



THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SA INC.

Gazette

May 2022

Patron: Coralie Hills FAOC
President: Michael Willoughby

AT A GLANCE

The next General Meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club of South Australia will be held on Monday 9th May 2022 at 8.00 pm. at RSL Hall, 4 Prince George Parade, Colonel Light Gardens. Our Guest Speaker will be Jane Higgs who will discuss Shows and Displays, in light of the upcoming show.

LEARNERS' GROUP: There will be a Learners' Group Meeting at the May Meeting at 7.15pm.

JUDGING: Please have your plants benched by 7.40pm so Judging can commence at 7.50pm. If you are running late due to work commitments please phone Phil on 0438 891 612.

DAYTIME CHAPTER: The next meeting will be held on Thursday 12th May 2022 at 2.00 pm. Our Guest Speaker will be Trevor Jacob speaking on Zygopetalums.

SOUTHERN REGION: The next meeting will be held at 2.00 pm on Sunday 17th May 2022 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. Our Guest Speaker will be Jane Higgs speaking on Terrestrial Orchids. Learners Group will be held at 1.15 pm.

LUCKY NAME BADGE: Make sure you wear your Name Badge to meetings, you may win a prize.

PUBLIC LIABILITY: Under Insurance Guidelines all members and Committee attending any function or meeting held by the Club must sign and print your name in an Attendance

VALE - ALAN MYREN

It is with great regret that the Club learnt of the passing of Alan. Our deepest sympathies to his partner Lee Grafton at this sad time.

RIP

DEADLINES FOR NEXT GAZETTES
29 May and 26 June

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LIFE MEMBERS

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	2008 Geoff and Lucy Spear	

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Subscriptions for 2022 are now overdue. There will be no increase in subscriptions for 2022. We do value your membership and seeing you at meetings each month.

RATES – One membership covers all groups

Family Membership	\$38.00
Single Membership	\$30.00
Junior Membership	\$22.00

Rural and Interstate Membership

Family Membership	\$34.00
Single Membership	\$28.00

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(Use your grower number for Reference)

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President's Message

The show season is upon us yet again. However the Autumn Show should be in full swing as you read this as it will be held the week before the Club's main meeting on May 9th.

The South Australian Orchid Fair 2022 will be held at the Campbelltown Function Centre over the Saturday & Sunday of the June long weekend. More details will be in the Gazette.

A reminder that a plant house visit is planned for May 29th at Jane & Don Higgs' house look out for the details this Gazette.

Our guest speaker this month will Jane Higgs who will be enlightening us on how an Orchid display comes together, i.e. something that begins from an empty space that grows into a thing of beauty for everyone to enjoy.

We are experiencing another very dry and warm start to Autumn. It is most important to keep the water up to your plants, as many genera are still in growth stage and building up reserves for their rest and flowering later in the year. It is always prudent to place snail bait on your pots to ward off the little critters (albeit not too close to young spikes as the snails/slugs may choose these over the bait). Also place a stake by your flowering spike to protect it from being damaged as it grows. Fertilize your orchids weekly (a weak solution of fertilizer), and make sure they are all protected from the elements as they still need fresh air around them.

Successful growing & showing

Michael Willoughby



Happy Birthday

**GEOFF SPEAR, ANITA BUDGEN.
JOHN HARRIS, PETER DAVIDGE**



Is your name in the Birthday Book ??

**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ORCHID FAIR
Sat 11th to Sun 12th June 2022**

Campbelltown Function Centre, 172 Montacute Road Rostrevor

SAROC will require helpers in the kitchen at the SA Orchid Fair this year. Contact is Garry Simcock Phone Number 8390 2212

Put In times for Display will be announced next Gazette.



ORCHID CALENDAR 2022

[These dates are subject to COVID-19 directives]

AUTUMN SHOW

Thursday 5th May to Saturday 7th May 2022
Seaford Central Shopping Centre

MAIN MEETING

Monday 9th May 2022 8.00 pm
RSL Hall, 4 Prince George Parade, Colonel Light Gardens
Guest Speaker: Jane Higgs discussing Shows and Displays
(A timely topic because of the upcoming Show)

COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 11th May 2022 7.30 pm
Location to be advised

DAYTIME CHAPTER

Thursday 12th May 2022 2.00 pm
Lou Kesting Hall, Dover Square, Brighton South
Guest Speaker: Trevor Jacob speaking on Zygopetalums

SOUTHERN REGION MEETING

Sunday 15th May 2022 2.00 pm
Carrickalinga House, Victor Harbor
Guest Speaker: Jane Higgs speaking on Terrestrial Orchids

DON & JANE HIGGS PLANT HOUSE VISIT

Sunday 29th May 2022 From 10.30 am
Jane & Don Higgs, Higgs Lane Myponga

SA ORCHID FAIR

Saturday 11th to Sunday 12th June 2022
Campbelltown Function Centre, 172 Montacute Road, Rostrevor

WINTER SHOW

Friday 22nd July to Sunday 24th July 2022
Uniting Church Hall, Township Road, Marion

SOUTHERN REGION SHOW

Wednesday 24th August to Saturday 27th August 2022
Victor Central Shopping Centre

SPRING SHOW

Wednesday 14th September to Saturday 17th September 2022
Seaford Central Shopping Centre

PLANT HOUSE VISIT - SUNDAY 29 MAY 2022

The Club has been invited by Jane and Don Higgs for a Plant House Visit and BBQ at their home, Higgs Road Myponga from 10.30am

What to bring - a salad or cake, your own drinks. The club will provide meat and bread.

