

The South Coast Orchid Club of SA Inc.
Gazette

**April
2010**



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 7th April 2010 at St. Bernadette's Church Hall, corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Mary's. The guest speaker will be Colin Jennings giving a presentation on the Miami World Conference 2009.

BEGINNERS CLASS: will be held before the main meeting on 7th April. Presenter Peter Flavel will be upstairs in the **Recreation Room Lounge area** to talk on preparing orchids for the Autumn Show.

PENCILLORS GROUP: Wednesday 7th April at 7.15 before main meeting upstairs in **Recreation Room Kitchen area**. Presenter Noel Oliver. Please bring book and pen.

DAYTIME CHAPTER: The next meeting to be held at Lou Kesting Hall, Dover Square, off Broadway, South Brighton on Thursday, 8th April 2010 at 2pm.
Guest speaker: Brian Lyttle, Subject: Oncidiums.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL GROUP: The next meeting will be held on Sunday 18th April 2010 at 2.00pm in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. The Guest Speaker: Geoff Spear speaking on Cymbidiums.

2010 COMMITTEE

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SHOWING YOUR ORCHIDS

Members who wish to show plants must be financial. Your number and name of plant must be on appropriate coloured labels: 2nd Division Yellow, 1st Division Buff and Open Division Green.

PUBLIC LIABILITY

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

LUCKY NAME BADGE

Make sure you wear your name badge you may win a prize!

BIRTHDAY DRAW

Put your name in the Birthday box. You may win a prize!

BEGINNERS GROUP PROGRAMME MAIN MEETING 2010

The Club's Beginners' Class needs a member with a wide knowledge of all Genera to be prepared each month to sit in on Beginners' Class and share their knowledge with fellow members. In the past we have had a different member each month to talk at the class, and this has worked very well. There is always room for improvement and I feel this way the instructors will get to know members and cater to each members needs.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
April 7 th	Peter Flavel	Preparing Orchids for Autumn Show
May 5 th	John Robinson	Cymbidiums – Housing and Caring for Collection
June 2 nd	Trevor Garard	Zygopetalums
July 7 th	Brian Lyttle	Oncidiums
August 4 th	Tony Bourne	Paphiopedilums
September 1 st	TBA	Australian Native Epiphytes
October 6 th	Kevin Western	Australian Native Cymbidiums
November 3 rd	TBA	Australian Native Terrestrials

SOCIAL CALENDAR 2010

8th June Visit Vili's Pies 9.30am 2-14 Manchester Street, Mile End.

ORCHID CALENDAR FOR 2010

Sunday 2 nd May to Sunday 9 th May	Autumn Show at Centro Colonnades Judging and Put in: Saturday 1 st May
Saturday 12 th June to Sunday 13 th June	S.A.R.O.C. Fair at Pulteney Grammar School Put In: Friday 11 th June, time TBA
Sunday 25 th July to Saturday 31 st July	Winter Show at Castle Plaza corner South Road and Raglan Street, Edwardstown. Judging on 24 th July.
Sunday 1 st August	Bus Trip/Plant House visit. Moss and Rosemary Bray's, Virginia Nursery at Burton (Lunch), Noel Oliver
TBA	Main Group Workshop
Friday 13 th August	Southern Group Workshop 10.30am Elsie and Reg Clifford's home
26 th to 29 th August	Southern Regional Group Show, R.S.L. Hall, Coral Street, Victor Harbor.
Sunday 19 th to Saturday 25 th September	Spring Show at Centro Arndale, 470 Torrens Road, Kilkenny. Judging Saturday 18 th September.
Sunday 10 th October	Bus Trip/Plant House Visit. Fisher Family, Valley Orchids Jane and Don Higgs, Myponga.

SCOC 2010 Subscription Rates

Family Membership	\$33.00
Single Membership	\$25.00
Junior Membership	\$17.00

Rural and Interstate Membership

Family Membership	\$29.00
Single Membership	\$23.00

AUTUMN SHOW TIME

Autumn Show is only 5 weeks away, let's make this a spectacular Show. Committee needs members assistance:

1. Volunteers to help on Trading Table
2. Ask Dorothy for Swing Tickets and Selling Sheets
3. Flowering Orchid Plants for display, prepared in Show condition for judging, clean pots. Please do not water plants on the day you put in the Show, the day before is better.

