

March Bulletin 2015

SSOS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - 9 February 2015

Frank extended a welcome to our members, and guest, Frances Flake, from Caringbah Garden Club. He asked for our January meeting minutes which were distributed through the Bulletin, either by mail or email, be accepted as accurate. Motioned by Sandra Crosby. Carried.

There were no new members to welcome this month into the Society.

TONIGHT: Steve Falcioni from Eco Oil Products spoke to members about the uses and benefits of using his organic range of products. He mentioned that common fertilizers and sprays can be harmful to human health, insects and pollinators such as bees. His products will not only stimulate and improve the growth of your plants but can be used without damaging your health and the beneficial insects in our gardens. He sold a range of products to interested members.

MARCH meeting: AGM and Bob Bishop from Kiwi Bark

APRIL meeting: Mike Hitchcock will talk about his trip to South Africa

MAY meeting: Annual plant auction

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Jan Robinson's term as Treasurer expires in February 2015 after 6 years. We are looking for someone at the AGM in March to take on the Treasurer role and replace her on the committee. Members are most welcome to nominate for the other positions on the committee such as President, Vice President, Secretary, and general committee members. Under the rules of the constitution, the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary hold their positions for 3 years only. We ask members to consider coming onto the committee to assist in running the Society. The committee meets once a month on the first Wednesday of the month in the church hall at Loftus at 7:30 pm. Meetings usually last for 1 - 1½ hours. A nomination form will be included in the bulletin and be available at the March meeting.
- Bob Bishop, our next month's speaker, has offered to sell bark, perlite and charcoal to members at the March meeting. Members gave at the meeting an indication to Rhonda of the products they wish to order from him.
- The Society advises members that the Novice Group meeting planned for February 2015 will not go ahead and members will be advised when the next novice meeting will occur.
- Complaints were received from members and guests regarding the poor and inappropriate raffle prizes donated by members for the raffle at our Society's Christmas party. One gift was an old partially consumed bottle of vermouth, another was a used machine for removing facial hair and another was an empty bottle of skull vodka. The committee is very disappointed and embarrassed that members would bring such items as a raffle prize. When deciding on the raffle prize in future, please select a gift that is suitable and something that you would like to receive, and not something from the back of a cupboard that is no longer wanted.

Events

- **March Meeting** will be our AGM and a Talk by Bob Bishop on Bark and Orchid Growing.
- **Winter show** 18 – 21 June 2015



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- The Society has badges that members are welcome to purchase and wear at meetings and other activities. They cost \$5 and are on sale at the sales table.
- The Society is conducting a seedling competition for plants to be judged progressively at the general meetings over two years. The competition will commence at the March 2015 general meeting. There will be two classes, a Novice and Intermediate class and Open class. Novice & Intermediate growers will have first option on the 50 plants available. It costs \$5 to enter the competition. The plants will be issued next month at the March meeting. Thank you to Heath who will manage the competition.
- Those members who paid their membership fees by the January 2015 meeting had an opportunity to win a subscription to Orchids Australia. Jan drew the name of Judith Leong as the lucky winner to win the magazine subscription.
- Jan Robinson spoke to members about what is involved in the role of Treasurer. She stressed if you completed year 3 at school then you will be able to perform the role of Treasurer. It is very straightforward. The Treasurer keeps track of the money through using two books, one for coming in (red book) and one for outgoing (green book). From the sales bench money, 15% is taken as commission and the rest is paid to the grower. She will provide guidance on how to do it. People should seriously consider taking on this role.
- Ian Chalmers advised members he was leaving for Japan to progress the OSNSW's continuing efforts to bid for the World Conference 2020 to be held in Sydney. He asked members if they could spare any of their blooms from the meeting to be taken to Japan for the display. He also mentioned that the Dendrobium genera that were separated have been put back into the one genera, Dendrobium. Dockrillias will be known as Dendrobium Dockrillia.

NAME BADGE DRAW – Not drawn tonight

PRESIDENT'S AWARD – John Costa for Encyclea cocheata

LUCKY PLANTS – George Birss, May Luk, John Moss

RAFFLE - Jim Riley, John Chan, Thomas Scerri, Pam Davies, Eleanor Whitley, Sandra Crosby and Michael Wong.

Next meeting: 9 March 2015



May's CHINESE NEW YEAR

After a wet start the weather was finally good after 12 pm on 21 st February 2015,

the 3rd day of Chinese New Year, the Year of Goat (People belong birthsign of the chinese zodiac if their year of birth is 2015, 2003, 1991, 1979, 1967, 1955, 1943, 1931 or 1929.

They are romantic and keen to try new things, always accomplish

what others ask for, careful attitude towards money, compassionate and careful) .

About 20 people turned out for the party.

