

The South Coast Orchid Club of SA Inc.

Gazette

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PRESIDENT: Geoff Spear

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AT A GLANCE

The next meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will be held at 8 pm on Wednesday 3rd April 2013 at St. Bernadette's Church Hall corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Marys. Again we are having a Workshop with 4 presenters introducing how to grow 4 different Genera.

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| 1. Cymbidiums
D. & G. Cook | 2. Zygopetalums
K. Trevan | 3. Phalaenopsis
J. McRedmond | 4. Cattleya
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BEGINNERS' GROUP MAIN MEETING

Now held in Main Hall near Secretary's table.
7.15 pm Pauline Hockey: Cattleya Orchids.

DAYTIME CHAPTER

The next meeting will be held at Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton on Thursday 11th April 2013 at 2 pm. Guest speakers Leslie and Robert Gunn. Topic 2012 Equadore trip.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL GROUP

The next meeting will be held at 2 pm on Sunday 21st April 2013 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. Geoff Spear will show members how to grow Cymbidiums. Beginners' Class 1.20 pm. Graham Zerbe on 'How To Present Your Plants For Shows'.

AUTUMN SHOW PASADENA SHOPPING CENTRE: 5 Ash Drive Pasadena

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

Entry: Enter from the ground floor car park and up the escalator to our exhibit in front of Dan Murphy's or you may go via supermarket entrance on the ground level.

Judging: Saturday 4th May 2013 at Hamilton High School, 815 Marion Road, Mitchell Park.

Put in time: 12 noon and judging 1 pm SHARP.

Trading Table: Members may bring selling plants in between 4.30 pm to 7.30 pm on Saturday 4th May and shopping hours during the rest of the week.

Display: PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE TO TAKE YOUR PLANTS FROM HAMILTON SCHOOL TO PASADENA. Your display plants maybe taken into Pasadena at 4.30 pm. Please take your plants to Pasadena as soon as possible to enable us to build a beautiful display.

This is an excellent site and we have many customers just waiting for our return. It must be about 5 years since we have had a show at Pasadena.

Website: <http://www.scocsa.net>

E-Mail: secretary@scocsa.net

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.

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CLUB MEETING DATES

<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 Cattermole on creating conditions for orchids</p> <p>July 2013 03 Main meeting - Nicky Zurcher on paphiopedilums 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 Oliver 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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2013 COMMITTEE**PRESIDENT****Geoffrey Spear****SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT****Donna Meuwsen****VICE PRESIDENT****Paul Hayes****TREASURER****Judy McRedmond****SECRETARY****Lucy Spear****Dorothy Carassai, Rod McRedmond, Louise Inall, Peter Hennessy, Rowan Crowhurst, Barbara Almond, Andrew Lutz.****ORCHID CALENDAR FOR 2013****AUTUMN SHOW****SUNDAY 5th MAY TO SATURDAY 11th MAY at 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 B.B.Q. AND PLANT HOUSE VISIT to J. and D. Higgs home. Your own transport.****MAIN GROUP WORKSHOP****TBA****WINTER SHOW****SUNDAY 28th JULY TO SATURDAY 3rd AUGUST at Colonades Shopping Centre.****SOUTHERN REGION GROUP SHOW****THURSDAY 29th AUGUST TO SUNDAY 1st****SEPTEMBER at the R.S.L. Hall, Coral Street, Victor Harbor.****BUS TRIP****SUNDAY 11th AUGUST Depart Lou Kesting Hall 9am.****SPRING SHOW****SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER TO SATURDAY 28th****SEPTEMBER at Arndale Shopping Centre.****SOUTHERN GROUP WORKSHOP FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER at Reg & Elsie Clifford's home.****SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB BUS TRIP TO FLEURIEU PENINSULA****DATE: 11 August 2013****BUS: Aust Wide Tours****DEPART: Time: T.B.A. Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton.****PLACES TO VISIT (MORNING):****Sim's Orchids, 123, Barcelona Road, Noarlunga Downs.****Including morning tea.****Noarlunga 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.****PLANT HOUSE VISIT 21ST JULY 2013****Jane and Don Higgs have invited us to visit their property on Higgs Road, Myponga for a BBQ and Plant House visit.****BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS – APRIL****Paul Hayes, Trevor Stutley, Graham Smith, Rito Silvestre, Shirley Steele, Bill Clark, Judy Crafter, Rosalie Sharp.****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.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was very pleasing to see 67 members considering the weather. I was surprised to see as many plants on the Judging bench. There were 12 apologies. You are all stars in showing such quality plants under the weather conditions that we have been experiencing.

