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The
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Inc.
Gazette

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AT A GLANCE

The next meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will be held at 8pm on Wednesday 4th June 2008 at St. Bernadettes Church Hall, corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Mary's. Guest Speaker: Phena and Brian Gerhard from Sydney. Subject: Australian Natives. They will have sale plants Beginners Class 7.15pm before the main meeting. Coordinator: John Dunn. Subject-Phalaenopsis with Trevor Garard.

SAROC FAIR Friday 6th June. Put in time 5pm to 6.30pm Pulteney Grammar School, South Terrace, Adelaide. Parking available. Too early for working members? Call 83814420. The Workshop on Sunday 8th at 11.30am will be conducted by Guest Speaker Ray Clements. Take out on Sunday at 4pm.

DAYTIME GROUP: The next meeting to be held at Lou Kesting Hall, Dover Square, off Broadway, South Brighton on Thursday, 12th June 2008 at 2pm. Guest Speaker: Trevor Garard will speak on Phalaenopsis

SPECIES GROUP: The next meeting will be held at Lou Kesting Hall, Dover Square, South Brighton on Monday, 9th June at 8pm. **NOTE DATE CHANGE**

SOUTHERN REGIONAL GROUP will meet on Sunday 15th June 2008 at 2pm, Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. Guest Speaker: John Gay will speak on Cattleya Orchids. 1.30pm Beginners Class with Trevor Garard.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL GROUP WORKSHOP 20th June at 46 Lamont Road, McCracken starts at 10.30am sharp. Program as follows: 10.30am Trevor Garard Zygo dividing and deflasking. 11.15am John Dunn Australian Natives. 12.00Noel Will talk on Judging B-B-Q 12.30 BBQ lunch for members who have attended the workshop (\$2 donation). Please bring a salad or cake. 1.30pm Geoff Spear Cymbidiums. 2.45pm John Gay Other Genera. 3.00pm Afternoon tea.

MESSAGE TO VIETNAMESE MEMBERS: Will meet on Sunday 22nd June and Sunday 26th October 2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m. at The Parks Library, Corner of Cowan Street, Angle Park.

SOUTHERN PLANT HOUSE VISIT Sunday 29th June See Page 4

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Items must be delivered to the Editor by the Thursday following the Committee meeting.

PUBLIC LIABILITY

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

2008 CLUB MEETING DATES

July 2008

- 2 Main Speaker Rob Worden
- 10 Daytime Chapter
- 20 Southern Regional Group Show
- 21 Species Group

August 2008

- 6 Main Speaker Joe Romeo (European Natives)
- 14 Daytime Chapter
- 17 Southern Regional Group Show
- 18 Species Group

September 2008

- 3 Main Speaker Sophie Thompson
- 11 Daytime Chapter
- 21 Southern Regional Group
- 15 Species Group

October 2008

- 1 Main Glen Heylen
- 16 Daytime Chapter
- 19 Southern Regional Group Show
- 20 Species Group

November 2008

- 5 Main G Zerbe—Pendulous Cyms.
- 13 Daytime Chapter
- 16 Southern Regional Group
- 17 Species Group

December 2008

- 3 Main Christmas Dinner.
- 11 Daytime Chapter
- 21 Southern Regional Group

February 2009

- 4 Main AGM
- 15 Southern Regional Group
- 16 Species Group
- 18 Daytime Chapter

March 2009

- 4 Main AGM
- 12 Daytime Chapter
- 15 Southern Regional Group
- 16 Species Group

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CULTURE DVD's

We now have many titles of orchid culture prepared by well known local growers available thru the Club. Titles Include- Culture videos for Cymbidium, Cattleya. Australian Native (4 different) Paphiopedilum Lycaste Zygopetalum Phalaenopsis Virus Deflasking etc, Contact Ron for more Details

ORCHID CALENDAR FOR 2008

SAROC Fair, Saturday 7th to Sunday 8th June at Pulteney Grammar School, 190, South Terrace, Adelaide.
Southern Regional Group Workshop 10.30a.m. on Friday, 20th June at Elsie and Reg Cliffords, 46 Lamont Road, McCracken.