GIANT EASTER RAFFLE

The Easter Basket Raffle was very well supported at all three venues of the club.

It was drawn at the Southern Region Group on Sunday 17th April. The winner was Lyn Heysen.

Anne Steer presents Lyn Heysen with the giant Easter Raffle Prize



NOTICE TO MEMBERS

TRADING TABLE AT WINTER SHOW

Don't forget that any plants can be sold on the Trading Table at the Winter Show not just Orchids. Ferns, Succulents, Cacti, Bromeliads, etc. etc. will be welcome. So all of you with green thumbs can start dividing, and repotting your non-orchid plants that you might want to sell.

AUTUMN SHOW

Thursday 5th May to Saturday 7th May 2022
SEAFORD CENTRAL SHOPPING CENTRE

Please remember the current health directive for COVID 19 will apply to our site. The Committee needs the assistance of the members to volunteer to help on the Trading Table. Sell your surplus plants on the Trading Table, ask Anne for swing tickets and selling sheets. **Reminder:** to sell your plants at the Show and to display your plants you must be a financial member and you must have owned your plant for at least 6 months..

PUT IN: Wednesday 4th May. 6.00-6.30 pm.
 Plants for Display & plants for Trading Table.
TAKE OUT: Saturday 7th May at 5pm.
JUDGING: The plants will be judged in-situ in the display.

Please help make our Autumn Show a success by bringing in all your flowering plants. Ribbons and prize money are back.

MOST IMPORTANT: The Show Marshall will ring any member if for some reason he feels that any plants may be showing signs of distress.

TRADING TABLE: As well as members plants for sale, we will have a range of Cattleya, Oncidium and Australian Native Orchids for sale.

**SOUTH
AUSTRALIAN
ORCHID
FAIR
2022**



SATURDAY 11th June 9 am to 5 pm

SUNDAY 12th June 10 am to 4 pm

Campbelltown Function Centre

172 Montacute road

Rostrevor 5073



**Orchid Displays placed by SA's
Orchid Clubs and Societies**

Raffles of Orchids and related products

Sales from Leading Orchid Growers

Horticultural Supplies

**Re-potting demonstrations and FREE cultural
advice from experienced Growers**

**Light Lunches, Refreshments and Devonshire
Teas available**

Entry by \$7 donation .

includes a free cup of Tea or Coffee

MEMBERS PHOTOGRAPHS

All Photos By Oui Ju



**C. Mari's Love X Ryc. Ching
Sun Smile**
Pauline & Mark Hockey



Ctt. Valentine Day 'Chloe'
Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju



Phal. Unknown
Beth Stronach



Milt. Goodale Moir 'Golden Wonder'
Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju



C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'
Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju



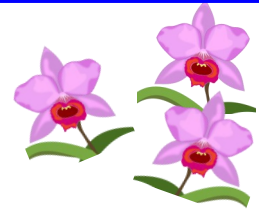
Aer. Krabiense x V. Peggy Foo
Ron & Irene Parish



Den. Woo Leng 'Blue Lips'
Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju

EDITOR'S NOTE

Please send me photographs of your beautiful orchids for inclusion in the Gazette



April Results List

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

Open Division

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm All colours in Non-std

124	Cym. Sundaani's Cobb	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	3
Laeliinae - Cluster			
119	Ctt. Bactia 'Forever Yours'	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	3
Laeliinae - Non Standard			
120	Ctt. Portiata x C. loddigesii	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	3
Laeliinae - Species			
121	Psh. cochleata	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	3
122	Psh. cochleata	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	2
123	Psh. cochleata	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	1
Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm			
118	Rlc. (Robert Scalia x Angel Flare)	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	3
Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm			
125	Pasr Chian-Tzy Lovely 'CT- Goldmine'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
Oncidiinae - Species			
126	Ros. grande 'Michael'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid			
133	Phrag. Fritz Schomburg	Jane & Don Higgs (1302)	3
134	Sngl. Noel	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	2
135	Phrag. Rouge Bouillon	Jane & Don Higgs (1302)	1
Paphiopedilum - Non Standard			
127	Paph. (Maudiae x Hsinying Cyber Leopard)	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
Paphiopedilum - Species			
128	Paph. henryanum 'Mouliache'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
129	Paph. henryanum 'Seaview'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2
130	Paph. charlesworthii	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	1
Seedling of the Night			
140	Psh. cochleata	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	3
Zygopetalinae - Hybrid			
131	Zga. Freestyle Meadows 'Zonnebeke'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
132	Atc. Little Wonder	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	2

