

November Bulletin 2014

SSOS GENERAL MEETING – 12 October 2014

Our President, Frank Daniel welcomed members and prospective new member Colin Bailey. Frank asked for a member to motion that our September meeting minutes which were distributed to members through the Bulletin, either by mail or email, be accepted as accurate. Motioned by Daniel Coulton. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE received:

- Bankstown Orchid Society August – September newsletter
- OSNSW 2014 *Orchid News*
- Eurobodalla Orchid Club October 2014 newsletter
- Flyer from The Orchid Man regarding a Orchid tour of Thailand in March 2015
- Revesby Workers Australian Native Orchid Club Flyer re their Sarcochilus Show on Saturday 18 October 2014 at Revesby Workers Sports & Recreation Club
- Auction catalogue from Manly Warringah Orchid Society re their auction on 9 November at Cromer.
- Registration forms and accommodation information for the AOC Conference which is being held in Mackay Queensland in September 2015. Earlybird registrations close 31 January 2015.

TONIGHT: Mike Hitchcock and George Birss demonstrated how to deflask cymbidium seedlings. Members enjoyed getting their hands into the coconut fibre to pot their little plants. Most members came away with a few plants to foster.

NOVEMBER meeting: Alan Stephenson will talk on spuds (terrestrial orchids)

DECEMBER meeting: Christmas party

Y meeting: Seedling competition

Y meeting: Steve Falcioni from Eco Oil

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- On Saturday 15 November 2014 at 1:00pm the Society will hold a Novice meeting and an afternoon tea for new members at George Birss' house in Engadine. People can bring a plant to repot or one they would like advice on. More information will be provided at the November meeting.
- Orchid SPECIES (NSW) are holding an Orchid auction on 18 October 2014 at Thornleigh Community Centre at 10:15am. Rhonda has the list of plants to be auctioned if you are interested.
- The Society has three applications for membership but as a committee meeting was not held this month due to the show set up, they have not yet been accepted as members. They will be accepted at the next committee meeting in November.
- We have received the registration forms and accommodation information for the AOC Conference which is being held in Mackay Queensland in

Events

- **November Meeting** on the 10th of November we will have Alan Stephenson talking on native terrestrial orchids.



President: Frank Daniel

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September 2015. Earlybird registrations close 31 January 2015. If you are interested, please speak to Rhonda.

- The Southern Orchid Spectacular was a success. Thank you to all those who assisted in setting up and pulling down as well as during the show. Congratulations to Cheryl Matheson and her helpers for their success in achieving second place for the display. The Society Sales table did quite well and made \$793. Friday was the busiest day and Sunday was surprisingly busy as well. Only 60% of the free passes issued to members were used. Out of the 30 positions on the roster, only 17 people filled the positions. Frank said it is sad that it is left to the same people to do this work and asked that other members consider assisting in future. Frank handed out the awards from the Spectacular.
- Frank thanked those members who assisted on the promotional table set up at Caringbah Shopping Mall to promote the Southern Orchid Spectacular. It was quite busy and a lot of flyers were handed out.
- Jan explained how the judging operates at the Spectacular. The displays are judged first, with each judge awarding points on their worksheets for separate categories such as range of colour, overall quality of plants, and design and appearance of each display. Then the individual plants are judged. There are 8-9 panels to judge the different genera of plants. Judges are very careful to look at each display to be aware of what plants are in each display. Plants are judged in their genera against all the plants in that genera amongst all the displays. To judge the Champion plants, each panel selects a champion plant in their genera. Once judging is finished, all champion plants are put on a table, (unless they are too big to remove from the display) and all the judges vote on the champion by a show of hands.

To differentiate between the novice and open plants, novice plants have a little dot on the label and the details are provided to the judges to ensure that all novice plants are considered. Similarly, seedling plants also have a dot on the label and details provided to the judges.

LUCKY PLANTS: Dianne Phillips, John Costa and Heath Myers

NAME BADGE DRAW: Iris Scerri

RAFFLE: Jenny Sharpham, Jan Robinson (2), Richard Dimon, Dianne Phillips, George Birss, Peter Ng, Troy Rickard, Trevor Haney and Gavin Curtis.