Committee will look after your plants needs while in the Show.

4. Trading Table plants, in good condition and clean pots. You may bring in plants without flowers but please include a photo of the bloom.
5. Most important: The Show Marshall will ring any member if for any reason she feels that any plants may be starting to show any stress.
6. Remember you must be a financial member to show your plants.

PRIZE MONEY

Members will be pleased to know that the committee has reinstated prize money at our Shows. The Grand Champion will receive \$15.00 and all other Champions \$5 excluding Champion of Open, First and Second Divisions.

REG SHOOTER AWARD – Participation Certificates

1. **Fisher Family with Den. Gracious Cascades**
2. **Bev and John Gay with Den. Hilda Poxon 'Ern'**

NEW MEMBERS

The President and Committee on behalf of all members welcome the following new members:

Andy Lutz,
Rosetta Silvestri,
Pam and Bob Whisson,
Anne Maree Haynes

BUS TRIP/PLANT HOUSE VISIT - To be held on Sunday 1st August 2010.

Leave Lou Kesting Hall, Dover Square off Broadway. Please leave your car at Western end of Park.

8.45am	Bus must depart at 9.00am
9.30am	Arrive at Moss and Rosemary Bray's (morning tea) Cymbidiums only.
11.00am	Leave
12 Noon	Arrive Virginia Nursery (cafeteria lunch)
1.00pm	Lunch
2.30pm	Leave
3.30pm	Noel Olivers Australian Natives
4.30pm	Leave
5.00pm	Back at South Brighton

Costing: \$25 Please pay treasurer. We must also book in at cafeteria. Please let Judy know so we can make a booking for lunch.

Thank you to Rosemary, Moss and Noel for allowing us to visit their homes.

Please book in early and let Lucy 83814420 know of any member who may wish to be picked up at a different point.

PLANT HOUSE VISIT – To be held on Sunday 10th October
(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)

9.00am	Fisher Family, 57 The Strand, Reynella. Morning Tea. Tony and his family grow Sarcophilus, Zygopetalum and Dendrobium Orchids. A visit not to miss.
10.00am	Leave
10.30am	Arrive at Valley Orchids, Budgens Road, McLaren Vale
10.45am	Graham will treat you to a tour of his nursery. He always has a wealth of knowledge to share with fellow orchid growers.
12 noon	Leave
12.30 to 12.45pm	Arrive at Jane and Don Higgs at Higgs Road, Myponga. Chef Henk and Geoff will have a BBQ ready for you all to enjoy. Here you will see a mixed genera of orchids. Jane is well known for the Phragmipediums she grows. Here you will enjoy a wonderful afternoon looking at orchids and seeing how they grow orchids under sometimes extreme weather conditions.

Thank you to the above growers for sharing your time and showing us a great day. **The original date was 24th October and we were also going to see the Alpaca Farm. Any member disappointed that we are not going there, the Alpaca Farm is open 24th October from 10am to 4pm.**

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS FOR APRIL

The Committee wishes the following members 'Happy Birthday' (listed in alphabetical order).



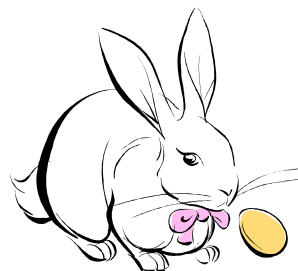
Bill Clark,
Lynn Cummings,
Heather Engelhart,
Ruth Erkhard,
Paul Hayes,
Rhonda Overall,
Rosalie Sharpe,
Rito Silvestri,
Graham Smith,
Shirley Steele,
Trevor Stutley.

If your name is missing from the above list I apologise. Please contact me at the meeting to have your name put in the birthday book. THE BIRTHDAY BOOK IS AVAILABLE AT ALL MEETINGS.

Marie Bravery.

Happy Easter

The Committee would like to wish all members a happy and safe Easter.