First Division

Laeliinae - Cluster

103	Ctt. Meadai x C. amethystoglossa	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	3
104	Ctt. Towering Inferno 'Geoff'	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	2
Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm			
101	Rlc. Goldenzelle	Beth Stronach (836)	3
Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm			
102	C. Elisabeth Calov	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	3
Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm			
107	Onca. Sweet Sugar	Beth Stronach (836)	3
108	Osp. Sunkissed 'Buttercup'	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	2
109	Milt. Guanabara	Beth Stronach (836)	1
Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm			
105	Milt. Christina Carpenter Rumpfelt	Peter Haltis (442)	3
106	Brat. Aztec 'Toni'	Beth Stronach (836)	2
Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid			
113	Den. (Tweetas x Martin)	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	3
114	Phal. Unknown	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	2
Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species			
115	Gongora galeata	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	3
Orchid Seedling - any Genera			
116	[(Zga. Artur Elle x Zba. Jade Dragon) x Z. Purple	Peter Haltis (442)	3
117	Npp. Beverley Road x Z. Conways Choice	Peter Haltis (442)	2
Zygopetalinae - Hybrid			
110	Npp. Beverley Road x Z. Conway's Choice	Peter Haltis (442)	3
111	[(Zga. Artur Elle x Zba. Jade Dragon) x Z. Purple	Peter Haltis (442)	2
112	Z. Kiwi Choice	Peter Haltis (442)	1

Second Division

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

100	Ros. grande	Coral Tillmanns (212)	3
Zygopetalinae - Hybrid			
99	Npp. Claire's Wedding 'Lytle Annie'	Jim Fogarasi (150)	3

PLANT COMMENTARY – APRIL 2022

Orchid of Open Division Plant of the Night

The plant of Open Division was *Phrag.* Fritz Schomberg grown by Jane & Don Higgs.

This plant was a smallish plant with a single spike carrying one beautiful flower on a tall inflorescence above the foliage. The foliage was shiny and very clean. The flower itself has a lovely patina of hot pink/ coral on all segments with a small inner splash of white. This is a primary hybrid with *Phrag. kovachii* and *Phrag. besseae* as the parents.

Jane gave us a short history of this plant and how she & Don carried it home from Ecuador and after it being quarantined it has now flowered beautifully some nine years later.

Congratulations Jane & Don

**Orchid of Open Division
Plant of the Night**
Phrag. Fritz Schomberg
Grown by Jane & Don Higgs
Photos by Neil Cooper



Orchid of First Division
R/c. Goldenzelle
Grown by Beth Stronach
Photo Neil Cooper

Orchid of First Division

The plant of First Division was grown by Beth Stronach and was *R/c. Goldenzelle*. This was a beautiful standard Cattleya carrying three stunning flowers. The flowers were big and bold with lovely white/ pale green segments with very distinct purple labellums outlining a bright yellow inner portion. A very healthy and well grown plant.

Well done Beth

PLANT COMMENTARY – APRIL 2022 cont ...

Orchid of Second Division

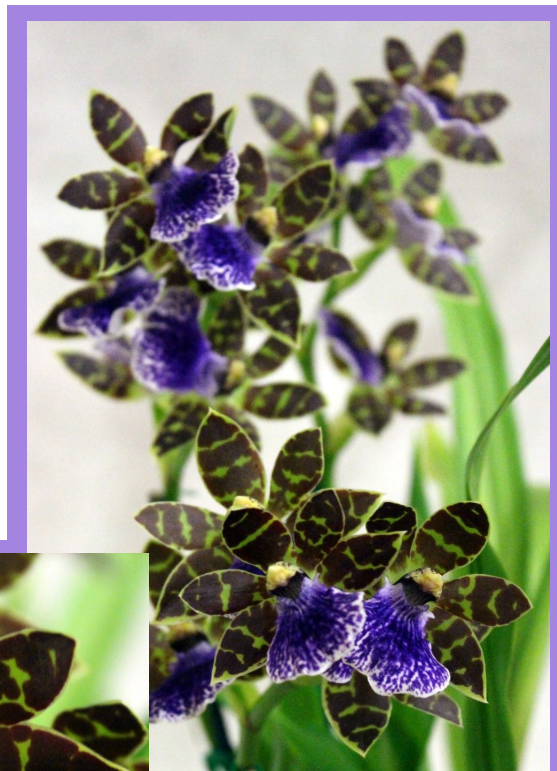
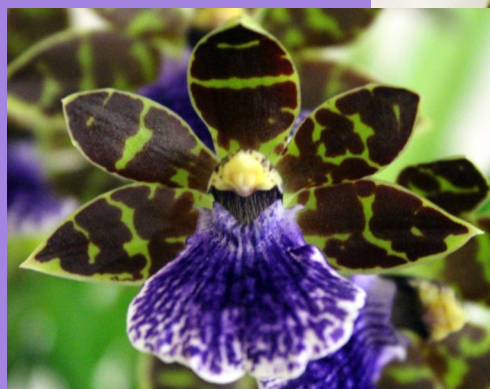
The plant chosen by the Judges was a lovely example of a *Zygopetalum* grown by Jim Fogarasi, *Npp.* Claire's Wedding.

This crossing was made locally by Brian Lyttle using *Zga.* Zest and *Npp.* Clarendon (another from the Brian Lyttle stable). A striking plant well grown with nice clean foliage and the flowers standing out from the foliage, the flowers were a lovely contrast of dark chocolate and green striped segment with a dark purple labellum. The two inflorescences carried six and four flowers respectively.

Congratulations Jim

Orchid of Second Division
Npp. Claire's Wedding 'Lyttle Amie'

Grown by Jim Fogarasi
Photos Neil Cooper



Phil Steer
Registrar

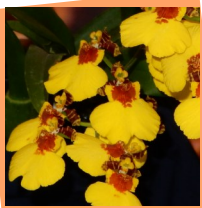
Thank you to our Judges for a job well done.

