

SUTHERLAND SHIRE ORCHID SOCIETY

BULLETIN February 2020

January Meeting WINNERS:

OPEN SPECIES :

I & I Chalmers

Den. tangarinum



INTERMEDIATE:

R. Nicol

Epidendrum ciliare



OPEN HYBRID:

I & I Chalmers

Phrag. Paul Eugene Conroy



NOVICE:

P. Martin/P. Fink

Coel. Burfordiense



Congratulations to Irene & Ian who also won Plant of the Night with their Phrag (pictured above)

(Photos by Pam Davies)

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Next Meeting:

Monday 10th February
8pm Main Meeting
(Come earlier to mingle)

Sutherland Uniting
Church Auditorium,
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POPULAR CHOICE WINNER FOR 2019

Popular Choice Species for 2019
Coelia bella



Colour was Queen and Peter Ng was King when it came to winning the Popular Choice vote for both ‘Species of the Year’ and ‘Hybrid of the Year’ at the January general meeting. Peter’s gorgeous *Coelia bella* was the members’ species favourite for 2019 and his stunning green and pink Blc. Village Chief North ‘Green Genius’ also got top marks as the favourite hybrid for

the year. The wrong plant was announced at the meeting as the hybrid winner, oops! Sorry about that, Peter.

When I rang Peter to apologise for the error and told him what had happened, he was very gracious and said “not to worry” and that he “grows orchids for pleasure, not to win any prizes.” Good on you, Peter, and keep up the good work with your fabulous plants!

Submitted by Jan Robinson

Popular Choice Hybrid for 2019--
Blc. Village Chief North ‘Green Genius’



COMING SOON IN 2020:

- **Mon Feb 10th: General Meeting:** Jim Cootes speaking on ‘Orchids of the Phillipines’
- **Mon March 9th:** General Meeting: Gerry Walsh speaking (Topic to be announced)
- **Mon April 13th:** General Meeting: Irene Chalmers speaking on Asia Pacific Orchid Conference 2019
- **Mon May 11th:** SSOS Auction
- **NOTE: NO NOVICE GROUPS AT 7.30 UNTIL LATER IN THE YEAR.**

IN MY GREEN HOUSE

By George Birss

“Water, water everywhere and all the plants did love it”.

I am writing this article three days after the hail storm. What you didn't get hail? When melted water added cm to my water tank!.

Here we have been talking about no rain and all the different ways to save or preserve what precious water we had and how we were going to get through

level 2 water restrictions and soon level 3. Then WHAM BAM THANK YOU MA'AM. The skies open and even though they forecast 3 days, we received one great day and night of rain; I got 90mm, about 2000 litres in my water tanks. My grass released a great sigh. My wife released a great sigh, she could slow down on the bucket brigade. Then we got more, another 30mm and hail, some as big as mandarins (not quite tennis ball size). My water tanks are almost full: at least a few months worth.

After the rain, time to check on thing. Firstly, if you haven't done it, empty or remove those dishes, saucers and tubs in which you had pots standing, don't want to drown plants. Watch the floor of your shade house for slippery patches, spray with “wet and forget”. Also keep an eye out for snails. How can they live so long with the drought we have had and come back at the first bit of moisture?!

Speaking of coming back, apart from my lawn, which now looks like somebody loves it. Some plants that looked like they were on the way to the green bin have sprung a new lease on life and are throwing new growths. Hard cane dendrobiums have growths that are already taller than last years and cattleyas have big fat new grows. Something that has surprised me are speciosums, usually new growths are all up and established by Christmas. Well guess what: some of mine have got a second burst and the one in my front garden has about 10 new growths from 3-4 cm up to 15 -20cm. And guess what: the dendrobium beetles are back, better keep the NEEM OIL spray up to them.

How good do the new spikes look on the *Laelia anceps*, some are up around 15cm already. Have to watch for grubs and grass hoppers. Speaking of *Laelias*, I have a *Laelia fideles* in spike. This is a very rare, compact form that gets it's name from the area it originates, Sao Fidelis Mountains near Rio de Janeiro. A plant much smaller than *anceps* that has 2 lavender / pink 100mm flowers per raceme.

