

The South Coast Orchid Club of SA Inc.

# Gazette

**April  
2014**



**PRESIDENT: Geoff Spear**

**PATRON: Sydney Monkhouse**

## AT A GLANCE

The next meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will be held at 8pm on Wednesday 2nd April 2014 at St. Bernadette's Church Hall corner of Walsh Avenue and South Road, St. Marys. The guest speaker will be Graham Zerbe whose subject will be 'Preparing Your Plants for Shows'.

### **CHANGE OF TIME FOR JUDGING:**

**Please have plants benched by 7.40p.m. so judging can commence 7.50p.m.**

**If you are going to be late due to work commitments please ring Sue Zerbe on 0411 180 015.**

**BEGINNERS' GROUP:** 7.20p.m. Daniel Lutz.

### **DAYTIME CHAPTER**

The next meeting will be held at Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton on Thursday 10th April 2014 at 2pm. Our guest speaker Brian Osborn on Bonsai.

### **SOUTHERN REGION GROUP**

The next meeting will be held at 2pm on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April (EASTER SUNDAY) 2014 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. Guest speaker John Gay talking on Mixed Genera. Door Prize: Basket of Easter Eggs.

**AUTUMN SHOW PASADENA SHOPPING CENTRE SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY TILL SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2014**

**JUDGING AND PUT IN TIME: Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at Hamilton Secondary College, 815 Marion Road, Mitchell Park in the Basketball Stadium.**

**TIME: 11.30 TO 12.45 Judging 1.00 pm Sharp.**

**After judging plants to be taken to Pasadena Shopping Centre. Please make prior arrangements.**

**TRADING TABLE: Saturday 3rd May after 4 pm until 5 pm please.**

**NOTE: PLANTS CANNOT BE TAKEN INTO THE STORE BEFORE 4 pm.**

**NEW MEMBER:** Welcome to new member Krys Gilmore .

### **BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS – APRIL**

Max Almond, John Gosnell, Paul Hayes, Louise Moulds, Rito Sylvestri, Graham Smith, Shirley Steel, Trevor Stutley. Daytime Chapter: – Bill Clark. S.R. Group: Judy Crafter, Rosalie Sharp.

### **BIRTHDAY DRAW**

Is your name in the book?

### **LUCKY NAME BADGE**

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

## **JUDGES ROSTER 2/4/14**

**OPEN DIVISION:** Leader: Noel Oliver, Trevor Stutley, Recorder: Rowan Crowhurst

**FIRST DIVISION:** Leader: John Gay, Vicky Cooper, Recorder: Peter Haltis

**SECOND DIVISION:** Leader: Wendy Lodge, Ian Attenborough, Recorder: Judy McRedmond

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**COMMITTEE 2014****PRESIDENT****Geoffrey Spear****SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT****Donna Meeuwssen****VICE PRESIDENT****Paul Hayes****TREASURER****Barbara Almond****SECRETARY****Lucy Spear****Dorothy Carassai, Andrew Lutz, Michael Willoughby, Oui Ju, Heather Wright, Susanna Bratuz, Christine Robertson.****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****2014 SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE.****We do value your membership and seeing you at meetings each month.****ORCHID CALENDAR FOR 2014****S.A.R.O.C. FAIR:****SATURDAY 7th JUNE AND SUNDAY 8th JUNE at Torrens Parade Ground Drill Hall.****WINTER SHOW:****SUNDAY 27th JULY TO SATURDAY 2nd AUGUST at Federation, Arndale.****BUS TRIP:****10<sup>th</sup> AUGUST to the North. No plants will be for sale.****SOUTHERN REGION GROUP SHOW:****THURSDAY 28th AUGUST TO SUNDAY 31st AUGUST at R.S.L. Hall, Coral Street, Victor Harbor.****SPRING SHOW:****SUNDAY 21st SEPTEMBER TO SATURDAY 27th SEPTEMBER at Colonnades Shopping Centre.****SOUTHERN GROUP WORKSHOP:****FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER at Reg and Elsie's home.****BONSAI CLUB:****SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER DISPLAY AND TRADING TABLE at McLaren Vale.****EXHIBITORS' RULES FOR SHOWS**