At our last meeting, Roger and Pauline Rankin were the guest speakers discussing judging and Orchidwiz as we have had many phone calls on both becoming a judge and whether or not to purchase Orchidwiz. Many members were amazed at how hard the judges work, going from club to club including country areas.

Thank you for your feedback on Steve Howards' notes. I am glad that you all enjoyed this information.

2013 is shaping up to be an exciting year. We now have great competition in First Division with the promotion of Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju, Hazel and Des Alsop and Trevor Stutley. Our Second Division has some wonderful growers, always interested and attending Beginners' Class. We always need experienced growers to help at the Beginners' Group. Pauline Hockey has offered to help out but many hands make light work. Open Division growers also show great plants.

We now have an Appreciation Table. If you have a plant which you have not owned for 6 months or it may be a damaged plant but so pretty you want to share its beauty, please bring it along and place it on our Appreciation Table for everyone to share. Or you may feel you are not ready to have your plants judged. Please support this table.

I know there are members who try their hand at hybridising. Pauline and Mark Hockey would like some competition in winning the 2 Garrard and Western Trophies. All information on how to do this is in the Gazette.

Autumn Show information will be in the May Gazette which you will receive in the last week of April. Pasadena Shopping Centre, Five Ash Drive. Our Club has had many successful Shows here, but due to renovations we could not keep this site. Now we are back and have a very modern complex in which to show your wonderful orchids. At previous Shows we have had very good sales from retired orchid growers living in the Retirement Village over the road. Please start thinking about our Autumn Show. This will be a winner.

Good Growing and Showing.
Geoff.

Daytime Chapter

Hi Everyone,

Our meeting today was well attended by the members who were all keen to listen and learn from our guest speaker John Gay who is certainly very good at what he does. John has so much knowledge stored away, that no matter how many times you hear him talk he always manages to give us further useful information that can, and will be used at home for better growing and flowering of our plants. John showed us a few usually discarded containers which can be very successfully used when fertilising your plants. (I managed to find one of the sprayer type John, and will be using it, so thank you), also the detergent bottle, a great idea. John also showed us how to rejuvenate some plants to help produce further new shoots and growth.

John also brought along some plants for sale which the members really appreciated plus many different genera of orchids which could be tried by us all to extend our collections and add a bit of variety. John certainly had a lot of gear to transport, so thank you John for your time and effort, a job very well done.

Apologies today came from Don and Audrey Biebrick, Joy Starkey and Patty Abel. We wish you all good health and we hope to see you all again very soon. We had a visitor today, Margaret Wagner's sister, Val, who was visiting from Melbourne. It was very nice to meet her. Val seemed to have enjoyed the afternoon with us and was as helpful as her sister Margaret. It must run in the family.

Our Display Table was great to see, many different genera. All lovely clean, well grown and presented plants. Geoff Spear's plant Stanhopea 'Wardii' was voted best of the day. A nice plant with many yellow spotted flowers nicely displayed hanging through the bottom of the basket. Thanks and congratulations Geoff, a lovely plant very pleasing to see. I know I was thrilled when my Stanhopea (*Tigrina nigroviolacea*) flowered. It was a spectacular thing to see.

John also did our Plant Commentary today, thanks John.

Daytime Chapter (cont.)

A big thank you also to all the Members who donated plants for our Raffle. We had a varied collection of all sorts of plants. This is so much appreciated.

Our Autumn Show is coming up soon in May, so now is the time to start looking at your collection for the plants you wish to enter for judging and selling. Don't leave it till the last minute. Don't forget to protect your flowers by putting down some snail bait as well. Most important.

We have a great bus trip coming up in August. It looks like it will be one we would all enjoy. So please give it some thought now and start putting a few dollars away. Check out your latest Gazette for more info.

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

Bye Dorothy,
8277-1793.



John Gay giving the plant commentary.



Geoff Spear won the popular vote with his Stanhopea (wardii).

OrchidWiz

There were a few people interested in purchasing OrchidWiz after Roger Rankine's talk last month and wanting more information.

OrchidWiz can be purchased online from www.orchidwiz.com. There are 2 versions – the original for 2 computers and an Express version which is a cheaper version with a lot less photos, award details & cultivation information, for only one computer. If you want to compare them go to <http://www.orchidwiz.com/Comparison.html> for full details.

