Coral Street, Victor
Harbor.

BUS TRIP

MYSTERY trip, 10TH August, to north.

SPRING SHOW

SUNDAY 21st SEPTEMBER TO SATURDAY 27th
SEPTEMBER at Colonnades Shopping Centre.

SOUTHERN GROUP WORKSHOP

SUNDAY 17th OCTOBER at Reg and Elsie's home.

NORTHERN BUS TRIP 10TH AUGUST 2014 (TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS)

08:30am. Depart Lou Kesting Hall.
 10:00am. Arrive at mystery orchid visit venue. Plants will be available for sale.
 11:15am. Depart for Lunch at either an orchid nursery (with plants for sale) or a hotel lunch
 (at extra cost).
 TBA Depart Lunch venue.
 02:30pm. Arrive Virginia Nursery.
 03:30pm. Depart Virginia Nursery.
 05:00pm. Arrive Lou Kesting Hall.

NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FOR 2014 COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT

Geoffrey Spear

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

Donna Meuwsen

VICE PRESIDENT

Paul Hayes

TREASURER

Barbara Almond

SECRETARY

Lucy Spear

**Dorothy Carasai (1 year), Andrew Lutz (1 year), Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (2 years),
 Heather Wright (2 years), Susanna Bratuz (2 years).**

SUBSCRIPTION RATES - One membership covers all groups.

Family membership	\$33.00
Single membership	\$25.00
Junior membership	\$17.00
Rural and Interstate membership	
Family membership	\$29.00
Single membership	\$23.00

2014 SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE. We do value your membership and seeing you at meetings each month.

EXTRACT FROM MAY 1987 GAZETTE

“Your committee is anxious of gaining new members. Can you help? One idea put forward is to hold a day time meeting for those who are unable to attend our normal night time cultural meetings.’

Do you know at one stage we had 45 members attending our daytime segment. I wonder who put this idea forward?

The challenge is once again put forward to all members. Let’s try for 40 new members by November 2014. Let’s have your ideas.

NEW YEAR BBQ

On Wednesday 8th January around 60 members enjoyed a very relaxing night, eating, swapping orchid news and getting to know each other. The weather was perfect. Thank you to members who brought along items for the raffle. Your donations were appreciated.

This is the fourth year we have held a ‘January Fun Night’. As this has been so popular, Committee members have decided to make this a regular fixture.

Graham Zerbe showed a Power Point presentation of the Best of Division for 2013. Fifty two members stayed back to see the presentation and listen to Graham’s very funny jokes.

The popular voting has grown from six orchid plants to 24 entered this year. There were some very nice plants entered, cymbidiums, phalaenopsis and oncidiums. There was a 3 way tie with the popular vote so the winner was selected by long term member Leslie Fenton. The plant was *cochleata* grown by John and Bev Gay.

The President closed the meeting and thanked all who contributed to making the night a success.

FROM THE NEW TREASURER

As I have been nominated for the position of treasurer in 2014 I thought I should introduce myself to members. My name is Barbara Almond and I have been a member of the Club for 2 years. Last year I had a very enjoyable and interesting year on the committee. My husband is Max and we live in Belair. We are both retired. Max used to run his own engineering business and I was a junior primary teacher for 42 years. I have been involved in many different organizations during my adult life. Whilst living in Salisbury, I was on the Council for 10 years, treasurer of the Salisbury East Residents’ Association and the Salisbury Branch of the Miss South Australia Quest. I was also involved on the Finance Committees of the Salisbury Council and several of the schools I taught at. I have also been secretary to Adelaide Hills branch of Zonta and the Mount Lofty Rangers 4 wheel drive club. I have also been on the Board of St. John’s Grammar School. During the time that Max was running his business, I kept the firm’s books.

Max and I have come late in life to growing orchids, as a result of my son giving me a Phalaenopsis for Mother’s Day, but I knew of orchids before then as my parents grew them in the 60’s. Unfortunately I gave them away.

I am looking forward to the coming year and wish Judy all the best in her ambitions to become the best judge ever. I have big shoes to fill.