1. All exhibitors must be financial members of the South Coast Orchid Club of South Australia Incorporated.
2. Entries are free.
3. Exhibitors are bound by the Constitution, Rules, By-Laws and Special Show Rules of the Club.
4. The opinion of the judges is final and binding and no objections or discussions regarding results will be considered, with one exception, which is an infringement by an Exhibitor of any of the Club's Rules, By-Laws or Show Rules. Any objection in this case must be lodged with the Club Show Marshall/Secretary.
5. The Club accepts no responsibility for any loss, damage or infection suffered by any plant or blooms exhibited.
6. The Club reserves the right to photograph any of the exhibits if it should so wish.
7. In all matters regarding the arrangement and conduct of the show (with the exception of judging) the Show Marshall/Secretary is the ruling authority.
8. No plants suspected by the Club Virus adjudicators of being infected with virus will be eligible for competition and such plants will be completely isolated from all other plants.
9. The exhibition areas will be closed during the judging. No exhibitors, the public or members other than the Show Marshall/Secretary, Judges of the Club, Associate Judges and other persons appointed to assist in judging will be allowed to remain in the exhibition area during this period.
10. Non-exhibitors are requested not to congregate in the exhibition area prior to judging so that officials can arrange plants and perform other necessary duties.
11. Plants must be labelled with the coloured labels provided by the Club with the exhibitor's number and name of plant. These are available from the Show Marshall/Secretary or his/her nominee.
12. Exhibitors are to ensure that all labelling be neatly and correctly performed in accordance with the procedure laid down on orchid Nomenclature and Registration.
13. All plants benched for judging at the show must be made available to be in the Club display for the

## **EXHIBITORS' RULES FOR SHOWS (cont.)**

14. All exhibits must be benched by the nominated time on the nominated day for judging. The nominated day and time will be published in the Club Gazette in the month prior to the Show.
15. Exhibits must not be removed before nominated time on the nominated day at the end of the Display week. The nominated day and time will be published in the Club Gazette in the month prior to the Show.
16. Exhibitors unable to remove their own plants from the show should provide the person so doing with a letter of authorization.
17. Damage caused in transit to the show should be reported to the Show Marshall/Secretary or Registrar of Judges prior to judging.
18. If, in the opinion of the judges, a plant is not worthy of an award or prize in any specified section, then none shall be given.

## **PREPARING ORCHIDS FOR SALE**

Select the plants that you want to let go.

- Obtain plant sheets and plant price tags from Lucy in the weeks prior to the sale.
- Clean all pots. Wipe them over with a damp cloth to remove all white residue of salt. If these pots have been recycled from somewhere else, please make sure all advertising and price stickers are removed.
- Check all stakes. Add more if needed and re-tie if necessary.
- Remove old brown husks from bulbs.
- Remove weeds, snails, scale etc.
- Remove all dry ends on the leaves and shape to a point.
- Wipe leaves over with a mixture of milk and water (1 part milk to 10 parts water). Do not add extra milk as the fat in the milk will clog the pores in the leaves which will cause them to yellow and die.
- Water all plants 2 – 3 days before taking them in for sale. PLEASE DO NOT water them on the day you are bringing them in as the water really makes a mess on clothing and everywhere else, eg the floor.

**The sales sheets:** These have a carbonless copy. Please use both sheets together. Press down firmly on a hard surface to imprint on the second page.

