

March Bulletin 2014

SSOS GENERAL MEETING – 10 February 2013

Murray extended a welcome to members and guests.

The **January** meeting minutes which were distributed to members through the Bulletin and sent in the mail were accepted as accurate on a motion by S Costa. Carried.

Welcome to new member:

Jim RILEY

CORRESPONDENCE IN

Email from OSNSW seeking support for the World Orchid conference in 2020.
Email from Jim O'Shaughnessy with the AOC President's January newsletter
Email from Luke Hicks from *Automatic Wire* advertising their orchid pins and guards
Email from Orchid Society of NSW with January 2014 Orchid News
Email from *Orchid Species Plus* advertising the Castle Hill International Orchid Fair on 4 & 5 April 2014
Email from Eurobodalla Orchid Club with their newsletters, meeting minutes and flyer of club activities. Their orchid workshop is on 8 & 9 March.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

Sympathy card to Alan Holsted on the passing of Nell his wife who was a member of SSOS.

Sympathy card to the family of Alan and Nellie Holdsted

GUEST SPEAKER: Neville Roper shared his knowledge with members on growing sarcochilus orchids. He spoke about preferred conditions, selecting pots, fertilising, dealing with pests and housing of the plants. He also showed photos of some of his wonderful plants. It was a very enjoyable and informative talk. Neville also kindly brought plants for sale to members.

MARCH: Annual general meeting (AGM). At the general meeting after the AGM, a demonstration of staking plants will be conducted by Jan Robinson, Murray Aldridge and Bob Moar. Members are asked to bring along to the March meeting, plants which need staking for use in the demonstration.

APRIL: To be confirmed

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Members are advised that Eric Marks has had a fall and has been transferred to Kareena Hospital.
- At 31 December 2013 the Society's funds stood at \$29,123 which is almost a \$2000 increase on last year.
- The matter of the opening time of the hall was discussed by the committee, as the same people had been opening the hall early for some time. Members are advised that the church hall for the monthly general meetings will now open at 7:00pm instead of 6:30pm.

Events

- **March Meeting** on the 10th of March will be our AGM and several members will speak on orchid staking and preparation.
- **Novice Meeting**, The next Meeting will be at the Church Hall in Nattai St Loftus at 7:30pm All are welcome The Topic will be *Pleurothallids*. 25th March
- **Winter Show:** 19 – 22 June 2014 (Swanes Caringbah)
- **Spring Show:** 28 – 31 August 2014 (Swanes Caringbah)
- **Southern Orchid Spectacular:** 3 – 5 October 2014 (Caringbah High School)



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- A member asked the committee to consider awarding \$5 cash instead of the \$5 voucher for the Judges' Choice Award and lucky plant winners for each month. The committee's decision is that the Society will redeem \$50 worth of \$5 vouchers in exchange for cash. Also the draw for the 3 Lucky Plant prizes will be replaced, with an increase in the Name Badge draw from 1 to 2 prizes and have it drawn half way through the raffle draw to ensure the winners have a choice of plants rather than getting the last plants on offer. George Birss put a motion at the meeting for the committee to reconsider the decision to redeem vouchers to the value of \$50, for cash. His view was that members did not display plants to receive a cash benefit. This motion was seconded by Mike Hitchcock.
- The AGM will be conducted at the March meeting. All positions on the committee are open for nomination, particularly general committee positions. It has been some time since the Society has had a full committee. Members are asked to consider nominating for the committee so that it can benefit from their experience and assistance. A nomination form has been included in the bulletin for this purpose. Completed forms should be returned to Rhonda Jackson.
- Ian Chalmers, Registrar of Judges, Australian Orchid Council (AOC) mentioned that the AOC is working towards the bid for the 2020 Orchid Conference in Sydney. They have been working through some of the hurdles being put by the Australian Quarantine & Inspection Service (AQIS). They were successful in eliminating the treatment of imported plants with methyl bromide. They need to put on displays around the world. The first display is in Tokyo to which Ian will be going this week. He asked members if they have any plants to either lend or offer for the display. They will be used solely in the display and not for the competition. He has secured agreement with AQIS about displays and the showing of plants at the show, however there are still some logistical problems to overcome.
- Ian Chalmers also spoke about the staking of plants. Ian said there has been a lot of discourse on this matter. His view is that a common sense approach should be taken. When training flowers they should look natural and not stand ramrod straight. Ties need to be able to be untied. If using clips, they need to be the smallest possible and should be unobtrusive. As bright metal stakes are too obvious, members can cover metal stakes with green florist tape.
- Ian also showed members a new style of pot that he obtained from overseas. There were three sizes. He is prepared to get in a shipment if people are interested.
- Daniel Coulton advised members that the novice group will commence on 27 February. The group meets on the last Thursday of the month at the Loftus Uniting Church hall in Nattai Street, Loftus at 7:30pm. It is a relaxed atmosphere and you do not need to be a novice to attend. All new members are welcome to attend.