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE: Michael Chappell

You Grew It

Ansellia Africana exhibited by Sandra Crosby and Tony Costa

This is the sole species in this genus. Found throughout the Southern parts of Africa along dry warm coasts and rivers at elevations usually below 700 metres but occasionally as high as 2000 metres.

Its common names are Africa ansellia or leopard orchid.

It is found epiphytically in the high canopy of tall trees in areas that commonly suffer from long periods without water. In cultivation it is best kept moist in growing period.

The root mass tends to grow upwards to form a basket to catch leaf litter and debris.

The roots and leaves are reputed to be used by the local African tribes for a wide range of "tribal medicinal" purposes.

The tall cane like pseudobulbs that can be up to 1.8 metres tall carry 6 – 8 thinly textured, strap shaped, ribbed dark green leaves.

The long branched, arching, numerous flowered inflorescences have green / yellow delicately scented flowers that can be plain yellow, to flowers with dark red to brown / red markings varying considerably in their intensity. This is where the common name of "leopard orchid" would be derived. (when at the World Orchid Conference a visit to Dukket's Nursery outside of Cape Town we were shown many varieties of Ansellia and it was mentioned by one of the owners that the further North the darker the markings. One



exceptionally orchid with dark, almost black markings came from the Rift Valley area).

Properagation of Ansellias is by division. They DO NOT like to be disturbed so do not repot for several years, they grow into impressive specimen plants. They like shallow pots or baskets with a very course mix. Keep drier in Winter to induce flowering.

Foot Note : At the recent World Orchid Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa, one of the major displays was entirely of Ansellia Africana. The display consisted of two hills – 20 -25 meters in length, about 8 10 metres wide and 2 – 3 metres high containing anywhere between 200 and 300 Ansellia plants from which one was awarded Shows Reserve Champion.

The WOC was staged in South Africa's dry period (2 months prior to orchid flowering period, the start of their wet season) but the display of Ansellia Africana one of the only orchids in bloom in South Africa was spectacular.

Chysis bacteescens exhibited by Wayne Mc Evoy

Species orchid found in Mexico, Belize, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua.

This hot to warm growing epiphyte found in trees and occasionally in calcareous rocks (rocks containing an excess of calcium) at elevations of 800 – 1500 mts. in humid, semi – deciduous forests.

In cultivation this species is best grown mounted on tree fern or in baskets to accomodate the pendant nature of the canes.

This species has fat fusiform (spindle shaped) pendulous canes that bear flowers from the base of a new growth with arching 30cm robust inflorescences that carries up to 10 waxy fragrant flowers that are an attractive ivory colour with a yellow lip. The pseudobulbs can become very heavy so may require securing to prevent the plant tipping over.

They have several large pleated deciduous leaves that are heavily veined on the underside. They prefer a dryer winter to ensure flowering and propagation is by division.

If you have heat or a very warm area and are prepared to water and fertilize often this is a spectacular genera to have in a collection and there are a few different varieties. A flowering plant can be between 20 – 50 cm in height depending in variety but give a great display.



Dendrobium primulinum exhibited by Wayne Mc Evoy

Robust medium sized species found from India, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaya and Southern China. Found at elevations of 500 – 1000 metres growing on deciduous trees, they require direct sunlight for at least three hours a day. They are a cool to warm grower requiring cool nights year round.

This orchid has pendulous, terete (tubelike), sulcate (grooved) stems where flowers arise from nodes along leafless canes. They need lots of water and fertilizer after new growth begins. Because of their pendulous growth this orchid is best suited to mounting or in a hanging basket.

With attractive, fragrant pale / light purple largish flowers they can either have a white lip or a white lip with yellow deep in the throat. And flower along the cane.



Dendrobium linguiforme (Dockrillia linguiforme) exhibited by Rhonda Jackson

The name linguiforme is from Latin, *a tongue*, hence the common name of Tongue Orchid or Thumbnail Orchid and in Nth. Qld. The Tick Orchid, It is reported to be the first orchid seen by a white man when they landed at the Rocks area in Sydney Cove.

This Orchid has a huge range of habitat which stretches from almost the Victorian border to north Queensland and west to the Great Dividing Range. It is very common throughout this area and is equally happy as an epiphyte (orchids occurring on trees but not parasitic) or a lithophytes (found growing on rocks). As an epiphyte it likes to grow on most trees that don't shed their bark, it also grows into large mats with its creeping habitat on rock formations in extremely exposed conditions that would kill most orchids. In the dry times, the leaves which are thick, tough and numerous shrivel and can last many months without water.