Barbera Almond

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS – JANUARY & FEBRUARY

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS: John Gay, Heather Wright, Kevin Western, Lucy Spear, Russ Sutton and Rowan Crowhurst

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS: Bev Gay, Shirley Grieg, Shirley Gordon, Kathy Podgorsky, Joy Starkey, Bill Travaskis, Gerald Voskamp, Margaret Wagner and Kevin Western

BIRTHDAY DRAW

Is your name in the book?

LUCKY NAME BADGE

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

During 2013 we once again experienced difficult growing conditions as Mother Nature wrought her fury. However, despite the hot, dry weather, the Club continues to prosper.

All of our 2013 shows returned a good profit and additional funds were raised by holding a bbq at Bunnings Noarlunga and having a trading table at the Bonsai Club function.

Our President and Secretary work hard to ensure the success of these functions to enable the Club to provide benefit to members. Dorothy Carassai and Paul Hayes also provide enormous support.

At the beginning of 2013 our Bank SA Term Deposit totalled \$12,732.90. During the year term deposit interest was reinvested and we also increased the sum by \$3,507.04 to bring our total Term Deposit to \$16,800.00

This is my last report as Treasurer. I have enjoyed immensely my nine year term as Treasurer and have made many firm friends within the Club. Now that I have become an Associate Judge I look forward to continuing to serve the Club in that capacity. I will continue to support the Club's new Treasurer to ensure a smooth transition and I am sure members will afford Barbara the same support. Barbara Almond has considerable experience from community service positions she has held and we are fortunate to have her as our new Treasurer.

The Brighton firm of Susan Nash & Associates has conducted the 2013 audit of the Club's books. The Auditor's Report is attached.


I propose that Susan Nash & Associates once again be asked to audit the Club's books for the year ending 31st December 2014.

Judy McRedmond
4 January 2013.

AUDIT OPINION

In my opinion, the financial statements comprising the attached Statement of Income and Expenditure and Statement of Assets of the South Coast Orchid Club of SA Incorporated presents fairly the financial position of the association as of 31st December 2013 and the results of its operations for the period then ended.

Signed

Date *9/1/2014*


Ralph Assheton
Senior Accountant
Susan Nash & Associates

Susan Nash
Fellow of NTAA
Susan Nash & Associates

SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SA INC

Statement of Income and Expenditure

For the year ended 31st December 2013

INCOME

Balance 1st January 2013	\$2,268.27
Members Subscriptions	2,771.00
Raffle and Lucky Square	1,462.60
Social events	2,836.00
Trading table	1,758.00
SAROC participation	300.00
Donations	46.05
Bunning bbq	2,015.25
Float	1,150.00
Autumn Show	5,518.55
Winter Show	9,614.20
Victor Harbor Show	3,676.95
Spring Show	11,431.00
Bonsai Show	738.20
Auction	45.00
Interest	8.70
Southern Regional Group	900.90
Daytime Chapter	291.00
Interest received from Term Deposit:	560.06

47,391.73

Investment Account

Bank SA Term Deposit \$16,800.00
3.4% to mature 29 April 2014

Floats

Treasurer 0.00
Tdg. Table 0.00

EXPENDITURE

Insurance	557.40
Hall Hire	1,250.00
Social expenses	3,931.63
Trading Table	191.28
Membership & Affiliations	272.90
Postage	1,034.35
Bunning bbq expenses	874.48
Float	1,050.00
Autumn Show 2013	5,047.85
Winter Show 2013	7,058.00
Victor Harbor Show 2013	2,640.75
Spring Show 2013	8,808.45
Bonsai Show	582.50
Name badges	252.45
Computer expenses	459.00
Storage expenses:	180.00
Auditor	100.00
Bank fees	9.54
Death notices	185.36
Advertising	481.50
Website	208.35
Photocopying	1,217.84
Stationery	520.23
Golden Anniversary expenses	250.00
Prizes	2,045.22
Guest speaker expenses	424.11
Equipment	1,088.21
Transfer to Bank SA Term Deposit	3,507.04
Autumn Show 2014	10.00
Refunds	50.00
Reinvest interest into SA Term Depc	560.06
Honorarium	500.00
Surplus 31/12/13	\$2,043.23