Good Growing



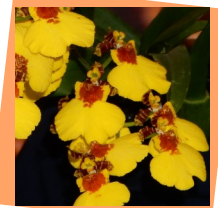
Seedling of the Night
Psh. cochleata

Grown by Pauline & Mark Hockey
Photos Neil Cooper



DAYTIME CHAPTER

Thursday 14th April 2022



Hi everyone,

The April meeting of the Daytime Chapter welcomed our Club Registrar, **Phil Steer** as guest speaker. He spoke on the Club's 2021 Plant of the Year awards, and the AOC awards that our Club members have won.

In a slideshow/presentation, Phil showed us the top 22 plants; commenting on each plant's "positive" aspects, with the occasional "negative" thrown in! He then followed on from Coralie's talk last month, by



showing us photos of AOC Award-winning plants grown by our own members. Those present, found Phil's talk both interesting and one that set markers to aim at!

Phil also delivered the commentary on the large array of plants on show. Though mainly cattleyas, there was also representation from other genera on show.



Val Bleechmore won the Plant of the Day with her impressive *Ctt. Unknown* – multiple spikes with dozens of flowers.

Thanks again to Phil, Coral (kindly filling in for Patty – while she holidays in Qld.) and Val.

Next Meeting : Guest Speaker: **Trevor Jacob**
:- **Zygopetalums**

Thursday 12th May – 2pm, Lou Kesting Hall, South Brighton.

Andrew Dean
0417 089 240



SOUTHERN REGION MEETING Sunday 17th April 2022

Convenor, Chris Heysen, opened the meeting at 2.05 pm welcoming the 33 members present and wishing everyone a very Happy Easter! Welcome back to Meagan who hasn't been to meetings in recent months due to work commitments - and to Sue and Laurie Carter from the main club. Laurie will be our guest speaker next July. Welcome also to our guest speaker for today – Roger Herraman. Roger is a long-time member of OCSA and a great grower of several orchid genera. Today he will be speaking about Cattleyas, but he is also renowned for his collection of *Cym. canaliculatum*.

Apologies: Ruth Tugwell, Julie Mumford, Christine Robertson and Sid James

Chris reminded members that the attendance form for insurance purposes still needs to be filled in although we no longer need the Covid form – and we are now no longer required to wear masks. Chris commended those members still wearing masks as a precautionary measure.

Thank you to John Gay for his always informative presentation to the Learners Group.

Guest Speaker: Our Guest Speaker, Graham Herraman, gave a very interesting and informative talk about how he grows his Cattleyas. He prefers the smaller varieties of the Cattleya Alliance as he finds them both easier to grow and they take less space. His talk gave lots of practical and useful hints on cultivating this interesting group of orchids. He followed the talk with a slide show showing the great diversity in these smaller Cattleyas. Many thanks Graham, for a very interesting talk.

Birthday Prize: Chris Heysen **Lucky Name Badge:** Elsie Clifford

Lucky Door Prize: Meagan Clayton

Announcements.

1. The Autumn Show will be in the Seaford Shopping Centre from Wednesday 4th May to Saturday 7th May; put-in from 6pm on the 4th – take-out at 5pm on the 7th. I'm sure Anne would love some helpers so please check with her what you can do and when.
2. As mentioned last meeting the Club has now purchased a fresh supply of virus kits. Please see Anne or Dianne on the Trading table to purchase these. They are \$7.50 each. There are also AOC pamphlets on Virus identification.

3. Today for the first time we have been able to use both our own projector and, thanks to Marg Yelland, our own laptop for our guest speaker to make his presentation. As recognition of her contribution to the Club Chris presented Marg with a very well-deserved Certificate of Appreciation.

Laurie Carter has some lists of plants he has for sale. Please see him after the meeting for a copy and let him know prior to our July meeting which ones you would like to purchase. He will bring them to the meeting.

The plant raffle was held as usual, and Chris thanked all the donors of raffle prizes.

Easter Hamper Raffle: Chris drew the ticket for the Easter Raffle - from a large bucket of well shuffled tickets – and, embarrassingly, announced that the winner was – his wife, Lyn Heysen!!

Judging: was carried out by Phil Steer, Jane and Don Higgs and John Gay. As Christine was absent data entry and card printing will be done prior to the next meeting and the cards handed out then.

Judges Commentary: Jane Higgs.

Next meeting – Sunday May 20th, 2022. Our Guest speaker will be Jane Higgs – she will be speaking about Terrestrial Orchids - and will also have plants for sale.

Chris Heysen
0419 386 769

The meeting closed at 3:25pm



Phil Steer presents Plant of the Year Trophies to Eileen Pinnock and Jane Higgs

SOUTHERN REGION PLANT COMMENTARY



Orchid of First Division, Plant of the Day and Popular Vote

The plant selected by the Judges was grown and benched by Chris & Lyn Heysen and was *Ctt. Portia 'Cannizaro'*.