RAFFLE – Pat Dos Santos, Elsie Burriss, Judith Leong, Myra Chalmers, Glenda Davis, Daniel Coulton, Jeanette Rose, Lee Buivids, Michael Hannah and Col Brandon

Jokes

Exercise Classes: I felt like my body had gotten totally out of shape so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising. I joined my local aerobics class for seniors, I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour, unfortunately by the time I got my leotards on the class was over.

Dead Reckoning: An elderly woman decided to prepare her will and told her preacher she had two final requests. First, she wanted to be cremated and second she wanted her ashes scattered over the local K-Mart. 'K-Mart?' the preacher exclaimed, 'Why K-Mart?'. 'Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week'.

Poor Lance Armstrong: I think it is just terrible and disgusting how everyone has treated Lance Armstrong after what he achieved - winning 7 Tour de France races while on drugs. When I was on drugs, I couldn't even find my bloody bike.

Drive By: A guy broke into my apartment last week. He didn't take my TV, just the remote. Now he drives by and changes the channels. Sick Bastard!!

Mature Awareness: My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

You Grew It

Neofinetia falcata –Displayed by Jan Robinson

One of three species of Neofinetia, this genus is found in Korea, Japan and Ryukyu Islands. It is an evergreen plant with short erect stems with distichous (leaves or flowers borne in to opposite ranks) flat needle – like fleshy leaves which gives the plant a fan shaped appearance. Best mounted on cork or tree fern but can grow well in pots with a coarse open mix to allow allowing air around root system. This is a miniature plant too 12cm high. Flowers are white to pink up to eight with a distinctive spur about 5cm long. Note: This species was cultivated by the Japanese warriors. At one time anyone not a member of *samurai* class was forbidden to even posses a plant.



Dendrobium victoria-reginae – Displayed by Lee Buivids



Species orchid from the Philippines also called “Queen Victoria’s Dendrobium” one of the few *blue orchids*. This orchid in nature grows at an elevation of 1300 – 2700m which makes it cool / warm growing and grows well in Sydney in a shade house with good air movement with even humidity and moisture throughout the year. Plant grows in a pendulous manner and blooms at anytime during the year along older leafless pseudobulbs in small clumps of about 4 flowers.



Gongora galeata – Displayed by Dianne Phillips (2 other plants shown on night).

Species from Mexico found at 600 – 1800m elevation which makes it a warm to intermediate grower but grows well in Shire in shade house. Suited to wire baskets or hanging pots due to the long pendulous inflorescences (15 – 25 cm), flowers appear from mature pseudobulbs having many fragrant, similar to orange scent, flowers that last less than 1 week. An evergreen plant that likes a dry period in winter and filtered light or shade to prevent leaf spotting.

Editors Note: This is a new section we are trying for the Bulletin the brain child of George Birss, If you think you have something interesting to tell us all about either make George aware of your Gem or write a little something up yourself and send it through to George or Myself.

Chinese New Year at May's



On 1st Feb, the second day of the Chinese New Year, "the Year of the Horse", about 30 orchid society members came to lunch at May's house. First there was a tour around the garden and May's 4 orchid houses. Most were impressed by the improvements May has achieved this year. She even got some Paphs and Sarcos to flower for her.

Before lunch Louise gave a talk on her 5 favourite orchids with some hints on how to grow them.

As usual the food was great. Afterwards people relaxed and chatted until 4:30 when May had to pack up and get ready to go out for her other great passion, Ballroom Dancing.

For those who missed out this time the New Year Orchid Society Lunch will be on again next year.