- Print your name in the top left hand corner
- Print your club member number in the top right hand corner
- Rule a narrow column down the left hand side of the page. This column is for plant number from 1 – 30. Please use consecutive numbering for additional sheets ie 31 – 60 for page 2 etc.
- A slightly wider column on the right hand side is for the selling price of the plant.
- Be reasonable, not greedy. Either you want to sell it or not. If you are not sure, ask someone. Take into consideration number of spikes and condition of the plant.
- The centre section is for the description eg Cym. Den Cat etc and the name of your plant and colour. Ie Without Peer 'Soft Touch' (pink).

### **Price tags.**

- Member number in top left hand corner.
- Circle the plant number in the right hand top corner.
- Price underneath.

It is a good idea to write this information on both sides of the tag.

Make sure that the tag on the plant matches the information on your sales sheet.

These plant price tags need to be checked off on your sheet by another person when you bring them in.

You can help by reading out the numbers and price on the tag with the other person checking off the list. If this does not correspond, it needs to be attended to.

Give both copies of the sheet to the person checking the plants off.

If you need a copy take a third copy for yourself. However, in most cases, you will be given one sheet back with your cheque.

We hope that these notes help you. Lucy and I are always around to assist you further if needed. So just ask for help should you need it.

Dorothy

## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

Members, our Autumn Show is just around the corner and we need all the support you can give us. Please look around for one more plant for Display and Trading Table. So many plants have flowered out of season I must admit I am slightly worried about how many show plants will be available. I know from past experience you will all give me as much support as possible.

Members are asking why we are not having the Autumn Show at Colonnades. Pasadena is a smaller venue and much more suitable for an Autumn Show. Lucy notifies our regular customers where our Shows are going to be held.

Colonnades have offered us a much larger site with excellent promotional sites and is also giving us advertising support for our Spring Festival of Orchids.

Cymbidiums. Last year I had the worst flowering season ever, this year it looks like being one of my best with spikes showing up in over three quarters of my collection. I hope you are all experiencing the same.

Good growing and showing,  
Geoff.

### **DAYTIME CHAPTER**

Hi Everyone,

Our guest speaker today was Mr. Trevor Jacob who has spoken at our meetings before and his talks are always very interesting and informative. His subject today was the Botanical Gardens in Adelaide, where he spends a bit of time. He was very enthusiastic about it all which can be very infectious. I myself, will be catching the bus in and spending some time just wandering around. I haven't been there for many years and I'm sure there are many others who are the same. Trevor helps out there when the Exhibitions are on and he told us quite a bit of the history of the gardens and buildings and what has happened and been developed over the years. All in all, a great way to spend an afternoon. Some of the members even know of people close hand who had been involved in the development of the place. Thank you Trevor. Well done. Much appreciated.

Diggers, the seed and plant people have an outlet in the grounds. I'm quite sure quite a number of us were members of the Diggers Club many years ago. They carry all the heirloom seeds and plants you could ever want. Probably worth a trip in to check them out.

Trevor did the plant commentary today beautifully, giving Geoff a break. There were many lovely plants on display. Thanks to those who brought them in to share with us all. No popular vote today as all plants were for display only.

We received apologies today from Betty, Bill and Josephine. Hope to catch up with you again soon.

A few of our newer members were also present, which was great.

The meeting was closed after another great afternoon. Thanking all in attendance.

Bye Dorothy,  
8277-1793.

### **WORKSHOP**

Twenty two members attended Daniel Lutz's Workshop. The Lutz family made us very welcome and the day was perfect with all the preparations and homework beforehand.

Daniel spoke on most aspects on how he grows his Cymbidiums, starting his presentation with how he met Lucy at Pasadena Show and being invited to the meeting when he was 10 years old. He also said how wonderful Pauline Hockey had been to him with advice. Daniel showed us all around his shade houses and was the perfect host.

Thank you to the Lutz family for a wonderful afternoon.