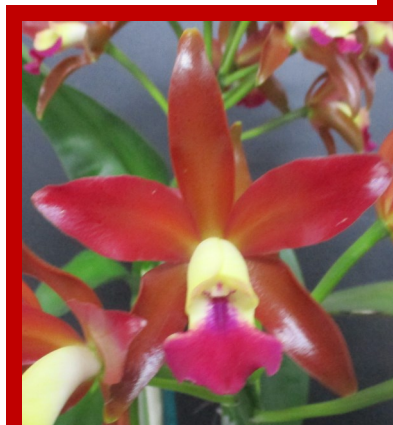
It was a very well grown plant with clusters of beautiful dark pink flowers. This plant always displays well and is a popular choice for Cattleya lovers. The parents of this lovely plant are *Gur. bowringiana* and *C. labiata*. *Ctt. Portia* has been awarded some 54 times.

Some could say it was a big day out for Chris & Lyn. Congratulations Chris & Lyn.

ORCHID OF FIRST DIVISION ORCHID OF THE DAY & POPULAR VOTE

Ctt. Portia 'Cannizaro'

Grown By Chris & Lyn Heysen
Photo Phil Steer



ORCHID OF SECOND DIVISION, ***Ctt. Rose Drop***

Grown By Bob & Meaghan Clayton
Photos Phil Steer



Orchid of Second Division

The Judges chose *Ctt. Rose Drop* as the Plant of Second Division. This was grown by Bob & Meaghan Clayton and was a well grown plant with two lovely inflorescences carrying nine flowers on one and six on the other. The flowers were bright and shiny and stood out from the foliage. The Cluster type Cattleyas are popular at this time of the year and are rewarding in their flower colour and display. The flowers on this plant had colourful burnt orange segments with a contrasting white and red labellum. This crossing was first registered by Adelaide Orchids in 1993.

Well done Bob & Meaghan

Thank you to our Judges for a job well done!
Good Growing !

Phil Steer
Registrar



April Results List

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

First Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

109 Den. Unknown Chris & Lyn Heysen

Laeliinae - Cluster

111 Ctt. Portia 'Cannizaro' Chris & Lyn Heysen (1140) 3

112 Ctt. Browniae 'Riga' Chris & Lyn Heysen (1140) 2

113 C. Unknown Chris & Lyn Heysen (1140) 1

Laeliinae - Non Standard

114 Lc. Unknown Chris & Lyn Heysen (1140) 3

115 Rth. Adelaide Silver Shirley & Don Grieg (1128) 2

Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm

110 Rlc. (Lucky Strike x Dark Waters) Chris & Lyn Heysen (1140) 3

Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

116 Ons. Everglades Elegance 'Nancy Lee' Chris & Lyn Heysen (1140) 3

117 Oncsa. Sweet Sugar Chris & Lyn Heysen (1140) 2

Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

118 Milt. Guanabara Sid James (170) 3

119 Milt. Guanabara Sid James (170) 2

120 Alcra. Peggy Ruth Carpenter 'Morning Joy' Shirley & Don Greig (1128) 1

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

121 Den. Unknown Chris & Lyn Heysen (1140) 3

122 Bulb. JM Guilloty Sid James (170) 2

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

123 Ddc. Unknown Eileen Pinnock (519) 3

Second Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

99 Den. Anne's Rainbow Surprise Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279) 3

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm All colours in Non-Std

104 Cym. Unknown June Cox (3) 3

Laeliinae - Cluster

100 Ctt. Rose Drop Bob & Meaghan Clayton (143) 3

101 Ctt. Unknown Anne Matthews 2

Laeliinae - Non Standard

102 Lnt. Bowrialbida Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279) 3

103 Ctt. Meadii x C. amethystoglossa Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279) 2

Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

105 Alcra. Peggy Ruth Carpenter Marilyn Jelfs(590)) 3

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

107 Phal. Unknown 'Beneueve' Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279) 3

108 Phal. Unknown Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279) 2

Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

106 Zga. Kuitpo Marilyn Jelfs (590) 3

EDITORS NOTE

Quite a considerable numbers of our members receive this Gazette in black and white by mail. Others have elected to have the Gazette directly emailed to them. They receive the Gazette in full colour and have the benefit of beautiful photographs of very colourful orchids. They also receive the Gazette up to a week before the mail can deliver it to you others. If you would like to have the colourful version emailed to you send me an email so that I receive your correct email address.

Please don't forget that this is your Gazette. If there is anything you would like to see covered or anything you would like to see changed, please let me know. I especially like photographs to include and details of your successes with your orchids.

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BOARDERS AND SQUATTERS IN MY GLASSHOUSE

by Brian Milligan

Unfortunately the useful boarders, who pay for their keep in my glasshouse, are greatly outnumbered by the free-loading squatters. Probably the most useful boarder is the tiny jumping spider. These comical creatures, with their huge eye-patches and the ability to jump many times their body length, probably eat their weight in 'squatters' every week. I have mixed feelings about fungus gnats, those small winged insects that creep over bark-based potting mixes, because I don't know their diet. If they prey on *Phytophthora* and other pathogenic fungi; then I'm all for them. But if their main diet consists of the mycorrhizal fungi that provide food for developing orchids, then maybe they should be regarded as squatters. Predatory mites, whose sole diet is the two-spotted mite (red spider), are definitely top-class boarders.

Some growers encourage small frogs that prey on a variety of insect pests but small frogs that grow into big frogs topple pots and sometimes break flower spikes during their amorous adventures after dark. Ladybirds are highly regarded for their ability to eat large numbers of aphids. Unfortunately, my orchids seem to attract many aphids but few ladybirds.