Mrs Cecily Roger, Honour. Councillor of Horticulture Committee of Royal Agricultural Society of NSW. Came to give a talk about how the RAS Horticultural competitions are run and to encourage us to enter to enter our orchids into Sydney Royal Easter Show.

After a burst of sound from May's May's electronic chinese fire crackers (Pao Jeung) we enjoyed the good food, good wine, excellent cakes and dessert bought along by our members.

HOW TO ENTER ORCHIDS INTO THE EASTER SHOW HORTICULTURAL COMPETITION

There are 3 ways to enter the show competition:

1. On line before 5 pm 11 March 2015. www.sydneyroyal.com.au/flowersPost
2. By post: Flower and garden coordinator
Royal Agricultural Society of NSW
Locked Bag 4317
Sydney Olympic Park NSW 2127.



3. Fax: Pre Show 0297041122
During the show 02 97041058

4. Telephone:

02 9704 1449 or 02 9704 1129

Only available for sections that close one day preceding then day of judging

Entry Fee \$30, processing fee \$8

Unlimited entries to any other section, (ie. roses , dahlias, vegetables etc)

Delivery of exhibit, on the bench before 8am, pick up after 10pm.

Days for orchid exhibit:

Monday 30 March 2015.

Tuesday 7 April 2015.

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE !!!!

WARNING WARNING – VANDALS IN THE CAR PARK

Last month at SSOS Meeting Monday night May Luk's pride and joy, her new Burgundy Red Mazda CX5 was vandalised just outside the church hall where we have our meeting. She had just washed her car that afternoon ready for delivery of her orchids for show bench . When she came home that night found that three long scratches on the drivers side that had been done with a sharp object, probably a car key. Her car was in about the sixth position from the entry directly opposite the front door of the church hall right next to another members car. Please be careful, but what can you do when there are low life scum around who will deliberately do this sort of thing?

You Grew It

Encyclia cochleata exhibited by John Costa



What's in a name? In researching this orchid I have come across a number of name changes, firstly *Epidendrum cochleata*, then *Encyclia cochleata*, then *Prosthecha cochleata* and now I believe **Anacheilium cochleata**, so if you have a tag in your plant don't necessarily think it is wrong, investigate, maybe it is the plant you think it's just called something else, for now.

Encyclia cochleata has a common name of "cockle shell orchid" and this refers to the shape of the lip. It has upside down flowers

where the lip is the uppermost part of the flower. The flowers are a cream to green colour and the cream lip has numerous dark purplish coloured stripes. The plant can bare flowers for many months and have a strong, sweet, sugary, pleasant fragrance.

This orchid is found from Florida down through tropical Central America at altitudes up to 1900m and can there for handle a large variety in temperature. They have a dormant period in Autumn and new growth recommences in Spring. They like bright light but not direct sun and even fertiliser and water with new growth.

Cultivation is on cork or tree fern slabs, or do well in wooden baskets or potted with a well drained open bark mix.

This orchid is defiantly one to have in your collection, particularly if you can obtain a good size piece. It is easy to grow, requires little attention, just watch for scale, and gives a rewarding, long lasting, nice perfumed display. Can be easily grown in a shade house, just give it plenty of light.

Anguloa 'virginalis' exhibited by Lee Buivids



This wonderful orchid is commonly known as the "tulip orchid" and is closely related to *Lycaste*. Found in Columbia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru & Bolivia. Growing on the forest floor in deep shade, on steep, humid hillsides, at elevations of 1200m to 2400m makes it a cool grower that can be grown in a bush house. From it's growing area it requires regular water, high humidity and dappled light.

This orchid has fat pseudobulbs with large pleated leaves that are deciduous. The leaves grow from the

base of each pseudobulb and can be two or four in number and can grow to one metre in length. So this plant can, if grown really well can take up a bit of room when in active growth.

The inflorescence arises from the base of the new pseudobulb and carries a single (sometimes two) flower.

The showy, fleshy, flower is generally a greenish white with a pleasant cinnamon fragrance and a waxy appearance that does not open fully, hence the tulip effect.

Cattleya bicolor var. brasiliensis grown by Jan Robinson

Found throughout Brazil as a medium to large growing plant that can tolerate cool to warm growing conditions.

The long slender, grooved pseudobulbs each carry two oblong shaped leaves where the inflorescence emerges and will carry up to seven very fragrant 10cm flowers. As the plant matures the more flowers will be produced per spike. The flowers have a very thick texture.

This variety has petals and sepals in a rich Mahogany brown colour with dark spots and with purple overtones. The lip is a rosy pink or magenta. Note: with bicolor the flower colour can vary considerably between individuals.

Sometimes the petals and sepals are olive green in colour with a magenta or white lip, all are very attractive.

