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### S.S.O.S JULY GENERAL MEETING

THE PRESIDENT OPENED THE MEETING AND WELCOME MEMBERS AND GUESTS.

The July Bulletin was not sent out to members as the new Editor; Mike has had some serious computer problems. Therefore, we are unable to ask the members if last month's minutes were accurate. We hope the computer problems will be fixed shortly and both July and August Bulletins will be sent out this month.

APOLOGIES: Rosemary and Peter Mills

### CORRESPONDENCE

Holiday brochure from Macleay Travel re. a trip to Thailand and the Mai Floral Festival, departing 27th January 2010

Australian Orchid Review

Thankyou note from Max Krasny and Family in reply to a Sympathy Card sent on behalf of members, (see below).

### NEW MEMBERS

Stuart and Rebecca HENRY have rejoined the Society.

THANKYOU Gary Hart for taking the Beginners Class tonight on 'the different types of Paphs..

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

Another successful Winter Show at Swanes Nursery, although the number of plants exhibited were down on

previous years. Congratulations everyone, especially William Hoogwerf on his Grand Champion Cattleya. Thankyou everyone for exhibiting and a big Thank you to Diane Hannah, our Show Secretary and Bob Moar our Show Marshall. You both did a great job. Thankyou also to all members who pitched in and helped over the 5 days.

Thank you also to the volunteers who helped hand out brochures at the Southgate promotion.

The President then read a note from Kevin Wilson on the sad passing of Dulcie Krasny at the age of 94. Dulcie and Max Krasny joined our Society in 1966, and from that time became part of an involved group working for the Society. For so many years, they both acted as our Host and Hostess at the Monthly Meetings, and as soon as a new face appeared, Dulcie would introduce herself and make them welcome, then introduce that person to another member. Dulcie would be at our Shows all day, every day, selling raffle tickets, selling the virtues of the Society to anybody showing interest, while Max was doing surveillance. They both became Life Members in 1985. The person of the like of Dulcie Krasny may not come this way again, but the people who knew and worked with her, were privileged. We all will miss a wonderful lady and friend.

### AUGUST SHOWS

- 1st – 2nd August Eastern Suburbs Orchid Society Winter Show. Gardens R US Nursery Gardeners Road Kingsford.
- 7th – 9th August Cymbidium Club of Aust. 2009 National Orchid Extravaganza Dural

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Recreation Centre, Pettit Lane, Round Corner, Dural.

- 14th – 16th August St. Ives Orchid Fair 'The Big One', St. Ives Showground, Mona Vale Rd. St. Ives.

The 18th AOC Conference & Show at Werribee, Victoria on the 8th to 13th September. There will be 10 Guest Speakers at the Conference, including our own Neville Roper. Please see Louise if you are interested.

Before the Supper Break, Murray gave a very interesting talk on a number of orchids benched tonight.

#### SUPPER BREAK

The President thanked George Birss and Robert Bisetto (Orchid Tray Co.,) for bringing along tonight their assortment of orchid supplies, and, also for giving the members a brief talk on some of the newer items they have in stock.

Members interested in purchasing a SSOS T Shirt, please see Jan Robinson or George Birss. Cost \$25.

THE AUGUST MEETING SPEAKER will be Neville Roper on the Topic of 'DEFLASKING'.

There will be no BEGINNER'S CLASS at the August Meeting.

LUCKY PLANTS: W. & J. Chapman, T. Thorburn, A. & E. Marks.

#### JUDGES CHOICE

PLANT RAFFLE: R. Dimon, O. Sutton, R. Ettrick

#### FOR SALE:

Our Secretary, Louise Gannon has a considerably large pile of bush rock for sale, which was once a rockery edge. It includes a number of large rounded pieces. Best offer. Ph. 9524 9072.

#### MONTHLY JUDGING RESULTS

For : Jul-09

#### OPEN JUDGES CHOICE HYBRID

**Winner** Masd Fuschia Dawn G Hart

#### SPECIES

**Winner** L anceps ssp Oaxaquena E & A Marks

#### NOVICE & JUNIOR JUDGES CHOICE

**Winner** Rest gutulata M Luk

#### INTERMEDIATE

**Winner** Cym Nancy Maxwell S Vavayis

#### CLASS # 1 AUSTRALIAN NATIVES

**1st** Ptst concinna J Hart  
**2nd** Ptst curta J Hart  
**3rd** Dock rigida G Birss  
**4th** Ptst nutans JW Moss

#### CLASS # 2 SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUM

**1st** insigne 'Ernie' ST Ho  
**2nd** gratixianum G Hart  
**3rd** villosum R Moar  
**4th** spicerianum G Hart

#### CLASS # 3 CATTLEYA OVER 110mm

**1st** Blc Dundas 'Lakeside Pearl' J Hart

**2nd** Blc Dundas J Hart  
**3rd** Blc Goldenzelle 'Taida' J Hart

#### CLASS # 4 NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUM

**1st** Candy Raisin x Red Shift ST Ho  
**2nd** Makulix x (Red Glory x Fremont Peak) ST Ho  
**3rd** Harvest Hughes x malipoense Costa/Crosby  
**4th** Pepper Puddle N Roper

