

The South Coast Orchid Club of SA Inc.

Gazette

**August
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PRESIDENT: Geoff Spear

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AT A GLANCE

The next meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will be held at 8pm on Wednesday 7th August 2013 at St. Bernadette's Church Hall corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Marys. Our guest speaker will be Les Nesbitt speaking on 'Terrestrials and Repotting Tubers etc'.

BEGINNERS' GROUP MAIN MEETING

Now held in Main Hall near Secretary's Table.

Convenor: Pauline Hockey with Questions and Answers.

DAYTIME CHAPTER

The next meeting will be held at Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton on Thursday 8th August 2013 at 2pm.

SOUTHERN REGION GROUP

The next meeting will be held at 1.30pm on Sunday 18th August 2013 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. The guest speaker will be Brian Lyttle showing a video and speaking on Phalaenopsis. I have seen this, it is an excellent presentation.

WINTER SHOW 28th July to 3rd August

Colonnades Noarlunga Centre, Beach Road corner of Goldsmith Drive. Entrance TUNZA Fun Southern side of building same as other times.

Judging on Saturday 27th July at Hamilton School, 815 Marion Road, Mitchell Park. Put in time 12 noon and Judging 1pm sharp.

TRADING TABLE: Saturday 27th July. Members may bring in selling plants from 4.15p.m. to 5.00p.m. and shopping hours during the week. Remember, Sunday is the busiest day for sales. Plants are either to be in flower or photo of the orchid with the plant please.

DISPLAY: Prior arrangements must be made to take plants from Hamilton School to Colonnades. Your Display plants may be taken in at 4.30p.m. Please take your plants to Colonnades as soon as possible for us to build a beautiful display. This is an excellent site and we have many customers waiting for our return, we were sadly missed on Mothers' Day.

REMINDER: To show your plants at the Winter Show you must be a financial member and have owned your plant for at least 6 months.

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People who submit articles to the Club for inclusion in our Gazette express opinions which are not necessarily those of the Club.

No guarantee is provided to anyone using the ideas & opinions expressed in these articles.

Items must be delivered to the Editor by the second Thursday of each month.

E. & O. E.

EDITOR: Rod McRedmond Ph 08 8293 3545

CLUB MEETING DATES

August 2013

- 07 Main meeting - Les Nesbit on potting tubers for terrestials
- 14 Committee Meeting
- 15 Daytime Chapter
- 18 Southern Region Group - Noel Oliver on Australian Native Cattleyas

September 2013

- 04 Main meeting- Alan Davies on Olympic Dam
- 11 Committee Meeting
- 12 Daytime Chapter
- 15 Southern Region Group - Brian Lyttle on Oncidiums

October 2013

- 02 Main meeting - Leslie & Robert Gunn on 2012 Equador Trip
- 09 Committee Meeting
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- 20 Southern Region Group - Roger Herriman on species cymbidiums

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- 06 Main meeting - Brian Lyttle on Oncidium Alliance
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- 15 Southern Regional Group - Lunch Middleton Tavern & G Zerbe TBA

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SHOW TIME

The Show is only a few days away, let's make this a spectacular Show. The Committee needs members' assistance such as:

1. Volunteers to help on Trading Table.
2. Flowering Orchid Plants for display, prepared in Show condition for judging, clean pots. Please do not water plants on the day you put in the Show, the day before is better. Committee will look after your plant's needs while in the Show.
3. Trading Table plants, in good condition and clean pots. You may bring in plants without flowers but please include a photo of the bloom.

Remember you must be a financial member to show your plants.

CONGRATULATIONS

Moss and Rosemary Bray received the A.O.M. in the Queen's Birthday Honour List for outstanding work in his contribution to orchid culture. Moss is the second person to receive such a distinguished award.

VALE

With regret we advise the passing of Rob Warden who was a member of our Club for many years. He was an A.O.C. Judge and would often be guest speaker at Orchid Clubs, a very knowledgeable gentleman who will be greatly missed by all his orchid friends. R.I.P. Rob.

