

October Bulletin 2014

SSOS GENERAL MEETING – 8 September 2014

Welcome members and guests. Ask for a member to motion that our August meeting minutes which were distributed to members through the Bulletin, either by mail or email, be accepted as accurate. Motioned by S. Crosby. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE received:

- ANOS Mid North Coast Group's Speciosum competition is running again and members who wish to enter should take a photo of their flowering Speciosums. \$5 to enter, forms available on their website.
- Revesby Workers' Australian Native Orchid Club Show is on Sunday 14 September in the Atrium of Revesby Workers Club.
- Canberra Orchid Society Spring Show is on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 September at Wesley Centre, Forrest, ACT.
- Trans Niugini Tours is offering to arrange tours of Papua New Guinea to see the vast varieties of orchids grown there.
- Eurobodalla Orchid club and Bankstown Orchid Society newsletters and OSNSW August 2014 *Orchid News* were received.

Our speaker was Graeme Davies, who gave a humorous and entertaining talk on growing his Australian native Dendrobiums. He has grown them for a long time and our members enjoyed hearing his many stories about his orchids.

OCTOBER meeting: Deflasking night

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

DECEMBER meeting: Christmas party

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- The Society is looking for someone to take over the novice group meetings. George Birss has offered to hold the Novice meeting at his house on every 2nd month. The first day will be on Saturday 15 November 2014. Another suggestion is to hold a novice plant clinic prior to the general meeting, or for someone to talk to the Novice members for 30 minutes prior to the General meeting. If you would be interested in participating, even on a few occasions, please let a committee member know.
- The committee is planning to have an afternoon tea for new members and thought it would be perfect to combine this with the Novice Meeting to be held on Saturday 15 November at George Birss' house. The Novice Group and new members will be emailed the details and if anyone else would like to attend, please let Rhonda know.
- On Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 September 2014 a promotional table will be set up at Caringbah Shopping Mall from 9:00am to 4:00pm to promote the Schoolies Orchid Spectacular. We are looking for volunteers to assist on the table for half a day. If you are able to assist for half a day would you put your name on the volunteer schedule or let Louise know? The volunteers will give out flyers to the shoppers and promote the society.

Events

- **October Meeting** on the 13th of October we will have the annual deflasking night, this is an event not to be missed.



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- The Australian Orchid Council is considering changing the format of *Orchids Australia* magazine to A5 (half an A4 page), which will reduce the costs of printing the magazine for the Council. Members who are subscribers are asked to provide your feedback to this proposal to the AOC Secretary, Thea Shaughnessy at jtshaughnessy1@bigpond.com.
- The AOC President is calling for articles for the *Orchids Australia* magazine on growing of various genera of orchids. They are after articles especially directed at Novice and newer growers. If anyone would like to provide articles to the magazine, please send them to Jim Shaughnessy at jtshaughnessy1@bigpond.com.
- The AOC President also urged members to attend the 2015 Conference in Mackay. It will be held from 18 to 23 September **2015** at the Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre.
- The Society would like to thank Louise Gannon for her massive effort in organising the Spring Show, as well as all the members who volunteered their time. The lack of support shown by some members who did not commit to assisting was disappointing. Some members who assisted at the show did not write their name on the roster which makes the organisation of the show difficult to manage. Members are asked to appreciate the amount of work that is involved with organising the show and everyone's assistance is appreciated. The raffle was won by Vic.
- As part of the review of the Spring Show, the committee has updated the Sales Table conditions to clarify arrangements as follows:
 - When a plant was removed from the sales bench by a senior member as it was deemed not suitable for sale, it was placed back on the table for sale by the grower. In future the pot will have a red spot sticker placed on it to highlight that it is not worthy of being sold;
 - Some members are using small paper tags on string so that the tags cannot be easily switched but are very easy to lose once they are removed from the plant when sold, and if the tag gets wet, the writing may run. To make the reconciliation less difficult for the Treasurer, the committee agreed that these tags are not to be used. Regular plant tags must be used and be no smaller than 85mm and not cut in half. Members will be encouraged to use the yellow tags on sales table plants to reduce the possibility of tags being swapped.
 - The committee believes that some members may be purchasing plants from wholesalers or nurseries to sell on the sales table in competition with our Sponsor. The committee is concerned that this may affect Swanes' support of our shows and has agreed that these plants cannot be sold on the sales table.