The full OrchidWiz costs \$295 + postage (standard is \$20). This price includes the ability to install the program on two computers and updates 10.0, 10.1 and 10.02! Many of the judges have this version – one on their home computer and the other on a laptop they can take with them to shows.

OrchidWiz Express costs \$75 + postage. This price allows you to install the program on one computer but has no quarterly updates. It is aimed at the beginner to intermediate grower and is available as a Free 30-Day Trial

There are 2 ways of getting the full version more cheaply.

One person buying the license and sharing with a friend - each having it on only one computer. Cost would be approx. \$155 with postage.

The other is a bulk purchase. If 5 people get together and one purchases 5 licenses to be shared, it works out at \$210+ each (postage is less). The above sharing can also occur bringing it down to approx. \$105 each.

If you are interested in being part of a bulk purchase, please contact Lucy. We must have 5 full licenses for the bulk buy but can have more licenses for the bulk buy but can have more.



MEETING SUNDAY 17TH MARCH

The Beginners' class today was hosted by Noel Oliver who did a demonstration on how to divide and pot up a cattleya.

The president opened the meeting at 2 pm and welcomed members and guests. Graham and Geoff told Irish jokes as it was St. Patrick's day. Geoff introduced our guest speaker, Graham Zerbe who was speaking on Australian native Epiphytes and certificates and trophies you can receive for Australian Native orchids.

Judging:

The plant of the day was won by Ruth Tugwell with her plant of *Miltonia cogniauxiae* and popular vote was Judy Crafter with her plant of *Brassada Spiderman*.

The next meeting is 21st of April and the guest speaker will be Geoff Spear talking on *Cymbidiums* and beginners' class will be Noel Oliver talking on *Zygopetalums*.

Judges Commentary:

Miltonia cogniauxiae grown by Ruth Tugwell. A well presented plant with 6 upright spikes with 2-3 flowers per spike and a beautiful colour of purple. Very clean and presented with all spikes above the foliage. This plant was well worthy of plant of the day. Congratulations Ruth, well done.

Noel Oliver.



Noel Oliver with Ruth Tugwell and her plant of the day *Miltonia cogniauxiae*



Judy Crafter received the popular vote with her plant of *Brassada Spiderman*

SRG March Results List

Ref.No.

Points Awarded

Second Division

Cymbidium – 60 - 90 mm (all colours)

151	Cym. Valentine's Love 'Dianne'	Eileen Pinnock	3
152	Cym. Valentine's Love 'Dianne'	Keith & Russ Sutton	2

Laeliinae – Standard over 100 mm

161	C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'	Helen Humphreys	3
162	C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'	Eileen Pinnock	2
163	Ctt. Portia 'Coerulea'	Keith & Russ Sutton	1

Laeliinae – Standard under 100 mm

153	Ctt. Meadii x C. amethystaglossa	Ruth Tugwell	3
159	C. Valentine Day	Judy Crafter	2
160	Lc. interceps	Helen Humphreys	1

Oncidium – Species

154	Onc. radicans	Ruth Tugwell	3
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Oncidiinae Hybrid – Oncidium Hybrid

155	Milt. cogniauxiae	Ruth Tugwell	3
156	Brsa. Spider Man	Judy Crafter	2
157	Onc. Samurai	Ruth Tugwell	1

Paphiopedilum – Novelty

158	Paph. (Maudiae x Dorary 'Angelic')	Ruth Tugwell	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere – Hybrid

165	Phal. Unknown	Patricia Elliott	3
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**Happy
Easter**

March Results List

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Points Awarded

Open Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

26	Sarco. Velvet ('#3' x 'Cool Dude')	Kevin Trevan (295)	3
27	Sarco. Velvet ('#3' x 'Cool Dude')	Kevin Western (155)	2
28	Sarco. Velvet ('#3' x 'Cool Dude')	Kevin Western (155)	1

Australian Native Epiphyte - Species

25	Sarco. hirticalcar	Kevin Western (155)	3
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Cymbidium - less than 60mm (all colours)

29	Cym. Sudaani Autumn 'Golden Queen'	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	3
30	Cym. Sudaani Autumn 'Cloudy Dawn'	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	2

Laeliinae - Non Standard Cluster

39	C. Valentine Day 'Tiger'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
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Laeliinae - Non Standard Laeliinae