Louise's Presentation

Recently member, May Luk invited me to give a talk to our members at her Chinese New Year luncheon. After thinking about a topic I decided on 'my 5 favourite orchids', which I expanded a bit to encompass the genera involved. The 5 I have chosen, I grow in different areas of my shade house/sun-tuff/backyard areas. I hope you find them interesting.

1. PHOLIDOTA *chinensis*

It's found growing in China, Myanmar and Vietnam. Dr. John Lindley named this species in 1847. The chin meaning from China and ensis which is Latin for origin or place.

It is a delightful, small growing species, which grows and flowers successfully in a bush house environment.

Racemes emerge from between the leaves of the newly developing growth around October. The flowers are very cute and have a delicate shade of white/apricot/pink.

When benching this plant, it goes under the Coelogyne class.

2. INDIAN HARD CANE DENDROBIUMS

In particular *Den. densiflorum* and *Den. thrysiflorum*

They are both native to India, Nepal, Myanmar, Laos & South West China.

I grow both orchids hanging from the roof of my shadehouse. They flower in October with the flowers unfortunately only lasting a week. You have to be lucky to see them at an orchid meeting.

I first saw a *Den. densiflorum* as a teenager when my father, who was a cymbidium hobbyist bought a collection of orchids, and amongst them was a *Den. densiflorum*. When it flowered I can remember thinking how spectacular it was with golden flowers falling like a bunch of grapes. Then, a few years later seeing the flowers of *Den. thrysiflorum* with gold and white flowers. My father gave both these orchids to me many years ago.

Some years back at our Society meeting, member William Hoogwerf benched a lovely *Den. Mousmee* with shades of pink/yellow/white. I absolutely loved it and searched until I found one to buy. I have attached a photo of my *Den. Mousmee* taken 2 years ago.

Over the years, there has been quite a bit of controversy as to the parentage of *Den. Mousmee*, but it is believed to be a cross between *Den. thrysiflorum* and *Den. furcatum*.



3. CYMBIDIUMS

In particular *cym. mastersii* and *cym. elegans*.

Cym. mastersii is unique among the genus as the individual growths continue to slowly elongate and produce new leaves and white inflorescences over many years, unlike the typical large pseudobulbs seen in cymbidium hybrids. The pseudobulb is stem-like and the racemes emerge from the axils of the upper leaves. I grow this orchid hanging from my shadehouse roof and it seems very happy there. I bought this orchid at the auction of orchids belonging to the late Dennis Wood.

Cym. elegans. I first saw this orchid on one of our bus trips that May had organised to 'Orchids Out West' show at Clarendon, near Windsor a couple of years ago. It was in the display of the Blue Mountains Orchid Society. The flowers are yellow and rather bell shaped. I made enquiries and now have a small piece of my own. I have not flowered it yet, but I look forward to that.

I have about 50 flowering size hybrid cymbidiums and about the same number of smaller plants including seedlings and mericlones coming on. I will probably only flower about half of my flowering size plants as my orchids don't receive the amount of light they require to flower well. I grow these plants outside my shadehouse so they receive maximum light. I tend to grow more of the miniature and intermediate size cymbidiums as they tend to be smaller plants and take up less room and are a bit easier to carry around.



4. CATTLEYAS

The species originated in South America.

I have a variety of cattleyas from small to large flowering types. I particularly like the cluster and the very large growing cattleya orchids.

I like the clusters as they are usually brightly coloured in orange, yellow and red shades and add a lot of colour when used in displays.

Many of the cluster cattleyas have *C. aurantiaca* in their parentage.

At last years Southern Orchid Spectacular my cluster orchid, *C. Trick or Treat 'Orange Beauty' x Chicanery Mana* won 2nd prize in its class, with 2 beautiful heads of orange flowers.

The large flowering cattleya - *Lc. Little Susie 'Bingo'*. Even though

it's a very old orchid, it won Champion Laellinae at our last year's Winter Show at Swanes Nursery. To me it's an oldie, but a goodie.

I bought this orchid on a holiday we had up the North Coast about 6 years ago. I fell in love with the large sprays of purple flowers that said, 'look at me'. A year later, I bought another similar orchid *Lc. Little Susie 'Joy'* and I feel - they really make a statement.

They both have *C. bowringiana* in their parentage.

They grow quite tall and take up a bit of room which may deter some people from growing them.