People who submit articles to the Club for inclusion in our Gazette express opinions which are not necessarily those of the Club.

No guarantee is provided to anyone using the ideas & opinions expressed in these articles.

**Items must be delivered to the Editor by the second Thursday of each month.
E. & O. E.**

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CLUB MEETING DATES

April 2010

- 7 Main Meeting – Colin Jennings
- 8 Daytime Chapter
- 18 Sthn Regional Group - Geoff Spear

May 2010

- 5 Main Meeting – Sophie Thompson
- 13 Daytime Chapter
- 16 Sthn Regional Group -Brian Mathews

June 2010

- 2 Main Meeting - Workshop
- 10 Daytime Chapter
- 20 Sthn Regional Group - Trevor Garard

July 2010

- 7 Main meeting - Shadehouses
- 8 Daytime Chapter
- 18 Sthn Regional Group

August 2010

- 4 Main meeting – Interstate speaker
Clive Hall of Mt Beenak Orchids
- 12 Daytime Chapter
- 15 Southern Regional Group

September 2010

- 1 Main meeting – Trevor Garard
- 9 Daytime Chapter
- 19 Southern Regional Group

October 2010

- 6 Main Meeting - Graham Zerbe
- 14 Daytime Chapter
- 17 Southern Regional Group

November 2010

- 3 Main Meeting - Jane Higgs
- 11 Daytime Chapter
- 21 Southern Regional Group

December 2010

- 1 Main Meeting -Leslie Gunn at the
Christmas breakup
- 9 Daytime Chapter
- 19 Southern Regional Group

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March meeting - Rob Warden gave a very informative talk on his beloved Catleyas. Rob lives in Port Pirie and loves an opportunity to catch up with friends and family in Adelaide. He left after the meeting homeward bound. This would have been a very long day. Thankyou Rob.

Members, our Autumn Show is but a few short weeks away. I am well aware your support to our Shows is always your top priority. Let's just see how we can find just 1 more plant to show, maybe that final look in your shade house will find one more Orchid you thought was not good enough for judging. PLEASE BRING IT ALONG I have told the story many times before my first Grand Champion was a plant I almost left at home.

Trading Table plants – remember Sunday is the best trading day, bring your selling plants along after 5pm on Saturday 1st May or Sunday 2nd 10 to 11am. Dorothy and Lucy have found a new Cattleya grower. I'm sure these will be a great asset to our Trading Table.

Members not having the best of health our thoughts are with you for better days ahead.
Good Growing and Showing,
Geoff.

DAYTIME CHAPTER REPORT

Hi Everyone,

We had another great meeting today with Mr Geoff Spear as our guest speaker. Geoff spoke on his favourite orchid, the cymbidium, giving an excellent talk as usual. His talk was very professional and interesting. He told members about the pests and bugs to look out for and what to use to eradicate them. He told us all about fertilising and all the different fertilizers to use and when and how to use them. He also told us about watering, staking and keeping our plants clean and in tip top condition. Many members took notes and I'm sure that we all learned something new. We can always learn something new to improve our culture of these lovely flowers. Thanks Geoff, well done.

A new member, Ann-Maree Haynes joined us this month. Anne-Maree came to our March main meeting and again to hear Geoff talking about cymbidiums at our Brighton Chapter. Ann-Marie inherited a few plants, as we all do at some time or another, so it was a good learning afternoon for her and she was kept busy taking notes. I am sure she is now on the right track to growing great orchids.

We had a lovely display of orchids of all genera this month. All were very beautiful and well grown. Congratulations to all the growers and thank you for bringing them in for us all to see. Geoff did the plant commentary. He wears many hats. Thanks again Geoff. Mr Ralph and Heather Lucas owned the plant voted most popular in the display. It was a lovely cattleya, 'Valentine's Day'. It had 2 strong spikes with many flowers. Congratulations and well done to you both.

Our blue bag of goodies (lucky square) was won by Mr Peter Flavel. Thank you to everyone who participated in this fund raising event.

Our March meeting closed after another great afternoon. Thanks to all in attendance.