Long experience has made me an expert when it comes to squatters in the glasshouse. Slugs and snails are undoubtedly the worst. In the garden they're mainly a pest after rain but in the glasshouse snails and slugs are continually active, because the floor is always wet. Theoretically my plants should be safe because they are grown on benches constructed of galvanised iron (snails and slugs dislike crawling on zinc-coated surfaces). However, the cunning devils use weeds, ferns and *Impatiens* (a colourful glasshouse weed) as step-ladders to reach the orchids. The solution is to remove the weeds and to regularly sprinkle snail bait (Baysol® or Defender®) where our pets cannot reach. Please note that all products listed in this article are toxic and that they should therefore be handled with appropriate safety precautions.

Garlic snails, so-called because of their smell when crushed, are another menace. They feed largely on active root tips and probably retard the growth of small seedlings, in particular, much more than we realise. During the day they hide but they can easily be seen at night when they come out to forage. They are quite small, about the size of an '0' on this page, even when fully grown. Liquid snail baits containing Methiocarb® offer better control than do solid baits. Caterpillars of various sorts can do much damage in a short time, as they invariably attack the fresh, new growths. Dusts based on carbaryl or derris root work well on most but not on those little fellows that sew themselves inside the growing leaf tip. One can use systemic insecticides, but I usually extract these caterpillars by hand and finish them off by foot!

Aphid outbreaks seem to occur regularly in my collection. Some cymbidium growers blast them off the flower buds, where they largely congregate, with a jet of water from the hose. The trick is to use enough force to dislodge the aphids without simultaneously removing the buds! This technique is unsuitable for use on the smaller plants in the glasshouse. Many insect sprays are effective but some result in distorted flowers when applied to orchids in bud. I use a wettable powder called Orthene®, which does not affect buds or flowers. Unfortunately it is available only in large, wholesale quantities and has a most objectionable odour in powder form; fortunately, it's less unpleasant when dissolved in water for application.

Unfortunately, the greatest free-loader of them all, our black cat, Max, is no longer with us. However, on the basis of past experience, I strongly advise you never to lock a hungry, mentally unstable cat accidentally (or deliberately) in your glasshouse overnight!

PREPARING AND SHOWING ORCHID PLANTS by Alan Hope

I'm sometimes asked "How many plants will I need to set up a display?" Many Spring Show schedules provides for mini-stands (maximum of ten plants) as well as the more traditional larger displays. Obviously each will require a different number of plants but half a dozen plants would probably be adequate for a mini-stand. You need to check the area allocated for mini-stands and then practise your set-up at home. You'll be amazed at how attractive a small group of orchids can look and the satisfaction that building a display will provide! I can clearly remember my first stand as a novice. It comprised a mere nine cymbidiums plus the beautiful Australian native species *Dendrobium falcorostrum*. My stand didn't win but I gained experience and a desire to do better next time.

Preparing Your Plants. A well groomed and presented plant is an excellent start to winning the hearts of the judges. Cleaning and tidying-up is rather time-consuming but it is absolutely necessary. It is probably best to start with the raceme (flower spike), which should have all brown sheaths removed. In most cases the stake and ties will already be in place and you will have only to trim the ends of any ties that protrude. If the raceme requires a stake, remember to allow the raceme to follow its natural inclination. Pulling an arching or pendulous raceme upright when the flowers are partially or fully open will look unnatural, and may also cause damage.

Use a solution of detergent or Cleansel® and a small sponge or cloth to clean the leaves and the pot. But take care not to pull out the central leaves of any new growths or to damage the flowers. Any scale found on the leaves can be removed by wiping them with cotton wool soaked in methylated spirits. Remove dry husks and dead leaves by splitting them apart and then pulling each section away from the bulb separately. If any leaves have black tips or unsightly damage, you can trim them to a natural leaf-tip shape. Ensure that you sterilise any scissors or secateurs used, especially if you intend to use them on more than one plant. It's a good idea to have several pairs soaking in a sterilising solution, such as a strong solution of Tricleanium®, so as to avoid cross-infection as you move from one plant to the next. At this stage your plant should be looking great. Note its best position for viewing and insert a removable label to help you place the pot in the best orientation at set-up time.

Labels. You will need to label your plants according to the instructions in the show schedule. Use stiff card of the required size. White card is often used but if there are many labels, the mass of white cards is distracting. A neutral colour, such as leaf-green, results in a better overall appearance. Correct spelling and the use of large print is important, as the card should be legible when viewed from a distance of 2 m. Blu-Tac® can be used to fasten the label either to the foliage or to a stake, or you can use a piece of thin, straight wire which has a double loop at its top to hold the card.

The Stand. You are usually required to build your own stand, so you may need to obtain some foam boxes or to devise other structural materials. You will also need some black or green covering to hide the boxes and perhaps to disguise the pots. If the Society provides a pre-fabricated stand your job will be made a lot easier. Put your best orchid in a position where it can be clearly seen – probably in the centre at eye level. If you have a plant with pendulous spikes that extend below the base of the pot, it can be better displayed by placing the pot in a stack of pots of the same size. Alternatively, you can place the pot on top of another up-turned pot. However, in this case you will need to tape the pots together to avoid the possibility of the plant falling if its pot is bumped or moved during judging.

