

The South Coast Orchid Club of SA Inc.

Gazette

**June
2015**



PRESIDENT: Geoff Spear

PATRON: Sydney Monkhouse

AT A GLANCE

The meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will be held at 8 pm. on Wednesday 3rd June 2015 at St. Bernadette's Church Hall corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Marys. Our interstate guest speaker will be Steve Stebbings, whose subject will be "Growing Conditions and Changes of Environment" Please have your plants benched by 7.40 pm. so judges can commence judging at 7.50 pm. If you will be late due to work commitments please phone Judy McRedmond 0411483680.

Judging:

The panel for June 2015 meeting:

Open Division :	Leader:	Noel Oliver
	Recorder:	Vicky Cooper
First Division:	Leader:	Lesley Gunn
	Recorder:	Rowan Crowhurst
Second Division:	Leader:	John Gay
	Recorder:	Trevor Stutley
Plant commentary:	Open Division:	Vicky Cooper
	First Division:	Rowan Crowhurst
	Second Division:	John Gay
Computer:		Lesley Fenton

BEGINNERS' GROUP: 7.20 pm. Co-ordinator Pauline Hockey will discuss Cymbidiums.

DAYTIME CHAPTER

The next meeting will be held at Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton on Thursday 11th June 2015 at 2.00 pm. Guest speaker TBA.

SOUTHERN REGION GROUP

The next meeting will be held at 2 pm. on Sunday 21st June 2015 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. Guest speaker will be Paul Bland, It will be Paul's first visit to Southern Region Group. He will be accompanied by his partner Judy. Please don't miss this meeting Paul is an excellent speaker and knows his subject 'Species' extremely well. Paul also has plants for sale and has donated one for the raffle.

BIRTHDAY DRAW

Is your name in the book?

LUCKY NAME BADGE

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

NEW MEMBERS:

Welcome to Steven and Kaye Davey. The Committee and members hope you enjoy many years with our club.

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CLUB MEETING DATES FOR 2015

June 2015 03 Main meeting: Interstate speaker Steven Stebbings 10 Committee Meeting 11 Daytime Chapter: TBA 21 Southern Region Group: Paul Bland - Species	October 2015 07 Main meeting: Nicky Zurcher on Paphiopedilums 08 Daytime Chapter 14 Committee Meeting 18 Southern Region Group
July 2015 01 Main meeting: Kevin Western. Reminiscing on last 50 years 08 Committee Meeting 09 Daytime Chapter 19 Southern Region Group: Brian Lyttle on Oncidiums	November 2015 04 Main meeting: Jim Shaughnessy - Sarcochilus night 11 Committee Meeting 12 Daytime Chapter 15 Southern Region Group
August 2015 05 Main meeting: Neutrog 12 Committee Meeting 13 Daytime Chapter 16 Southern Region Group: Trevor Garard on Phalaenopsis	December 2015 02 Main meeting: Kevin Gurney—Vancouver Island 10 Daytime Chapter 20 Southern Regional Group
September 2015 02 Main meeting: Smoults 09 Committee Meeting 10 Daytime Chapter 20 Southern Region Group	

MAIN MEETING BEGINNERS' GROUP 2015 PROGRAMME

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Subject</u>
June 3 rd	Pauline Hockey	Cymbidiums
July 1 st	No beginners group	
August 5 th	David Williams	Potting
September 2 nd	TBA	TBA
October 7 th	Kevin Western	Australian Natives
November 4 th	George Abel	Sarcochilus
December 2 nd	No Beginners' Group	

SOUTHERN REGION GROUP 2015 PROGRAMME

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Subject</u>
June	Paul Bland	Species
July	Brian Lyttle	Oncidiums
August	Trevor Garard	Phalaenopsis
September	TBA	TBA
Oct	Trevor Jacobs	Zygopetlum
Nov	Steve Howard	Catasetum
Dec	Graham Zerbe	Christmas joy and Orchids



Happy Birthday

JENNI CIPLYS, JUDY MCREDMOND,
ALAN MYREN, HENK VANLEUVEREN, JAN SAXON
LOUISE ELLIOT, BRIAN OSBORNE



Is your name in the Birthday Book ?? Please see - Heather Wright

SPECIAL DATES FOR 2015

S.A.R.O.C. FAIR

BIRTHDAY MEETING WINTER SHOW

B.B.Q.