### **SOUTHERN REGION GROUP MEETING SUNDAY 16th MARCH**

**Beginner's Group:** John Gay discussed mixed genera.

The President opened the meeting at 2 pm and told us about how sparrows made their home here in SA. They were introduced by the curator of the botanical gardens, Mr. Schomburgk, in the 1800's. He kept them for a while then released them because he felt sorry for them being stuck in a cage. Hence so many sparrows. He then introduced our new Treasurer, Barbara Almond and her husband Max.

**New Member:** Krysl Gilmore was welcomed as a new member.

**Apologies:** Helen Humphries, Darryl Jones, Grace Noll, Veronica Walsh and the Worthing family.

The guest speakers today were Les Nesbitt who spoke on soft cane dendrobiums, Noel Oliver on hard cane dendrobiums (Australian Natives) and John Gay on miltonias, epidendrums, presenting plants and the great improvement in the quality of plants within the Southern Region Group.

**Birthday:** Happy birthday to Ruth Tugwell.

**Judging:** Thanks to Graham Zerbe, Noel Oliver and John Gay for doing the judging.

**Plant of the Day:** : Miltonia Cogniauxiae benched by Ruth Tugwell.

**Popular Vote:** C. Adelaide Silver benched by Ruth Tugwell.

The meeting closed at 3.30 pm and afternoon tea was taken.

## **SRG February Results List**

Ref.No.

Points Awarded

### **Second Division**

#### **Australian Native Epiphyte – Hybrid**

326 Den. Anne' Rainbow Surprise

Val Phillips 3

#### **Laeliinae – Standard over 100 mm**

329 .C. Portia 'Coerulea'

Keith & Russ Sutton 3

#### **Laeliinae – Standard Cluster**

330 Epi. Boundii

Reg & Elsie Clifford 3

331 Ctt. Valentine Day

Val Phillips 2

332 Epi. Boundii

Reg & Elsie Clifford 1

#### **Laeliinae – Non Standard Laeliinae**

333 Rth. Hamana Fancy

Keith & Russ Sutton 3

#### **Oncidiinae Hybrid – Any other Oncidiinae**

334 Milt. Cogniauxiae

Ruth Tugwell 3

335 Milt. Cogniauxiae

Eileen Pinnock 2

#### **Oncidiinae Hybrid – Oncidium Hybrid**

336 Onc. Samarai

Ruth Tugwell 3

#### **Oncidiinae – Species**

337 Milt. spectabilis

Keith & Russ Sutton 3

#### **Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere – Hybrid**

338 Phal. unknown 'Alice Girl'

Shirley Greig 3

### **Popular Vote**

339 Thw. Adelaide Silver

Ruth Tugwell

### **Plant of the Day**

340 Miltonia Cogniauxiae

Ruth Tugwell





Guest Speaker: Mr. Les Nesbitt



Ruth Tugwell grower of both the Popular Vote & Flower of the Day receiving her prizes from Noel Oliver.