Plants can be mounted but require more water. Generally potted in a shallow / squat pot or wood basket with a well-drained, open mix with good ventilation and bright light. Give a rest period after flowering finishes and fertilise and water frequently when new growth begins.



Rangaeris amanuensis grown by S.T.Ho – “Seedling of the night”

Found in parts of Africa and Madagascar at elevations of 750m to 2500m making this epiphyte a hot to cool grower where high rainfall occurs.

The pure white, star shaped flowers have a jasmine like fragrance at night and can last 3 -4 weeks and will fade to a yellow colour as they age. The flowers have a three lobed lip and the flower has a long spur like tail. Inflorescence usually carry 5 – 13 flowers in size of 5 to 10mm



This orchid adapts well to wood baskets where its pendulous inflorescence can be displayed and where the rambling roots are free to hang, Vanda style. Small plants can form large clumps with many branching stems.

Propagation is by division.

NOTE: This orchid is similar to Aerangis but differ in that this orchid having a **viscidium** (sticky part of the male pollinia) so that it can adhere to the insect to transport to the female flower part) with 2 **stipites** (stalked part of the pollinia) instead of one like Aerangis.

The Advantages of Mothers Milk

Students in an advanced Biology class were taking their mid-term exam. The

last question was, 'Name seven advantages of Mother's Milk.' The question was worth 70 points or none at all.

One student, in particular, was hard put to think of seven advantages. However, he wrote:

- 1) It is perfect formula for the child.
- 2) It provides immunity against several diseases.
- 3) It is always the right temperature.
- 4) It is inexpensive.
- 5) It bonds the child to mother, and vice versa.
- 6) It is always available as needed.

And then the student was stuck. Finally, in desperation, just before the bell rang indicating the end of the test, he wrote:

- 7) It comes in two attractive containers and it's high enough off the ground where the cat can't get it.

He got an A.

Monthly Results February

PLANT OF NIGHT

Winner **Stanhopea warszewicziana** 'Butterball' M. & L. Aldridge

OPEN CLASS HYBRID

Winner **Den. C.K.Ai.** Costa/Crosby

OPEN CLASS SPECIES

Winner **Stanhopea warszewicziana** 'Butterball' M. & L. Aldridge

INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner **Ascda. Crownfox Delicious 'Cathy'** M. Dimon

NOVICE & JUNIOR JUDGES CHOICE

Winner **Oncidiae 'unknown'** G. Curtis

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner **Encyclia cochleata** J. Costa