Our Autumn Show is coming up soon, May 2nd to May 9th at Colonnades and we need help on the trading table. If you have a bit of spare time, please ring me on 8277 1793 and I can arrange a time to suit you on the roster.

I wish you all a very happy and safe Easter.

Regards
Dorothy.
8277 1793

SOUTHERN REGIONAL GROUP

At the March meeting, John Gay was our guest speaker and as always passed on a lot of his knowledge gained over the years. It was also very nice to catch up once again with John's wife Bev who is always very interesting to talk to. John and Bev are President and Secretary respectively of "The Murray Bridge and District Orchid Club Inc.". On the 23rd May they are celebrating the Clubs' 25th anniversary. John has been President of the Club for 21 years, Vice President for 2 years and Secretary for 2 years. Bev has been Secretary for over 16 years and Magazine Editor for 231 of the 253 Issues to date.

At the February meeting the "Leedham Trophy" was presented to Keith and Russ Sutton. We apologise to Keith and Russ that we were unable at the time of printing of the March Gazette to include the photo of this presentation. We are including it in this edition (see below)

Brian Leedham and his wife Moyna joined the SCOC when they arrived in Adelaide from Canberra. Brian was a Committee member. They both enjoyed coming along each month to the Southern

Regional Group, this being Brian's favourite part of the Club. Hence the trophy.



Southern Regional Group March Results List - Second Division

Australian Native Hybrid

- 1st Den. Molly Dunne 'No. 1' x Aussie Victory
2nd Den. (Vivid Autumn) x Autumn'Egg Yoke'

grown by K. & R. Sutton (570)
grown by E. Pinnock (519)

Cym <60-90mm

- 1st Cym. Valentine's Love 'Dianne'
2nd Cym. Unknown

grown by E. Pinnock (519)
grown by J. & M. Sorrell (539)

All Cattleya Alliance

- 1st Encyclia cochleata

grown by E. Pinnock (519)

Laeliinae <100mm

- 1st Slc Mahalo Jack 'Castle Bend'
2nd C. Meadii

grown by E. Pinnock (519)
grown by C. & B. Ziegeler (554)

Laeliinae >100mm

- 1st C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'

grown by E. Pinnock (519)

Oncidiinae hybrid

- 1st Milt. (Moir Maymore x Moir Goodalemoir) x Clowesii x Kismet 'No. 2'

grown by K. & R. Sutton (570)

Zygopetalum hybrid

- 1st PPTM. (Mathina x Zlx Jugosus) x (Pot. Norm Gault x Cranshavana)

grown by C. & B. Ziegeler (554)

Plant of March Meeting

Slc Mahalo Jack 'Castle Bend' grown by E. Pinnock (519)



The trading table, ably run by Joan McMahon, is quite successful. It runs at every SRG meeting and if you require certain items just ask Joan and she will try very hard to obtain them for you.



FROM OUR AFFILIATED CLUBS

Orchid Club of S.A. Inc. meets in the Enfield Community Centre, 540 Regency Road, Enfield.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Topic</u>
1 st April	Pamela Rajkowski	Afghan Cameleers
6 th May	Trevor Garard	Phalaenopsis
3 rd June	Steve Walker	Frogs

Daytime Group meets at the above venue at 2pm

9 th April	Pat Harmer	Nomenclature & DVDs
14 th May	Phillip Smoult	Horticultural Supplies
11 th June	Ron Yates	Oncidiums

Diary Dates for the 2010 Season

16 th -18 th April	Festival of Flowers – Autumn Show - Enfield Community Centre
9 th -11 th July	Winter Show – Enfield Community Centre
3 rd – 11 th September	Spring Show – Adelaide Showground
30 th October	Socialising with "Sarcs" Enfield Community Centre

Murray Bridge and District Orchid Club Inc.

Meetings to be held at 1.45pm in Johnston Park combined Club Hall, Adelaide Road, Murray Bridge.

The program for 2010 has not been finalized at the time of printing but here are a few advance notes.