40	Ctt. Sir Jeremiah Coleman x C. Tydea	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	3
41	Ctt. Sir Jeremiah Coleman x C. Tydea	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	2

Laeliinae - Species

36	B. nodosa	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
37	Psh. cochleata	Gerald Voskamp (1650)	2
38	B. nodosa	Gerald Voskamp (1650)	1

Oncidiinae Hybrid - Oncidium Hybrid

42	Onc. Charlesworthii 'Mishma'	Kevin Western (155)	3
43	Milt. (Augres x Red Tide)	Brian Lyttle (214)	2

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

49	Sngls. fibriata	Kevin Western (155)	3
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Zygopetalum Hybrid (inc. intergenerics)

50	Z. Mem. Jimmy Little	Brian Lyttle (214)	3
51	Zga. (Elfin Jade x Dynamo)	Kevin Trevan (295)	2
52	Z. (Helen-Ku x Zga. Elfin Jade)	Kevin Trevan (295)	1

First Division

Cymbidium - 60 - 90 mm (all colours)

23	Cym. Peter Pan 'Greensleeves'	Silvester Ng (1491)	3
24	Cym. Golden Elf 'Sundust'	Silvester Ng (1491)	2

Dendrobium (not Aust Native) - Hybrid

31	Den. Blue Foxtail	Wendy Lodge (406)	3
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Laeliinae - Non Standard Cluster

32	C. Valentine Day 'Rachael'	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby, (1252)	3
33	Epi. (Salmon King x Coral King)	Wendy Lodge (406)	2
34	C. Valentine Day 'Chloe'	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	1

Laeliinae - Non Standard Laeliinae

35	Lc. Intercepts 'Hindmarsh'	William Clark (407)	3
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Oncidiinae - Species

44	Oncsa. flexuosum	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	3
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Oncidiinae Hybrid - Oncidium Hybrid

45	Milt. Goodale Moir 'Golden Wonder'	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	3
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Phalaenopsis &/or Dor. - Species

46	Dor. pulcherima	Wendy Lodge (406)	3
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Phalaenopsis &/or Dor. - Standard under 80mm

47	Phal. unknown 'Rossin'	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	3
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Zygopetalum Hybrid (inc. intergenerics)

48	Z. Redvale 'Jermoo'	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby, (1252)	3
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Second Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

54 Den. [(Giantclaret x Star Autumn) x Tropical Sunset] Louise Inall (515) 3

Dendrobium (not Aust Native) - Hybrid

55 Den. Blue Foxtail Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119) 3

Laeliinae - Non Standard Cluster

53 C. Valentine Day Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119) 3

Oncidiinae - Species

56 Oncsa. excavatum Paul & Donja Hayes (1129) 3

Oncidiinae Hybrid - Any other Oncidiinae)

59 Milt. Goodale Moir 'Golden Wonder' Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119) 3

60 Milt. Goodale Moir 'Golden Wonder' George Misirlis (1125) 2

61 Milt. unknown Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119) 1

Oncidiinae Hybrid - Oncidium Hybrid

57 Oncsa. Sweet Sugar George Misirlis (1125) 3

58 Oncsa. Sharry Baby 'Mutation' Paul & Donja Hayes (1129) 2

Phalaenopsis &/or Dor. - Novelty

63 Phal. Tigerling David Williams (1351) 3

Phalaenopsis &/or Dor. - Standard under 80mm

62 Phal. unknown 'Magenta Magic' David Williams (1351) 3

March Plant Commentary

Flower of Open Division and Flower of the Night: *B. nodosa* benched by Peter and Geraldine Flavel. A very clean and well grown plant with four inflorescences bearing 5, 4, 4 and 3 flowers approximately 90mm. tall by 100mm. wide. The Sepals and petals were long and narrow, about 3mm. across and very pale green on white. The large white 'heart shaped' labellum was carried on the end of a long narrow tube and was about 35mm. long and 30mm. Wide.



Flower of First Division: *C. Valentine Day 'Rachael'* benched by Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju. A plant of fifteen canes, four of which carried flowers of 7, 8, 8 and 5. Sepals and petals were the same deep maroon with a glossy sheen. The mid lobe of the labellum was maroon/purple and the side lobes, which were light pink, folded up over the column.