Flower of the Day *Milt. Cogniauxiae* benched by Ruth Tugwell



Popular Vote *C. Adelaide Silver* benched by Ruth Tugwell

# March Results List

Ref. No.		Points Awarded
<b>Open Division</b>		
<b>Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid</b>		
46	Den. Limestone	Noel Oliver (102) 3
<b>Cymbidium under 60- any other colour</b>		
56	Cym. Sundaani Autumn 'Evening Glow'	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556) 3
<b>Laeliinae - Cluster</b>		
44	C. Valentine Day 'Rem'	Noel Oliver (102) 3
47	Epi. [(imatophyllum x Red King) x Topaz Special]	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556) 2
48	Epi. [Gold Valley x (Orange Blaze x Joseph Lii) x Pacific Glory]	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556) 1
<b>Laeliinae - Non Standard</b>		
49	Epc. (El Hatillo x Burdekin Bumble Bee)	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556) 3
<b>Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm</b>		
43	Lc. Mini Purple	John & Bev Gay (65) 2
<b>Oncidiinae - Hybrid &lt; 60mm</b>		
57	Onc. Lemon Heart	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556) 3
<b>Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid</b>		
82	Den. Impact	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487) 3
<b>Orchid Seedling - any Genera</b>		
83	Epi. [(imatophyllum x Red King) x Topaz Special]	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556) 3
<b>First Division</b>		
<b>Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid</b>		
61	Den. Limestone	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141) 3
62	Den. Limestone	Wendy Lodge (406) 2
<b>Cymbidium over 90mm - Species</b>		
60	Cym. dayanum	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252) 3
<b>Cymbidium over 90mm White Cream Yellow Green</b>		
59	Cym. [(Kurun x Carikhyber) x Peter Pan]	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252) 3
<b>Laeliinae - Cluster</b>		
67	C. Valentine Day 'Susie'	Rito & Rosetta Silvestri (302) 3
68	C. Valentine Day 'Chloe'	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141) 2
<b>Laeliinae - Non Standard</b>		
69	Blc. Memoria Vida Lee 'Limelight'	Wendy Lodge (406) 3
70	Lc. Intercepts	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141) 2
<b>Laeliinae - Species</b>		
71	Epi. ciliare 'Jim'	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141) 3
72	C. maxima	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141) 2
<b>Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm</b>		
63	C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252) 3
64	C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252) 2
65	Lc. Mari's Song 'CTM'	Rito & Rosetta Silvestri (302) 1
<b>Oncidiinae - Hybrid &gt; 60mm</b>		
73	Milt. Goodale Moir 'Golden Wonder'	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141) 3
74	Milt. Goodale Moir 'Golden Wonder'	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141) 2
<b>Oncidiinae - Species</b>		
75	Onc. flexuosum	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141) 3
76	Onc. flexuosum	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141) 2
<b>Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid</b>		
78	Phal. unknown 'Pink'	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252) 3
79	Phal. (Golden Sun x Brother Spotter)	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141) 2
<b>Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species</b>		
80	Phal. pulcherrima	Wendy Lodge (406) 3
<b>Popular vote 1st</b>		
81	Phal. unknown 'Pink'	Oui Ju & Michael Willoughby (1252) 3
<b>Zygopetalinae - Hybrid</b>		
77	Z. (Titanic x unknown)	Silvester Ng (1491) 2

## March Results List (cont.)

Ref. No.		Points Awarded
<b>Second Division</b>		
<b>Cymbidium 60 - 90mm White Cream Yellow Green</b>		
40	Cym. [(Kurun x Carikhyber) x Peter Pan]	Peter Haltis (442) 3
41	Cym. Gold Elf 'Sundust'	Peter Haltis (442) 2
<b>Cymbidium under 60- any other colour</b>		
50	Cym. Sundaani Autumn 'Wedding Day'	Daniel & Andrew Lutz (709) 3
51	Cym. Sundaani Autumn 'Sunset'	Daniel & Andrew Lutz (709) 2
52	Cym. Sundaani Autumn 'Sunshine'	Daniel & Andrew Lutz (709) 1
<b>Cymbidium under 60 Red Pink Brown</b>		
42	Cym. Night Flight 'Ruby'	Peter Haltis (442) 3
<b>Laeliinae - Cluster</b>		
37	C. Valentine Day	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129) 3
38	C. Valentine Day	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119) 2
<b>Laeliinae - Species</b>		
39	C. bowringiana ('Purple King' x 'Coerulea')	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119) 3
<b>Oncidiinae - Species</b>		
53	Omithophora radicans	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129) 3
<b>Popular vote 2nd</b>		
55	Omithophora radicans	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129) 3
<b>Specimen Species or Hybrid</b>		
54	Omithophora radicans	Paul & Donja Hayes (1129) 3

## March Plant Commentary

**FLOWER OF SECOND DIVISION AND FLOWER OF THE NIGHT:** *Omithophora radicans* grown by Paul and Donja Hayes. Oh my goodness this plant certainly deserves both the titles given to it tonight.