With all the heat, growing *masdevallias* is like throwing money down the drain but so far so good all I've lost is a few leaves and only a few and after the rain even have some in spike.

Speaking of spiking plants I have *Anguloa virginalis* X *ruckerii* with two flower buds about to open. Last year I had one flower and was disappointed hopefully this year's flowering will be better. Also in bud is *Bulbophyllum echinolabium*. This comes out with a silvery / grey flower with tinges of red through it. It is over 30cm long with the only drawback being it smells like rotten meat. It is a sequential flowerer so can have numerous flowers one after the other.

Just a couple of things. Firstly SNAILS, with the wet weather and I hope it stays around, those slimy plant eaters will be on the move. Secondly with slightly cooler weather, DENDROBIUM BEETLES are back and lastly ANTS, I have never really had a problem with ants but I have noticed a lot more over the past month, sometimes means rain is on the way but these little critters spread scale. Might have to invest in some ant sand.



YOU GREW IT

By George Birss

Phragmipedium Paul Eugene Conroy

-Exhibited by Ian & Irene Chalmers

Hybrid of the Night & Plant of the Night

This is a primary hybrid of *P. wallisii* X

P. longifolium.

With tall stately spikes that can carry up to 5 chartreuse green flowers with long twisted petals. The flowers may all bloom at once or can be sequential due to the parent *P. Longifolium*.

This cross is seed propagated, not mericloned, so no two plants will be the exact same with a range of possibilities coming from either parent.

This cross is very heat tolerant and can flower more than once a year.

A plant that requires plenty of light, good air circulation and lots of water. The Chalmers stand their plant in a saucer of water and feed it a "Dynamic Lifter" tea.



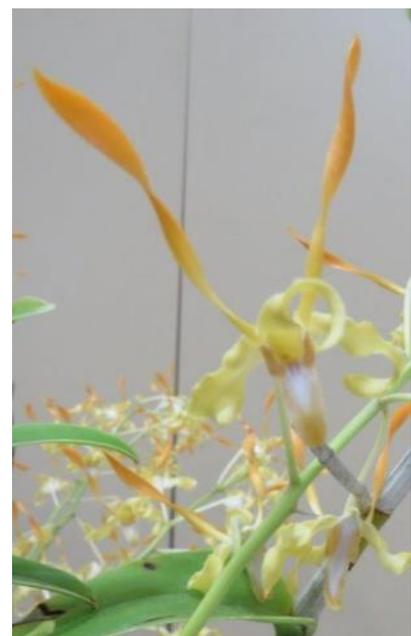
Dendrobium tangarinium — Exhibited by I & I Chalmers

Species Plant of the Night

An incredible species from the lowlands of north eastern New Guinea growing in the canopy of trees along rivers from sea level to 250m as an epiphyte, but it can also be found as high as 1250m as a lithophytes on exposed rocks and cliff faces.

This orchid has tall erect cylindrical pseudobulbs that can be 30 to 70 cm tall. The inflorescence grows from the leaf axel and can be 30 to 45cm in length with 20 or more striking flowers. The linear sepals of orange / yellow to red / brown stand erect with 2 or 3 twists, hence the names "twisted dendrobium" or "antelope orchid".

They require very bright light, even some hours of direct sunlight. Temperatures of 24 to 34 deg.C, with the lowest about 18 deg.C in winter. High humidity 70 to 80% and constant air circulation. Watering must be regular and abundant during growth periods.



Coelogyne burfordience –Exhibited by P.Martin & P.Fink

Novice Plant of the Night

An eye catching primary hybrid of *Coelogyne asperata* and *Coelogyne pandurata*, registered and bred in England, over 100 years ago, in 1911.