The new conditions for the sales bench will be included in the Bulletin.

- I hope everyone saw this week's Leader front page with the photo of Louise amongst the orchids at the Spring show.
- Rhonda issued the Schoolies Orchid Spectacular one day free pass to members who were at the meeting. For those members who were not present, their tickets will be sent by mail to them. Last year we did not get 50% attendance by members so you are asked to support it this year. The Orchid Spectacular will be held on Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th October. 9:00am to 4:00pm Friday and Saturday, and 9:00am to 3:00pm on Sunday, at Caringbah High School, Cnr Willarong Road and Taren Point Road, Caringbah. Plants for SSOS members will be checked-in on **Wednesday night, Oct. 1 from 7pm to 8.30pm**. After booking-in your plants it would be appreciated if you could help set up the vendor area with tables and black plastic. Sales bench plants can be dropped off on Thursday or throughout the following show days. Please do not come to the School on Thursday unless it is absolutely necessary as Societies will be setting up their displays and any extra people may only get in the way. The prize presentation is at 3pm on Sunday, after which you can pick up your plants. You can get in 'free' at 2.45pm on Sunday. Your assistance with cleaning the hall on Sunday, would be greatly appreciated.

LUCKY PLANTS: Heath Myers, John Costa, Frank Daniel

NAME BADGE DRAW: David Went

RAFFLE: Troy Rickard, Jeanette Rose, Daniel Coulton, Pam Middleton, Robert Coulton, Elsie Burriss.

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE: Richard Dimon's *Dendrobium McLalencaphilum*.

SSOS SPRING SHOW – The Recipes

As everyone knows twice a year we have very successful shows down at Swanes. This occurs in no small part because of the efforts of many members who help in many different ways. One of those members who often doesn't get much recognition is Di Hannah. Di for those who don't know is the source of the wonderful home baked cookies and slice which routinely get passed around amongst the tireless workers. But guess what for all those who love the cookies and slice but want it more than twice a year, I have secured the recipes for these two delicious treats so you can now all make them at home. Thanks so much Di.

Raw Peanut Biscuits

Ingredients:

1 egg
Pinch of Salt
¾ cup of sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 teaspoon cocoa
1 ½ cups of self raising flour
125g margarine
250g raw peanuts

Method:

Beat egg and sugar together, add salt, vanilla, cocoa and peanuts. Add flour. Melt margarine and pour over dry ingredients. Mix well and place in heaped spoonfuls on greased trays. Bake in moderate oven (180°C for 25 minutes).

White Chocolate Rocky Road

INGREDIENTS

4 x 220 blocks white chocolate
1 pkt raspberry lollies
1 pkt marshmallows

METHOD

Cut raspberries and marshmallows in half (or leave whole if preferred).
Place in prepared 7"x 11" lamington tin lined with alfoil.
Melt chocolate and pour over top.
Refrigerate until set.
I found it was easier to cut into pieces before completely set.

SOUTHERN SPECTACULAR SHOW RESULTS FOR SSOS 2014

SUTHERLAND SHIRE ORCHID DISPLAY: 2nd PLACE

CHAMPION SEEDLING: PAPH. SHIN-YI MACAS X SHIN-YI HEART J. ROBINSON

HYBRID SARCOCHILUS

5g any other colour or combination
2nd. Sarco. Fizzy Dove 'Peachy' x (Perky x hartmannii) S. Crosby & T. Costa

CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS UP TO AND INCLUDING 90mm

9a predominantly Red or Pink
1st. Cym. Black Pearl 'Cheerleader' M. Luk

9b predominantly Green or Yellow
1st. Cym. Gladys Whitesell 'Heavenly' J. Costa

PHALAENOPSIS (INCLUDING DORITAENOPSIS) AND VANDACEOUS

10b. any other colour greater than 75mm

2nd. Dtps. Leaford prince x sib

T. Hyde

PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS

15e Maudie type, albinistic

1st. Paph Hsinying Konyx x Hsinying Dragon

J. Robinson

DENDROBIUM

16b Dendrobium soft cane type, predominately Pink

2nd. Den. unknown

E. Whitley

16e Dendrobium soft cane type, other colour

2nd. Den Mild Yuma Lotus

S. Crosby & T. Costa

16g Other Exotic Dendrobium hybrids

2nd. Den. New Guinea

R. Dimon

OTHER HYBRIDS

17a Pleurothallidinae 15mm and over

2nd. Masd. Hot Shot 'Cool Dude'