\$47,391.73

Reconciliation

Balance as per Bank Statement	\$2,168.61
Add : Receipts banked after	
Less : Cheques not Presented	\$125.38
Balance as per Cash Journal	<u><u>\$2,043.23</u></u>

Judy McRedmond
Hon Treasurer



THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SA INC
STATEMENT OF ASSETS as at 31 December 2013

Cash

Surplus in Bank SA account as per	
Reconciliation for y/e 31/12/13:	2,043.23
Bank SA Term Deposit:	<u>16,800.00</u>
	18,843.23

Plus Assets

Trading table stock in hand	771.41	
Plant and equipment		
Public address system:	1,123.00	
BBQ:	143.00	
Trestle covers:	122.00	
Cups, saucers etc:	49.00	
Display stands:	468.00	
Old laptop computer	770.00	
Computer leads	13.00	
Computer projector	380.00	
Projector	10.00	
Dolly	48.00	
Small Screen	25.00	
Large Screen	227.00	
Books	810.00	
Software:	106.00	
Urn	11.00	
Show stands	160.00	
TV/DVD	132.00	
Screening:	53.00	
Treasurer's bag	32.00	
Power boards	9.00	
Donated second hand computer:	-	
Colour laser printer Samsung:	212.00	
Laminator	84.00	
Trestles	330.00	
Bollards	428.00	
Computer monitor	27.00	
Guillotine	36.00	
14 plastic folding tables	517.00	
Printer	63.00	
Computer bags	29.00	
Laptops (2) Toshiba	1,260.00	
Photography backdrop:	39.00	
Painting backdrop :	100.00	
Crates	27.00	
Sanyo projector:	521.00	
2 keyboards:	29.00	
Brother printer:	53.00	
<u>Plant and Equipment acquired during 2013</u>		
6 additional bollards:	360.00	
6 additional trestles:	227.37	
Meat thermometer:	42.90	
Storage boxes:	45.90	
Golden Anniversary purchases:	250.00	
Raffle plants 70 @ \$12.00:	840.00	
Additional table cloths:	54.00	<u>11,037.58</u>
Total assets:		\$29,880.81

NEWSLETTER FROM THE AOC PRESIDENT

January 2014

Hi everybody,

Welcome to 2014. I hope that you all had a good Christmas and New Year.

There were many suggestions made at the Board of Management meeting in October to improve the running of the AOC, communication between the AOC and the AOC finances, and some of these are expected to be implemented during this year. One of the most important suggestions is that each club keeps in contact with their State Delegate and feeds him/her any thoughts or ideas that you may have towards helping the AOC, as the Council can only operate successfully if each and every club supports it. I have heard this question from many clubs: "What does the AOC do for us?" May I suggest that this be a two-way street so that the question is also asked: "What can I do to assist the AOC?" Much work is done by the Officers of Council at no cost to the AOC and considerable time and effort to see that everything runs smoothly. There are only four people involved in the day-to-day running of the AOC, though at least another four are heavily involved in behind-the-scenes work at their own expense. Some of these are listed on the letterhead for this newsletter. In addition there are the seven State Delegates who form the Board of Management who assist us where possible.

Some suggestions that have already been forwarded from some of the States to assist with finances of Council include having raffles at some of their major shows and making direct donations to the AOC (and some have done this). Our aim is to keep the running costs down, which has already happened in many ways, with significant reductions, but more has to be done. It is your organisation – we are only the elected people to improve orchid growing people throughout the country. You will find in the introduction the name of your State Delegate with a contact email address. Please support him/her as the ears and eyes of the Council in your State and a direct door to the Council.