Southern Trip on 29th June. Plant House visit to Sims Orchids and Valley Orchids.

Winter Show, Sunday 27th July to Saturday 2nd August, at South Gate Plaza, corner of Sherriffs and Hillier Road, Morphett Vale.

Northern Bus Trip, 10th August, TBA.

Southern Regional Group Show, 13th to 16th August at Newland Memorial Uniting Church Hall.

National Show, Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th August at Noarlunga Leisure Centre.

Royal Show OCSA, Put in Wednesday 3rd September.

Spring Show, 21st to 27th September at Centro Kilkenny.

DISPLAYS

Welland Plaza Centre, 522 Port Road, Welland. Sunday 5th October to Saturday 11th October.

Firle Plaza centre, 171 Glynburn Road, Firle. Sunday 26th October to Saturday 1st November.

Beginner's Group Programme for 2008 7.25pm in the Foyer before main meeting.

	SUBJECT	GROUP LEADER
July	Zygopetalum	Kevin Trevan
August	Paphiopedilum	Suzanne Saunders
September	Cymbidium species	Kevin Western
October	Growing species orchids	Ron Parish
November	Sarcochilus	George Abell

ALL WELCOME – BRING ALONG YOUR QUESTIONS.

INFORMATION FOR JUNE BEGINNERS PROGRAMME

COCO COIR

Valley Orchids, Graham Morris is supporting Clubs by selling COCO COIR in 3 different grades – fine, medium, and course at \$9.50 per block, at Budgen Road, McLaren Vale. Phone: 0419823724. When purchasing please tell him you're a South Coast Orchid Club Member.

GROUP FEES

Some members have queried why we charge \$2.00 entry to our special group meetings. Venues need to be paid for and other expenses relative to those meetings do occur and your Committee felt that each group needed to ensure that the fixed charges were covered accordingly, a small fee of \$2.00 per person is charged to offset these expenses.

Wish List

Last year we started a Wish List, great results for a few months. Just a reminder it is still there for you to send your 'wishes' to Lucy or Ron. Sorry, we can only help with orchids.

JUNE JUDGING ROSTER

REGISTRAR: N. Oliver

OPEN DIVISION

G. Zerbe, C. Campbell. Scribe – M. Tiggeman

FIRST DIVISION

J. Gay, Scribe – G. Flavel

SECOND DIVISION

Noel Oliver. Scribe – P flavel

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations on a great Show. You all rose to the occasion and showed what South Coast Orchid Club members can achieve in spite of water restrictions and heat waves. You grew these wonderful orchids we had to exhibit for the Autumn Show. Thank you to Committee and all the members who helped at put in,

during the week and take out time. Congratulations to Peter & Geraldine Flavel owners of Lc. Mary Elizabeth Bohn 'Royal Flash'. This plant made it all the way through to Grand Champion. Spoke to Phena Gerhard this morning. Brian, her husband, is our guest speaker this month. They are driving down from Wamberal in Sydney and bringing plants for sale, these you can buy on the night of the meeting.

Our next Show is SAROC Fair, details on front page. Let's try to make this a great display. We have the theme organised, all we need now are your wonderful plants, particularly Cattleyas.

Once again Species Group are putting in their special display. This is a chance for you all who grow species to have them shown to their best advantage, so the public can view them, especially the tiny flowers, when they are not lost amongst the hybrids.

Good growing and showing, Geoff.



Thank you

Our Grateful thanks to Munns and More at Glandore, phone 8297 2722, for kindly lending us the rocks used in the Displays at our Autumn Show. Carol supports our Club at most Shows.

Appreciation and thanks go to Bliss Flowers at O'Halloran Hill, phone 8381 2395, who supplied the fresh Singapore orchids at cost, and lent us the silk Phalaenopsis orchids used in the floor stand displays.

Members, if you should need any of the items they stock, please support these Retailers, as they have supported our Club.

Thank you also, to L. & G. Harvey for lending us the Sansevieria, Ficus and Rheo plants.

South Australian Regional Orchid Council Inc. Orchid Fair 7th and 8th June 2008.

Opening times: Saturday 7th 12 noon - 5.00p.m. Sunday 8th 10.00am - 4.00p.m.