S. Crosby & T. Costa

17c Oncidiinae up to and including 60mm in width

1st. Onc. One Lemon Heart

S. Crosby & T. Costa

AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID ORCHID

20a Dendrobium

1st. Den. Kayla 'Perfection'

C. Brandon

2nd. Den. Jonathan's Glory x Wonga

S. Crosby & T. Costa

SEEDLING

21b. Paphiopedilum

1st. Paph. Shin-Yi Macas x Shin-Yi Heart

J. Robinson

NOVICE

23b Cymbidium Intermediate/Miniature

1st. Cym. Frankie Porter 'Enid'

F. Daniel

24 Australian Native Species or Hybrid

1st. Den. Delicatum

F. Daniel

25 Laeliinae

1st. Laeliinae unknown

P. Middleton

You Grew It

Dendrobium aemulum **Exhibited by J. Costa**

Commonly called the Ironbark orchid, this native species is found growing in rainforest and Ironbark eucalyptus trees across the east coast of Australia and New Caledonia. The white, strongly perfumed flowers likely attract moth pollinators. This species prefers to be mounted in cultivation in similar conditions to other native dendrobiums with adequate light and wet-dry watering periods.



Coelogyne cristata var. hololeuca
Exhibited by D. Phillip

Coelogyne species found growing in the montane forests of the Himalayas, Assam, Nepal, Bhutan, Sikkim and Java from 1500-2600 meters. Blooms from winter to spring with flowers perfumed at night attracting moth pollinators. The hololeuca variant is the alba form of the species with the sepals, petals and labellum completely white. Plants can be grown in cool to cold conditions in partial shade with reduced watering in winter.



Osmoglossum pulchellum
Exhibited by J. Costa

An Oncidinae species found in montane forests of Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica between 1200 and 2600 meters. Produces 4-10 fragrant long lasting flowers. Favours cool conditions similar to other Oncidinae species with medium shade. The inflorescence of this species has a tendency to droop if not supported by a stake.



Cattleya mossiae
Exhibited by L. Buivids

A very fragrant and showy cattleya species, always found flowering in relation to springtime. Endemic to Venezuela in warm to cool forests at 900 to 1500 meters, C. mossiae is their national flower emblem. It blooms 4-5 flowers per spike with multiple leads, making it an ideal exhibition species. C. mossiae was the second unifoliate Cattleya species discovered after Cattleya labiata, which was originally scarce or unavailable in cultivation. C. mossiae were plentiful and anyone who had money to spend could buy them, making it one of the major commercial cut-flowers between the 1940's and 1950's. A wonderful Cattleya species for beginners, C. mossiae can grow in a broad range of conditions, being one of the easiest to flower.



Monthly Results August

PLANT OF NIGHT

Winner Paph. tonsum S. T. Ho

OPEN CLASS HYBRID

Winner Den. Australian Goldrush J. Costa

OPEN CLASS SPECIES

Winner Paph. tonsum S. T. Ho

INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Den. Class 'Windsor Downs' x Den. Ray's Spot H. Myers

NOVICE & JUNIOR JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Phal. Sogo Berry C. Matheson

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner Den. melalencaphilum R. Dimon

CLASS # 1 AUSTRALIAN NATIVES

1st Den.speciosum 'Jimmy' x J. Costa
 (Nationalwhite x Curvicaule)
2nd Den. tetragonum M. Chappell
3rd Den. gracillimum L. Gannon