One way that I can assist you is to pass on suggestions for club activities from the Delegates' reports at the Board of Management Meeting or from club newsletters. The ideas from the 2013 BOM Meeting included:

From WA: The inter-society Challenge gives social contacts and gets the public involved in joining clubs. The President suggested an AOC stall or raffle as an AOC fundraiser. Instead of selling stock, could have samples of what is available and take orders.

From TAS: Compost mix day is a good day where all clubs get together and there is a job for everyone. Devonport had a buy, sell & swap day which attracted buyers from all other the state. A suggestion for a possible fundraiser was a raffle with a trip to the World Orchid Conference as a prize.

From NT - has two clubs. Both held successful auctions to raise funds. Items had a reserve price and all amounts above the reserve prices went to the club.

From SA: OCSA, the founding club has members who work with students from 3 high schools - they learn how to grow orchids and have their own section at shows. Substantial fundraisers are sausage sizzles at Bunnings.

Thea and I will be doing some travelling this year as time and circumstances permit to other states. I already have commitments to Queensland and would like to visit some parts of Victoria and NSW if possible. We thank the many clubs who are sending us their club newsletter or bulletin as this gives us direct contact with your club. If you are not already sending us your newsletter or bulletin, please consider doing so.

Kind regards,
Jim Shaughnessy
AOC President

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

Firstly, Committee members and I wish members and families a happy and prosperous new year.

The elements have not been kind to orchid growers over the past few years. However, thanks to you, we have had a very successful and satisfying year of results.

Let's recap on 2013:

We had 83 members and partners from all Groups attend Christmas Dinner and another 14 attended the meeting. Roger Herraman gave a very interesting talk on Species Cymbidiums. Thank you to the man in red who is always a very special guest at our Christmas party with his wonderful stories. Syd and Shirley Monkhouse donated a beautiful painting (painted by Syd) to the Club. A decision will be made at the next Committee meeting as to how we will promote the painting.

Daytime Group:

Unfortunately over the past 2 years membership has dwindled at our Daytime Group. Some members have passed on and others due to health and age can no longer attend our meetings. Please give consideration to attending this wonderful Group. May be you have a friend who may be interested in attending. Dorothy is a wonderful Co-ordinator and meetings are friendly and interesting. Please help.

Southern Region Group:

Sunday 30th January 2005 6 Committee members Murray, Geoff, Ron, Lucy, Dorothy, John and our Patron Syd Monkhouse and his wife Shirley visited Victor Harbor to form a Sub-Group (our Club started in Victor Harbor in 1965). 15 joined on the day 11 others joined at the April meeting. Only 4 members knew about orchids and how to grow them. On 16th February 2014 they will start with the points system. They have all been judged up till now as 2nd Division Growers. Quite often they compete in our Shows etc. I would like to thank Noel Oliver, John and Bev Gay and Graham and Sue Zerbe for all the time and wonderful knowledge they have contributed to assist with the growth of this Group.

During the year your Club took part in the New Year BBQ, S.A.R.O.C. Fair, Autumn, Winter and Spring Shows, S.R. Group Show, BBQ at Bunnings, display at McLaren Vale, a visit to Jane and Don Higgs and enjoyed very interesting speakers at meetings.

My personal thanks to:

Everyone who helped in the running of the Club. It was a very busy year. Thank you to members who come to our meetings. The numbers were great. All Main Meetings had 70 or more attendees, add the Groups to this 35 to 40 S.R. Group and 15-20 Daytime Chapter.

Thank you to Lucy and Dorothy for the many hats they wear to make this a very well organised Club. Thanks also to Donna for the assistance she gives to Committee and Displays. Judy and Rod have retired from their positions on Committee. Judy was appointed to the position of Treasurer in 2005 and has served for 9 years. Rod is still Editor of the Gazette and Webmaster after being appointed in 2009. Thank you to you both for looking after these demanding positions. Paul is always available when needed. Thank you for doing a great job. Thank you to Louise, Andy and Rowan for all the help you have given at meeting nights and at show times. Lesley Fenton is having time off from managing the kitchen duties. Thank you Lesley for doing this for many years. Ian Attenborough has been our Registrar of Judges since 2007, Thank you Ian for 7 years of looking after the judges' and members' plants. Thanks also to all the judges for their tireless efforts and also our typists, Bev Gay and Leslie Fenton.