WHAT'S ON BEFORE THE MEETING

<u>Trading Table:</u>	You'll find Des and Hazel here each month to give advice on all new lines available. They have been loyal members for many years.
<u>Plant Raffle Tickets:</u>	David Williams, another very loyal member, always there to sell raffle tickets.
<u>Lucky Square:</u>	Buy a lucky square from Daniel Spear and you may win a bag of bark.
<u>Library:</u>	Visit Henk, another great guy, you'll find good orchid books here to borrow.
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Judy McRedmond is always available to take payments for subs or social activities. Buy a lucky number from Judy and you may win \$25.
<u>Orchids on Show:</u>	Enter the plants but please leave the judging area by 7.50p.m.
<u>Beginners' Group:</u>	7.15p.m. before main meeting.

PUBLIC LIABILITY

Under Insurance Guideline all members and Committee attending any function or meeting held by the Club must now sign an attendance book by name and signature.

SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB BUS TRIP TO FLEURIEU PENINSULA

The Committee is sorry to advise that, due to insufficient members wishing to attend, the planned bus trip has been cancelled. Any members that have already paid will be get a refund in the post.

ORCHID CALENDAR FOR 2013

SOUTHERN REGION GROUP SHOW

THURSDAY 29th AUGUST TO SUNDAY 1st SEPTEMBER at the R.S.L. Hall, Coral Street, Victor Harbor.

SPRING SHOW

SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER TO SATURDAY 28th SEPTEMBER at Arndale Shopping Centre.

SOUTHERN GROUP WORKSHOP

FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER at Reg and Elsie Clifford's home.

2013 COMMITTEE**PRESIDENT****SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT****VICE PRESIDENT****TREASURER****SECRETARY****COMMITTEE****Geoffrey Spear****Donna Meuwsen****Paul Hayes****Judy McRedmond****Lucy Spear****Dorothy Carasai, Rod McRedmond, Louis Moulds,****Rowan Crowhurst, Barbara Almond, Andrew Lutz.****2013 SUBSCRIPTION RATES: One membership covers all groups.****Family Membership \$33.00****Single Membership \$25.00****Junior Membership \$17.00****Rural and Interstate Membership****Family Membership \$29.00****Single Membership \$23.00****SOUTHERN REGION GROUP SHOW 29th AUGUST TO SUNDAY 1st SEPTEMBER****VENUE:****R.S.L. Hall, Coral Street, Victor Harbor.****DATE AND TIME:**Thursday 29th August 12noon to 4.00pmFriday 30th August 10am to 4.00pmSaturday 31st August 10a.m to 4.00pmSunday 1st September 10a.m. to 3.00pm**Thursday 29th August Timetable:**

8.30am. Geoff, Lucy, Dorothy arrive. Helpers please.

9.00am. Set up Judging.

9.30am Set Up for Trading Table.

9.45 to 10.15am. Put in Plants for Judging.

10.30am. Judging

12 Noon Pat Chigwidden opens Show.

SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB SPRING SHOW

Spring Show Judging: Saturday 21st September at Hamilton School, 815 Marion Road, Mitchell Park. Gates open at 11.00am any members who are able to help set up the hall please contact Lucy. Put in time 11.00 am to 12.30pm. Judging 12.30 pm. sharp. Afternoon tea – please bring a cake. (No nuts please).

Show Venue: Centro Arndale, 470 Torrens Road, Kilkenny. Members may pick up plants at Hamilton School and take them to the Shopping Centre on Saturday. More information in next Gazette as to the position in Store for you to take your plants.

Prior arrangements will need to be made with Geoff Spear if you need him to transport your Show Plants. Badges must be worn.

Trading Table Plants: Trading Table Set-up at 5.00pm Saturday 21st September. Members may bring plants then or anytime during the week. Remember Sunday 22nd September will be the best selling day from 12 noon. Show times are the Club's bread and butter. Please bring along any plants you have for sale.

Prize Money: Grand Champion will receive \$15.00 and other Champions \$5.00.

REMINDER: To show your plants at the Spring Show you must be a financial member and have owned your plant for at least 6 months.

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS

Don Biebrick, Jack Cronshaw, Elsie Clifford, Michael Cunningham, Lance Davis, Donja Hayes, David Robinson, Graham Zerbe.