4th	Den. aemulum	J. Costa	2nd	Arpophyllum spicatum	L. Gannon
CLASS # 2 SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUMS			3rd	Laelia flava	M. Chappell
1st	Paph. tonsum	S. T. Ho	4th	C. mossiae	L. Buivids
	Paph. venustum var		CLASS # 22 MINITURE CYMBIDIUMS UNDER 60mm		
2nd	measuresianum	S. T. Ho		Cym. Dorothy Stockstill 'Forbidden	
	Paph. venustum var		1st	Fruit'	J. Costa
3rd	measuresianum	S. T. Ho	2nd	Cym. Bunyip 'Precious Memories'	J. Costa
CLASS # 4 NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUMS			CLASS # 23 SPECIES OTHER THAN ASIAN OR PAPHIOPEDILUMS		
1st	Paph. Mountain Jewel	S. T. Ho	1st	Osmoglossum pulchellum	J. Costa
CLASS # 5 LAELIINAE OVER 80MM UP TO & INCLUDING 110MM (CLASSICAL SHAPE)			2nd	Max. porphyrostele	J. Costa
1st	Pot. Edith North 'Danny Adams'	J. Costa	3rd	Max. porphyrostele	M. Chappell
CLASS # 7 LAELIINAE (NON CLASSICAL SHAPE)			CLASS # 23A OTHER PLEUROTHALLIDINAE SPECIES		
	Lc.Trick or Treat 'Orange Beauty' x		1st	Rstp. antennifera 'Goliath'	D. Coultou
1st	'Orange Magic'	J. Costa	2nd	Rstp. guttulata	D. Coultou
CLASS # 8 LAELIINAE UP TO & INCLUDING 80MM (CLASSICAL SHAPE)			CLASS # 24A NATIVE SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS		
	Ctna. Dal's Capri 'Giff' x BC. Dal's		1st	Sarco. Gadial	C. Brandon
1st	Charm 'Ebony'	J. Costa	CLASS # 27 - NOVICE - NATIVE & NATIVE HYBRIDS		
2nd	Slc. Hazel Boyd 'Apricot Glow'	I. Buivids	1st	Den. speciosum var grandiflorum	G. Finn
CLASS # 9 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS			2nd	Den. 'unknown'	R. Jackson
1st	Den. Australian 'Goldrush'	J. Costa	3rd	Den. speciosum var speciosum	G. Finn
2nd	Den. Issy's Glory	Costa/Crosby	4th	Den. gracillimum	G. Finn
	Den. Macbride 'Burgundy Ice' x		5th	Den. speciosum var speciosum	G. Finn
3rd	Electric Musk	J. Costa	CLASS # 28 NOVICE - LAELIINAE		
4th	Den. Duno Deerose 'Janne'	J. Costa	1st	Laeliinae 'unknown'	P. Middleton
5th	Den. Finale 'Sophie'	J. Costa	CLASS # 29 NOVICE - MISCELLANEOUS		
CLASS # 10 SPECIES ASIAN (OTHER THAN COELGYGININAE)			1st	Phal. Sogo Berry	C. Matheson
1st	Den. secundum alba	L. Buivids	2nd	Coel. Unchained Melody	P. Middleton
CLASS # 11 PHALAEENOPSIS			3rd	Coel. flaccida 'Don'	F. Daniel
1st	Phal. Sogo Yukidian	G. Hodder	4th	Coel. Unchained Melody	F. Daniel
2nd	Phal. Sogo Yukidian	G. Hodder	CLASS # 30 NOVICE - SPECIES		
CLASS # 11A COELGYGININAE SPECIES			1st	Osmoglossum pulchellum	J. Sharpham
1st	Coel. cristata var. hololeuca	D. Phillips	CLASS # 31 INTERMEDIATE - PAPHIOPEDILUMS		
2nd	Coel. flaccida	L. Gannon	1st	Paph. Glaucoliem	H. Myers
CLASS # 12 SEEDLING			CLASS # 32 INTERMEDIATE - CYMBIDIUMS		
1st	Paph. liemianum	S. T. Ho		Cym. Gentle Touch 'Bon Bon'	D. & M. Hannah
	Paph.fairrieanum var		1st		D. & M. Hannah
2nd	Bohlmanianum	S. T. Ho	2nd	Cym. Ice on Fire 'Nikkietta'	Hannah
	Den. speciosum grandiflorum x		CLASS # 33 INTERMEDIATE - NATIVE SPECIES & NATIVE HYBRIDS		
3rd	Daylight Moon	L. Gannon		Den. Class 'Windsor Downs' x Den.	
CLASS # 13 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS 60MM AND UNDER			1st	Ray's Spot 'Superb'	H. Myers
1st	Odcdm. Cherry Fudge 'Carmela'	S. T. Ho			D. & M. Hannah
CLASS # 14 NOVELTY PHALAEENOPSIS UNDER 75mm			2nd	Den. Tamborine Village	Hannah
1st	Phal. Sogo Mandala	G. Hodder	3rd	Den. June Mac 'Black'	H. Myers
2nd	Phal. Sogo Ornate	G. Hodder			D. & M. Hannah
CLASS # 15 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS OVER 60mm			4th	Den. Tyabb	Hannah
1st	Onc. Wildcat	D. Phillips	CLASS # 34 INTERMEDIATE - LAELIINAE		
CLASS # 16 MISCELLANEOUS			1st	Pot. Koolau Orange	J. Rose
1st	Doc. Tweetie	D. Phillips	CLASS # 35 INTERMEDIATE - MISCELLANEOUS		
2nd	Doc. Brookvale	M. Chappell	1st	Phal. 'unknown'	J. Rose
3rd	Doc. Jungle Juice	J. Costa	2nd	Phal. 'unknown'	J. Rose
4th	Coel. Intermedia	G. Hodder	CLASS # 37 INTERMEDIATE SEEDLINGS		
CLASS # 17 DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS			1st	Den. Robbie McInnes	H. Myers
1st	Den. Gowan's Tangelo	L. Buivids		Den.Monroe 'Marilyn' x Dunokayla	
2nd	Den. C.K.Ai.	Costa/Crosby	2nd	'Chunkymoon'	H. Myers
3rd	Den. bigibbum x bigibbum	J. Costa		Den. Stupid Orange x Aussie	
CLASS # 21A PLEUROTHALLIDINAE HYBRIDS			3rd	Parade	H. Myers
1st	Masd. Peach Fuzz	L. Buivids		Den. Aust. Rose-Beauty x Victorian	
CLASS # 21B LAELIINAE SPECIES			4th	Flare 'SVL'	H. Myers
1st	C. intermedia x C. intermedia	J. Costa			