Flowering from August to October the long lasting (about 2 weeks) feathery white flowers appear with one raceme per leaf on new growth.

If grown on slabs, which is the preferred way – it should be hung up high. In nature it likes plenty of sunlight although it will grow in shade. Wherever it is grown there should be good light, humidity and air movement.



Monthly Results October

PLANT OF NIGHT

Winner *Ansellia africana*

Costa/Crosby

OPEN CLASS HYBRID

Winner *Den. Mild Yumi 'Lotus'*

Costa/Crosby

OPEN CLASS SPECIES

Winner *Ansellia africana*

Costa/Crosby

INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner *Doc. Tweetas 'Mask'*

O. Sutton

NOVICE & JUNIOR JUDGES CHOICE

Winner *Phal. Brother Spring Dancer*

J. Sharpham

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner *Blc. Chia Lin 'Shinsu'*

W. McEvoy

CLASS # 1 AUSTRALIAN NATIVES

1st *Doc. striolata 'Ruffles'*

C. Brandon

2nd *Doc. striolata 'Meg x Ruffles'*

C. Brandon

3rd *Pfst. baptisti 'Janette'*

W. & J. Chapman

4th *Sarco. hartmannii '3 mountains'*

R. Dimon

CLASS # 2 SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUMS

1st *Paph. sukhakulii*

Costa/Crosby

CLASS # 3 LAELIINAE OVER 110MM (CLASSICAL SHAPE)

1st *Blc. Chia Lin 'Shinsu'*

W. McEvoy

Blc.Sans Yang Ruby 'Grand

2nd *Dragon'*

W. McEvoy

3rd *C. Only You*

W. McEvoy

CLASS # 4 NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUMS

1st *Paph. Red Jazz*

Costa/Crosby

2nd *Paph. Black Spider*

Costa/Crosby

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

Lc. Cariad's Mini Quinee 'Angel

1st *Kiss'*

J. Robinson

Lc. Persepolis 'splendour' x Pot.

2nd *Free Spirit 'Liana'*

R. Dimon

3rd *Pot. Dal's Moon*

Costa/Crosby

Lc. Rudak 'signature' x Sl. Orpetii

4th *'shonan'*

W. & J. Chapman

CLASS # 7 LAELIINAE (NON CLASSICAL SHAPE)

1st *C. Orange Trick*

L. Gannon

2nd *Lc. Trick or Treat*

W. McEvoy

3rd *Slc. Wasp Nest*

D. Phillips

Epi. Rene Marques 'Flame

4th *Thrower'*

J. Costa

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

1st *Pot. Free Spirit 'Miami Son'*

W. & J. Chapman

CLASS # 9 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS

1st *Doc. Green Cascades*

C. Brandon

CLASS # 10 SPECIES ASIAN (OTHER THAN COELGYNINAE)

