

The South Coast Orchid Club of SA Inc.
Gazette

**March
2013**



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 6th March 2013 at St. Bernadette's Church Hall corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Marys. The guest speaker will be Roger Rankin speaking on the benefits of undertaking the Judges Course.

BEGINNERS' GROUP MAIN MEETING

Kevin Western talking on hybridizing.

DAYTIME CHAPTER

The next meeting will be held at Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton on Thursday 14th March 2013 at 2pm. Our guest speaker will be John Gay speaking on mixed genera.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL GROUP

The next meeting will be held at 2pm on Sunday 17th March 2013 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. The guest speaker will be Graham Zerbe talking on Australian Natives. Beginners' Class Noel Oliver talking on cattleyas.

Appreciation Table: The SRG will have an appreciation table as does the Main group. See page 4 for information on this new initiative.

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS – MARCH

Reg and Elsie Clifford, Neil Cooper, Mark Fisher, Jim Fogarasi, Joylene Grund, Peter Haltis, Helmut Herman, Marilyn Jeffs, Andy Lutz, Leo Minenko, Grace Noll, Josephine Ogrowski and Irene Parish.

BIRTHDAY DRAW

Is your name in the book? See Louise Inall to have your birthday recorded.

LUCKY NAME BADGE

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

BBQ. AND PLANT HOUSE VISIT – MYPONGA 21ST JULY, 2013.

Jane and Don Higgs have invited S.C.O.C. members to visit their home. More information about this later. You may like to organise a car pool. Members who have been before know this is an exciting day.

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**No guarantee is provided to anyone using the ideas & opinions expressed in these articles.
Items must be delivered to the Editor by the second Thursday of each month.
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CLUB MEETING DATES