Ray Clements Workshop in one of the classrooms: Sunday 8th 11.30a.m. Gold coin donation. Presentations: Sunday 3.30p.m. Vendors: Tinonee Orchids, Sims Orchids, Johnston Orchids, Nesbitt Orchids, N. Oliver, Cobbs Horticulture.

Southern Plant House Visit Sunday 29th June. Grants Bus Service will have 2 pick-up points for members, 1 northern and 1 southern. Price \$25.00. Northern members will leave 9.15am SHARP from The Parks Library, Vale Park Gate 1. Please be on time. Southern members 9.45am SHARP Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton.

Please make your bookings for bus pick-ups with Judy at the meeting. Lucy needs to know how many for catering purposes - at the meeting or phone 83814420.

Members going by private transport 10.00am Sims Orchids, Prop. Rosemary and Moss Bray, 123 Barcelona Drive, Noarlunga Downs - Nursery visit, morning tea. Depart 11.30am and on to Valley Orchids, Prop. Linda and Graham Morris, Lot 8, Wheaton Road, McLaren Vale - BBQ Lunch \$2.00 donation please. Bring a salad or cake. Then Graham will show us through his laboratory. Then on to Trevor Garard's, 150, Brodie Road, Morphett Vale.

Geoff's mobile 0409 642 352. Orchid plants for sale at the 3 nurseries. Cymbidiums at Moss and Graham, other genera at Trevors.

Southern Regional Group Report

Irene and Ron's holiday in South America was certainly a treat. Thank you Irene and Ron.

Great excitement in June, you know you are all welcome to come along to the main group to meet and hear our guest speaker. Then we have SAROC Fair, a number of Southern Regional Group have attended this event and thoroughly enjoyed the day. You are all very welcome to show your plants at the Fair.

Main Group are putting in a Species display, and mixed Genera display.

John Gay is your guest speaker for June, you all enjoy having Bev and John come along to your meetings.

Southern Plant House visit is advertised on the front page of the Gazette. This is your opportunity to see Orchid Nurseries at their very best. First stop Moss Bray's nursery, Graham will take you through his laboratory and a first visit to Trevor Garard's. The three nurseries have plants for sale at a great price.

Cyms and mixed genera at Trevors.

Your Workshop at 46 Lamont Road, McCracken starts at 10.30am sharp. Last year a few members came along for the BBQ. This is a workshop to learn how to grow orchids and guest speakers put in a lot of time and work preparing for the day. We all love to socialise and get to know each other but please, if possible, arrive for the 10.30am start.

Graham Morris' Coco Coir: Available from mid May from Reg Clifford Phone 8552 4408.

We welcome Shirley Greig, a new member, today.

From our Affiliated Clubs

Orchid Club of South Australia Inc. Meeting

Enfield Community Centre,
540 Regency Road, Enfield. 8.00pm

2008 PROGRAM

5th June Down Under Orchids TBA
3rd July Kevin McLean Hybridizing

DAY GROUP MEETINGS

Enfield Community Centre,
540 Regency Road, Enfield. 2.00-4.00pm
(Bus Stop 119 Bus No. 100 Circle Line)

CLUB SHOWS 2008

12th-13th July Winter Show - Enfield Community Centre
5th-13th September Spring Show - Adelaide Showgrounds
25th October Socialising with Sarcs – Enfield Community Centre

Murray Bridge and Districts Orchid Club Inc.

Meetings held at 1.45pm in Johnstone Park Combined Clubs Hall, Adelaide Road, Murray Bridge.

2008 PROGRAM

22nd June Trevor Jacobs The History of Orchids

CLUB SHOWS 2008

4th/5th/6th July (set up Thurs. 3rd) Murray Bridge Town Hall, Friday 12noon – 5.00p.m. Saturday and Sunday 10.00a.m. – 4.00p.m.

Northern and Eastern Districts Orchid Society Inc.

Meetings held at 8.00pm in St. Phillips Parish Hall, Galway Avenue, Broadview.