A big robust plant that needs a bit of room to spread as it matures. It tends to want to grow upwards and would probably suit a mount or a suit a support mounted in a pot that will allow the plant to grow tallish. With it's aching pendulous spikes it gives a stunning display and the light greenish flowers can number 10 or more per inflorescence.

Unfortunately it is not uncommon to purchase a plant on *C.pandurata* only to find upon flowering that the plant is actually *C. Burfordience*. Not that this is a great problem as both are stunning. An easy indicator is the colour of the raised part of the labellum, white in the species, brown in the hybrid.



Aerides houlettiana – Exhibited by W & J Chapman



A species plant that originates from Thailand, Vietnam, Laos & Cambodia. Found from sea level to 700 metres, making it a plant that requires some heat particularly in our winter.

A single stem without branching (from the Vanda family) has slender, leathery leaves up to 20cm long and 5cm wide. The inflorescence grows from a leaf axel and is pendulous with as many as 50 citrus fragrant, waxy flowers. The flowers are a creamy /yellow with magenta markings.

They require medium to high light, humidity over 50%, constant air movement and temperatures not lower than 20 deg.C. Rain water is preferred.

I have one of these growing in a water well pot that is over a metre tall. I had to move it from my glass house to a spot high in the shade house under a hard roof, the problem was the thick meandering roots had established themselves in about 12 other pots, it took some manoeuvring. It had 6 inflorescences each over 30cm long, spectacular, only problem this was over Christmas and there were no

Meetings to show it at.

Bulbophyllum laxiflorum – Exhibited by Herbert Chan



A miniture species found throughout S.E.Asia from Thailand to the Philippines. Growing as a warm to cool epiphyte, at elevations of 100 to 1800 metres.

This plant has branching, creeping rhizomes with small 20cm pseudobulbs that have a single leaf. From the top of the pseudobulb the inflorescence will arise producing an umbel near leaf height this will have up to 20 spidery chrysaline white blooms about 10 to 20mm in a star burst pattern. The flowers will have a slightly musky smell.

Unfortunately Herbert's plant is not open fully but would be spectacular 2 or 3 days after exhibiting.

They only have a shallow root system so don't use a deep pot. A shallow water well pot, a saucer or mounted would suit this plant nicely.

Give plenty of water, air and humidity.

Lycaste bradeorum – exhibited by D. Mitsios

A bright and vibrant species from Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua & Costa Rica where it grows in wet tropical forests in light shade at elevations of 700 to 1250 metres. Although this would be classed as a hot to warm grower, in Sydney it would be happy in a green house with protection.

Growing as an epiphyte it has short, ovoid, ribbed pseudobulbs that carry 2 -3 ribbed leaves. When the leaves fall it is left with two short spines on the top of the pseudobulb. After leaf fall and on mature pseudobulbs from their base 5 to 10cm inflorescences grow. The flowers are a magnificent yellow with a gold centre.

Very similar to L. Aromatic in appearance these do not have that perfume and depending who is smelling the orchid it can be vanilla, lemon or urine.

A fairly easy orchid to grow, can grow in a shade house, prefers medium to bright light, high humidity but will tolerate long dry periods and can tolerate low air movement.



SUTHERLAND SHIRE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

NOMINATION FORM FOR COMMITTEE

Members at the March Annual General Meeting will elect the Society’s President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee. If you wish to nominate for a position, please fill in below and return to the Secretary at thejackson4@bigpond.com or 5 Tiber Place Heathcote 2233. Forms need to be received 7 days before the AGM.

I,.....(insert full name) wish to nominate for the position of:

(Please tick in circle)

- President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer Committee

Signed:.....

Seconded By:.....