5. BULBOPHYLLUM Elizabeth Ann Buckleberry FCC/AOS

This orchid is a hybrid cross between *Bulb. longissimum* (species from Borneo and Malaysia) and *Bulb. rothschildianum*. (a species of India).

I bought my plant about 7 years ago and it has grown into a specimen plant quite quickly. I first started growing it on the bench in the shadehouse, but a few years ago decided to hang it from the shadehouse roof and it seems to be very happy there.

The soft red coloured flowers are described as being in an umbel and I find the flowers are quite interesting to look at.

I would like to Thank May and her partner Jahn, for inviting our members to their very enjoyable luncheon at their home. We all had a lovely time.

Louise Gannon
27.2.2014

Monthly Results February

PLANT OF NIGHT

Winner Paph. liemianum S. T. Ho

OPEN CLASS HYBRID

Winner Paph. William Trelease S. T. Ho

OPEN CLASS SPECIES

Winner Paph. liemianum S. T. Ho

INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner C. Gasson x C.Sailor Bay T. & I. Scerri

NOVICE & JUNIOR JUDGES CHOICE

Winner C. Penny Kuroda 'Spots' x Kew 'XP' P. Middleton

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner Paph. In-Charm Grace S. T. Ho

CLASS # 1 AUSTRALIAN NATIVES

1st Sarco. ceciliae M. Chappell

2nd Den. bigibbum superbum 'Tommy' x 'Tamika' R. Dimon

3rd Liparis reflexa L. Buivids

CLASS # 2 SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUMS

1st Paph. liemianum S. T. Ho

2nd Paph. moquetteanum S. T. Ho

3rd Paph. moquetteanum S. T. Ho

4th Paph. sukhakulii S. T. Ho

CLASS # 3 LAELIINAE OVER 110MM (CLASSICAL SHAPE)

1st Blc. Dal's Girl 'Arcadia' Costa/Crosby

2nd Lc. Ecstasy 'Orchidglade' W. McEvoy

3rd C. Hawaiian Wedding Song ' Virgin' W. McEvoy

4th Cattleya 'unknown' L. Buivids

CLASS # 4 NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUMS

1st Paph. William Trelease S. T. Ho

2nd Paph. Saint Swithin S. T. Ho

3rd Paph. ' unknown' A. Mitsios

4th Paph. Woluwense S. T. Ho

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

1st C. Penny Kuroda 'Spots' x C. Kew 'XP' L. Gannon

2nd C. Fitz Eugene Dixon M. Luk

3rd C. Dream Trader Walkerriana 'Alba' L. Buivids

CLASS # 7 LAELIINAE (NON CLASSICAL SHAPE)

1st C. Netrasiri Waxy 'Jairug' T. & J. Hyde

2nd C. Brabantiae L. Buivids

3rd C. Guttata 'Varleopoldii' x Laelia Purpurata 'Sanguinea' J. Costa

4th C. Penny Kuroda 'Spots' Costa/Crosby

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

1st Thw. Dal's Emperor 'Arcadia' Costa/Crosby

2nd Ctna. Dal's Capri 'Giff' x Bc Dal's Charm 'Ebony' G. Hodder

3rd Sc. Dal's Magic 'Dondrup' Costa/Crosby

4th Pot. Burana Angel 'Hsinying' Costa/Crosby

CLASS # 9 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS

1st Den. Pauline Costa/Crosby

2nd Den. bigibbum var compactum M. Chappell

3rd Doc. Beverley Anne M. Chappell

4th Doc. Bowmanii x Rigida M. Chappell

CLASS # 10 SPECIES ASIAN (OTHER THAN COELGYNINAE)