2008 PROGRAM

19th June Ron Yates Oncidiidae Alliance

DISPLAY DATES

17th to 23rd August Triangle Shopping Centre, North East Road, Modbury.
5th to 13th September Royal Show
14th to 20th September Greenacres Shopping Centre, Cnr. Mullers & North East Roads, Greenacres.

May Monthly Floral Competition Results Open

Division

Australian Native Epiphyte Hybrid

156	Den. Hilda Poxon	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	3
157	Den. Anne's Rainbow Surprise	Bev & John Gay (65)	2
158	Dock. Olga Wenck	Bev & John Gay (65)	1

Australian Native Epiphyte Species

155	Liparis reflexa	Malcolm Tiggeman (465)	3
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Australian Native Terrestrial Hybrid

162	Ptst. X Toveyana	Malcolm Guy (248)	3
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Australian Native Terrestrial Species

159	Diplodium laxum	Malcolm Guy (248)	3
160	Diplodium abrupta	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	2
161	Diplodium torquatum	Malcolm Guy (248)	1

Cymbidium 60 - 90 mm (all colours)

163	Cym. (Cobar x Peter Pan)	Bev & John Gay (65)	3
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Dendrobium (not Aust Native) Hybrid

164	Den. Kuranda Classic	Trevor Garard (152)	3
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Laeliinae Non Standard Cluster

182	Lc. Ondine	Bev & John Gay (65)	3
183	Lc. Pirate Porsch 'Tranquility'	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	2
184	C. Bactia 'Grapewax'	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	1
Laeliinae Non Standard Other			
185	Slc. Anne Tapper	Bev & John Gay (65)	3
186	C. Memoria Jerome Shultz x Slc. Dal's	Bev & John Gay (65)	2
187	Lc. Frenchy's Cheek-la x L. pumila	Bev & John Gay (65)	1
Laeliinae Species			
175	L. perrenii	Bev & John Gay (65)	3
Laeliinae Standard < 100mm			
176	Blc. George King 'Serendipity'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
177	Blc. Glen Maidment	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	2
178	Lc. Pirate King x Blc. Golden Slippers	Bev & John Gay (65)	1
Laeliinae Standard > 100mm			
179	Slc. Kauri Starbright x Blc. Erin Kobayashi	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	3
180	Blc. Adelaide Silver 'Aurora'	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	2
181	Blc. Makaha Gold x C. Chocolate Drop	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	1
Oncidiinae Species			
200	Lockhartia oestedii	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
201	Epi. cochleatum	Malcolm Tiggeman (465)	2
Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid			
191	Phrag. Calurum	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
192	Lyc. Hotlips Houlihan 'Cherry Creme'	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	2
193	Lyc. Jason	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	1
Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species			
188	Pholideta pallida	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
189	Rstp. rankinsteria	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	2
190	Pleuro. pachyglossa	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	1
Paphiopedilum Novelty			
196	Paph. Fairy x Liem x Maud Magic	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	3
197	Paph. Crossianum 'Alba'	Bev & John Gay (65)	2
Paphiopedilum Species			
195	Paph. appletonianum	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	3
Phalaenopsis/Dor. Species			
202	Phal. fasciata	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	3
Zygopetalum Hybrid (inc. intergenerics)			
198	Z. Garry Baker x Zpa. Elfin Jade	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	3
199	Zga. Clare Fisher	Malcolm Tiggeman (465)	2
First Division			
Australian Native Epiphyte Hybrid			
152	Den. Anne's Rainbow Surprise	David & Kay Cammack (1535)	3
153	Den. (Gillieston Reward x Autumn 'Carol')	Kevin Trevan (295)	2
154	Den. Anne's Rainbow Surprise	David & Kay Cammack (1535)	1
Australian Native Epiphyte Species			
149	Den. schnerderie	David & Kay Cammack (1535)	3
150	Den. lichenustrum	David & Kay Cammack (1535)	2
151	Den. prenticei	David & Kay Cammack (1535)	1
Cymbidium < 60mm (all colours)			
166	Cym. Mini Splendour 'Easter Show'	Heather Engelhardt (263)	3
Cymbidium Species (any size)			
165	Cym. dayanum	Heather Engelhardt (263)	3
Laeliinae Non Standard Other			
174	C. Browniae 'Riga'	John Robinson (1448)	3
Oncidiinae Hybrid (Any other Oncidiiae)			
173	Milt. Anne Warne	Kevin Trevan (295)	3
Oncidiinae Hybrid (Oncidium Hybrid)			
172	Mclna. Pagan Lovesong 'High Lite'	Murray Baulderstone (25)	3
Zygopetalum Hybrid (inc. intergenerics)			
170	Z. X miltonia	Kevin Trevan (295)	3
171	Zga. Adelaide Meadows	Heather Engelhardt (263)	2
Zygopetalum Species			
168	Z. mackayi	John Robinson (1448)	3
169	Z. mackayi 'Majus'	Kevin Trevan (295)	
2			