<p>March 2013 06 Main Meeting - Roger and Pauline Rankin 13 Committee Meeting 14 Daytime Chapter - John Gay on Mixed Genera 17 Southern Region Group - Graham Zerbe on Australian Natives</p> <p>April 2013 03 Main Meeting - Workshop 10 Committee Meeting 11 Daytime Chapter 21 Southern Region Group- Geoff Spear on cymbidiums</p> <p>May 2013 01 Main meeting – Trevor Jacobs on on Wierdo orchids 08 Committee Meeting 09 Daytime Chapter - Leslie Gunn on 2012 Equador Trip 19 Southern Region Group - Trevor Jacob on Old World Orchids</p> <p>June 2013 05 Main meeting – Interstate Speaker Steven Stebbings on species 12 Committee Meeting 13 Daytime Chapter - 16 Southern Region Group - Kevin Cattermore on creating conditions for orchids</p> <p>July 2013 03 Main meeting - Nicky Zercher on paphiopedalums 10 Committee Meeting 11 Daytime Chapter 21 Southern Region Group - Shadehouse visit to Jane & Don Higgs</p>	<p>August 2013 07 Main meeting - Les Nesbit on potting tubers for terrestials 14 Committee Meeting 15 Daytime Chapter 18 Southern Region Group - Noel Oiver on Australian Native Cattleyas</p> <p>September 2013 04 Main meeting- Alan Davies on Olympic Dam 11 Committee Meeting 12 Daytime Chapter 15 Southern Region Group - Brian Lyttle on Oncidiums</p> <p>October 2013 02 Main meeting - Leslie & Robert Gunn on 2012 Equador Trip 09 Committee Meeting 10 Daytime Chapter 20 Southern Region Group - Roger Herriman on species cymbidiums</p> <p>November 2013 06 Main meeting - Brian Lyttle on Oncidium Alliance 13 Committee Meeting 14 Daytime Chapter 17 Southern Region Group - Leslie & Robert Gunn on 2012 Equador Trip</p> <p>December 2013 04 Main meeting- Roger Herriman on species cymbidiums 11 Committee Meeting 12 Daytime Chapter 15 Southern Regional Group - Lunch Middleton Tavern & G Zerbe TBA</p>
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ORCHID CALENDAR FOR 2013**AUTUMN SHOW****SUNDAY 5th MAY TO SATURDAY 11th MAY at the Pasadena Shopping Centre.****S.A.R.O.C. FAIR****SATURDAY 8th JUNE AND SUNDAY 9th JUNE at Torrens Parade Ground Drill Hall.****SOUTHERN ORCHID VISIT****SUNDAY 21ST JULY BBQ AND PLANT HOUSE VISIT at the home of Jane and Don Higgs
TBA****MAIN GROUP WORKSHOP****WINTER SHOW****SUNDAY 28th JULY TO SATURDAY 3rd AUGUST at the Hallett Cove Shopping Centre.****SOUTHERN REGION GROUP SHOW****THURSDAY 29th AUGUST TO SUNDAY 1st SETEMBER at the R.S.L. Hall, Coral Street, Victor Harbor.****BUS TRIP****TBA****SPRING SHOW****SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER TO SATURDAY 28th SEPTEMBER at the Arndale Shopping Centre.****SOUTHERN GROUP WORKSHOP****FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER at Reg and Elsie Clifford's home.****2013 COMMITTEE****PRESIDENT****Geoffrey Spear****SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT****Donna Meuwsen****VICE PRESIDENT****Paul Hayes****TREASURER****Judy McRedmond****SECRETARY****Lucy Spear****COMMITTEE****Dorothy Carasai, Rod McRedmond, Louise Inall, Peter Hennessy, Rowan Crowhurst, Barbara Almond, Andrew Lutz.****2013 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****SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB BUS TRIP TO FLEURIEU PENINSULA****Date: 11th August 2013****Bus: Aust Wide Tours****Depart: Time: 9:00 am at Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton.****Places to visit (Morning): Sim's Orchids, 123, Barcelona Road, Noarlunga Downs. Including morning tea.****Malcolm Mangelsdorf Orchids, 180, Commercial Road, Seaview Meadows.****Lunch: Middleton Tavern, 37, Goolwa Road, Middleton.****Roast Lunch (2 choices) Salad Bar and Hot Veg Bar.****Cost: \$11.90 (may increase so allow \$13.90)****Places to visit (Afternoon): Alexandrina Cheese Company, Sneyd Road, Mt. Jagged via Mt. Compass.****Fern Forest Nursery, 175, Main South Road, Willunga.****Tea/Coffee available at gold coin donation.****Costing: T.B.A. Around \$40.00 to \$50.00.**

The 'Appreciation' Table

This was trialled at the first meeting this year after having been discussed informally for some time. The initial aim was to make new growers feel comfortable with bringing plants. I support this but I believe it can have a much broader use.

I can remember sitting in the hall as a new grower listening to a judge commenting on my plant, offering advice, which I saw as criticism and felt annoyed and embarrassed. With this in mind I have suggested that the table should be unobtrusively at the back of the hall. No-one should make a derogatory comment about a plant on this table. This of course does NOT mean you can't praise a plant or feature of the plant. I don't think we need to have a roster but any of the senior growers and judges would be very happy to discuss your doubts or problems. We would ask that you clean your plants for this table. You may wish to seek tips on presentation. All you need to do is ask.

Anyone can display a plant on this table. Some reasons why I might use it would be that:

- I have a lovely flowering plant but I haven't owned it for 6 months & I would like to share it.
- I have a plant that has been out a while and some of the flowers have deteriorated but not all, and it is a plant that is not often seen or has something of interest.
- It may be a plant doing something unusual. I currently have a plant that appeared to be producing flower spikes on 2 canes but both have developed a new cane which has a sheath. This is uncommon. Will they flower?

I see the 'Appreciation' table as a way of making our club more friendly and modifying the dominance of the competitive side a little.

Let's all share and enjoy our orchids and their diversity.

Richard Wilson

7th Australasian Native Orchid Society Conference & Show.

Only six months away!