Congratulations to Sue Zerbe our new Registrar. Sue was appointed at the Judges' meeting and accepted the position.

My thoughts are with members who have been very ill and families who have had bereavements.

Thank you to all who gave up their precious time to assist with Shows and meetings.

Finally, I wish you all a wonderful 2014. May your hobby give you lots of pleasure.

Good Growing,
Geoff.

DAYTIME CHAPTER

Hi Everyone,

Our meeting today was a bit of a celebration for Christmas as well, a few carols were sung, not all in tune or in time with the music, perhaps a change in the carols we used, maybe something not so strenuous, regardless of this we all did our very best. We all had a good laugh, everyone was happy so that's the main thing.

Noel Oliver was our guest speaker, and did an excellent job. He had lots of mounted plants to show and talk about, giving the members another way of growing these delightful smaller flowering orchids. These are perfect for the growers with limited space. Lots of questions were asked and answered. A great program. Thank you Noel, everyone was well pleased with your efforts and thank you also for doing the plant commentary.

There were only 5-6 plants on our Display Table today. All good quality plants, very clean and well presented. Thanks to those who brought in their plants to share with us. Mr. Peter and Mrs Geraldine Flavel's orchid was voted best on the day, a lovely plant *Promenaea 'Crawshayana'* in a medium sized pot full of lovely yellow flowers with dark brown markings on the petals. Very well grown and lovely to see. Congratulations to you both for growing this lovely little orchid so well.

Father Christmas had time for a quick visit, seeking out a few Members for extra attention. We all received a small chocolate treat. Thanks a lot Santa for dropping in. It is a joy to see you each year.

The meeting was closed after a great afternoon of entertainment and socialising. Afternoon Tea next on the agenda and we had a table full of tasty goodies. Patty Abell made a lovely trifle served with cream on top, which was enjoyed by all. Thanks Patty.

Love, and a happy new year to you all.

Bye, Dorothy
8277-1793.



Dorothy Carrassi giving new member Betty Osmond her plant and name badge.



Geraldine Flavel with her plant of the day *Promenaea 'Crawshayana'*.



Guest Speaker Noel Oliver fully engrossed in his oncidium talk.



Father Christmas arrived with some gifts for members.

Southern Region Group



SOUTHERN REGION GROUP MEETING SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER

Members met at the Middleton Tavern for our Christmas Luncheon. It has been decided that next year's festivities will be held at Urrimbirra Wildlife Park. It has a very popular restaurant and Joan has already booked us in to make sure they can cater for us.

The President opened the meeting at 2p.m. It was disappointing that we couldn't have our usual room as the one allocated was too small for our needs.

Apologies: Helen Humphries, Marilyn Jelfs, Syd James, Keith and Russ Sutton.

Judging: Noel Oliver and John Gay.

Plant of the Day and Popular Vote Winner: *Phragmipedium (Phrag) Sedenii 'Candidulum'* benched by Ruth Tugwell. (See Below)



Noel Oliver presenting Ruth Tugwell with her prize for winning Plant of the Day and the Popular Vote.

Our guest speaker Graham Zerbe (seen below with his mum, Lorna) excelled himself, a brilliant program, orchids, fun times and jokes.



Cards were swapped and there was a lot of chit chat about the Festive Season.

From the President: Lucy, Dorothy and I would like to thank you for all the good times we have had at Victor Harbor. Yes, we do go down to run the meeting. However, over the years we have made so many good friends that it is a pleasure to see the 3rd Sunday of the month come around. We are so proud to see the wonderful progress you have all made with your orchid growing.