LUCKY NAME BADGE

Make sure you wear your Name Badge, you may win a prize.

BIRTHDAY DRAW

Is your name in the book?

NEW MEMBERS: Ivonne Allen, Dora and Stephen Schrapel, Walter Wiseman

Australian Native Orchid Society (ANOS) Conference and Show at Strathpine, Qld.

Why Wail in Winter?

unFreeze with Fantastic Flora!

Orchids Galore 23-25th August

at the
ANOS Conference and Show
Strathpine Community Centre
Cnr Gympie Rd & Mecklem St
Strathpine




SCOCSA 48th. Anniversary Birthday Cake



From left: Bev Gay, Lesley Fenton, Geoff & Lucy Spear cut the 48th. club anniversary birthday cake.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This year we have had very interesting speakers. I had a number of members say how much they enjoyed Nicki's presentation. Lucy is now very interested in growing this genera.

Once again Jane and Don were the perfect hosts and gave us a very enjoyable day for our Southern Region Group meeting on Sunday 21st July. A lot of work goes into preparing an outing like this and we all had a great day. Thank you Jane and Don.

Four days to our Winter Show, I'm sure we are going to have a great Show. Plants are not as scarce and the weather is showing some improvement. Is it my age or has it been the coldest winter for many years?

Our orchids will require extra hard work during the busy months of August and September.

At the end of August you will always find our Southern Region Group Show. They take a lot of pride in putting in their display and there is always a lot of competition to win the Grand Champion Ribbon. Take a trip down to Victor Harbor and drop into the R.S.L. Hall and say hello.

Thank you to all Committee and members for all your help at this busy time of year. You are all gems.

Good growing and showing.

Geoff.

Daytime Chapter

Hi Everyone,

Our guest speaker today was a great treat for us all, Rowan Crowhurst, one of our Club members, who lives in Whyalla. Rowan is a penciller at our Shows and Meetings and is also studying to be an orchid judge. This is a very detailed course that takes five years to complete. Rowan is also very passionate about his orchids, growing many different genera with a good success rate. Rowan travelled by bus from Whyalla with quite a few boxes in the hold, transporting his precious plants. These were all to show us what he most prefers to grow and covered many different and varied genera of all shapes and sizes. He gave us some very in-depth information on his growing conditions and what and how we could possibly try growing these in Adelaide. I think we would all probably for-go trying to grow them in our bedroom if the weathers not right (Rowan does have another room attached to the house where he sleeps). Rowan's very detailed and interesting talk was very well received by all who attended. Thank you Rowan for a job well done, I'll keep your notes and maybe I can also try some of these different genera.

Apologies today from Joy Starkey. Hope to see you again soon.

Geoff did our plant commentary today. Very informative as usual. Thanks Geoff.

Our Popular Vote segment today was awarded to Mr. Bill Clark, who's Cym. Melanie 'Golden Girl' was a lovely plant with 4 spikes of golden yellow flowers, very clean and well presented. Congratulations Bill. This particular plant was named by Bill after his Grand-daughter Melanie. Wasn't that a lovely gesture. Good one Bill. Thanks also to all others for bringing their plants to share with us.

The meeting was closed and as the Club was celebrating its 48th birthday this month, a cake and other goodies were available for afternoon tea. Thanks also to the ladies that help out in the kitchen. Thanking all in attendance.

Bye Dorothy,
8277-1793.



Rowan giving his talk on how he grows his orchids.



Bill Clark, with his Cym. Melanie 'Golden Girl' which won the Popular Vote.



Bill Clark and Dorothy Carassai cut the SCOSCA 48th Birthday Cake.



SOUTHERN REGION GROUP MEETING SUNDAY 21st JULY AT JANE & DON HIGGS'
MYPONGA PROPERTY

Southern Region members and Main Group members attended the Orchid House visit at the home of Jane and Don Higgs. Altogether we had 47 members attend.

Whilst Graham Zerbe and Paul Hayes cooked the B.B.Q., some members chattered in Jane and Don's huge shed. Others wandered around and looked at the orchid houses despite the rain. It was nice to see how Don and Jane grow their orchids in a different environment to Adelaide. I know we all came away feeling very excited after such a great day. Thank you Jane and Don.