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Register to attend the
7th Australasian Native Orchid Society
Conference & Show.
to be held at Strathpine (Queensland, Australia).
Hosted by Kabi Group (Inc).
Full Conference - 22-25th August 2013
Public show days - 23-25th August
NOTE: Programme update
ANOS Gen. Meeting for affiliated members 23rd Aug
For fuller details see www.ourshopfront.com/kabi

AOC President's Newsletter February 2013

To all members and orchid clubs, I hope that you enjoyed Christmas and New Year and that all that is going well.

In my travels around, I find that one of the most often asked questions is "What does the AOC do for us?" Remember that the AOC is owned by the membership of orchid growers, but here are some things that the AOC does for all growers and clubs.

The AOC is the national forum for the coordination of orchid growing across Australia and for the resolution of issues brought to it by the personal members or societies, often through the Area Representative Organisations (AROs).

The AOC publishes the magazine 'Orchids Australia' which provides a wealth of information on aspects of orchid growing, historical articles, awards, and what is happening at club level. The publication committee welcomes relevant contributions from personal members – for example on culture, show reports and any other articles of interest to orchid growers not only in Australia but overseas as well. May I encourage people to become personal members of the AOC by subscribing to 'Orchids Australia.'

The AOC provides a comprehensive program library for AOC-affiliated clubs free of charge except for return postage. The complete catalogue may be downloaded from the AOC website which is another service to orchid growers in general. The current AOC Secretary can also email it to you as she is also the Program Librarian.

We also provide a unified national judging system, granting awards of excellence to growers. Over many years the system has been developed, headed by the Registrar General in conjunction with the Registrar from each State who train judges to a high standard so that they are able to judge at orchid shows wherever they may be required.

During my tenure as President I encourage personal members and clubs to share ideas that they have had success with, either at a personal level or at club level. For example, you may have a successful way of attracting new members to your club, or a member may have done something different that resulted in growing his/her orchids better. You can email or post your suggestions to me which I will share in future newsletters. (Please let me know whether you want your name/club mentioned.) I don't care if I am overwhelmed with emails! If you have any articles that could be printed in 'Orchids Australia' I would also be pleased to receive them.

As many of you are aware, there have been horrific fires and floods in Australia in the last month or so, and I would assume that there are orchid growers who have been affected by these disasters. I believe, that as orchid growers, we need to support such people. I suggest that if clubs in the affected areas could let me know, we may be able to put out an appeal for growers who have surplus plants to donate them to those affected so that they may be able to continue their interest in the hobby that we all enjoy so much.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the clubs and personal members for the support and encouraging comments that I have received whilst making contact by email, phone or personally. As a result of these contacts we are now able to be in touch with most clubs via the internet which will help immensely to cut the operating costs of the Council.

Until the next newsletter, goodbye for now.
Jim Shaughnessy, AOC President

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Summer is over, not one of my favourite seasons. Autumn and Winter is Cymbidium time. Now it's my time of the year!! I have a lot of spikes peeping through so am hoping for a good season. Talking to mates and looking in members' shade houses indicates that we could have a very good season.

March can be very hot so don't let your new spikes dry out as buds will drop off. Working members, water well before you go to work, put them in a tray with 1" of water as this should help until you arrive home.

Peter has organised us another trip, local this time. The visit to the cheese company will get me into trouble because I love cheese. Lucy will watch every step I take! I am looking forward to seeing the Fern Forest. Ferns always look good with your orchids. I have been to Middleton Tavern several times and never been disappointed. This and the two orchid nursery visits will make it a great trip. Start saving, you can book in with our treasurer any time.

We are holding a Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings 14th April. Paul Hayes has organised this, he needs helpers, 2 more men for morning shift and 2 more for afternoon shift to help cook, serve and chat. Please see Paul or Lucy. This will be fun and will help our Club financially.

Our May Show and S.A.R.O.C. Fair are just around the corner. Committee are busy preparing and organising for these events.

Pauline and Roger Rankin will be at our next meeting. They are both excellent speakers. Roger will be our guest speaker this time so make sure you don't miss this interesting evening.

Bye for now. Good Growing,
Geoff.

DAYTIME CHAPTER

Hi Everyone,

Wishing you all a very happy new year and I hope your orchids grow and flower beautifully for you all this year. With this hot weather watering is very important, you must be consistent and you only get out what you put in, reward for effort and all that.