Second Division

Oncidiinae Species

203 Onc. rossioglossum 'Grande'

Ruth & Gunter Eckhard (436)

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AUTUMN SHOW CHAMPIONS RESULTS LIST

Grand Champion

78 Lc. Mary Elizabeth Bohn 'Royal Flare' Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)

H. & B. Viney Trophy

81 Lc. Mary Elizabeth Bohn 'Royal Flare' Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)

Champion Open Division

75 Lc. Mary Elizabeth Bohn 'Royal Flare' Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)

Champion Cymbidium < 60mm

67 Cym. Mini Splendour Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)

Champion Laeliinae

69 Lc. Mary Elizabeth Bohn 'Royal Flash' Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)

Champion Oncidiinae

70 Onc. Sweet Sugar Noel Oliver (102)

Champion Paphiopedilum

71 Paph. Pinnocchio Tony Bourne (1415)

Champion Phalaenopsis

84 Phal fasciata Ron & Irene Parish (477)

Champion Zygopetalum

73 Z. Kiwi Choice 'Eileen' Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)

Champion Genera not otherwise listed

74 Stan. wardii Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)

Champion First Division

76 Den. (Duno Burgundy Sheen x Autumn) Suzanne Saunders (1481)

Bill Murdoch trophy

79 Den. bowmanii John Dunn (600)

Ira Butler trophy

80 Den. (Duno Burgundy Sheen x Autumn) Suzanne Saunders (1481)

Champion Cymbidium 60 - 90mm

68 Cym. (Willunga Eyecatvher x Mesa Zia) Silvester Ng (1491)

Champion Australian Native

64 Den. (Duno Burgundy Sheen x Autumn) Suzanne Saunders (1481)

Les Nesbit Trophy Award (Species)

82 Den. bowmanii John Dunn (600)

Reg Shooter Trophy Award (Hybrids)

83 Den. (Duno Burgundy Sheen x Autumn) Suzanne Saunders (1481)

Champion Second Division

77 Lc. Wrigleyi x C. Chocolate Drop 'Kodama' Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)

Champion Specimen

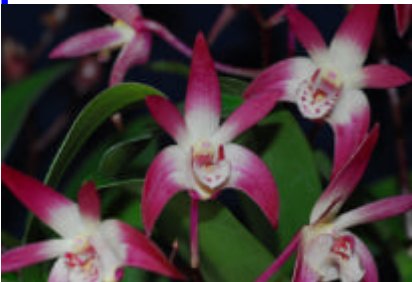
? Sngl. longifolia Rito Silvestri (302)

Grand Champion and Champion of Open Div.

Lc. Mary Elizabeth Bohn 'Royal Flame' shown by Geraldine and Peter Flavel. A large plant with two inflorescences, one with eight flowers and the other with nine flowers were almost round being 100mm wide and 95mm high. The 16mm wide sepals were very pale white-lavender and the 25mm wide petals were a little darker shade of lavender and had lightly frilled edges. Side lobes of the labellum, a similar tone to the sepals, curved up over the column, and the large deep lavender mid-lobe was lightly frilled around the edge.



Champion of First Div.



Den. (Duno Burgundy Sheen x Autumn) shown by Suzanne Saunders. Well grown plant having 2 inflorescences with 6 and 3 large 35mm wide and 40mm high open flowers and another four inflorescences still in bud. The flowers were very colourful with sepals and petals deep purple pink on the outer two thirds, shading to cream at their base. The reverse of these segments was finely spotted dark purple pink on a cream base and the whole was complimented by the showy labellum spotted in the same colour

Champion of Second Div.