NATIONAL CYM. SHOW SOUTHERN REGION GROUP SHOW

SPRING SHOW

SOUTHERN GROUP WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 6th JUNE AND SUNDAY 7th JUNE at Torrens Parade
Ground Drill Hall

1st July – 50th Birthday

SUNDAY 26th JULY TO SATURDAY 1st AUGUST at Colonnades
Shopping Centre, Noarlunga.

SATURDAY 8th AUGUST at Bunnings, Noarlunga 9.00 am. to
4.30 pm.

SATURDAY 22nd AND SUNDAY 23rd August at Noarlunga

THURSDAY 27th AUGUST TO SUNDAY 30th AUGUST at
R.S.L. Hall, Coral Street, Victor Harbor.

SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER to SATURDAY 26th SEPTEMBER at
Colonnades Shopping Centre.

SUNDAY 16th OCTOBER at Reg & Elsie's home.

LIFE MEMBERS - * denotes Member who has passed away.

1978	Dulcie Graves	Circa	Helen Edwards
	Leora Harvey	Circa	Tony Deonnio *
	L. & H. Poole *	Circa	Norman Gitcham
1979	Syd Monkhouse	2007	Murray Baulderstone *
	Bernie Hanson *		Ron and Irene Parish
1980	Lois Hanson *	2008	Geoff and Lucy Spear
1981	John Leeder *	2009	Don Biebrick
1985	Brenda Lynch		Henk Van Leuveran
	Bubs Gready	2010	Dorothy Carassai
1986	Harris Viney *	2011	John and Bev Gay
	John Nichols	2012	Noel Oliver
Circa	Mervan Steele *	2015	Lesley Fenton
	Shirley Steele		Rod McRedmond

This list is still being compiled.

JUNE MEETING: PLEASE NOTE

Paul Dipuglia from **NEUTROG** will be the guest speaker at our meeting on Wednesday 5th August .

All attendees at the talk will receive FREE samples of Neutros's latest products. They will also have the opportunity to take home their pre-ordered copy of our book called 'From The Ground Up' written specifically for SA by Sophie Thomson.

This unique book normally retails for \$49.95, but Neutrog takes pleasure in providing books to our club for the special price of \$35.00.

To ensure that enough books are brought along to the talk, members will need to advise Secretary Lucy at the June meeting of their wish to purchase one of these fantastic books.

Judy will bring along her copy of 'From The Ground Up' should anyone care to look before placing an order.

S.A.R.O.C. FAIR 7th JUNE

Venue: The Drill Hall, Torrens Parade Ground, North Terrace, Adelaide at the rear of Government House.
Parking will be available on the Parade Ground.

Friday 5th June:

Hall Opens: 10.00 am. to set up.

Area for Displays etc. 12.00 pm. to 12.30 pm. to be completed by 5.00 pm.

Judging: 6.00 pm. – If you have a plant worthy of an Award, please notify Roger Rankin by the 1st of June.

Saturday 6th June:

Hall Opens: 9.00 am. - 5.00 pm.

Dinner: Venue has been changed to the Hampstead Hotel, 143 North East Road, Collinswood commencing at 6.30 pm. Pay on the night. Ring Lucy to book a table on 83814420. This is an exciting night. Members' let's organise a group of South Coast people to attend.

Sunday 7th June:

Hall Open: 9.00 am. - 4.00 pm.

WINTER SHOW – COLONNADES SUNDAY 26th JULY TO 1st AUGUST

Judging and Put in Time: Saturday 25th July at Hamilton Secondary College, 815 Marion Road, Mitchell Park in the Basketball Stadium 11.30 am. to 12.45 pm.

Judging 1.00 pm. sharp.

After judging: Plants to be taken to Colonnades Shopping Centre. Please make prior arrangements if you need your plants transported.

Trading Table Set up: Saturday 25th July 5.00 pm. Please **NOTE:** Plants cannot be taken into store before 5.00 pm.