Flower of Second Division: *Onc.* Unknown benched by George Misirlis. A well grown plant with three inflorescences with numerous flowers, approximately one hundred in all. Flowers were 45mm. tall by 35mm. wide. Sepals and petals were pale yellowish green overlaid with brown barring. The very long showy labellum ('skirt') was mainly strong yellow with some brown shading near the centre of the flower.



EXHIBITORS' RULES FOR SHOWS

1. All exhibitors must be financial members of the South Coast Orchid Club of South Australia Incorporated.
2. Entries are free.
3. Exhibitors are bound by the Constitution, Rules, By-Laws and Special Show Rules of the Club.
4. The opinion of the judges is final and binding and no objections or discussions regarding results will be considered, with one exception, which is an infringement by an Exhibitor of any of the Club's Rules, By-Laws or Show Rules. Any objection in this case must be lodged with the Club Show Marshall/Secretary.
5. The Club accepts no responsibility for any loss, damage or infection suffered by any plant or blooms exhibited.
6. The Club reserves the right to photograph any of the exhibits if it should so wish.
7. In all matters regarding the arrangement and conduct of the show (with the exception of judging) the Show Marshall/Secretary is the ruling authority.
8. No plants suspected by the Club Virus adjudicators of being infected with virus will be eligible for competition and such plants will be completely isolated from all other plants.
9. The exhibition areas will be closed during the judging. No exhibitors, the public or members other than the Show Marshall/Secretary, Judges of the Club, Associate Judges and other persons appointed to assist in judging will be allowed to remain in the exhibition area during this period.
10. Non-exhibitors are requested not to congregate in the exhibition area prior to judging so that officials can arrange plants and perform other necessary duties.
11. Plants must be labelled with the coloured labels provided by the Club with the exhibitor's number and name of plant. These are available from the Show Marshall/Secretary or his/her nominee.
12. Exhibitors are to ensure that all labelling be neatly and correctly performed in accordance with the procedure laid down on orchid Nomenclature and Registration.
13. All plants benched for judging at the show must be made available to be in the Club display for the show week.
14. All exhibits must be benched by the nominated time on the nominated day for judging. The nominated day and time will be published in the Club Gazette in the month prior to the Show.
15. Exhibits must not be removed before nominated time on the nominated day at the end of the Display week. The nominated day and time will be published in the Club Gazette in the month prior to the Show.
16. Exhibitors unable to remove their own plants from the show should provide the person so doing with a letter of authorization.
17. Damage caused in transit to the show should be reported to the Show Marshall/Secretary or Registrar of Judges prior to judging.
18. If, in the opinion of the judges, a plant is not worthy of an award or prize in any specified section, then none shall be given.

PREPARING ORCHIDS FOR SALE

Select the plants that you want to let go.

Obtain plant sheets and plant price tags from Lucy in the weeks prior to the sale.

Clean all pots. Wipe them over with a damp cloth to remove all white residue of salt. If these pots have been recycled from somewhere else, please make sure all advertising and price stickers are removed.

Check all stakes. Add more if needed and re-tie if necessary.

Remove old brown husks from bulbs.

Remove weeds, snails, scale etc.

Remove all dry ends on the leaves and shape to a point.

Wipe leaves over with a mixture of milk and water (1 part milk to 10 parts water). Do not add extra milk as the fat in the milk will clog the pores in the leaves which will cause them to yellow and die.

Water all plants 2 – 3 days before taking them in for sale. PLEASE DO NOT water them on the day you are bringing them in as the water really makes a mess on clothing and everywhere else, eg the floor.

The Sales Sheets

Have a carbonless copy.

Please use both sheets together.

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

Print your name in the top left hand corner

Print your club member number in the top right hand corner

Rule a narrow column down the left hand side of the page. This column is for plant numbers from 1 – 30. Please use consecutive numbering for additional sheets ie 31 – 60 for page 2 etc.

A slightly wider column on the right hand side is for the selling price of the plant. Be reasonable, not greedy. Either you want to sell it or not. If you are not sure, ask someone. Take into consideration number of spikes and condition of the plant.

The centre section is for the description eg Cym. Den Cat etc and the name of your plant and colour. ie Without Peer 'Soft Touch' (pink).

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

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

Price tags

Member number in top left hand corner.

Circle the plant number in the right hand top corner.

Price underneath.

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

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

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

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

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

Dorothy
April 2013.

Orchid Culture Notes April.