Lc. (Wrigley x Chocolate Drop) shown by Rod and Judy McRedmond. Strongly growing plant with three inflorescences carrying 5, 4 and 4 fully open flowers and two more inflorescences still in bud. Flowers were 65mm wide and 70mm high with uniform glossy reddish purple sepals and petals from the C. Chocolate Drop parent. Side lobes of the labellum curving up over the column, were pale cream-yellow and the showy flat mid-lobe which very lightly frilled around the edge was a strong deep purple in colour.

A well-grown plant of the species *Cym. dayanum* was benched by Norman Woodend. It had some 27 inflorescences, most of them with flowers fully open, cascading over the pot and arranged evenly around it. Another *Cym* amongst several that were benched was *Cym. Zig Zag 'Kiwi'* owned by Eileen Pinnock. The flowers were just over 60mm across and had green sepals and petals with very light brown shading and fine spotting and were complimented with a very showy deep maroon labellum.

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After a rather difficult summer season leading into our Autumn Show members are to be congratulated for the number of plants brought in for competition and display to promote our club at Noarlunga Colonnades Shopping Centre. There were 63 plants benched in Open Div, 27 in 1st Div and 7 in 2nd Div making a total of 97 plants in all with many worthy winners amongst them. It was good to see members from the Southern Regional Group also showing plants. Congratulations to all winners.

We have many new and longer term second division members and an active beginners group before the main Wednesday night meeting. New members are the foundations for our club to grow and thrive into the future. If they are not already making use of this help group I would encourage them to join it, also to talk with more experienced growers. It can be daunting to step out and bench that small flowering plant when some of those big floriferous ones are benched in open division, but we all had to take that first step. It is a great feeling of success when that 'Best in Class' certificate is put next to your plant.

My own recollection of showing in the early days was leaving *Cym. Balkis 'Capt. Anderson'* home because one flower had one tiny blemish on it and there was the same clone 'Best Standard *Cym.*' in open division with more blemishes on more flowers than mine at home! A lesson learnt and then when my plants were worthy they began to win because I benched them! Its all good experience so when you have got something that you think may be worth a try please bring it to a meetings or to one of the shows
Ian Attenborough

Southern Regional Group Monthly Floral Competition

Australian Native Epiphyte Hybrid

- 1 D. Hilda Poxon 'Ern' grown by Eileen Pinnock (519)
- 2 D. Hilda Poxon grown by Keith & Russ Sutton (570)

Cymbidium species

- 1 C. Dayanum grown by Eileen Pinnock (519)

Cym <60mm

- 1 C. Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade' grown by John & Monica Sorrell (539)

Cym 60-90mm

- 1 C. Mezia Preview grown by John & Monica Sorrell (539)

Laeliinae < 100mm

- 1 C. Meadii grown by Clyde & Barbara Ziegeler (554)
- 2 Pot. Hoku Gem 'Freckles' grown by Brian Leedham (511)

Laeliinae > 100mm

- 1 C. Portiata grown by Nina Cockington (402)
- 2 C. Browniae 'Riga' grown by Nina Cockington (402)
- 3 C. Portia 'Baronessa' grown by Rhonda & Don Overall (517)

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere – species

stenoglotis longifolia grown by Eileen Pinnock

Plant of May Meeting

Dendrobium Hilda Poxon 'Ern' grown by Eileen Pinnock



DAYTIME GROUP REPORT

Hi Everyone,

Another very successful afternoon with Mr. Ron Parish being our guest speaker, Ron showed us a video of his recent holiday in Alaska and Canada, the scenery taken on this trip was absolutely breathtaking and must have been awe-inspiring to see first hand. Ron said it was very hard to explain the grandeur of it all, with all the wide open spaces, mountains, lakes and glaciers everywhere and all the flowers growing in the Tundra were amazing, it's hard to believe that anything would grow there with it being so cold, but you can't beat nature, it certainly knows how to adapt to all conditions, and it must have been quite a thrill to actually find Orchids growing there as well. Thanks, Ron, for showing the video and the commentary was very interesting.