ZYGOPETALUM COMPETITION

The Committee was approached by Stephen Monkhouse to have a Zygopetalum competition. Stephen has set a very reasonable price for members at \$7.00 each plant. The Club will subsidize \$2.00 per plant so that members pay only \$5.00.

The crossing is *Zygoneria* (Freestyle Meadows 'Tiya' x Holdfast Bay 'Meadows Mist')

Photos of the crossing parents may be obtained by e-mailing Lucy on lucys18@bigpond.com

The competition will be launched in August 2015 and there will be a \$50 prize for the first member to flower the seedling. More information in July Gazette.



50th BIRTHDAY MEETING 1ST JULY

At our 50th birthday meeting, Kevin Western will be our guest speaker reminiscing on the past 50 years.

All Past Presidents and Life Members have been invited to share this great evening.

The Committee will provide a wonderful supper with platters, cakes etc.

A highlight of the evening will be our raffle, a painting by artist Syd Monkhouse. Geoff will show this at our next meeting.

Each membership will receive a top show bench orange mericlone as a birthday gift.

Come along and be part of a fun night.

THANK YOU: to Heather Wright for all her work in creating the wonderful labels for our 50th. Anniversary wines. The labels are really superb.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May is always a busy month. A sign of things to come. We are now in gear for the next few months, busy, busy, busy.

Congratulations to Paul and Donja Hayes for winning the Grand Champion of our Autumn Show and to all prize winners. A great effort. You all need a pat on the back for giving so much pleasure to everyone who came to see the display.

Thank you to Paul Bland for his excellent presentation at our May meeting and the great plants he donated and brought along for sale.

Don't forget Steve Stebbings is our guest speaker in June and his subject is 'Growing Conditions and Changes of Environment'. Steve always has so many interesting plants we can buy.

At the SAROC Fair on the long weekend in June, our display will be very different. Paul Hayes was at my place having a coffee and I mentioned that my son had been on holiday, which gave Paul another brilliant idea for the SAROC display. He went home and talked with Donja and before the day ended the display had been designed on paper. Thank you Paul and Donja.

Please remember don't leave your wonderful plants at home. Bring them to Shows and meetings. We would all love to help you to show your plants.

Good growing and showing.

Geoff.

YOUR 2015 COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT:

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT:

VICE PRESIDENT:

SECRETARY:

TREASURER:

COMMITTEE:

Geoffrey Spear

Michael Willoughby

Paul Hayes

Lucy Spear

Barbara Almond

**Dorothy Carassai, Oui Ju, Donna Meeuwsen, Heather Wright,
Christine Robertson, Shirley Greig, Don Greig.**

NON-COMMITTEE POSITIONS

REGISTRAR:

EDITOR & WEBMASTER:

Judy McRedmond

Rod McRedmond

Daytime Chapter

Hi Everyone,

A very good afternoon was had by all at the Daytime Group today. We all welcomed a new member, Mrs Jan Meynell. I do hope you enjoyed your afternoon with us Jan and hope you will be sharing your companionship with us far into the future. Welcome to our Club.

Peter and Geraldine Flavel are now well enough to join us again. Geraldine looks great. (So do you Peter) welcome back to you both. Well done Peter for taking such good care of Geraldine. Their lovely plant *Dendrobium* Burana Stripe 'W11', with many flowers was voted best in display today in our popular vote segment. The flowers were a beautiful pink colour with a white throat and white markings on the petals. Very well grown and presented. Congratulations and well done. It was lovely to see.

Lesley Gunn, assisted by her husband Robert was our guest speaker today. They had put together another great Power Point Presentation. Their programmes are always very interesting, this one showing us some beautiful temples in Asia and orchids displayed everywhere, in buildings, on buildings, and on trees in the streets. We saw market sellers of food and orchids on the river. There were even flower stalls and food stalls along a railway track and the stalls had to be removed quickly each time a train was due, then back to business as usual after the train had passed. The colours of the Phalaenopsis plants were magnificent, very vivid colours with huge blooms. There were also Oncidiums, plus a few other genera, even a few Cymbidiums (just for Geoff), mainly all yellow in colour. There were orchids everywhere in the hotel foyers and rooms and even the toilets had orchids displayed in them. Thanks Lesley and Robert your presentations are always very well received and appreciated.