17 th & 18 th April	Festival of Flowers and OCSA Autumn Show at Enfield Community Centre
16 th May	Our visit to the Riverland Orchid Society – Barmera
23 rd May	Clubs' 25 th Birthday Celebrations. Lunch and meeting at the Golf Clubrooms.
27 th June	Our Winter Show weekend so no meeting at our hall.

AN AFTERNOON AT THE FLYING DOCTOR BASE

It is with great pleasure that I write this report on the visit that 15 members of the South Coast Orchid Club were treated too. Our hard working Editor and Committee person Rod McRedmond, whose day job just happens to be a pilot for the flying doctor organised for our Club to visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service base at Adelaide Airport.

The weather was perfect and our members were given a guided detailed tour of the ins and outs of how the weight to fuel ratios are determined, the capabilities of the aircraft with a maximum load of 4,500 kilograms and much more information, like how the crew can load a patient and be on their way within 7 minutes doors open to doors close. Speaking of landing it was a bit of an eye-opener just to see the chips on the propeller from landing on some of the bush airstrips.

The aircraft that we had the pleasure of looking over could carry two patients if need be and is fitted out so that the patients can receive the best possible medical attention enroute to the hospital.

Rod explained that the aircraft has a ceiling of 30,000 feet and can cruise Adelaide to Darwin non-stop, if need be, without refuelling in 6 hours, but if a head wind is encountered then they must refuel at Alice Springs, this gives us an idea of the range and capabilities of the aircraft that are used.

There are strict rules regarding the life of the aircraft, because of metal fatigue etc it is measured in hours and the life span is 25,000 hours. The aircraft are turned over every 15 years. Another interesting asset is that when operating in South Australia the stretchers used are exactly the same as the ones used by our Ambulance Service which is very convenient as the patients don't need to be relocated onto another stretcher, the one carrying the patient is loaded in whatever means of transport and the empty one replaces the loaded one, another plus if time and being physically moved is not on the patients side.

Thank you Rod for making this happen and giving your time between shifts to treat us to a very enjoyable and interesting afternoon. Social events like this are what our hobby is all about; along with the fellowship. Of course a thank you to the members for the enjoyable afternoon tea that was provided for us.

Graham J. Zerbe



Main Meeting March Results List

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

Open Division

Australian Native Epiphyte Hybrid

37	Den. Limestone	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	3
38	Den.Hilda Poxon 'Memoria Nell George'	Bev & John Gay (65)	2

Cymbidium 60 - 90 mm (all colours)

39	Cym. Golden Elf 'Sundust'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
40	Cym. Golden Elf 'Sundust'	Bev & John Gay (65)	2

Dendrobium (not Aust Native) Hybrid

41	Den. Butana Stripes 'Wu'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
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Laeliinae Non Standard Cluster

48	C. (Ctt.) Valentine Day 'Purple Lip'	Bev & John Gay (65)	3
49	Epi. Salmon King	Bev & John Gay (65)	2
50	C. (Ctt.) Valentine Day 'Rosalie'	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	1

Laeliinae Non Standard Other

51	Blc. Makaha Gold x C. Chocolate Drop	Gerald Voskamp (1650)	3
52	Pot. Hoku Gem 'Freckles'	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	2
53	Thw. Jungle Treasure	Bev & John Gay (65)	1

Laeliinae Standard > 100mm

47	Rlc. (Blc.) Mem. Helen Brown 'Sweet Afton'	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	3
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Oncidiinae Hybrid (Any other Oncidiinae)

55	Milt. Goodale Moir 'Golden Wonder'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
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Oncidiinae Hybrid (Oncidium Hybrid)

54	Onc. Sharry Baby 'Yellow Mutation'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
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Vandae Hybrid

58	Sartylis Blue Knob	Bev & John Gay (65)	3
59	Angcm. Longiscott 'Hihimanu'	Bev & John Gay (65)	2

Zygopetalum Hybrid (inc. intergenerics)

60	Zba. (Elfin Jade x Tarcoola) x Z. Helen-Ku	Don & Audrey Biebrick (103)	3
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First Division

Laeliinae Non Standard Cluster

44	C. (Ctt.) Valentine Day	Heather Engelhardt (263)	3
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Laeliinae Species