APOLOGIES: Keith and Russ Sutton

JUDGING: Noel Oliver and John Gay.

PLANT OF THE DAY: *Cym. Ice on Fire 'Nikietta'* benched by Eileen Pinnock.

POPULAR VOTE: *Cym. Ice on Fire 'Nikietta'* benched by Eileen Pinnock

Next meeting 18th August: Brian Lyttle will speak on how to grow Phals.
 Beginners' Group: John Gay on Cattleyas.

JUDGES' COMMENTARY:

Cym. Ice on Fire 'Nikietta' benched by Eileen Pinnock.

A very well grown plant with seven spikes above the foliage and approximately twelve flowers per spike. Very clean, glistening white with a nice contrasting red lip. Well worthy of Plant of the Day. Congratulations Eileen.

Noel Oliver



SRG July Results List

No results were available at time of printing. July results will be published in the September Gazette.

JANE & DON HIGGS' MYPONGA PROPERTY BBQ.



Jane and Don Higgs, our gracious hosts



From left: Bev Gay, Eileen Pinnock, Noel Oliver and Sue Zerbe deep in conversation over lunch.



From left: Vicky Cooper, Neil Cooper and Paul Hayes discussing the finer points of BBQ cooking.



July Results List

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

Open Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

240	Den. Olga Wenk	Bev & John Gay (65)	3
241	Den. Hilda Poxon 'Shorty'	Bev & John Gay (65)	2
242	Den. Hilda Poxon 'Ern'	Bev & John Gay (65)	1

Australian Native Epiphyte - Species

239	Sarco. hirticalcar	Kevin Western (155)	3
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Cymbidium - over 90mm (all colours)

243	Cym. Clarence Glory 'Golden Gallion'	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	3
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Dendrobium (not Aust Native) - Hybrid

244	Den. Bucko	Kevin Western (155)	3
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Laeliinae - Non Standard Cluster

245	Lnt. Bowri Albida 'Mikki'	Bev & John Gay (65)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

263	Drac. (Bella x cordobae)	Kevin Western (155)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

262	Max. picta	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
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Orchid Seedling - any Genera

264	Cym. Clarence Glory 'Golden Gallion'	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	3
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Paphiopedilum - Novelty

261	Paph. Crossianum	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	3
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Paphiopedilum - Standard

260	Paph. T.B. Sunny	Brian Lyttle (214)	3
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First Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

246	Den. Avril's Gold 'Pumpkin Pie'	Rito & Rosetta Silvestri (302)	3
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Cymbidium - 60 - 90 mm (all colours)

251	Cym. (Portugese Passion x Dolly)	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	3
252	Cym. Tracey Doll 'Babe'	Silvester Ng (1491)	2

Cymbidium - less than 60mm (all colours)

248	Cym. Gypsy Rose 'Dana'	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	3
249	Cym. Gypsy Rose 'Lee'	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	2
250	Cym. Peggy Sue 'Five'	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	1

Cymbidium - over 90mm (all colours)

253	Cym. Tracey Reddaway 'Marie'	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	3
254	Cym. Darch Hero	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	2
255	Cym. (Akebone x Khan Flame)	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	1

Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm

285	Lana Bird 'Cherokee'	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	2
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Oncidiinae Hybrid - Any other Oncidiinae

247	Odcdm. Bittersweet	Ian & Denise Attenborough (450)	3
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Orchid Seedling - any Genera

258	Cym. Darch Hero	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	3
259	Cym. (Akebone x Khan Flame)	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	2

Paphiopedilum - Species

256	Paph. insigne var. Sanderæ	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	3
257	Paph. spicerianum	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252)	2

July Results List (cont.)