Lesley did the plant commentary, giving out lots of information as well. The Members really appreciate this segment. Thank you Lesley.

The meeting was closed after another great day, thanking all in attendance.

Take care,
Bye Dorothy,
8277-1793.



New member Jan Meynell receiving her plant and name badge from Daytime Convenor Dorothy.



Geraldine Flavel receiving her cup for her Popular Vote Plant *Dendrobium* Burana Stripe 'W11' from Daytime Convenor



Guest speaker Lesley Gunn and husband Bob receive their appreciation gift from Daytime Convenor Dorothy.



SOUTHERN REGION GROUP MEETING SUNDAY 17TH MAY 2015

Beginners' Group: was cancelled.

Meeting: President Geoff opened the meeting at 2 pm. He spoke about changing conditions and how each year it is becoming harder to achieve flowering plants for display and trading table. He then introduced himself as guest speaker. He spoke about how to break up and pot-on cymbidiums. We have 5 new members and they are cymbidium growers.

Apologies: Kay and Steven Davey, Bev Gay, Bruce Knoll, Lorna Zerbe and Dorothy Carassai.

Plant and name badge: Kay and Steven Davey were not present and so will receive their plant and name badge next month.

Birthday draw: Won by Geoff Spear.

Door prize: Won by Elsie Clifford.

Next meeting: 21st. of June when guest speaker, Paul Bland will talk on Species. He will also have plants for sale and a plant to auction.

Judges: Noel Oliver, Graham Zerbe and John Gay. Recorder: Judy McRedmond.

Plant of the Day & Popular Vote Winner: Brat. Spider Man "Teflon 2" benched by Ruth and Keven Tugwell.

New Bylaws and Promotional Point System:

Judy reminded us that the new By-Laws make it possible for us to earn more promotional points by being able to show our plants at the Main Group meeting as well as at Southern Region Group. As the Main Group meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month, we can now show our plants at the plant's optimum flowering time. However, we may only show the same plant once in any one calendar month.

Points that we earn benching our plants at meetings (Southern Region Group and Main Group), are tallied up at the end of the year and a promotional point is awarded to the person gaining the most points (with a minimum of 10) in each genera.

Also we earn a promotional point for any plant that is awarded Best in the Division, (for each genera), at any of the Autumn, Winter, Spring and Southern Region Group Shows. The person who achieves Grand Champion at a Show receives 3 promotional points.

Second Division members need 15 promotional points to be promoted to 1st Division.

Name Changes:

Members please remember to check the names of your plants in the Results List with the names on your plant labels. If there are any changes in genera names, the new names will be shown in the Results List. Please see Judy if you have any questions. Judy will have her laptop with up to date Orchid Wiz at all meetings.

SRG May Results List

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

First Division

Laeliinae - Non Standard

233	<i>Ctt. Browniae</i> 'Riga'	Eileen Pinnock (519)	3
232	<i>C.</i> (Lavender Ice x Beaufort 'Shah')	Eileen Pinnock (519)	3

Second Division

Laeliinae - Cluster

220	<i>Wlc.</i> Tropical Snowflake	Ruth & Keven Tugwell (613)	3
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Laeliinae - Non Standard

221	<i>Ctt. Browniae</i> "Riga"	Reg & Elsie Clifford (567)	3
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Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm

219	<i>Rlc.</i> George King 'Serendipity'	Ruth & Keven Tugwell (613)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

223	<i>Onc.</i> Sharry Baby "Sweet Fragrance"	Reg & Elsie Clifford (567)	3
224	<i>Ons.</i> Wildcat "Bloodshot"	Reg & Elsie Clifford (567)	2

Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

222	<i>Brat.</i> Spider Man "Teflon 2"	Ruth & Keven Tugwell (613)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

228	<i>Sngl.</i> longifolia	Reg & Elsie Clifford (567)	3
229	<i>Ste.</i> megachlamys	Ruth & Keven Tugwell (613)	2

Paphiopedilum - Non Standard

225	<i>Paph.</i> Crossianum "Älba"	Ruth & Keven Tugwell (613)	3
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Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

227	<i>Zga.</i> Susan	Reg & Elsie Clifford (567)	3
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Above: Popular Vote winner, Orchid of 2nd Div. & Orchid of the Day
Brat. Spider Man 'Teflon 2' benched by Ruth and Keven Tugwell.