We welcomed a new member into our Club today, Mrs Maureen Zokadziewski, she was very happy with her new Cymbidium plant and name badge. Maureen came down to Colonnades to visit us at our recent Autumn Show, she had actually entered a Cattleya Orchid in the Show and had won a Second Division certificate, she was so surprised and excited, so well done Maureen, Congratulations.

Apologies today from Mrs Jo-anna Apostle, so sorry to hear you weren't well, hoping to see you again very soon and cheerio to all on the sick list.

We had a beautiful display of Orchids in flower today, all different genera, Cattleyas, Stenoglotis, Zygopetalums, Cymbidiums, Liparis, Paphiopedilums, Native Dendrobiums and Phalaenopsis all very well grown and a credit to all the growers for their care and cultivation. Thank you all for bringing them in to share with us. Mr. Don Biebrick's Zygo, a first flowering seedling, Kuitpo "Simon's Choice" x Titanic "Jennie" a lovely rounded shape very bright green flower with brown markings, and Mr. Ralph and Mrs Heather Lucas with a lovely mauve/blue flowered Cattleya "Portiata" were both voted best in our Competition today. Congratulations to you all, well done.

The plant commentary today was done by Mr. Geoff Spear who did a wonderful job, thanks once again Geoff.

Our meeting was closed, with afternoon tea taken by all.

Bye, Dorothy. (8277 1793).

May species meeting.

Seventeen South Coast members met on a mild May evening to be entertained by some lovely & interesting species.

This is not the greatest time of the year for orchids to flower but members of the species club always manage to bench orchids of interest, this month was no exception. A total of 10 species were brought in including four *Paphiopedilums*.

Paphiopedilum appletonianum is a delightful small species from Thailand where it is probably now extinct due to habitat removal and over collecting over the years. The dorsal sepal is small but broad; tapering to a sharp point it is yellowish pale green with brown vertical stripes. The petals are horizontally slightly twisted & drooping green at the base & a delicate pale rose pink at the ends. The top of the petals have some brown spots with a few hairs at the green end of the petals. The pouch is large for the size of the flower, pointed & is a pinkish colour spotted inside with purple spots. This species is very similar to *P. wolterianum* some botanists think it is a variety of *P. appletonianum* but others believe it is a separate species in its own right. In cultivation it grows best in intermediate conditions.

Another interesting, delicate species benched was *Paphiopedilum fairrieianum*, a species from the Himalayas & Burma. Interestingly it was first discovered in 1857 then 'lost' for many years until its rediscovery in 1905. Note the spelling, with two rr's as it was named after the first man to cultivate and flower it in England a Mr Fairrie. Unfortunately it is often seen spelt with just the one r and I have even read that it obtained its name due to its fairy like appearance. It is indeed unlike any other in the genus with a large dorsal sepal white in colour streaked and netted with purple. The most distinct feature are the petals that are white with purple & green stripes, the margins have tufts of black hairs and curve downwards then up at the distal ends looking rather like a Mexican's moustache or the horns of a buffalo. It is not a difficult orchid to grow preferring cool conditions an open free draining compost and regular watering.



A native Australian terrestrial species was benched. *Pterostylis abrupta* known as the "Tablelands Greenhood" referring to its native habitat on the tablelands of northern NSW. It is endemic to this region. A recent discovery, it was not described until 1986. It is a colony forming greenhood easily grown and flowered & multiplies readily in cultivation producing a single typical greenhood flower carried on tall, 40cm stems. This species produces rosettes on non flowering plants that are building up their reserves for flowering the next season. Flowering plants send up a stem straight through the soil without the rosette.

Other species benched were a large specimen plant of the South African species *Stenoglottis longifolia*. Two *Restrepias*, *R. cupra* & *R. aristulifera* var 'Alba' *Paphiopedilum wardii* a species from Burma. *Phalaenopsis fasciata* from Asia. *Oncidium trulliferum* from Brazil & *Cattleya bowringiana* also from Brazil.

After the round table discussion of the orchids benched, David Harmer gave an interesting and informative power point presentation on the many name changes of the genus *Encyclia* & *epidendrum*. A very pleasant evening was rounded off with a cuppa and chat.