Our meeting today, was as usual, a very informal occasion with Geoff Spear as our guest speaker of the day. It was great, full of information. Geoff broke up a very neglected Cym. (which we all have). When he was finished it looked as good as new again, and yes, his Grandmother's dipper is still hanging in there, not rusted through yet, they certainly made things to last in years gone by. Thanks Geoff, you're a treasure.

Apologies today from Ralph and Heather Lucas, Shirley Gordon and Don and Audrey Biebrick, wishing you all good health, hope to catch up again soon.

Our Display Table looked a bit sad this month, not much around at the moment. I brought in an Oncidium 'Gower Ramsey' which I had tied and grown on a piece of old Tree Fern stump, it seems very happy grown this way as it flowered beautifully. Onc. 'Flexuosum' a smaller flowering variety also grows very well this way, it flowers with much longer spikes. I could never get them to flower when in pots, so I'm very pleased with this method of growing on Tree Fern stumps (old ones). Peter and Geraldine Flavel brought in a lovely cluster Cattleya Valentine Day 'Belinda'. It had two lovely big spikes with many blooms. These flowers are always very shiny and lustrous looking. Thank you both for bringing it in to share with us all.

Next month's speaker is John Gay, John is always very entertaining and usually shares lots of information with us.

The meeting was closed, thanking all in attendance.

Bye Dorothy,
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Southern Region Group



MEETING SUNDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

Beginners Class: John Gay gave a very interesting segment on how beginners can look at growing mixed genera.

The President opened the meeting at 2p.m. welcoming members and thanking John. He then spoke about the Bus Trip and how we can all join in by meeting at the Middleton Tavern for Lunch.

Lucy then spoke about the invitation by Jane and Don Higgs to visit their home for a BBQ and plant-house visit. She also advised everyone to book in early for the Christmas lunch at Middleton.

Wendy Lodge gave an interesting presentation on Award judging. Thank you Wendy.

JUDGING

The Plant of the Day was *Phal.* Unknown 'Alice Girl' benched by Shirley Greig.

A well grown phalaneopsis. A small plant with 3 very nice blooms having a good shape. The flowers were pink in colour with very light striping. The plant was grown in a small bark mix.

Well worthy of plant of the day. Well grown Shirley.

Noel Oliver

POPULAR VOTE was also *Phal.* Unknown 'Alice Girl' benched by Shirley Greig.



NEXT MEETING: 17th March

Beginners' Group: Noel Oliver will speak on Cattleya Orchids.

The guest speaker will be Graham Zerbe speaking on Australian Native Orchids.

SRG February Results List

Ref.No.