Left: Ruth Tugwell receives her prize for her winning
plant *Brat.* Spider Man 'Teflon 2' from Noel Oliver.

SRG May Results (Cont.)



Above: Orchid of First Division *Ctt. Browniae* 'Riga' benched by Eileen Pinnock



Eileen Pinnock receives her prize from Noel Oliver for her Orchid of First Division *Ctt. Browniae* 'Riga'

May Results List (cont.)

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

Second Division

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm Red Pink Brown

210	<i>Cym.</i> Peter Fire 'Cutie'	Louise Moulds (515)	3
214	<i>Cym.</i> Mini Splendour 'Easter Show'	Colin MacDonald (20)	2

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm White Cream Yellow Green

211	<i>Cym.</i> (Cobar x Peter Pan)	Max & Barbara Almond (521)	3
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Cymbidium over 90mm - Species

209	<i>Cym. tracyanum</i>	Helen McIntosh (299)	3
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Laeliinae - Cluster

212	<i>Ctt.</i> Browniae 'Riga'	David Wallis (574)	3
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Laeliinae - Species

213	<i>Prosthechea cochleata</i> 'Rita'	Heather Wright (868)	3
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Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm

216	<i>C.</i> Pumpkin Festival	Jack Cronshaw (595)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

206	<i>Alcra.</i> Tropic Tom 'Kinki'	Heather Wright (868)	3
207	<i>Brat.</i> Aztec 'Toni'	Beth Stronach (836)	2
208	<i>Brat.</i> Aztec 'Toni'	Jenni Ciplys (1323)	1

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

203	<i>Den.</i> Chao Praya	Max & Barbara Almond (521)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

204	<i>Sngl.</i> longifolia	Peter Haltis (442)	3
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Specimen Species or Hybrid

205	<i>Sngl.</i> longifolia	Peter Haltis (442)	3
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May Plant Commentary

FROM THE REGISTRAR

It was wonderful to see so many of our Second Division growers benching plants for the very first time at our May meeting. In all, 39 plants were benched, 13 of them being from Second Division. The plants were of good quality and well deserving of the points and certificates awarded. Remember that the points you gain at monthly meetings go towards your yearly tallies and will help you to qualify for promotional points and trophies.

Orchid of First Division and Orchid of the Night

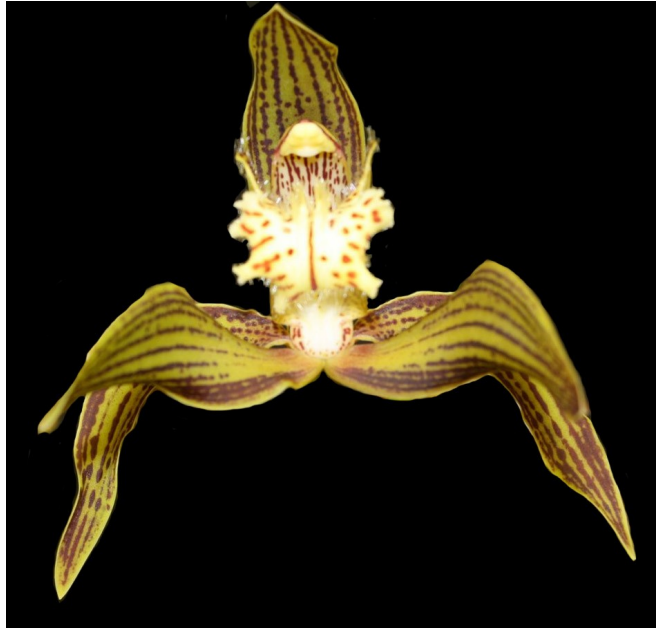


The Judging Panel chose *Gomesa uniflora* grown by Paul and Donja Hayes to be the Orchid of the Night.