Transporting Plants. The aim is to arrive at the show venue with the flowers undamaged. Place the pots in a foam box or in a protected position in your car and ensure they can't move or topple over if you have to brake suddenly. Be careful that the racemes don't become entangled, because many a plant has been ruined when a flower is caught up as the plant is being removed from the car. Last, but not least, don't forget to check in your plants with the show marshal on arrival and receive registration numbers.

ARE YOU READY FOR WINTER? by Brian Milligan

Have you checked your fleecy-lined slippers and your supplies of medicinal spirits? What about your orchids? Most epiphytic orchids like cold, wet conditions even less than we do. There are various steps you should undertake now to avoid being reported to the Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Orchids!

Few epiphytic orchid species live further from the equator than we do here in Melbourne. It follows that during the winter they experience much shorter daylight hours in Melbourne, and that therefore we should do our best to give them as much light as possible. Conversely, they experience longer daylight hours here in summer, so living in Melbourne is not all bad!

Most of our cymbidium hybrids have been bred from Asian species that grow relatively close to the equator (there are three Australian species but they do not feature strongly in the breeding lines of most hybrids). Fortunately for us, most of the tropical cymbidium species used in hybridising come from mountainous habitats, rather than coastal ones, and they are therefore able to withstand relatively low temperatures at night. But winters in the tropics are relatively dry, in contrast to their hot, wet summers. We should try to duplicate these conditions when growing our cymbidiums – plenty of water in hot weather but much less in winter, especially during cold spells.

So, how do we increase the amount of light that our cymbidiums receive in winter, and protect them from cold, wet weather? For those who grow their plants out of doors under shade trees, the simplest solution is to move them under the eaves on the north side of your house. The proviso here is that the area is not excessively shaded by trees or by your neighbour's house. A slightly less satisfactory alternative is under the eaves on the east wall but facing south or west is definitely out, because your plants will be exposed to our coldest, windiest weather there. Don't forget that under the eaves, they will need watering regularly.

Serious cymbidium growers keep their orchids in a shade house fitted with a clear, corrugated fibreglass or polycarbonate roof. Shade cloth is best mounted about 300 mm above the roof to provide maximum cooling in summer. Preferably you should be able to remove the shading in winter. The solid roof provides two advantages – it avoids your plants remaining wet during prolonged cold, wet weather, and it prevents water damage to the flowers in winter and spring. On the downside, you have to water all year round but at least you'll be able to provide water to your plants only when they need it. If you already have a solid roof, autumn is the best time to clean it. You'll be surprised how much more light it will transmit after you've washed it down while scrubbing with a household broom.

If you already have a shade house and its design doesn't allow for a fibreglass or polycarbonate roof, then consider covering it with temporary clear plastic sheeting during winter. Solar-Weave® is a reinforced durable material (1.8 m wide), sold by major nurseries, that serves well for about ten years before it needs replacing. I fit eyelets at 300 mm intervals around the edges and then tie it down over the shade cloth with fine wire. You will need a belt punch, eyelets and eyelet pliers (used for making ladies' dress belts – try Spotlight or maybe Bunnings). I sandwich two extra layers of Solar-Weave under the eyelets to reinforce them. It's important to support the centre of the plastic cover in some way so that in the event of rain, the water drains away. If not, you will create a monster birdbath, which will give you an unexpected shower if it gives way under the weight of water!



Orchid Culture Notes for May

May usually sees the true break in season when the warm balmy days of autumn are replaced by the cold of winter. Weather can be erratic this month with temperatures up in the high 20's down to the low teens. Usually the first frosts happen this month especially if the air remains dry. I do remember one May where we had an exceptional run of days over 25 °C with light winds but in general May is the one month where the north westerlies increase and rainfall becomes more reliable towards the end of the month. This means provision of additional cover should now be a consideration. Ideally most enclosures for our plants should have a section with a hard roof to keep plants dry or at least some plastic sheeting to provide some level of cover. I opt for the opal colour polycarbonate sheet that provides 55% shade cover as the next few months sees the sun low in the sky and light levels need to be maximised for most genera this time of year. Solar weave is a useful temporary cover as well.

Another recommendation for the cover is that many of our plants are now in or about to go into spike. Wet developing flower heads will mark or be affected with various fungal problems so that little extra cover will make all the difference and you have the added bonus that you can work with your plants even if it is raining.

Also inspect your plants and make adjustments to those that are unstable as we do not want that nice specimen covered in flower spikes falling over during the next gale do we? Check hanging plants next time you water or it rains and take notice where the water drips down as you do not want it dripping onto another plant below or eroding the soil based mix that homes the terrestrials. Even dew condensing off a hard roof can cause issues for the unfortunate plants below it.

Watering should be reduced now as the cooler weather and higher humidity means our pots do not dry out so fast and secondly many plants are now entering a rest phase. Typical genera that require resting periods are the native epiphytes, Cattleyas and Oncidiums. Many other genera continue to grow, albeit a little more slowly, and these include Cymbs, Zygoes, Sarcochilus and Paphiopedilums to name a few. Resting plants should receive little or no water for long periods during their rest, depending on the genera, and no fertiliser as they will not use it. If anything, feeding a resting plant may prove a disaster to the root system so when the plant breaks dormancy in spring it uses up all energy into replacing the lost root system at the expense of strong new growth.

You will find many resting plants bulbs and canes will shrivel, some quite markedly. This is quite normal. Some lose their leaves entirely. For example Catasetums and some Lycastes. These stay fully dry as they grow a new root system every year.