April is a nice time of year and it even rains sometimes...sometimes! Weather stays warm but a decided chill at night reminds us that winter is closing in.

With the sun migrating north it loses that burning intensity and the insulating effect of humidity reduces its harshness. For many of our plants it is a time of recovery and for some the signal that the resting period is about to begin. Actually many orchids in flower are really resting!

A varied collection will have all sorts of things happening. Some rest, some begin a growth season and others may be in between. So as general as these notes are, concessions need to be made in a varied collection as to what your plants are up to. Fail to do this and the results won't be too flattering. That oncidium or dendrobium used to a dry winter rest that is constantly cold and wet out amongst the cymbidiums, is a spare pot for next year when its inhabitant succumbs.

It should be a time of year where we should start moving our plants around and increasing the light and reducing the shade. I love the orchid juggle!

Whilst for many changing shade cloth is impractical, it pays to take note of the angle of the sun at various times of the day. Sunny areas of summer with a high sun can now be shaded and sun loving orchids particularly the cymms and natives will need to be moved to a sunnier spot. Hang some of them higher up if room on the ground is at a premium.

Activities for growing your natives are similar to what we do in March and if you want to divide up *sarcochilus*, now is a good time. With a few cool nights and autumn showers under our belt this genera will awaken after the summer semi dormancy and push along.

Oncidiums will continue to mature and for those that grow these there should be plenty of spikes. Watch out for rats and mice. There are plenty around and hanging plants are not immune. The cooler nights will have these rodents moving to cover and succulent orchid flower spikes are high on the menu. Start baiting and trapping now, as it is no use when they have creamed the crop of spikes. That was lesson #457 from last year at my place.

I would be paying most attention now to those autumn show plants. Ensure they are staked and tied to show their best and start cleaning up all plants. No point staking them the night before.

There is something rather unspectacular when judging upside down flowers, unless it is a *stanhopea*.

Removal of dead leaves, flower sheaths and even dead canes will neaten them up and also remove hiding places for those OEB's (orchid eating bugs) If you can move the flowering plants to a closed protected area to keep the wind and moisture away from them the fungal problems such as *botrytis* (brown spots) will be kept at bay and ensure plants are kept in prime condition for the judges. Keep them cool.

Bug problems are usually slug and snails that have awoken from summer hibernation. An inspection at night after a rain with a torch early in the year will give you a good indication of how many you have. For the next 6 or so months ensure a regular baiting programme is in place. There is usually an autumn rush of aphids and mealy bugs now so keep some Malathion/white oil mix for the aphids and Confidor for the mealies handy to control infestations. Soft scale can be an issue as well. Look for ants. Find ants and you find scale. The malathion/white oil will knock them over as well. Just spray when temperatures are on the cool side.

Many terrestrials will now start growth so a gradual increase in watering will be required. They should as a rule require little or no supplementary feeding as the mix should have enough nutrient in it to keep them happy anyway. If you want then a weak organic based feed won't hurt. Maxicrop or well diluted liquid manure will suffice. Keep away from chemical feeds.

For the benefit of our newer growers there are many other genera that are easily grown out with the cymbidiums and natives and require little if any different treatment. Terrestrials are a good place to start. They can grow in a basic mix of premium potting mix and nothing more! Just water, keep under 50% cloth and presto, flowers! Not quite that easy but you will get a few. Just stick with the easy ones from the *pterostylis* clan (greenhoods) for starters.

Ptst. curta is in abundance and a great beginner orchid and as a bonus they will multiply quickly. Why do you think there is so much around! Les Nesbitt or the Native Orchid Societies Tuber Bank are two good starting points for those wanting to branch out into terrestrials.

Orchid Culture Notes April (cont.)

One of the easier hardy easy exotics to grow is *Laelia anceps*. This Mexican *Laelia* is quite at home mounted or in a pot of cymbidium mix and does well when hung. You can leave it outside all year and the lovely pink flowers with that dark purple labellum are quite a sight in the depths of winter. And if you can grow and flower a cym then a zygotepalum will pose no greater challenge. Just grow it shadier. There, you've increased your collection already. All these plants are easy to obtain and rather cheap. The easiest of them all is the common reed stemmed epidendrum. These are almost indestructible. I have a friend that trimmed his and placed the cuttings in a 44 gallon drum full of water. It's now the biggest specimen I've ever seen and has flowers 12 months of the year. There has been a lot of breeding within the Epi's recently and the plants have been shrunk and the flower size and colour range increased to a level that a good Epi on the show bench can take some beating.