Points Awarded

Second Division

Laeliinae – Standard under 100 mm

146 Epi. (Salmon King x Coral King)

Keith & Russ Sutton 3

Oncidiinae Hybrid – Oncidium Hybrid

147 Iono. Popcorn 'Haruri'

Eileen Pinnock 3

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere – Hybrid

148 Phal. unknown 'Alice Girl'

Shirley Greig 3

149 Phal. Unknown

Joan McMahon 2

February Results List

Ref. No.			Points Awarded
Open Division			
Laeliinae - Non Standard Cluster			
14	C. Valentine Day 'Belinda'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
Laeliinae - Non Standard Laeliinae			
15	Rlc. Makalha Gold x Ctt. Chocolate Drop	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	3
Laeliinae - Species			
11	C. maxima	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	3
Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm			
12	C. Lana Coryell 'David'	Bev & John Gay (65)	3
13	C. Lulu 'Pink Blush'	Bev & John Gay (65)	2
Oncidiinae Hybrid - Any other Oncidiiae)			
16	Bllra. Howard's Dream	Gerald Voskamp (1650)	3
Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species			
18	Sob. xantholeuca	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	3
Vandaeae - Hybrid			
17	Mokara Bota Gold	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
First Division			
Dendrobium (not Aust Native) - Hybrid			
1	Den. Blue Foxtail	Wendy Lodge (406)	3
Laeliinae - Non Standard Laeliinae			
3	C. Fort Motte 'Leopard'	Trevor & Helen Stutley (1139)	3
4	Epc. Burdekin Honey 'Shona'	Wendy Lodge (406)	2
Phalaenopsis &/or Dor. - Standard over 80mm			
5	Phal. unknown	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby, (1252)	2
Second Division			
Laeliinae - Non Standard Cluster			
6	C. Bactia 'Forever Yours'	Ron & Elizebeth Hannaford (432)	3
7	C. Browniae 'Riga'	Ron & Elizebeth Hannaford (432)	2
Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species			
10	Ornithophara radiaans	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
Phalaenopsis &/or Dor. - Standard under 80mm			
8	Phal. unknown 'Alice Girl'	David Williams (1351)	3
9	Phal. New Cinderella x Dtps. Happy Valentine	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	2

February Plant Commentary

Flower of the Night and Flower of Open Division: *C. Valentine Day 'Belinda'* benched by Peter and Geraldine Flavel. A large plant with long canes, one with eleven open flowers and a second still in bud. Open flowers were 90mm. tall and 85mm. wide. Sepals and petals were deep purplish maroon, becoming a little lighter towards the flowers' centre. The mid-lobe of the labellum was purple and the side lobes a lighter purple with white on the inside surface.



February Plant Commentary (cont.)

Flower of First Division: *C. Fort Motte* 'Leopard' benched by Trevor and Helen Stutley.

The four flowers on a single cane were well displayed on the well grown plant. Flowers were 95mm. tall and 80mm. wide. Sepals and petals were pink heavily spotted deep crimson. The petals had a narrow cream edging. The labellum mid-lobe was deep purple and side-lobes were paler shading to white.



Flower of Second Division: *C. Bactia* 'Forever Yours' benched by Ron and Elizabeth Hannaford.

A tall plant of seven canes, two of which carried clusters of ten and nine open flowers. The Flowers were 85mm. tall and 65mm. wide. The sepals were brownish-red and the petals a shade of red/purple shading to lighter towards the flowers' centre. The labellum was a strong shade of purple and the inner face of the side-lobes was white. The column was mainly white.



Orchid Culture Notes for March.

After a record start to January culminating in an extreme 45C, the latter part of January and February was more subdued and gave our plants a time to recover after the heat. Whilst the extremes of January & February are unlikely to be reached after about the first week of March there is still much menace in the sun until late in the month when the sun finally moves into the northern hemisphere. Conditions remain dry but there is a notable crispness in the night air. The rapid shortening of days and the lowering temperatures signals many changes to our plants. Some now begin to wind down the growth cycle in readiness for their winter rest. These plants will have maturing bulbs and canes, some that will go straight into flower and some that will mature and rest over the cooler months before doing their spring thing.

Watering and feeding still takes place but eases off the later we move further into autumn but for March at least it is usually at the same frequency as we have maintained over summer. Feeding is generally of the blossom booster type here for anything that will flower between now and spring. High potash and low nitrogen is the way to go, but remember not all orchids in the collection are doing the same thing at the same time so placing plants in separate sections if possible, is a good idea to keep plants with similar maturity, flowering and feeding habits together. I know it is easy to go over the whole collection with the same watering and feeding programme and I can put my hand up and say I'm guilty too, but am now finding the benefits of paying more attention to the variation in my collection and acting accordingly. This is why now I have separate zones across the collection as well as frequent moving around as the seasons change. The results are improving and this is what it is all about. Learning!

Early autumn is the time for pink, purple and white orchids. The laeliinae family generally fill up our tables with wonderful cluster types and for those that do not have Lc. Valentines Day, C. Hawaiian Wedding Song or a C. Browniae Riga, maybe it is time to get one. Easy to grow and flower, a specimen at anytime is a sight and they still win big! These clones put up rapid growth over summer and autumn flowering varieties are best to start with. Those that flower over spring are a little harder and require a bit of warmth, dryness and cover over winter to flower well. Many of these plants are also growing vigorous roots and as such respond well to feeding. It is also a great time to divide them, even if it means sacrificing the flower.