If I do water any of the resting plants I will give them a little drink and only in the mornings on a rising temperature. The bulbs and canes fill out quite quickly again. In nature despite enduring up to 6 months without any rain they do experience heavy dews at night that moistens the bark and mosses they attach to so they never really go totally without a drink. Those plants that are always on the move can continue to be fed and watered at a reduced rate to that which applies during the main growing season.

Feeding wise should be reduced to fortnightly and again in the mornings so plants are dry by nightfall. May usually gives us a good indication of what will flower winter and spring and most plants are fed with the high potash, blossom booster feeds to strengthen the racemes and help bring out the colours.

Slugs and snails are now on the move so particular attention to a baiting programme should now be in place especially for those pots full of spikes. Use the blue pellets as they last longer and do not turn into a hairy monster within a few days. There is usually an autumn flush of looper caterpillars as well so ensure you have some Dipel at hand if their



Orchid Culture Notes for May cont...

numbers are out of hand, otherwise learn to observe the damage they cause to the undersides of the plants leaves and squish them. Soft leaved plants such as *Zygopetalums* and *Phaius* are prone to attack. I have heard that it is best to spray Dipel in the evenings as the grubs continue to feed at night and the spray stays wet much longer giving a more effective result. Ensure both sides of the leaves are covered. If the solution will not stick because the plants leaves have a waxy coating then add a few drops of dishwashing detergent as a wetting agent. Keep an eye out for any ant movements now as well. These little up to no good critters are most likely introducing some unwanted pests into our collection. Soft scale is one which can be fixed up with Malathion and white oil or a product called Malascale cleans them up nicely. Spray the Cymms now before the spikes emerge from their protective sheaths for those that flower for the spring shows.

Mealy bugs are the other problem that once in the collection are very hard to eradicate as apart from living in the leaves and bracts they also move into the potting mix where they avoid sprays. Confidor will clean them up. If you have mealies then I suggest you keep the plants isolated from the rest of the collection and very clean; meaning ensure all leaf bracts are inspected and persistent leaf bases are removed as these are prime hiding places. In severe cases of infestation it is easier to ditch the whole plant rather than try and control it and have it transfer to other plants in the collection. Other chores for May are the cleaning up of our plants and weeding. I find after a rain, removal of leaf bracts from my *Cymbidiums* and *Zygopetalums* is much easier. Be careful you do not damage the new growths that start showing this time of year.

Many flowering plants now needing staking but ensure they are not tightly tied to the stakes as the spikes are usually growing quickly and need not be fully restricted by ties. Also once staked in position it is important not to move the plants around as the spikes will twist and contort trying to follow the sun if they keep getting moved around. A spray with Mancozeb is always a good bet this time of year to help eliminate some fungal problems associated with this time of year and don't forget foliar feeding either. Even though a plant's roots have gone into dormancy, the plant will still accept nourishment via its leaves.

It is now time to inspect the natives. Most of them will now begin to show the start of their flowering buds. It is certainly a time of year I get excited. Remove any dead leaves and hang them high and dry.

Many plants will shed a few leaves and *Cymbidiums* are no exception. Mostly it is the odd leaf on an old matured growth. If there are many yellowing leaves on the one plant it would pay to feel the bulb. Bulb rot has been common this year given the heat of summer and the extended Indian Summer of March and April. A soft bulb is a dead give away of bulb rot and more often than not it is fatal, especially on smaller plants. It would pay to dispose of any plants where the rot is significant unless it is a prized plant in which case you do what you can to save it. Place the pot and the mix into the rubbish and not the compost heap, otherwise the problem will spread. Spread the plants out and spray with a preventative fungicide, plants, pots and benches in the immediate area where the infection was noticed. Poor air movement from overcrowding is a common cause of this problem

Steve Howard

ORCHID CLUBS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA **General Meeting Times**

THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Whilst COVID restrictions are in place the Club meets on the Second Monday of the month at RSL Hall, 4 Prince George Parade, Colonel Light Gardens. at 8.00p.m.

THE DAYTIME CHAPTER: meets at the Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton on the second Thursday of the month at 2.00p.m.

THE SOUTHERN REGION: meets at Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor at 2.00p.m. on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

THE ORCHID CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA: meets at 8pm in The Enfield Community Centre, 540 Regency Road, Enfield on the 1st Thursday of the month.

Daytime Group: meets from 2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m. in the Enfield Community Centre, 540 Regency Road, Enfield on the 2nd Friday of the month.

THE MURRAY BRIDGE AND DISTRICT ORCHID CLUB: meets at 1.45pm in the Seventh Day Adventist Hall, corner Myall Avenue and Standen Street, Murray Bridge on the 4th Sunday of the month.

NORTHERN AND EASTERN DISTRICTS ORCHID SOCIETY: meets in St. Philip's Church Hall, Galway Avenue, Broadview from 7.30p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ORCHIDACEOUS SOCIETY: Meets at the Plympton Community Centre, 34 Long Street, Plympton from 7.30p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

THE NATIVE ORCHID SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA: meets at 7.30p.m. at St. Matthew's Church Hall, Bridge Street, Kensington on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

THE CYMBIDIUM CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Meets at 7.30p.m. at Burnside Community Centre, 401 Greenhill Road, Tasmore on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

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