#### CLASS # 5 CATTLEYA OVER 80 TO 110mm

**1st** Blc Dal's Reward x Dal's Girl J Hart  
**2nd** Blc Momilari Rainbow Costa/Crosby  
**3rd** Pot Dal's Moon x Donna Kimura Costa/Crosby

#### CLASS # 6 PAPHIOPEDILUM

**1st** Orchilla 'Chilton' ST Ho  
**2nd** Rockford ST Ho  
**3rd** Sunny Tears x Winston Churchill ST Ho  
**4th** Warnambool K Wilson

#### CLASS # 7 CATTLEYA INTERGENERICS (Up to 70mm)

**1st** Blc Dal's Buddy J Hart  
**2nd** Cookara Tropical Snowflake R Ettrick

#### CLASS # 8 CATTLEYA UP TO 80mm

	<b>1st</b>	Slc Red Berries	Costa/Crosby		'Yellow'
	<b>2nd</b>	Slc Dream Catcher	Costa/Crosby		
	<b>3rd</b>	Slc Jillian Lee 'Dom'	Costa/Crosby		
<b>CLASS # 9 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID</b>				<b>CLASS # 16 MISCELLANEOUS</b>	
	<b>1st</b>	Den Rosy Tips	Costa/Crosby	<b>1st</b>	Phrag unknown ST Ho
	<b>2nd</b>	Ptst Hoodwink	J Hart	<b>2nd</b>	Lyc John Ezzy x D Wood Angust Olypus
	<b>3rd</b>	Den Hilda Poxon 'Gloo'	Costa/Crosby	<b>3rd</b>	Lyc Aquila 'Delente' K Wilson
	<b>4th</b>	Ptst Tallhood	JW Moss	<b>4th</b>	Zygo Keduvale N Roper 'John's Delight'
<b>CLASS # 10 SPECIES ASIAN</b>				<b>CLASS # 17 DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS</b>	
	<b>1st</b>	Amesiella minor	R Moar	<b>1st</b>	Chao Praya Costa/Crosby 'Garnet' x Chao
	<b>2nd</b>	Coel assamica	E & A Marks	<b>2nd</b>	Praya 'Fragrance' T Thorburn
	<b>3rd</b>	Dendrochilum cootseii	ST Ho	<b>3rd</b>	Stephen Batchelor Costa/Crosby
	<b>4th</b>	Dendrochilum wenzelii	R Moar	<b>4th</b>	Dawn Maree D Wood
	<b>5th</b>	Dendrochilum convallariaeforme	R Moar		
<b>CLASS # 11 PHALAEENOPSIS</b>				<b>CLASS # 18 VANDACEOUS NOT VANDA</b>	
	<b>1st</b>	Dtps Taisuco 'Sweet'x Taisuco 'Firebird'	W & J Chapman	<b>1st</b>	Dracular cordobae G Hart
	<b>2nd</b>	Dtps Sogo Cherry x Phal Taisuco 'Firebird'	Costa/Crosby		
	<b>3rd</b>	Phal I-Hsin 'Peacock'	Costa/Crosby		
<b>CLASS # 12 SEEDLING</b>				<b>CLASS # 20 INTERMEDIATE CYMBIDIUM 60 TO 90mm</b>	
	<b>1st</b>	Rest cuprea x tsubotae	N Roper	<b>1st</b>	Gene Siskell J Costa
	<b>2nd</b>	Paph Dramatin x hirsutisimum	K Wilson	<b>2nd</b>	One Tree Hill Costa/Crosby 'Solstice Gold'
	<b>3rd</b>	Paph sukhakulii x Shiela Hanes x Venture	N Roper	<b>3rd</b>	Alice Elise 'Royale' Costa/Crosby
	<b>4th</b>	Den Chao Praya 'Candy' x Chao Praya 'Gem'	Costa/Crosby	<b>4th</b>	One Tree Hill Costa/Crosby 'Beenak'
<b>CLASS # 13 ONCIDIUM</b>				<b>CLASS # 21A PLEUROTHALLIDINAE HYBRIDS</b>	
	<b>1st</b>	Jiuhbao Gold 'M'	JW Moss	<b>1st</b>	Masd Fuschia Dawn G Hart
	<b>2nd</b>	Twinkle 'Fragrant Fantasy'	Costa/Crosby	<b>2nd</b>	Masd Morning G Hart Glory
	<b>3rd</b>	Twinkle 'Fragrant Fantasy'	R Moar	<b>3rd</b>	Masd Latin Sun G Hart
<b>CLASS # 14 NOVELTY PHALAEENOPSIS UNDER 75mm</b>				<b>CLASS # 21B LAELINAE SPECIES</b>	
	<b>1st</b>	Brother Sara Gold	Costa/Crosby	<b>1st</b>	L anceps ssp E & A Marks Oaxaquena
	<b>2nd</b>	Ever Spring King	G Birss	<b>2nd</b>	Din polybulbon D Wood
<b>CLASS # 15 ONCIDIUM INTERGENERIC ALLIANCE</b>				<b>3rd</b>	Nha porpax D Wood
	<b>1st</b>	Colm Wildcat 'Zebra'	Costa/Crosby	<b>4th</b>	C trianaei var The K Wilson President
	<b>2nd</b>	Colm Wildcat 'Carnivale'	Costa/Crosby		
	<b>3rd</b>	Hwra Mary Eliza	Costa/Crosby		
	<b>4th</b>	Wils Golden Afternoon Rich	T Thorburn	<b>CLASS # 22 MINITURE CYMBIDIUM UNDER 60mm</b>	
				<b>1st</b>	Sarah Jean 'Robyn' E & A Marks
				<b>2nd</b>	Eye of the Tiger K Wilson 'Peloric'
				<b>3rd</b>	Ruby Eyes G Birss 'Paradisias'
				<b>4th</b>	Mini Volcano W & J 'Jeanette' Chapman
				<b>CLASS # 23A OTHER PLEUROTHALLIDINAE SPECIES</b>	