Many oncidiums are in spike or flower as well. Make sure you grow them according to their habit. If your oncid in the pot wants to grow up and out it is saying I want to be mounted instead. Those with more of a clustered pseudobulb habit respond to pot culture better. Whatever you do they love to be hung, whether potted or mounted and with some element of cover over winter. Early cymbidiums are out now and it won't be long before the main rush of spikes for the latter part of the year will show. Keep with the balanced towards high potash feeds for these but stick to the high nitrogen for those real late spring/summer ones as they are still in growth phase and are still some time off initiating any spikes. Good idea to check on some of those early crosses as well and add to the collection. Most of us with a varied cym collection can have something out nearly every month of the year now.

Natives are maturing and if you can, place the show bench ones in the best light or hang them if you can. The one common denominator in my native collection is that every major prize winner hangs. My Den. *speciosum* are in major new growth mode.

It means a lean flowering year is on the cards but next year should be a beauty. Start increasing the water to the native terrestrials. Many will be up and at it although some species will wait to the cold of June before emerging. Increase the watering gradually. In nature it is not bone dry then full on wet when the seasons change.

With the temperature starting to drop and natural humidity increasing towards months end it will soon be time for the slug and snail collection to come out of hibernation and they will hungry so start the baiting programme up again towards the end of the month. Dave & Pat Harmers trick of a few lettuce leaves on the ground under the benches followed by the morning ritual of inspection is a great way to tell what sort of populations you may have.

Take a look around the shade house too. It is time to make some repairs if required in readiness for the winds of winter. Maybe you can put up some plastic cover in some areas to give some plants that bit of extra protection they crave over winter.

Orchid Culture Notes for March (cont).

Be wary about how you are watering your zygoes now, more importantly keeping the water out of the new growths that develop now heralding their flowering season. Looper caterpillars will be looking at boring holes in those new spikes as well so prevention now may save heartbreak later.

With the northward migration of the sun goes our light intensity. By March 21 our days are already 2 and half hours shorter than xmas day and the same length as it is for the spring shows. By this I don't mean move some plants into full sun but gradually acclimatise some of them to a stronger light source if you can. Make sure however, that your plant is a light lover. There are many orchids that we all grow that can handle full sun, in fact give it to them and they flower even better. When my collection was small at my old house my cymms were in full sun right through late autumn until October for most of the day. Even in mid summer they would get some full sun for most of the morning. They flowered beautifully. Now with a larger collection this can no longer happen but 50% shade cloth all year does quite OK but to be honest my earlier results were better. Most of the native dendrobiums, cattleyas and the oncidium tribe are all light lovers. Soft cane dendrobiums also relish bright light and it is this lack of which results in so many poor flowerings and a general disinterest in growing this genera. Increasing light levels can be as easy as hanging your plants closer to the roof. Changing your floor and surrounds can help. White marble chips/stones are a common sight and that's not because they look pretty. The reflective nature of the stones can make a big difference to the light levels, even to the normally shaded undersides of the leaves.

I move my plants often as the seasons change. Observation of the plants will soon tell you if they have found the right spot or not and many are quick to do so. Some so much so that death has already been and gone by the time I notice my errors. This is called learning. Fortunately the losses are very low as an increasing knowledge develops.

March is a good time to trim those plants that suffered at the hands of summer. Many exhibit sunburn and scorch. Best to cut these back to clean tissue on a dry day so they can seal. Sun damaged leaves can develop and harbor fungal problems that become more prevalent in April. Get to the cause of the problems before they become one.

March is a good time to divide those plants missed in the spring. Native sarcochilus enter a growth phase now so now is also a good time to pot on and divide. These plants I don't divide too much. In specimen form they take some beating.

In general March is a good time to get back out into the orchid house and begin that autumn clean up. Start tidying up those show plants by trimming, removing husks etc as the weather cools. Soon it will be too cold!!