1st Trichoglottis brachiata W. & J. Chapman

2nd Dor. pulcherrima var buyssoniana x brighton var red W. & J. Chapman

3rd Vandaceous Tricolor 'Hersomii' M. Luk

4th Vandaceous Tricolor 'Hersomii' M. Luk

CLASS # 11A COELGYNINAE SPECIES

1st Ddc. uncatum W. & J. Chapman

2nd Coel. mooreana 'Brockhurst' W. & J. Chapman

CLASS # 12 SEEDLING

1st Psychopsis Mendenhall S. T. Ho

2nd Paph. In-Charm Grace S. T. Ho

3rd Paph. Somers Phil S. T. Ho

4th B. Memoria. Fritz Boedeker x B. Brown's Sunrise Costa/Crosby

CLASS # 13 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS 60MM AND UNDER

1st Colm. Wildcat 'Bobcat' P. Davies

2nd Colm. Wildcat 'Bloodshot' M. Luk

3rd Wils. Firecracker Costa/Crosby

4th Colm. Wildcat 'Bloodshot' A. Mitsios

CLASS # 14 NOVELTY PHALAEENOPSIS UNDER 75mm

1st Phal. Sogo Linlou J. Costa

2nd Phal. Sogo Vivien J. Costa

CLASS # 15 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS OVER 60mm

1st Psychopsis Costa/Crosby

2nd Bllra.Tahoma Glacier 'Green' M. Luk

CLASS # 16 MISCELLANEOUS

1st Zygonisia Cynosura 'Blue Birds' J. Robinson

2nd Zygonisia Cynosura 'Blue Birds' A. Mitsios

3rd Bol. Midnight Blue 'Cardinal's Roost' M. Luk

4th Aeranthes Grandiose A. Mitsios

5th Lyc. Alwine Miller 'Strawberry' Costa/Crosby

CLASS # 17 DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS

1st Den. Gattton Sunray A. Mitsios

2nd Den. Rigidifolium x Dal's Glory Costa/Crosby

3rd Den. engae x biloculare G. Birss

4th Den. crepidiferum x chrysopterum W. & J. Chapman

CLASS # 18 VANDACEOUS

1st Asco. Marlyn Farwell 'Brighton' W. & J. Chapman

2nd Asco. Fracur 'Kultana' W. & J. Chapman

3rd Vanda 'unknown' T. & J. Hyde

4th Neost. Lou Sneary 'Kultana' A. Mitsios

CLASS # 21A PLEUROTHALLIDINAE HYBRIDS

1st Masd. Angel Glow 'Splendid' Costa/Crosby

2nd Masd. Marguerite 'Royale' Costa/Crosby

3rd Masd. Leopard Kitty 'Suzette' Costa/Crosby

CLASS # 21B LAELIINAE SPECIES

1st Encyclia alata Costa/Crosby

2nd C. bicolor var. minasgeraisensis W. McEvoy

3rd Laelia xanthina Costa/Crosby

4th Epi. Prismatocarpa A. Mitsios

CLASS # 23 SPECIES OTHER THAN ASIAN OR PAPHIOPEDILUMS

1st Onc. incurvum L. Buivids

2nd Ornithophora radicans M. Chappell

3rd Psygmorchis pusilla M. Chappell

4th Gongora galeata W. & J. Chapman

5th Angranthos grandalena 'Hihimanu' A. Mitsios

CLASS # 23A OTHER PLEUROTHALLIDINAE SPECIES

1st Rstp. sp. 'H' D. Coulton

2nd Rstp. trichoglossa D. Coulton

3rd	Rstp. wagneri	D. Coulton
4th	Pleuro. johnsonii	G. Birss
CLASS # 24A NATIVE SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS		
1st	Sarco. Velvet Sparkle x Scarlet	A. Mitsios
2nd	Sarco. Velvet	N. Roper
3rd	Sarco. Cracker	Costa/Crosby
4th	Sarco. Velvet	A. Mitsios
CLASS # 28 NOVICE - LAELIINAE		
1st	C. Penny Kuroda 'Spots' x Kew 'XP'	P. Middleton
2nd	Rly. Pink Delight 'Burdekin'	P. Middleton
3rd	Cattleya 'unknown'	C. Matheson

CLASS # 33 INTERMEDIATE - NATIVE SPECIES & NATIVE HYBRIDS

1st Geodorum densiflorum H. Myers

CLASS # 34 INTERMEDIATE - LAELIINAE

1st C. Gasson x C. Sailor Bay T. & I. Scerri

2nd C. Golden Tang O. Sutton

CLASS # 35 INTERMEDIATE - MISCELLANEOUS

1st V. Patcharee Delight 'Red & Waxy' M. Dimon

2nd Vanda Bangkok Blue x coerulea M. Dimon

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All Entries should be forwarded to the editor

All is appreciated if you have any queries about whether something is appropriate then contact Dan Coulton djc388@uowmail.edu.au, Ph 0419466986.

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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 the form below, and return to The Secretary, Sutherland Shire Orchid Society, 5 Tiber Place, Heathcote 2233.

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

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