This little cutie boasts twelve inflorescences and the tiniest little flowers. The segments were the palest of green, with a contrasting white labellum, set off by a yellow pollen cap. These spikes grow intermittently showing their little faces above the tiniest of fine leaves.

Congratulation Paul and Donja on your win. This tiny plant would win over many a grower.



**FLOWER OF OPEN DIVISION:** *Dendrobium* Limestone grown by Noel Oliver.

This delightful little plant is one that anybody would be proud to have in their collection. Boasting six inflorescences with tiny little pale apple green flowers. These little charmers grow upside down, and put on a lovely display. The crossing of this plant is *Den. (bowmanii x cucumerinum)*.

Thank you for bringing in this lovely plant tonight Noel.





## **March Plant Commentary (cont)**

**FLOWER OF FIRST DIVISION:** *Phalaenopsis* Unknown grown by Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju. I am so sure that this plant does not deserve the honor of being called "Unknown". What a great show of ten standard shape flowers, gently arched to show off each one of these lovely white flowers with a gentle blush of pink and darker pink veining radiating from the centre of each flower. A nice contrast of a bright pink labellum, pink dots at its base, and yellow keels. Michael and Oui, well done. This plant is a real credit to you.



**SEEDLING OF THE NIGHT:** *Epidendrum* [(*imatophyllum* x Red King ) x Topaz Special ]] This plant was benched and hybridized by Pauline and Mark Hockey who have a great interest in hybridising these new shorter, compact type of *Epidendrum* which has a much larger flower than the ones we used to know. It doesn't stop there they also experiment with other genera.

This seedling is eligible for both of the, Garard Western and the Chin Yew Liam trophies. Pauline has mentioned that these seedlings are only 12 months out of flask.

This lovely seedling had one inflorescence with very large bright red/orange flowers, a yellow labellum grading out to a red/orange fringe.

It is always exciting to see a seedling unfold its petals to show its beauty to you. Pauline and Mark well done, and we thank you for sharing these great seedlings with us.



Seedling of the Night

Chin Yew Lian & Garard Western Trophy

## **March Plant Commentary (cont.)**

### **POPULAR VOTE WINNER OF OPEN DIVISION AND THE NIGHT:**

*Dendrobium* Impact was benched by Peter and Geraldine Flavel.

A beautiful clean plant, with a large arched inflorescence of thirteen flowers and five buds to still open. The flowers were a pink/mauve colour, with a white flushed centre, a darker pink labellum and a white throat and column.

Congratulations Peter and Geraldine you are our first Popular Vote winner.