Steve Howard

The committee thanks Steve for allowing us to reproduce his notes in this Gazette.

THE ORCHID CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC . Festival of Flowers

THE FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS will be held on Saturday 20th April – Sunday 21st April, at the Enfield Community Centre, 540 Regency Road, Enfield, 10.00 am to 4.00pm each day. Come along and enjoy a visual treat, on display will be Orchids, African Violets, Begonias, carnivorous Plants, Cacti and Succulents, Ferns, Pelargoniums, Cottage Plants and for the very first time the Bromeliad Society will be joining us thus expanding the floral delights on view. As well as the plants on display there will be an opportunity to purchase plants and plant aids at very good prices.

A sausage sizzle and Devonshire teas will be available, a Giant raffle with many worthwhile prizes to be won will be held.

Entry Fee \$3.00

Need more information ? Go to the website.

www.orchidclubofsouthaustraliainc.com or contact Edda Viskic on 8389 8402

Look forward to seeing you all there.

Regards,

The Committee, and members of the Festival of Flowers group

PLANT SALE

Due to poor health, we find it necessary to cut back our orchid collection so we will be selling off about 1500 plants. From \$2 per plant and nothing over \$10 regardless of the size. The types of plants will be Sarc's, Den's, Zygo's and some other compots at around \$5 per pot.

If anyone is interested please contact Tony Fisher on 8387 0500 to make an appointment to come around, plants will be available until sold out.

SHADE HOUSE, WORKBENCH AND AVIARY FOR SALE

Call Tess on mobile 0422476207 or 8172 2020 for info on these items

Youngs Shade House Kit 2 metres by 4 metres. 50% Black Shade Cloth, 3 Treble Benches. Price paid \$2,000.60. Will sell for \$1,200 o.n.o. (See photo below left of the shade house erected.)



The workbench (see photo above right) is constructed of stainless steel.

AVIARY (right)

Gable Roof Aviary, Mark 3 River Gum 2.21 x 3.02. 1 Divider to suit both doors in front. 2 full height doors. Cost \$1764.00. Willing to sell for \$400.00 o.n.o.



MOVING SALE

Noel Oliver is moving house and has the following items still for sale:

Onga Water pump,
Native Orchids including Sarcophilus,
Some benching, and
Many text books

Contact Noel on 84434945 or 0418854034 for details and pricing.

Come on Members
Have a go
for the Club Trophy!!!



The Garard-Western Hybridising Trophy

The Garard-Western Hybridising Trophy will be awarded at the end of the year to the person/s who exhibit/s the best seedling bred by a member, using parent plants owned by themselves or another member.

There are two trophies, one for the supplier of the pollen and one for the grower of the pod parent. These can either go to the same member, (if you supply both), or to two different members in the case where the pollen is supplied by another member.

MOST IMPORTANTLY BOTH THE POLLEN SUPPLIER AND THE GROWER MUST BE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SA INC.

When exhibiting in this class a green ribbon is to be used to indicate a pollen parent, a blue ribbon for the pod parent and a white ribbon should also be displayed if the plant is a seedling.

This award will run in conjunction with the normal seedling competition and the same rules apply. The only difference is that the showing members must own the parent plants.

The judges point plants up each month. Top points receive the cup or cups at the AGM.

Get your tooth picks working!!
YOU COULD BE A WINNER

ORCHID CLUBS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA – General Meeting Times

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. Marys. Beginners' Class starts at 7.15p.m., meeting at 8.00p.m.

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 GROUP: 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.

NORTHERN AND EASTERN DISTRICTS ORCHID SOCIETY: Meets in St. Philip's Church Hall, Galway Avenue, Broadview from 7.30p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ORCHIDACEOUS SOCIETY: Meets at the Adelaide West Uniting Church Hall, 312, Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Brooklyn Park 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.

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EVENTS 2013 **Festival of Flowers: 20th and 21st April. Enfield Community Centre, 540 Regency Road, Enfield in Main Hall, Stadium, Room 1 and Creche.**

Winter Show: 13th and 14th July. Enfield Community Centre in the Main Hall.

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