	<b>1st</b>	Rest guttulata 'Hoffman'	N Roper		<b>2nd</b>	L anceps ssp Oaxaquena	M Luk
	<b>2nd</b>	Rest sanguinea	N Roper	<b>CLASS # 31 INTERMEDIATE - PAPHIOPEDILUM</b>	<b>1st</b>	crossianum x Gothic Garden	J Robinson
	<b>3rd</b>	Pleuro glossochilla	G Hart		<b>2nd</b>	Winston Churchill x Hanes World	J Robinson
	<b>4th</b>	Rest pelyx	D Wood		<b>3rd</b>	Winston Churchill x Hanes World	J Robinson
<b>CLASS # 24 STANDARD CYMBIDIUM</b>	<b>1st</b>	Cronulla 'The Khan'	C Fraser		<b>1st</b>	Nancy Maxwell	S Vavayis
	<b>2nd</b>	Pagan's Gold 'Nugget'	C Fraser	<b>CLASS # 32 INTERMEDIATE - CYMBIDIUM</b>	<b>2nd</b>	Kirby Lesh 'Lonsdale'	S Vavayis
	<b>3rd</b>		D		<b>3rd</b>	Japan Green Tower	J Robinson
	<b>4th</b>	Cronulla 'The Khan' Cronulla x (Sylvania x Poetic)	Katergourokis T Thorburn	<b>CLASS # 33 INTERMEDIATE - NATIVE SPECIES &amp; NATIVE HYBRID</b>	<b>1st</b>	Ptst pedunculata	J Robinson
<b>CLASS # 24A NATIVE SARCANTHINAE HYBRID</b>	<b>1st</b>	Sarco Norma	N Roper		<b>2nd</b>	Ptst pedunculata	J Robinson
<b>CLASS # 25 NOVICE - PAPHIOPEDILUM</b>	<b>1st</b>	Paph unknown	B Warren	<b>CLASS # 34 INTERMEDIATE - CATTLEYA</b>	<b>1st</b>	Blc Chocolate Sun	S Vavayis
<b>CLASS # 26 NOVICE - CYMBIDIUM</b>	<b>1st</b>	Sarah Jean 'Valerie'	D Phillips	<b>CLASS # 35 INTERMEDIATE - MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>1st</b>	Bulbo Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'	D Coulton
	<b>2nd</b>	Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade'	M Luk	<b>CLASS # 36 INTERMEDIATE - SPECIES</b>	<b>1st</b>	Paph villosum	S Vavayis
	<b>3rd</b>	Pumilegro x Cherry Ripe	B Warren		<b>2nd</b>	L anceps var Dawsonii	J Robinson
<b>CLASS # 27 - NOVICE - NATIVE &amp; NATIVE HYBRID</b>	<b>1st</b>	Den tetragonum	O Sutton		<b>3rd</b>	Dendrochilum willamsii	D Coulton
	<b>2nd</b>	Hilda Poxon	O Sutton				
<b>CLASS # 28 NOVICE - CATTLEYA</b>	<b>1st</b>	C unknown	M Luk				
<b>CLASS # 29 NOVICE - MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>1st</b>	Vanda unknown	M Luk				
<b>CLASS # 30 NOVICE - SPECIES</b>	<b>1st</b>	Rest guttulata 'Hoffman'	M Luk				

### Check out the SSOS Library! – An article written by SSOS member Jan Robinson

Recently I was trying to do some research on species paphs on the Net. As usual, Bigpond kept disconnecting right in the middle of downloading an article. My hubby was bugging me to get off the PC so he could look something up on the Net on model airplanes. And it was freezing cold in the back room where our computer is set up. Not to be deterred from continuing my research, I let David have a turn at the computer, picked up the phone and rang Trevor Thorburn. As you may or may not know, Trevor is the Society's librarian. I have been in the Society for almost five years and had heard about our library, but had never checked it out. Or a book. This seemed like an excellent time to start.