SSOS SALES BENCH CONDITIONS

The Society conducts a sales bench for the purpose of enabling the members to sell their surplus plants. The intention is not to compete with other nurseries/vendors at our shows or with stock sold by our sponsor.

The following conditions apply to sales bench plants

1. Only financial members of SSOS may sell their plants on the sales table.
2. All plants sold by any member must be sold from the Society's sales table.
3. Plants sourced from wholesalers or nurseries are not to be sold on the sales table.
4. Plants should be well presented and desirable to buy. They should be well grown and DISEASE FREE. They should be free from weeds, husks, old flower stems or dead leaves etc.
5. All plants are to be well established and secure in the pot and with appropriate root growth and NOT freshly potted. Plants may be staked where applicable.
6. Tags are to be regular plant tags or the same as the example below. Split in half tags are not acceptable. Other tags may be used with prior approval from the committee.
7. Each plant is to have two tags; one with the name of the plant, and also have a guide to the colour (if not in flower), and its growing conditions ie. heat required or green house. The other tag is to have the seller's FULL name in waterproof pen, (not pencil) and it must be legible and have the price in multiples of one dollar, clearly displayed on the same side.
8. The Society is entitled to remove any plant from the sales table that it deems not worthy of sale.
9. The Society, while taking all care, will not be responsible for any loss, damage or theft of plants.
10. Payment by the Society is based on member's sale tags held by the Treasurer or their representative at the end of the show. Lost plants or lost/swapped tags are at the seller's risk and NOT the Society's.
11. The Society collects a 15% commission from all sales. If a member has not assisted during the show or exhibited a plant, a 20% sales commission will apply. The show roster will be used as a record for this purpose. Assisting only on Sunday afternoon does not qualify for the reduced commission.
12. Failure to meet these criteria will result in rejection of plants from the sales table.