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

Second Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

265	Den. Hilda Poxon 'Elvie'	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	3
266	Den. Anne's Rainbow Surprise	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	2
267	Den. Graham Hewitt	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	1

Cymbidium - 60 - 90 mm (all colours)

270	Cym. (Stargate x erythrostylum)	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
271	Cym. Leila May 'Avante'	George Misirlis (1125)	2
272	Cym. unknown	Ron & Elizebeth Hannaford (432)	1

Cymbidium - less than 60mm (all colours)

268	Cym. November Child	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	3
269	Cym. Nikietta 'Ice on Fire'	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	2

Cymbidium - over 90mm (all colours)

273	Cym. Tracey Reddaway 'Marie'	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	3
274	Cym. Mocha 'Cream'	Peter Hennessy (625)	2
275	Cym. Lucky Strike 'Coral'	Peter Hennessy (625)	1

Oncidiinae - Species

276	Brs. gieroudiana	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
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Orchid Seedling - any Genera

278	Cym. (Stargate x erythrostylum)	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129)	3
279	Cym. Yellow River 'Ester'	George Misirlis (1125)	2

Zygopetalum Hybrid (inc. intergenerics)

277	Zga. Maverick x Zba. Nova	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	2
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July Plant Commentary

Flower of First Division and Flower of the Night: *Odcdn.* Bittersweet benched by Denise and Ian Attenborough. A relatively small plant which produced a single inflorescence of about 800mm. long, having the upper half arching over. The open flowers were 65mm. tall and 60mm. wide. The upper 500mm. evenly carried the nine flowers. The flower segments were heavily blotched with maroon on a yellow background with the main middle segment being almost solid maroon.



July Plant Commentary (cont.)

Flower of Open Division: *Maxillara Picta* benched by Peter and Geraldine Flavel. Another well grown plant that is not often seen on the bench. The flowers produced by this plant did not 'open fully', but it is normal for this strain. The other flower segments are partly covered by the petals 'to a degree'. The sepals and petals were pale yellow with red spotting. The labellum was creamish-white with red spotting towards the middle of the flower. The column was deep crimson.



Flower of Second Division: *Brassia gieroudiana* benched by Paul and Donja Hayes. A well grown plant mounted on a flat wooden slab. The single arched inflorescence carried seven flowers, the dorsal was 10 to 11 cm. long and the ventral petals were about 20cm. making a very large flower. The petals were yellow with deep maroon-brown blotches. The labellum was yellow about 60mm. long and 25mm. at the widest point. The column was light green with red-brown markings.



Orchid Culture Notes for August

August sees the last month of winter as the warmth in the sun starts to come back. Day lengths are rapidly increasing and this will soon trigger off new growth. August is a busy and rather productive month as we enter peak flowering season for many genera, most notably our cymbidiums and natives. Weather in August is generally wet and windy so keep up the protection. Pests will soon be on the increase so I would start looking for the culprits now, for example the spring flush of caterpillars starts with the late winter invasion of moths. A couple of sticky fly traps hanging in the orchid house will soon trap any moths and forewarn of a build up in moth numbers, a few screwed up pieces of paper lying around on the ground and in pots checked the next morning indicate earwig numbers and a few lettuce leaves scattered under the benches will tell you how good you have been in reducing the snail and slug population. So if your sticky trap is covered in moths, the newspaper riddled with baby earwigs and the lettuce pieces are shredded don't come screaming to me when your plants and especially the new growths have been obliterated overnight! The warning signs could not be any clearer.

I always find it best to take precautions before the pest numbers start to build up and not when they have reached epidemic proportions. This is very important as we don't want all our efforts being ruined in one day by an unwelcome guest.

I would be now starting to take some mental notes of the big jobs that will confront us at the end of the flowering season and that's re potting and division. That will give you an idea of how much mix you need, pots, labels, sterilising equipment, fertiliser etc. Leave it too late and the suppliers usually run out! Been there, done that.

Most flowering plants for the shows should be under cover and treated with the respect they deserve but don't forget those that won't make the grade. They deserve some protection as well. Whilst only an ordinary plant this year, that same plant may be a next year champion. Most orchids will grow and peak at specimen size then eventually losing quality as they age. The trick is to have a few divisions of that same plant at different growth stages with the plan to have one piece peaking every year. Champions just don't happen, they are made.

No point growing them on only to have them creamed by bugs or spotted by the elements either.