Good growing and showing for 2014

Geoff

SRG December Results List

Ref.No.		Points Awarded
Second Division		
Laeliinae – Standard under 100 mm		
304	Lc. Chit Chat 'Tangerine' Eileen Pinnock	3
Oncidiinae – species		
306	Enc. <i>cordigera</i> 'Situren' Ruth Tugwell	3
Oncidiinae Hybrid – Oncidium Hybrid		
305	Colm. Space Race 'Topaz Gold' Ruth Tugwell	3
Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species		
309	Dendrochilum longispicatum 'Pete' Ruth Tugwell	3
Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere – Hybrid		
308	Phrag. Sedenii 'Candidulum' Ruth Tugwell;	3

Main Group December Results List

Ref. No.		Points Awarded
Open Division		
Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid		
572	Sarco. Pinkhide John & Bev Gay (65)	3
573	Sarco. Elegance Flamingo John & Bev Gay (65)	2
Australian Native Epiphyte - Species		
570	Cym. <i>canaliculatum</i> var. alba John & Bev Gay (65)	3
571	Cym. <i>canaliculatum</i> 'Gladstone' John & Bev Gay (65)	2
Laeliinae - Species		
574	Epi. <i>varigatum</i> 'Lavender' Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	3
Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm		
575	Epi. Topaz Rose 'Opal' Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	3
576	Epi. Topaz Delight John & Bev Gay (65)	2
Oncidiinae Hybrid - Any other Oncidiiae)		
581	Odc. Catante 'Arrival' John & Bev Gay (65)	3
Oncidiinae Hybrid - Oncidium Hybrid		
580	Ionoc. Popcorn 'Haruri' John & Bev Gay (65)	3

December Results List (cont.)

First Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

578 Den. Kuranda 'Arthur Dawson' Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252) 3

Australian Native Epiphyte - Species

577 Den. Monophyllum Eileen Pinnock (519) 3

Laeliinae - Non Standard Cluster

584 Lc. Chit Chat 'Tangerine' Eileen Pinnock (519) 3

Laeliinae - Species

582 *C. purpurata* Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141) 3

Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm

583 Bish. Happy Face x Rsl. Dream Trader Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252) 3

Oncidiinae - Species

585 Brs. *vercosa* Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252) 3

Oncidiinae Hybrid - Any other Oncidiiae)

587 Enc. Green Hornet Rito & Rosetta Silvestri (302) 3

Oncidiinae Hybrid - Oncidium Hybrid

586 Oncsa. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141) 3

Orchid Seedling - any Genera

600 Bish. Happy Face x Rsl. Dream Trader Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252) 3

Phalaenopsis &/or Dor. - Standard under 80mm

588 Phal. I-Hsin 'Black Jack' Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252) 3

589 Dpts. Chien Zen 'Magpie' Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252) 2

Second Division

Laeliinae - Non Standard Laeliinae

590 Rlc. Angela Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119) 3

Oncidiinae - Species

591 *Onc. flavescens* Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119) 3

592 *Onc. flexuosum* Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119) 2

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

599 Arangis Elro Paul & Donja Hayes (1129) 3

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

596 *Aslla. africana* Daniel & Andrew Lutz (709) 3

597 *Aslla. africana* Daniel & Andrew Lutz (709) 2

598 *Lyc. aromatica* Paul & Donja Hayes (1129) 1

Phalaenopsis &/or Dor. - Standard over 80mm

593 Phal. unknown 'Speckles' Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119) 3

Phalaenopsis &/or Dor. - Standard under 80mm

594 Phal. unknown 'Cyclamen' Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119) 3

595 Dtps. Shu Long 'Sun Beauty' Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119) 2

December Registrar's Report

Flower of Open Division and Flower of the Night: *Epi.* Topez Rose 'Opal' benched by Pauline and Mark hockey. A very well grown plant with six upright growths, four of which had open flowers with a few yet to open. The petals were bright red with the same colour on the labellum. The cross was yellow at the centre turning bright red at the edges.



December Registrar's Report (cont.)

Flower of First Division : *Onc.* Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' benched by Judy and Rod McRedmond. A large plant with 2 spikes, one having 12 branches and all the flowers open and the other still to open. The open one generated a very good floral show. Sepals and petals were deep maroon with small white markings on the petal tips. The labellum was mainly white at the centre with lightly pink/red colourings on the sides



Flower of Second Division: *Ansellia africana* benched by Daniel and Andrew Lutz. A tall plant with a number of canes, two of which had branching stems. Sepals and petals were yellowish green with deep red/brown patches on the yellow flower segments. The labellums were yellow with light brown on the side lobes. The flowers were 45mm. wide and 50mm. tall.