TO NOMINATE, YOU MUST BE A FINANCIAL MEMBER OF THE SUTHERLAND SHIRE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

Growers Group at George’s

4 Collins Pl, Engadine
Saturday 14th March
12.30 pm till 4ish

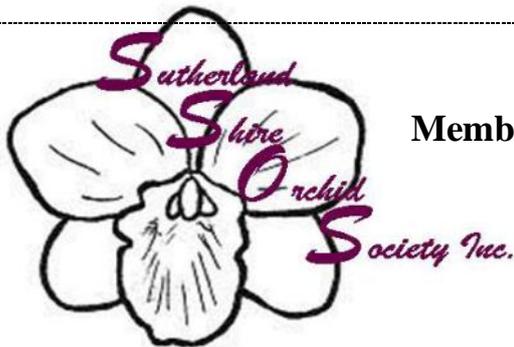
Theme : REPOTTING

March is a big repotting time.
Bring 2 or 3 plants that need repotting and that you’re not sure about.
YOU will repot under the guidance of experienced growers.
George can supply all the gear or you can bring your own, particularly if you have a “special mix”.
A great way to learn and get practice.
Please help out by bringing a plate of afternoon tea.

One of Noelene Weatherby’s Favs: Stenoglottis Woodii , that she won in a raffle at SSOS in January 2019.
“It completely died off in winter, then to my amazement it started to get leaves then 3 spikes & now the tiny white flowers. I feel that this has been my best achievement. I just love it.”



SSOS Members – Fees for 2020 are now due.



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MAKE SURE YOU PUT YOUR NAME IN THE REFERENCE FIELD!!!



MONTHLY JUDGING RESULTS

For : Jan-20

PLANT OF NIGHT

Winner Phrag. Paul Eugene Conroy I. & I.
Chalmers

OPEN CLASS HYBRID

Winner Phrag. Paul Eugene Conroy I. & I.
Chalmers

OPEN CLASS SPECIES

Winner Den. tangarinum I. & I.
Chalmers

INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Epidendrum ciliare R. Nicol

NOVICE & JUNIOR JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Coel. Burfordiense P. Martin/
P. Fink

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner Masd.Copperwing 'Sunburst' x Latin V.
Bride 'S. Bay' Petrovski

CLASS # 1 AUSTRALIAN NATIVES

1st Den. taylorii I. & I.
Chalmers

2nd Den. cancroides L. Buivids

CLASS # 4 NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUMS

1st Paph. Albion D. Mitsios

CLASS # 5 LAELIINAE OVER 80MM UP TO & INCLUDING 110MM (CLASSICAL SHAPE)

1st Blc. Port Royal Sound 'Mary Ellen'
D. Phillips

CLASS # 7 LAELIINAE (NON CLASSICAL SHAPE)

1st Blc. Copper Queen V.
Petrovski

2nd Lc. Varut Greenworth W. McEvoy

3rd C. Tropical Pointer 'Cheetah' W. McEvoy

4th Blc. Varuth 'Green World' ?? P. Ng

CLASS # 7a CLUSTER LAELIINAE

1st Epi. Burdekin Honey 'Shona' G. Birss

2nd Enc. Gal Nakagaki W. McEvoy

CLASS # 8 LAELIINAE UP TO & INCLUDING 80MM (CLASSICAL SHAPE)

1st Blc. Jungle Gem 'Lisa' L. Buivids

CLASS # 9A DENDROBIUM

1st Den. tangarinum I. & I.
Chalmers

CLASS # 10 SPECIES ASIAN (Elsewhere no Included)

1st Aerides houlletiana W. & J.
Chapman

2nd Vanda falcata J.

3rd Bulb. claptonense I. & I.
Chalmers
W. & J.
Chapman

CLASS # 13 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS 60MM AND UNDER

1st Ons. Wildcat 'Red Star' V.
Petrovski

2nd Ons. Wildcat 'Bobcat' P. Davies
V.

3rd Onc. Speckled Spire 'Whisp' Petrovski

CLASS # 14 PHALAENOPSIS

1st Phal. Unknown 'May Luk' J.

CLASS # 15 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS OVER 60mm

1st Mps. Robert Jackson 'Wild Thing' I. & I.
Chalmers

2nd Brsdm. Yellow Star 'Golden Gambol' H. Chen

3rd Mtdm. Goliath's Spire 'Mauna Loa' H. Chen
V.