Trevor answered the phone and said yes, the library does have some books on paphs, several good ones that sprang immediately to his mind, would I like to come over and get them as some of the Society's books are kept at his home. Coincidentally Trevor lives in the same suburb as I do, so in less than 10 minutes I was in the "Engadine Branch" of the Society's library. As well as heaps of books, Trevor also has a sizable collection of the Society's various orchid magazines going back years and years, all nicely sorted and stored in big plastic containers.

The first book Trevor handed me was "Novelty Slipper Orchids: Breeding and Cultivating Paphiopedilum Hybrids" by Koopowitz and Hasegawa. I recognised the names of the authors immediately, as Paph Lynleigh Koopowitz, Paph Harold Koopowitz, and Paph Norito Hasegawa are all residents of my glasshouse. Trevor had certainly picked the right book to pique my interest! This small book has about 130 pages of fantastic information, including a bit of history of novelty paphs, cultivation tips, hybridisation, a great chapter on Maudiae-type hybrids and another on Brachypetalum hybrids, and finishes with info on multifloral and polyflorals (the *insigne* Alliance.) This book also has 72 high-quality photos of paphs. Published in 1991, this info still looked relevant to a novice Paph-grower like me. Beauty! "Yes, Trevor, I'll definitely borrow this one, what else do you have?"

The second book Trevor recommended was "Asian Orchids" by Teoh Eng Soon published in 1980, a large book of 280 pages broken into chapters on sympodial orchids, monopodials, cultivation, propagation, and a very interesting-looking chapter on "The Control of Flowering." Heaps of good photos as well. "Put that one on my library card please, Trevor."

Trevor then climbed up on a ladder to retrieve a book down from the bookshelves, "A Cultural Table of Orchidaceous Plants" by J. Murray Cox, published in 1946 in Sydney. The first page has a brilliant photo of Paph. Grand Monarch, so I added that book to my stack based on the photo alone. Subsequently, I have been reading parts of this book while the ads are on TV and find it highly entertaining. It is a bit like reading one of those books published 50 years or so ago on how wives are supposed to treat their husbands. For example, a blurb on cymbids says "a mixture of sand, old dung, leaf-mould and fibre or peat" is the recommended potting mix. Are any cymbid growers still using this concoction? The section on sarcs starts out: "...most of which are of botanical interest only, being on the small side..." (I bet you haven't read this book, have you, Neville?) The author is big on using "liquid manure" which he mixes up himself, and also writes about experimenting with orchids of which he has two or more of the same as to different potting mixes, fertilisers, light and mounted or potted. He is always harping on about that as well and now that I have actually seen it in writing, maybe I'll get around to trying a few experiments this year, especially with my *Cattleya* seedlings since I've got over 280 to play with---but that's a different story and I digress from the library topic. At any rate, even though quite an old book, it is still an interesting read and has some good ideas to try.

Trevor carefully writes down the books I am "checking out" on his list, and says to come and see him at the next Society monthly meeting and he will look through the books stored at the church for anything more on paphs. The two books he found for me at the church were "A Guide to Award Standards: Paphiopedilum Species" and "Encyclopaedia of Cultivated Orchids." Of course I took both. As a trainee judge learning about measurements of awarded plants, the first book is good to flip through and see the different measurements taken, and maybe even compare with a few of my own plants just for practice. The second book is a HUGE one, over 600 pages, published in 1965, and contains basically a detailed description of orchids in quite technical language. For example, here's part of the blurb on *Phalaenopsis amabilis*: "...Ps. Clawed, mostly broadly rhombic-cuneate, blunt and somewhat emarginate apically." Murray and Ian probably understand that jargon, but I'm returning this book to Trevor at the next meeting and really hope that I don't have to know what all those words mean to pass the judging course!

Trevor also lent me one of his personal books on orchids, and Dennis Wood heard I was looking for reference material on paphs and added two of his own books to my stack of reading material. I'm all set now for the rest of the winter! So if you get tired of looking at the computer screen and would like to read up on orchids the old-fashioned way, see Trevor at the next meeting and he will be glad to fix you up with some of the Society's many books and magazines. (Hey, Trevor, do you have any books on raising *Cattleya* seedlings?!)

Jan Robinson

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