### **AGGREGATE POINTS WINNERS FOR YEAR 2013**

<b>GENUS</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>SECOND</b>
<i>Aust Native</i>	K. Western 34 J. & B. Gay 29	O. Ju & M. Willoughby 18	V. & N. Cooper 23 L. Moulds 8
Terrestrial & Epiphyte	K. Trevan 12	E. Pinnock 8 R. & R. Silvestri 6	D. & A. Lutz 5
<i>Den. Other than Aust.</i>	K. Western 3 G. & L. Spear 3	O. Ju & M. Willoughby 13 W. Lodge 8	P. & D. Hayes 9 V. & N. Cooper 3 D. & A. Lutz 3
Laeliinae	R. & B. Wilson 40 J. & B. Gay 34 P. & G. Flavel 12	T. & H. Stutley 21 R. & R. Silvestri 19 O. Ju & M. Willoughby 16	V. & N. Cooper 33 P. & D. Hayes 16 R. & E. Hannaford 6
Cymbidium > 90	G. & L. Spear 12 K. Western 3	O. Ju & M. Willoughby 20 R. & J. McRedmond 4	G. Misirlis 6 P. Haltis 5 V. & N. Cooper 4
Cymbidium 60-90	P. & M. Hockey 12 G. & L. Spear 3 R. & B. Wilson 2	O. Ju & M. Willoughby 27 S. Ng 10 I & D. Attenborough 5	G. Misirlis 12 V. & N. Cooper 6 D. & A. Lutz 3
Cymbidium < 60	P. & M. Hockey 12 R. & B. Wilson 3 J. & B. Gay 3	O. Ju & M. Willoughby 20 R. & R. Silvestri 10 S. Ng 5	V. & N. Cooper 21 G. Misirlis 8 G. Furlong 3
Oncidiinae	G. & L. Spear 16 J. & B. Gay 15 G. Voskamp 8	T. & H. Stutley 22 R. & J. McRedmond 20 R. & R. Silvestri 11	V. & N. Cooper 20 P. & D. Hayes 17 G. Misirlis 5
Paphiopedilum	G. & L. Spear 18 B. Lyttle 3	T. & H. Stutley 17 O. Ju & M. Willoughby 9 R. & J. McRedmond 5	N/A
Phalaenopsis	H. & E. Van Leuven 6	W. Lodge 8 O. Ju & M. Willoughby 7 R. & J. McRedmond 3	V. & N. Cooper 30 D. Williams 9
Vandae	P. & G. Flavel 6 J. & B. Gay 3 K. Trevan 2	N/A	N/A
Zygopetalum & Intergenerics	K. Trevan 25 P. & G. Flavel 11 J. & B. Gay 5	O. Ju & M. Willoughby 12 R. & R. Silvestri 5 S. Ng 3	V. & N. Cooper 16 L Micenko 9 D. & A. Lutz 8
Any Other Genus	K. Western 13 G. & L. Spear 10 P. & G. Flavel 9	T. & H. Stutley 12 W. Lodge 8 E. Pinnock 3	P. & D. Hayes 18 D. & A. Lutz 8 L. Moulds 3
Seedling	P. & M. Hockey 12 K. Trevan 6 R. & B. Wilson 3	O. Ju & M. Willoughby 24 E. Pinnock 3 D. & H. Alsop 2	P. & D. Hayes 6 G. Misirlis 2
<b>Divisional Pts. Winners Top 3 Only</b>	J. & B. Gay 91 G. & L. Spear 86 K. Western 62	O. Ju & M. Willoughby 180 T. & H. Stutley 75 R. & R. Silvestri 54	V. & N. Cooper 162 P. & D. Hayes 71 G. Misirlis 39

**Overall Aggregate Points Winner O. Ju & M. Willoughby 180 Points.**

**The shaded areas on the above table represent or indicate that the winners in these sections did not receive a promotional point even though they won the section.**

## Orchid Culture Notes for April

April is a month greeted by warm days and cool nights and even some rain. Our orchids look refreshed after an extreme summer and some colour is starting to show in our collections with a few early Cymbidiums, Zygopetalums and the Laeliinae dominating.

There is also more activity as well with the spring flowering collection with many genera, in particular cymbidiums starting to show what they have in store for later on in the season.

April is also the last month to contemplate any late division prior to the onset of winter and is also a peak month in the pest stakes.

Light levels also need to be increased, especially towards the end of the month. It is so ironic that we protect our plants from the extreme summer sun, yet come April we are looking to get as much of it as we can, such is the seasonal nature of our climate.

I usually have moved all my plants into their winter quarters by month end. Oncidiums and Laeliinae are now mostly under cover and many of the tropical hardcane Dendrobiums are back inside the house for their 6 month rest and flowering season. Until I can automate my hot house this is a regular chore but worth it.