4th Ons. Wildcat 'Blood Ruby' Petrovski

CLASS # 16 MISCELLANEOUS

1st Phrag. Paul Eugene Conroy I. & I.
Chalmers
V.

2nd Bulb. Memoria Richard Mizuta Petrovski

3rd Ctsm. Pileabrosum Green I. & I.
Chalmers

4th Bulb. J M Guilloty I. & I.
Chalmers

CLASS # 17 DENDROBIUM HY- BRIDS

1st Den. Yellow Stars V.
Petrovski

2nd Den. Hybrid 'unknown' I. & I.
Chalmers

3rd Den. Hsinying Chrysopense D. Mitsios

Den. Tapinever x Den. convolutum I. & I.
Chalmers

CLASS # 18 VANDACEOUS

1st V. Pakchong Blue D. Mitsios
V.

2nd Vasco. Pine Rivers 'With Blue' Petrovski

3rd Van. Ispbell's Burnished Gold D. Mitsios
W. & J.

4th V. Wirat Chapman

CLASS # 21A PLEUROTHALLIDINAE HYBRIDS

1st	Masd. Copperwing 'Sunburst' x Latin Bride 'S. Bay'	V. Petrovski
2nd	Masd. Machu Picchu x Pepermint Glow 'The One'	V. Petrovski
3rd	Masd. Falcata 'Gold' x Dazzler 'Beenak'	V. Petrovski
4th	Masd. 'unknown'	H. Chen

CLASS # 21B LAELIINAE SPECIES

1st	Encyclia radiata ??	J. Costa
2nd	C. tigrina	I. & I. Chalmers
3rd	C. tigrina 'Paul' x C. tigrina 'SVO'	V. Petrovski
4th	B. nodosa	I. & I. Chalmers

CLASS # 23 SPECIES OTHER (NOT ELSEWHERE INCLUDED)

1st	Phrag. pearcei	I. & I. Chalmers
2nd	Stanhopea oculata	J. Costa
3rd	Lyc. bradeorum	D. Mitsios
4th	Auguloa virginalis	L. Buivids

CLASS # 23A OTHER PLEUROTHALLIDINAE SPECIES

1st	Pths. prolifera	G. Birss
2nd	Acianthera prolifera	L. Buivids
3rd	Rstp. spp	I. & I. Chalmers
4th	Rstp. wagneri	G. Birss

CLASS # 29 NOVICE - MISCELLANEOUS

1st	Coel. Burfordiense	P. Martin/ P. Fink
2nd	Prom. Dinah Albright 'Connells Point' X Rollinsonii	M. Karayannis
3rd	Odcdm. Succubus 'Night Shift'	J. Ng

CLASS # 30 NOVICE - SPECIES

1st	Epidendrum paniculatum	J. Ng
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CLASS # 34 INTERMEDIATE - LAELIINAE

1st	Cattleya 'unknown'	N. Weatherby
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CLASS # 35 INTERMEDIATE - MISCELLANEOUS

1st	Onc. Speckled Spire 'Whisp'	R. Cawley
2nd	Bst. Summit 'Frenchtown'	R. Cawley
3rd	Oncostele Catatante 'Kilauea Karma'	R. Cawley
4th	Promenaea Kiwi Raider	R. Jackson

CLASS # 36 INTERMEDIATE - SPECIES

1st	Epidendrum ciliare	R. Nicol
2nd	Brs. verrucosa	R. Jackson
3rd	Stenoglottis woodii	N. Weatherby
4th	Cat. intermedia var. alba	R. Nicol

**Also Benched
at the January Meeting:**

Den. Hsinying Chrysopense
Exhibited by D. Mitsios



Vanda falcata
Exhibited by J. Robinson



Stanhopea oculata
Exhibited by J. Costa

Got something to add to our next Bulletin?

**Please email information to be included in the March Bulletin
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(articles may be edited to fit the Bulletin layout)**

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