Rowan Crowhurst presented the commentary pointing out that this species orchid is found growing naturally in Brazil. The genus name has been reclassified from *Oncidium* to *Gomesa*. This orchid is commonly called the one flowered oncidium, hence its name *Gomesa uniflora*. A stunning feature of this flower is its bright yellow lip. Congratulations to Paul and Donja and thank you for sharing this beautiful species orchid.

May Plant Commentary (cont.)

Orchid of Second Division



Cymbidium tracyanum owned by Helen McIntosh was the winner of Second Division. Peter Haltis pointed out that this beautiful species orchid occurs naturally in Northern Burma, Thailand, Laos and China at an elevation of 1200m to 1900m. It is a species which is used extensively in hybridizing. Congratulations to Helen McIntosh on winning Orchid of the Division with this well grown plant.

Orchid of Open Division



Rhyncattleanthe Jungle Jumbalaya owned by Lesley and Bob Gunn was chosen to be the Orchid of Open Division. Vicky Cooper explained that this exquisite plant is intergeneric and results from the crossing of several laeliinae plants. This small plant boasted four well arranged waxy, golden yellow flowers with a dark purple lip.

Autumn Show 2015 Commentary

Congratulations to Paul and Donja Hayes for winning the Grand Champion ribbon at our Autumn Show with their beautiful *Paphiopedilum* (Goultenianum x Hsinying Citron).

This plant is a first flowering seedling and was awarded Champion Seedling, Champion Paphiopedilum and Champion First Division.



All orchid clubs have seen fewer plants than usual on the Autumn Show Bench this year, but the 39 plants benched at our Show made a magnificent display at Pasadena Shopping Centre.

Thank you members for supporting our Autumn Show.

Congratulations to the winners



Left: *Den. Hilda Poxon 'Ern'* owned by John and Bev Gay won Champion Australian Native and was nominated for the Ira Butler Trophy.



Right: *Zga. Adelaide Meadows* owned by Oui Ju and Michael Willoughby won Champion Zygopetalum.



Left: *Psh. cochleata 'Rita'* owned by Paul and Donja Hayes won Champion Laeliinae and also the H & B Viney Trophy.



Right: *Sngl. longifolia* owned by Geoff & Lucy Spear won Champion Specimen and Champion Open Division.



Left: *Alcra. Samurai* owned by Geoff and Lucy Spear won Champion Oncidiinae.



Right: *Cym. Mesa Zia 'Preview'* owned by Geoff & Lucy Spear won Champion Cymbidium.

Sngl. longifolia owned by Rowan Crowhurst won Champion of Second Division. Congratulations to you all.

Orchid Culture Notes for June

June marks the beginning of winter yet by month end we have our days lengthening out again. June typically sees the first of the frosts in Adelaide. The air tends to be a bit drier at times, and calm clear nights provide the perfect conditions for frost to settle. Fortunately severe frosts in suburbia are rare and most shade houses do provide sufficient protection. By July and August the wind picks up and rain tends to keep frost away, not saying we don't get them. On the subject of cover we should all have at least some additional protection for our more tender orchids. Rain, hail, the wind and just the plain cold all have a detrimental effect on our plants. The colder it is the drier our plants must be to cope. It is best to water only when it is fine and preferably mid morning on a rising temperature with the plan to have all the plants leaves dry by nightfall. Plants in shade houses generally get enough moisture with the natural rainfall anyway. Cover can be as easy as a sheet of plastic or solaweave over a section of your enclosure or placing plants under a sheltered veranda. Use clear plastic as light levels must be as high as possible this time of year. If you are starting to build a new enclosure try to have the minimum amount of shade possible. You can always add shade but you cannot take it away if your roof cover is too shady to start with. Ensure all pots are secured to cope with the winds of winter. Move smaller plants and seedlings to a protected area if you can. Seedlings especially cannot handle the extreme conditions as well as mature plants. The same applies to recently divided plants.

Watering will now be quite infrequent. Cymbidiums, Zygopetalums and Sarcophilus are happy enough to receive normal winter rain. If you grow them under cover then water when they need it. Keep up a regular feeding programme to your Sarcophilus as this their growing season and shortly spikes will show. Also feed up your Zygopetalums as well using a fertiliser with a higher nitrogen component. With many finishing flowering we need to build up those new growths for next season. Many of my orchids are now resting. In particular it's my Cattleyas, Laelias and Ocidiums. There are orchids within this group that will continue to grow through winter as well and these are treated accordingly. I separate them from the resting ones.