Reg Shooter

New Members

Margaret Demtchuk, Darryl Hawkes

What is an Orchid Workshop

What is an orchid workshop? An orchid workshop is a meeting of a group of orchid growers and lovers to exchange ideas about growing orchid genera, fertilizing regimes and types of fertilisers used and other handy hints and to study the more experienced growers techniques, knowledge and skills that they are willing to share with you.

So come on all those who attend the Southern Regional Group meetings, come and listen to these growers who travel long distances to share their knowledge with you. The workshop is to be held on Friday June 20, at Reg and Elsie Clifford's place, 46 Lamont Rd. McCracken commencing at 10.30am with Trevor Garrard dividing a Zygo and showing his deflasking techniques. You may be lucky enough to take home some additions to your collection. Also another great time to exchange ideas and some friendly chitchat is over lunch, which is supplied.

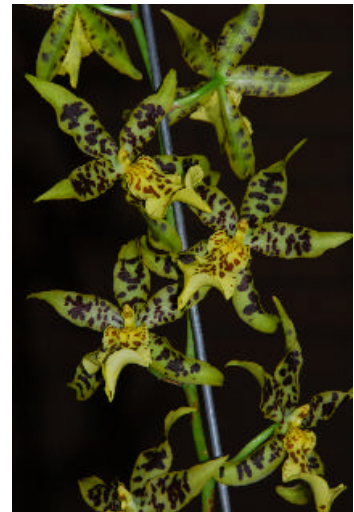
I know of a particular member who obtained a division at one of the workshops, grew it on and was able to display this plant at three monthly meetings, getting best overall plant on one occasion. So as you can see the workshop is worthwhile attending and who knows, it might be your plant next year.

Monthly Floral Competition

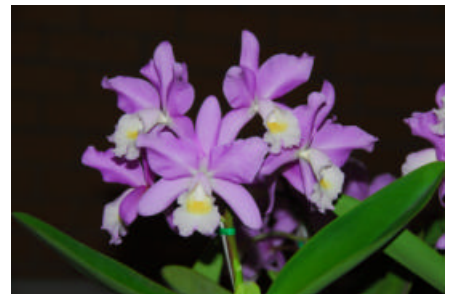
Unfortunately we were not able to have Ian Attenborough comment for us this month

However in spite of our Autumn Show in full swing we had a great display of orchids

The Flower of the Night and also flower of First Division was Mclna. Pagan Lovesong 'High Lite' grown by Murray Baulderstone



Flower of Open Division was Lc. Ondine grown by Bev & John Gay



Flower of Second Division was *Rossioglossum* 'Grande' grown by Ruth & Gunter Eckhard



ABOUT THIS MONTHS SPEAKERS

We have been seriously growing orchids for around 30 years; we used to grow anything and everything in the vast range of orchid genera. Whilst we were growing these, Brian was employed by Qantas Airways as a Flight Attendant on international routes and would have to say that was a definite benefit, as he would carefully select plants from Thailand, Philippines, Hawaii and mainland USA and import them back to Australia. Brian has been President and Vice president and is now Co Patron and Life Member of one of the leading orchid societies in Sydney in Manly Warringah Orchid Society. A committee member of the local Native Orchid Society here on the Central Coast of New South Wales.

Then came the big day when we purchased Down Under Native Orchids. Phena has always been a working Mum /now Grandma all our married life, her primary role is the accounts side of things, but now that she has officially retired, a little more hands on for her. D.U.N.O. is arguably the premier Aussie Native Orchid breeder, grower and award winner in Australia.

We have received numerous national awards as well as countless show Champions and Grand Champions, plus having a number of our quality plants being awarded, both here and in the U.S.A. . In 2006 we received the three of the four National awards, in Species, Hybrids and Papua New Guinea Hybrids, whilst 2007 we added the National Hybrid Award again.

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Our youngest daughter Venessa and her husband David are our Webmasters for the Website www.duno.com.au and have received countless comments and compliments on their work on our catalogue presentation over the years. From which you will obtain a very good insight into what, we do and how we do it.

Best Regards,

Brian Gerhard & Phena Gerhard



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