CLASS # 1 AUSTRALIAN NATIVES

1st Doc.hepatica x fuliginosa D. Phillips

2nd Corunastylis sp
Doc. (tweetie x teretefolia) x R. Dimon

3rd fuliginosa J. Costa

CLASS # 2 SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUMS			2nd	Psychopsis Kalihi	Costa/Crosby
1st	Paph. liemianum	S. T. Ho	3rd	Odm. Mayfair 'Robin'	J. Costa
2nd	Paph. liemianum	S. T. Ho	4th	Alcra Pacific Nova 'Okika'	Costa/Crosby
CLASS # 3 LAELIINAE OVER 110MM (CLASSICAL SHAPE)			CLASS # 16 MISCELLANEOUS		
1st	Thw. Dal's Girl 'Arcadia'	Costa/Crosby	1st	Prom. Norman Gaunt	J. Robinson
2nd	Blc. Toshie Aoki 'Carmela'	W. McEvoy	2nd	Z. Cynosure 'Blue Birds'	J. Robinson
3rd	Blc. Mount Isa 'Deborah'	W. McEvoy	3rd	Miltonia 'unknown' Zga. Adelaide Light 'Green' x Zba. Elfin-Ku 'Chocolate'	J. Costa
4th	Sc. Dal's Choice 'Castle Creek' #2	Costa/Crosby	4th		J. Costa
CLASS # 4 NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUMS			CLASS # 17 DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS		
1st	Paph. Magic Lantern	S. T. Ho	1st	Den. C.K.Ai.	Costa/Crosby
2nd	Paph. Hsinying Cherry Fairy	S. T. Ho	2nd	Den. Chao Praya Moonlight	Costa/Crosby
3rd	Paph. Lynleigh Koopowitz	J. Robinson	CLASS # 18 VANDACEOUS		
4th	Paph. Somers Phil	S. T. Ho	1st	Acocot Marilyn Farewell 'Brighton'	W. & J. Chapman
CLASS # 5 LAELIINAE OVER 80MM UP TO & INCLUDING 110MM (CLASSICAL SHAPE)			2nd	V. Josephine van Brero	J. W. Moss W. & J. Chapman
1st	Sc. Mini Surprise 'Merrigum'	Costa/Crosby	3rd	Asco. Fralur 'Kultana'	W. & J. Chapman
2nd	Sc. Mini Surprise 'Sandra'	Costa/Crosby	4th	V. Traum Von Hawaii	Chapman
3rd	Blc. Fantasy Maker 'H & R'	L. Buivids	CLASS # 19 MASDEVALLIA & DRACULA SPECIES		
4th	Lc. Cariads Mini Quinee	D. Phillips	1st	Masd. scobina	Costa/Crosby
CLASS # 7 LAELIINAE (NON CLASSICAL SHAPE)			2nd	Masd. atahualpa	Costa/Crosby
1st	Blc. Waianae Leopard 'Ching Hua'	L. Gannon	CLASS # 21A PLEUROTHALLIDINAE HYBRIDS		
2nd	Lc. Tropical Pointer 'Cheeter'	W. McEvoy	1st	Masd. Hot Shot 'Cool Dude'	Costa/Crosby
3rd	C. Netrasiri Waxy 'Jairug'	T. & J. Hyde	CLASS # 21B LAELIINAE SPECIES		
4th	Slc. Kauai x B. nodosa	Costa/Crosby	1st	Encyclia cochleata	J. Costa
CLASS # 8 LAELIINAE UP TO & INCLUDING 80MM (CLASSICAL SHAPE)			2nd	C. forbesii	W. McEvoy
1st	C. Lavender Ice 'Yalta' Sc. Mini Prophecy x Sc Lana Coryell 'Alex L'	Costa/Crosby	3rd	Encyclia ciliare	W. McEvoy
2nd		Costa/Crosby	4th	C. bicolor var. brasiliensis	J. Robinson
3rd	C. Penny Kuroda	M. Luk	CLASS # 23 SPECIES OTHER THAN ASIAN OR PAPHIOPEDILUMS		
4th	Slc. Wendy's Redstone 'Carmela'	J. Robinson		Stanhopea warszewicziana 'Butterball'	M. & L. Aldridge
CLASS # 9 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS			1st	Rodriguezia venusta	L. Buivids
1st	Den. Anne's Rainbow 'Surprise' x Andrew Persson	Costa/Crosby	2nd	Macrodinium aurorae	R. Dimon
2nd	Den. Korawin	Costa/Crosby	4th	Gongora galeata	D. Phillips
CLASS # 10 SPECIES ASIAN (OTHER THAN COELGYNINAE)			CLASS # 23A OTHER PLEUROTHALLIDINAE SPECIES		
1st	Phal. fasciata	W. & J. Chapman	1st	Rstp. brachypus	Costa/Crosby
2nd	V. tricolor	M. Luk	2nd	Rstp. schlimii	Costa/Crosby
3rd	Bulb. carunculatum	L. Buivids	CLASS # 28 NOVICE - LAELIINAE		
CLASS # 11A COELGYNINAE SPECIES			1st	Laeliinae 'unknown'	G. Curtis
1st	Coel. speciosa	J. Robinson	2nd	Laeliinae 'unknown'	S. Black
2nd	Coel. tomentosa	G. Hodder	3rd	Laeliinae 'unknown'	J. Chan
3rd	Ddc. uncatum	Costa/Crosby	CLASS # 29 NOVICE - MISCELLANEOUS		
CLASS # 12 SEEDLING			1st	Oncidiae 'unknown'	G. Curtis
1st	Rangaeris amaniensis	S. T. Ho	2nd	Phalenopsis 'unknown'	G. Curtis
2nd	Paph. In-Charm Grace	S. T. Ho	3rd	Milt. 'unknown'	G. Curtis
3rd	Paph. William Trelease	S. T. Ho	4th	Milt. Goodale Moir	G. Curtis
CLASS # 13 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS 60MM AND UNDER			CLASS # 30 NOVICE - SPECIES		
1st	Onc. Speckled Spire 'Wisp'	Costa/Crosby	1st	unknown' bicolor 'brazillience'	D. Went
2nd	Colm. Wildcat 'Bobcat'	P. Davies	CLASS # 34 INTERMEDIATE - LAELIINAE		
3rd	Colm. Wildcat 'M.T.4'	Costa/Crosby	1st	C. Leopard	P. Middleton
CLASS # 15 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS OVER 60mm			CLASS # 35 INTERMEDIATE - MISCELLANEOUS		
1st	Psychopsis Mendenhall	S. T. Ho	1st	Ascda. Crownfox Delicious 'Cathy'	M. Dimon

2nd V. Pimporn's Delight
V. Brighton's Mini Rose x Ascda.
3rd Princess Mikasa

M. Dimon
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1st Ornithophora radicans
2nd Rhynchostylis retusa

P. Middleton
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CLASS # 36 INTERMEDIATE - SPECIES

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 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:

(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.