Terrestrials are mostly in full growth now and the numbers of flowering plants will begin to increase on the show bench towards the end of the month. Keep an eye out for fungal diseases, caterpillars and water dripping from above eroding your pots. 50% shade is OK to grow most terrestrials but if you have any Diuris then try and give them some full sun. They will reward you for it.

Winter usually means standard shaped Paphiopedilums will start flowering. This is a critical time watering wise as any water that lodges near the embryo flower can cause the whole flower to collapse and rot and that's it until next year. It is wise to give them cover and water by standing the pot in water and let the pot soak it up. That or water the pot, not the plants leaves.

In winter only feed those orchids that appear in active growth. Developing leaves and green root tips are always good indicators of a plant still on the move. When you do feed keep in mind their metabolism has slowed down with the cold and they won't take up as much as they do in the warmer months.

Make it a habit to inspect at least a third of your pots every month. That way they all get picked up at least three times a year. You can then inspect the plant more carefully. Check the undersides of leaves that may harbour a small colony of soft scale or mealy bugs. Feel the weight of the pot. Is it light?

Despite your best intentions regarding watering the fact is that big cymbidium next to it has hogged all the water and hardly any has reached the one you are holding. Occasionally a grower will forget about a plant for ages and then just before a show see it poking its head up and take it in. Of course it wins the show which goes to prove that maybe some plants will only grow good if you forget about them. We all tend to over care for our plants. I've seen a Dendrobium speciosum growing on rocks in full sun most of the day with not a tree within 100 yards. And the rocks were hot to touch and that was April so what extremes does this plant experience in mid-summer! It was perfectly healthy with no signs of scorching.

Flowering wise will see more and more cymbidiums gracing the show bench. Continue to train your spikes and leave any manipulation of the spikes to the warmer part of the day when they are supple. Several adjustments may be required before they are ready to show. Native epiphytes will still mostly be showing growth nodes with some having small spikes poking through. Some cover is good for natives as the immature new spikes are very prone to rotting off or experiencing bud drop if kept wet. The cover will also stop them getting too waterlogged when the rains set in.

Be vigilant with the blue snail pellets from now. Any plant in spike should have a few sprinkled on the surface as a precaution. Also watch out for little green looper caterpillars on those orchids with broad and soft leaves and my favourite woolly bears will soon be on the march. The initial hatch can see up to 50 of the little buggers chewing away at a new growth or spike. One day is all they need. The onset of the cold will drive rats and mice into the protection of our orchid houses. Look out for signs of chewed canes, spikes and the odd dropping. If you had issues with them last year, don't wait till they cause damage this year. Get them before they get the plants.

Winter time is now the time to start weeding pots. Oxalis once established is very hard to pull out yet very easy at the 2 leaf stage. Thistles and milkweed are a little easier. Thistles attract aphids and we don't need that. That's it for June. Basically reduce watering, increase light and provide cover and keep warm!!

Steve Howard

ORCHID CLUBS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA – General Meeting Times

THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at St. Bernadette's Church Hall corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Marys. Beginners' Class starts at 7.15 pm. Meeting at 8.00 pm.

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

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

THE ORCHID CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Due to renovations at the Enfield Community Centre, the June Monthly Meeting will be held at Kilburn Hall, 49 Le Hunte St. Kilburn on the 1st Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be on 4th June at 8 pm.

THE DAYTIME GROUP: Due to renovations at the Enfield Community Centre. Monthly Daytime meetings will be held at Clearview Hall, 11 Clearview Crescent, Clearview on the 2nd Friday of the month. The Next meeting will be on 12th June at 2pm..

In July we return to the Enfield Community Centre for all meetings and shows.

THE MURRAY BRIDGE AND DISTRICT ORCHID CLUB: meets at 1.45 pm 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 7.30 pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ORCHIDACEOUS SOCIETY: Meets at the Adelaide West Uniting Church Hall, 312 Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Brooklyn Park from 7.30 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

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

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