Come April, watering for many genera will begin to taper off as they mature and some enter dormancy and feeding as well is reduced accordingly. Cooler weather means slower evaporation and the plants don't take up fertiliser as fast as they do in the heat of summer. Weeds pop out of nowhere spurred on by the hopefully received opening rains due this month and with the rain comes the slimy fellows. With many plants initiating juicy spikes that are high on a hungry critters menu we need to step up our baiting programme. Cooler and wetter weather will bring rats and mice into the more sheltered environment of our collections. Aphids can be a problem this month as well and do favour Oncidium and Cymbidium spikes especially. Distorted buds and bud drop are common after an attack. Caterpillars often peak this month as well and whilst they leave the Cymbidiums alone, they do love the soft leaves of many genera with Natives, Lycaste and Zygopetalum high on the menu. This year I have commenced precautionary sprays in March for caterpillars, aphids and fungal problems. It's the old scout saying of be prepared. I have a diary full of entries about when a pest explosion is about due.

April is also the time to start looking at some cover for our plants. Whilst many survive our winters happily under shade cloth there are those that like to be kept a little drier and don't forget those that are in spike. There are not too many plants around that will present themselves in show bench condition after staying out in the rain. I find the Cymbidiums and the Zygopetalums don't mind the cooler and wetter weather but my Cattleya's, Oncidiums and hot/cold natives all get some cover as well as many other genera that come from a climate where the winters are dry.

Terrestrials should in the main be showing signs of growth, indeed there will be some already in flower. Increase the water gradually and observe for any signs of rot. This is a sure sign of over watering and also an indicator that your drainage is not as good as it should be. Maybe you need more sand next year in the mix! Most of the commonly grown terrestrials such as Pterostylis and Diuris grow well under 50% shade cloth and are benched about a metre off the ground with given good air movement.

There are two easily grown terrestrial orchids that are very easy to grow & are freely available and are not native. These are *Serapias lingua* that flowers late winter to early spring and *Stenoglottis longifolia* that is the mainstay of the Autumn show displays. Grown in plain premium potting mix with a little composted pine bark they do well.

A quick look around the shade house sees many Oncidiums in spike and they need to be supported and placed under cover but in strong light. Watering is reduced but the mix kept moist and feeding is weak with each watering until the flowers are finished when the plants get a well deserved rest. Autumn flowering Cattleyas are treated in a similar fashion. My spring flowering cat's are dried off a bit more and kept warmer until I see buds fill out later in the year and root growth recommence.

Zygopetalums will really pick up now and should peak in the next month or so. Once they flower switch to a high nitrogen feed and keep evenly moist. A spray with a preventative fungicide over these and most of our genera is a worthwhile job as April being warm and generally humid is a very conducive month to the formation of many fungal problems.

Spikes begin to initiate from our Paphiopedilums. Remember to keep the water away from the spike as they are very prone to rot and you won't get anything until next year when the new growth they should be showing reaches maturity. A week is a long time in footy, a year to wait for an orchid flower is an eternity! Noting some of the Chinese group can take 3 years to mature the next growth.



## **Orchid Culture Notes for April (cont)**

Sarcochilus are on the move as indicated by a flush of new roots that are very tasty and often chewed off by micro slugs and may grow anymore until next season, much to the detriment of the plant. Finish any division and re pot them this month. Many Sarcochilus will be very stressed from this last summer, indeed many will have dropped leaves or lost middle growths and these need to be looked after. Keep evenly moist and remove any dead or yellowing leaves. Spray with a fungicide as these rotting growths will harbor fungal nasties that can spread to the rest of the collection. Sarcochilus with *Sarc. falcatus* in the background will show spike initiation this month and then do nothing until much later on then take off. If you have a sluggish plant try to re pot even if it does not need to be. The disturbance often kicks them into action. This often works for many other genera with Phalaenopsis a classic that responds well to this treatment.. Use some seasol as well as a root stimulant after re potting. Good root systems support good flowers.

Native epiphytes need to be hardened off this month by drying out a bit and increasing the light levels. Flower nodes usually crack late this month and into May to give us a good look at this year spring flowering potential and also note which orchids will get pampered in the lead up.

Overall we should now start to see a few more flowers on the show bench and indeed a pretty good idea of how the rest of the year is shaping up.

Steve Howard

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