42	C. Ioddigessii	Rito Silvestri (302)	3
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Laeliinae Standard > 100mm

43	C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'	Eileen Pinnock (519)	3
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Oncidiinae Hybrid (Oncidium Hybrid)

46	Milt. Goodale Moir 'Golden Wonder'	Rito Silvestri (302)	3
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Oncidiinae Species

45	Onc. flexuosum	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	3
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Second Division

Laeliinae Non Standard Cluster

57	C. (Ctt.) Valentine Day	George Misirlis (1125)	3
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Oncidiinae Hybrid (Oncidium Hybrid)

56	Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
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April Judges Roster:

Panel 1: John Gay, Graham Zerbe, Wendy Lodge. Penciller: Geraldine Flavel

Panel 2: Noel Oliver, Colin Campbell. Penciller: Peter Flavel

March Plant Commentary:

Flower of Open Division and Flower of the Night: *Milt.* Goodale Moir 'Golden Wonder' grown by Geraldine and Peter Flavel. The plant carried four inflorescences of 4, 3, 3 and 2 flowers that were 75mm across. Sepals and petals were yellow marked with light brown and the fairly flat white labellum was purple towards its base with darker striping through that section which gave a contrast in colour.



Flower of First Division: *C.* Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin' grown by Eillen Pinnock. A large sturdy plant with two new season's growths bearing two inflorescences of 4 and 5 pure white flowers with a small area of pale yellow in the throat of the labellum. They were 100mm to 110mm and 110mm to 120mm tall and displayed themselves very well.



Flower of Second Division: *Onc.* Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' benched by Donja and Paul Hayes. A well grown plant with the foliage increasing in size with each new lead. It had a single arching inflorescence with many side-branches carrying well displayed flowers. Sepals and petals were deep mahogany red with very fine greenish edging. The labellum was white with maroon at the centre and white tipped side lobes.



LYCASTES

We first became captivated with the genus *Lycaste* in 1996 during a visit to Horsham. By chance, later that year, a grower was selling a number of other genera plants and we obtained 3 *lycastes*, all of which were fairly "hardy" in terms of tolerating our hot, dry summers. This encouraged us to seek out more and introduced us to our first problem in pursuing this interest - *lycastes* are quite difficult to come by.

Now, 13 years later, we would describe ourselves as totally smitten with these orchids, still frustrated in trying to find plants to buy and by no means expert in their culture. With this having been stated, we are happy to outline how and where we grow our plants.



As the biggest problem we have to overcome is the heat coupled with low humidity in the summer months, our plants are grown outside with a southerly aspect, which affords them some protection from the hot, dry northerly winds. Shade-cloth protection from direct sun, to protect the large, soft leaves is a must (we use 2 layers of shade-cloth) and a misting system for very hot days (30degC and over) aids in keeping the plants a little cooler and assists with humidity. The moisture level in the pots is kept up throughout the summer. As the weather cools in the late autumn and winter, watering is decreased. We do not suspend watering altogether, although some growers advocate this. We currently move our plants at this time so that they are under a solid roof to prevent over-watering and the problems which being cold and wet seem to engender with most orchid genera. This also allows them more light as by this time the south sides of the buildings are relatively dark.

Note: we keep the species *aromatica*, *cruenta*, *bradeorum*, *depei* and *xytriophora* a little drier in the winter than the hybrids, but we do still water them every 2-3 weeks depending on the natural humidity levels.

We fertilize our plants with soluble fertilizer throughout the year. We feel that regularity, rather than a particular fertilizer, is the key factor. We use 2 or 3 different fertilizers some-what randomly.

Re-potting and dividing is done either in the spring or autumn, when the likelihood of a period of mild weather, neither too hot nor too cold, is realistic.

We have found no definitive solution so far for root rot, bulb rot and leaf spotting in our conditions, but we live in hope!

Current Sponsors for our Club

We wish to thank the following persons who have supported us and our shows with donations etc. Members are requested to keep these people in mind when purchasing orchids and supplies.

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Geoff & Lucy Spear

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