Unwanted plants are a great revenue raiser for both the grower and the clubs via the trading table and all clubs need as many plants as possible. Selling heavily marked flowers is not going to sell as well as a clean one so again look after them.

Anyway things start to pick up this month. Watering is basically the same for winter with the mid morning water and dry by night rules applying. Light levels whilst improving day by day need to be kept up yet within a couple of months we will start looking at shading them. Such is our merciless sun. Not enough in winter and too much in summer.

Natives will soon start showing new growths from the base of their canes. If you get nothing but kiki's, (aerial growths) then you have sinned! There are several causes. Possibly you have killed the plants roots and an inspection will usually reveal that this is the case. Usually the all too common problem is of too wet and too cold over the winter months and the roots have died. Another cause could be you potted them too deep and killed off the growth eyes. The swellings/growth nodes at the base of native canes need to be at mix level. The other cause is insufficient light. Natives are engineered to survive. Kiki's will form as a survival mechanism. These plants come complete with roots and even flowers, designed to eventually fall off (particularly during fires) and start a new plant wherever they land. Our aim is to keep plants just moist from now and increase the feeding to fortnightly. If plants are showing new growths keep water away from these growths and spray with fungicide. The warming weather will soon trigger off fungal problems. Cymbidiums should now be fed with higher nitrogen feeds to help assist with the new growths that are just starting, and by month end slow release fertilisers can be applied as the temperatures rise. Top ups with rapid raiser or similar and blood and bone assist new growths that should be showing now. July and August should see better numbers of standard shaped Paphiopedilums in flower now. These are not that hard to grow, yet we see so few grown by so few and I find a quality standard on the show bench hard to pass by without a second look. A great flower well known for long lasting flowers that grow well in the more shady spots we have. A good rule of thumb for most Paphiopedilums is those with

Orchid Culture Notes for August (cont.)

plain green leaves are generally the cooler growers and make a good start for those interested in growing them. If in doubt ask the person you buy them off as most sellers are happy to give valuable information. After all, they would like you to buy more from them later on. Paphiopedilum's should be pushed along a bit more now as they should have new growths showing that will be the source of next year flowers although some will take up to 2 years to mature a growth. They like a little lime and prefer feeding at half to quarter strength but often. Stick with rainwater for best results. Adding lime can be a simple top dressing of dolomite lime on top of the pot.

Zygopetalums will have new growths well underway so keep up regular nitrogen based feeding plans. Bulbs from earlier flowering will start to fatten up and it won't be long before our feeding will change towards bloom booster types, but for now keep to the high nitrogen based feeds. If you have some monsters then start to break them up towards months end to give the new growths a relatively long period of time after division to get to establish and get to flowering size next season. Mounted plants will start to commence new growths soon as will some of the dormant oncidium and cattleya complex. Usually the first signs of movement are the emergence of green or red growth tips on old roots and the appearance of new ones. If your plants roots have remained plump and white over winter then you have done things right and the plants will kick off from here. If the roots are soggy green or brown then they have died and culture has not been good. The plant will survive but have to put much energy back into recreating a new root system as opposed to growth. Expect a lesser result this year.

Don't be too keen and flood awakening plants from their winter dormancy with water either, do it gradually and make sure the new developing growths are dry before nightfall. Many a new growth will rot off at this crucial time. Cattleyas show this up when the sheaths surrounding the new growth go black. This is a sure sign of fungal infection. At best it will not cause too many issues. At worst I don't have to tell you that!

As August ends we enter yet again another spring. I look forward to the warmer weather and the peak of the flowering season but also the ever increasing signs of the new growing season. Watching your plant throw out its new growths can give you a very early insight as to the potential of next year flowers. Its almost as exciting as seeing flower spikes...almost!!

Steve Howard

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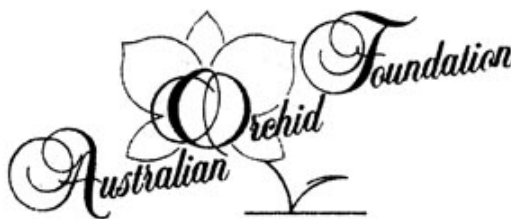
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