Orchid Culture Notes for February

It's the start of another year in the orchid house. This year we have been dealt with extreme heat of the likes we have never had before and no doubt many of us will have suffered damage to our plants. For the lucky maybe a few scorched leaves and for the unlucky a significant reduction in flowers for this year and a few dead plants as well. Heat damage can show up straight away in some plants yet may take weeks to show up in others. Orchids can be slow to die.

February is the hottest month and with it often comes an increase in the intensity of the north winds, so there is much heat left for us yet. Even as I write these notes the forecast models are pointing towards another burst late January and into February. Yep, just in time for school.

In fact you can still have temperatures nudging the old 100 degree mark as late as the equinox. That's March 21. I said earlier on that prevention is a key if we are to avoid damage to our plants. In my shade house in January it was mist, mist and mist again during the heat. The plants, the walls and the floor all received triple the usual. The result that apart from a few scorch marks on a couple of sarcs and cyms the damage was low. Even in the hot house that recorded 53C inside temperature the damage was slight and then only to some of the softer leaved *Lycastes* and *Calanthes*. The *Oncidiums* and *Cattleya's* also passed thru unscathed and the tropical *dendrobiums* went mad. The hotter the better it is for them. Humidity is your ally in the heat and keeping it up high will help reduce the effects of heat and intense light. Wet the floors as often as you need to on extreme days. Extra shade will help reduce burning caused by intense light. It will not reduce the damage caused by heat. A wet floor will evaporate water. With evaporation there is a release of latent heat. The air cools. Wet your hand and blow on it....it's cool! So if you can add air movement to a wet shade house or thru the misters it will cool, that's why I wet the sides.

Shade reduces damage by light and the humidity reduces damage by heat. For those with 50% shade cloth, especially the white or beige one the damage this year could have been severe. It's looking like the extreme heat we have experienced the past couple of years may be with us for good each summer. A secondary layer of shade can be rolled out over the base layer for a few days whilst the heat is at its worst may become a required item for this and future summers. Otherwise we may have to rethink colours we decide to use. Of course your aspect and location will also have a bearing as well. Neighbours houses and trees can affect shade levels especially over winter. You can always add shade but it's harder to take it away so take that into account if building something new or contemplating changing what you already have. Another thing is that we may be forced to stop growing genera that can't handle the heat and concentrate on those that are heat tolerant. Seedlings and recently divided plants will stress more than established counterparts. They need additional protection. Under the bench, in the house, anywhere it's cooler. The heat will pass. My laundry is out of bounds to washing when the heats on. Yep, full of orchids! Spraying with a stressguard type preparation is also beneficial. You will not stop the damage completely but a bit of forethought and action will lessen the damage. The plants lose moisture faster than the roots take it up.

Enough of the heat, I am already past it this year. Autumn is coming! But it's not here yet. The obvious task is to keep plants moist and ensure all pots are checked regularly to make sure all plants are getting enough water. I lift and feel. With practice you can tell by the weight of the pot whether or not it's dry. The old finger in the mix test works to test for moisture and of course we can buy moisture meters. With the additional watering and the humidity created be aware of fungal issues arising courtesy of our conditions. Spray if required.