1st *Den. lindleyi*

Costa/Crosby

2nd *Den. primulinum*

W. McEvoy

CLASS # 11A COELGYNINAE SPECIES

1st *Ddc. filiforme*

J. Costa

CLASS # 12 SEEDLING

Paph. Hsinying Flying Tiger x

1st *sukhakulii*

D.Coulton

2nd *Paph. Flame Effect*

Costa/Crosby

3rd *Paph Red Jazz*

Costa/Crosby

CLASS # 13 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS 60MM AND UNDER

1st *Onc. Lemon Heart*

Costa/Crosby

2nd *Colm. Wildcat 'Ocelot'*

Costa/Crosby

3rd *Zdg. Calico Gem*

P. Davies

4th *Odcdm. Cherry Fudge 'Carmela'*

Costa/Crosby

CLASS # 15 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS OVER 60mm

1st *Colm. Massai Red*

Costa/Crosby

CLASS # 16 MISCELLANEOUS

1st *Lyc. Kibune*

J. Costa

CLASS # 17 DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS

1st *Den. Mild Yumi 'Lotus'*

Costa/Crosby

2nd	Den. Hamana Lake 'Dream'	J. Costa	
3rd	Den. Sunburst 'Tain'	W. & J. Chapman	
4th	Den. Hot Pulani 'Kibi'	J. Field	
CLASS # 21A PLEUROTHALLIDINAE HYBRIDS			
1st	Masd. Lightning Stripes	Costa/Crosby	
2nd	Masd. Double Take	Costa/Crosby	
3rd	Masd. Hot Shot 'Cool Dude'	Costa/Crosby	
4th	Masd. Marguerite 'Mardi Gras'	W. & J. Chapman	
CLASS # 21B LAELIINAE SPECIES			
1st	C. intermedia var. Amethystina	W. McEvoy	
2nd	C. skinneri	L. Gannon	
CLASS # 23 SPECIES OTHER THAN ASIAN OR PAPHIOPEDILUMS			
1st	Ansellia africana	Costa/Crosby	
2nd	Chysis bractescens	W. McEvoy	
3rd	Ansellia africana	J. Costa	
CLASS # 23A OTHER PLEUROTHALLIDINAE SPECIES			
1st	Rstp. 'unknown'	C. Brandon	
2nd	Rstp. contorta	Costa/Crosby	
3rd	Pths. spectacular	Costa/Crosby	
4th	Rstp. brachypus	Costa/Crosby	
CLASS # 24A NATIVE SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS			
1st	Sarco. Heidi x spatulatus	C. Brandon	
2nd	Sarco. Jeanne 'KW'	C. Brandon	
3rd	Sarco. Julie	Costa/Crosby	
4th	Sarco. Maria	C. Brandon	
5th	Sarco. Zoe 'SB' x Pinwit	D. Phillips	
CLASS # 26 NOVICE - CYMBIDIUMS			
1st	Cym. Francie Porter 'Enid'	F. Daniel	
CLASS # 27 - NOVICE - NATIVE & NATIVE HYBRIDS			
1st	Sarco. Zoe 'SB' x Pinwit	R. Jackson	
2nd	Sarco. hartmannii	R. Coulton	
3rd	Sarco. 'unknown'	G. Finn	
4th	Den. linguiforme	R. Jackson	
5th	Sarco. hartmannii	R. Jackson	
CLASS # 28 NOVICE - LAELIINAE			
1st	Cattleya 'unknown'		R. Coulton
CLASS # 29 NOVICE - MISCELLANEOUS			
1st	Phal. Brother Spring Dancer		J. Sharpham
2nd	Phal. Little Gem Stripes		J. Sharpham
3rd	Phal. Autumn Sun 'Amy Lee'		J. Sharpham
	Wils. Hilda Plumtree 'Purple Wings'		F. Daniel
4th			F. Daniel
5th	Den. 'unknown'		
CLASS # 30 NOVICE - SPECIES			
1st	Coel. flaccida		P. Middleton
2nd	Coel. speciosa		P. Middleton
3rd	Coel. flaccida		T. Rickard
CLASS # 31 INTERMEDIATE - PAPHIOPEDILUMS			
1st	Paph. Glaucolem		H. Myers
CLASS # 33 INTERMEDIATE - NATIVE SPECIES & NATIVE HYBRIDS			
1st	Sarco. 'unknown'		H. Myers
2nd	Sarco. 'unknown'		D. & M. Hannah
3rd	Sarco. Jeanne 'T.E.'		H. Myers
4th	Sarco. Hot Ice 'Pink' x Bright Spots		D. & M. Hannah
CLASS # 35 INTERMEDIATE - MISCELLANEOUS			
1st	Doc. Tweetas 'Mask'		O. Sutton
	V. Pachara Delight 'Midnight'		
2nd	Lace'		M. Dimon
3rd	Den. Gion 'Pink Lady'		H. Myers
	Wils. Hilda Plumtree 'Purple Wings'		H. Myers
4th			O. Sutton
5th	Den. Fortune 'H'		
CLASS # 36 INTERMEDIATE - SPECIES			
1st	Asco. christensoniana		M. Dimon
	Asco. ampullacea 'Red' X		
2nd	'Orange'		M. Dimon
3rd	Arpophyllum giganteum		R. Nicol
4th	Coel. flaccida		T. Haney
CLASS # 37 INTERMEDIATE SEEDLINGS			
1st	Paph. Hung Sheng Bay		H. Myers