As we go through the year I do advise the newer growers to take notes of everything of relevance. For example when does this orchid flower, rest and grow. Add notes about advice that you take from other growers and take note of what is flowering now at the meetings. I had a grower ask why there was a bench of cymbidiums in March and he had none. It will be a different story in September when his flower and the March grower had none. These notes you take from meetings and shows gives you a heap of varieties, species and clones to choose from that flower throughout the season. Before you know it you have something out all year. My collection is never without at least a few plants in flower. Green is nice, but a splash of colour breaks it up!

Cultural wise we need to be aware that warmth and humidity this time of year makes conditions perfect for fungal problems. Botytis is our enemy. It marks flowers, leaves and can rot out new growths and entire plants. Yet something as simple as keeping plants dry overnight and improving air circulation can reduce it markedly. If you had fungal problems this time last year (diary entry # 320), then start now spaying a preventative fungicide, especially if the conditions go warm and wet.

Enjoy April and the lovely weather and flowers it presents.
Steve Howard

NEW SEEDLING TROPHY (name not available at this stage)

The Club has been privileged with the offer of a 'Seedling Trophy' from Sylvester Ng in memory of his sister in-law Chin Yew Lian for the Members to participate. The format will be for any Member who has a seedling of any genus to bring it to the Monthly Meeting and to make sure that it has a White Ribbon (supplied) draped over the plant. The plant and flower(s) will be judged in its normal Section and Division but also as a Seedling for that Division. The BEST seedling from each Division will be judged for 'Seedling of the Night'. The selected plant will be 'pointed' by each participating judge and the ballots will be sealed in an envelope until the end of the year. The same format will apply at the three annual shows.

At the end of the year the envelopes will be opened and the plant with the greatest averaged point will be declared the winner and receive the Chin Yew Lian Perpetual Trophy for the Best Seedling of that year; suitably inscribed for the grower to retain for the following year. The trophy will be presented annually to the winner at the Annual General Meeting in February.

How a seedling is determined

For your information:

SEEDLING: AOC Guidelines for Judging Appendix B:

A seedling shall mean the complete plant grown from seed (not a Mericlone or Meristem), flowering for the first time. It shall retain its seedling status throughout the flowering season in which it first flowers. Sequential flowering Paphiopedilums, for example retain their seedling status only up to and including the third flower.

Here's your chance to participate in a new and exciting competition, so bring in your seedlings and mark them with a white ribbon so they are not missed for judging.

Graham J. Zerbe
AOC Judge

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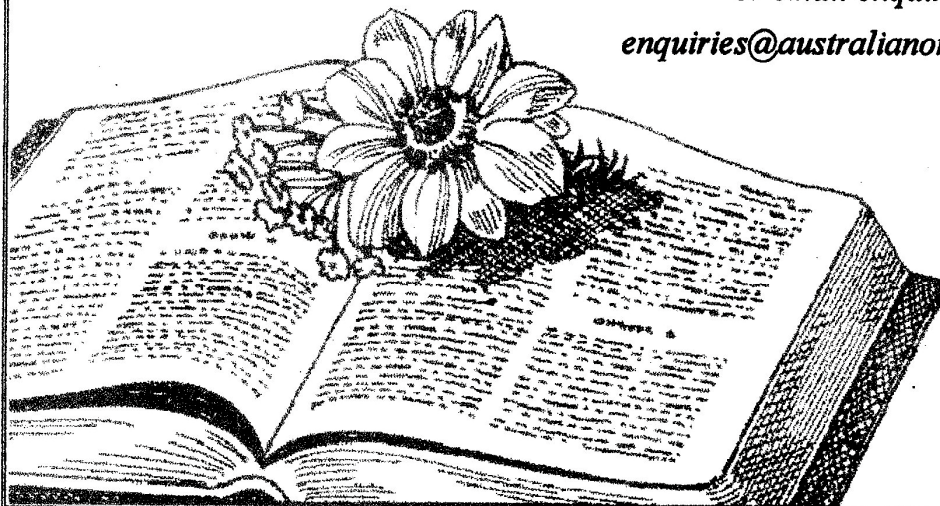
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ORCHID CLUBS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA – General Meeting Times

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.

Our Affiliated Clubs:

The Murray Bridge and Districts Orchid Club.

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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.**

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