By now many genera are completing their growth stage and will be in the process of maturing their growths. Already some early *Oncidium* spikes are showing and the autumn flowering *Laeliinae* are showing sheaths that will soon fill out with buds. Provide support to the lengthening spikes and in the case of *Laeliinae* start to move the new growths into position for display either by tying or staking. Doing it now reduces the risk of damage before the buds show and the flowers open. These maturing plants should have their diet changed to one with a higher potassium content to help mature the plant as well as strengthen the raceme and improve the colours. It won't increase the flower count. That has already been decided. Up the potash for your cyms as well apart from the later varieties that still enjoy higher nitrogen to a balanced feeding programme. I am not sure what the heat would have done to this year flowers but I can bet a few

of them will do strange things like flower early or late or drop buds. Check the undersides of leaves as two spotted mites thrive in the heat. Hopefully those with terrestrials would have completed re potting, except Les Nesbitt. He has a few more than us to deal with and can be excused. Already many tubers will have commenced sprouting and the later it is left the chancier that these shoots will be damaged in the process. A basic mix of half premium potting mix and propagating sand with a tea spoon of blood and bone topped with chopped pine or casuarina needles makes a good basic mix for many of the common greenhoods we grow. Water them in after re potting and then light misting after until they are well up later in the season. We just want to keep them slightly damp this early. Keep pots cool and close to the ground. Watch for snails! Keep water out of the sheaths of any orchids to avoid fungal rots and spots and make sure the snail baits are on the pot. It often rains later this month and it will wake up those slimy fellows. Rats and mice will be invading our orchid homes as the weather stays hot and fruit becomes scarce. Start your baiting programme now if you have not already and look for evidence. A few droppings, a chewed bulb or cane are clear signs. Plus they stink.

By now some of your developing flower spikes will excrete a sugary substance and you will find ants will be attracted to the spike en masse. They can do a lot of damage as they will eat into the developing sheath and buds and they usually bring in a few soft scale as well. Extreme weather can cause buds to abort so bring them inside if it gets real hot (or unseasonably cold) at this stage of initiation.

Native epiphyte growths as usual are all over the place. Some are maturing yet others are only buds. As a rule keep the water and feeding up. Watch out for caterpillars as they love new soft growths. Many will have a burnt leaf tip or spot. Leave them until the leaf matures before trimming them. Inspect the new growths and if they are floppy then some part of your culture is not quite right. Too much shade and high nitrogen in the feed are the two main culprits. Don't move them yet to a brighter place as they will burn. Leave that to April but increase the potash now. They still may flower in spring.

Zygoes will have new growths maturing and evidence of new growths will be evident from the base of these maturing ones to signal the start of a new flowering season. Keep moist, feed with a balanced to high potassium based feed and watch out for looper caterpillars, especially on the undersides of the leaves. They don't eat through, rather they skeletonise the leaf and when that dries looks rather unsightly. A spotted, half eaten zygo on the show bench doesn't have much appeal. Again place a few snail pellets on the surface of the pot.

Keep paphs moist and keep an eye out of mealy bugs. High humidity and fresh air movement is important this time of year. Feeding is usually a balanced feed at half or less of the manufacturer's recommendations. If you can try and flush your paphs out occasionally with rainwater to remove salt build up from tap water and fertiliser. They will love you for it. A flush is usually a good solid watering with rain water followed up with another a bit later. The first softens and dissolves some of the salts, the second gets the rest. Collect the waste water and use that to wet your floors later when it's hot if practical.

For other genera it's a matter of treating them in accordance with their growth habits although in most cases they will be in a growth mode.

February is a lean month on the show bench and apart from a few plants there won't be much else out. Even with my collection finding enough to show will be difficult, even more with many that have flowered showing the affects of the heat. Bring in what you can. If it has a burn or a spot I am sure your plant won't be alone.

February will end and the extreme heat of summer maybe a couple of weeks later. March will be upon us and with it those cooler nights. Most of our plants will survive this summer and we need to be a little more caring to see them through it and help in the recovery stakes. For some it may mean not letting the plant flower this year. Meaning if the plant looks stressed & the new growths well below the size of last year growths (and it wasn't divided) then it is worth considering if it is a good plant. I nearly lost an award quality *Oncidium* a few years back because I was too anxious to show it. I ignored the shrivelled bulbs and the smaller growth as well as the fact that most of the roots had cooked in the pot and nearly lost it after flowering and over the winter rest. Only now, some 3 years later has it recovered enough to flower and even so the award will have to wait a bit longer until it reaches its peak.

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