



THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SA INC.

Gazette

September 2024

AT A GLANCE

Patron: Coralie Hills FAOC
President: Michael Willoughby

The September General Meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will be held on Wednesday 4th September 2024 at 8.00 pm at the Marion-Warradale Uniting Church Hall, Corner of Township Road and Church Crescent. Our Guest Speaker will be James Argent speaking on how he makes stands to show off his hanging orchids and how he mounts them.

LEARNERS' GROUP: There will be a Learners' Group Meeting at the September Meeting at 7.15pm. All members are welcome to attend. Bring your problems / plants for discussion.

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 September 2024 at 2.00 pm at the Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton. Our Guest Speaker will be Vicky Cooper who will lead a discussion/workshop on preparing and caring for a small orchid collection.

SOUTHERN REGION: The next meeting will be held at 2.00 pm on Sunday 15th September 2024 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. Our Guest Speaker will be John Eaton talking about Eastern and Western underground orchids and the mycorrhiza and micro bacteria they are so dependent upon. Learners Group meets 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 Book.

VALE - JOHN GAY

It was with great sadness that the Committee and Club members heard of the passing of John Gay. John was an exceptional person with his kindness and willingness to help everybody with any problems they had with their orchids. You can read more about John in the Southern Region segment of this Gazette. John will be greatly missed for his good humour, friendliness and helpful advice. **R.I.P.**

DEADLINES FOR NEXT GAZETTES
22 September and 27 October

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LIFE MEMBERS

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1978 Dulcie Grave *	1986 Harry Viney *	2009 Don Biebrick *
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1985 Bubs Gready *	2007 Murray Baulderstone *	2021 Donna Meeuwsen
	2008 Geoff and Lucy Spear	

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Subscriptions for 2024 are now due. There will be no increase in subscriptions for 2024. 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

<u>Rural and Interstate Membership</u>	
Family Membership	\$34.00
Single Membership	\$28.00

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President's Message

The recent Southern Region Group annual show has been a success once again. Many thanks to all those who played a part in contributing to the organising, running and participating in the show. It was a beautiful display and a very successful show. Congratulations to the Grand Champion of the Show, Genny and Dudley Huxtable's *Cymbidium* Death Wish and the Reserve Champion, Margaret and Warren Yelland's *Phalaenopsis* Flash Dance, two very well grown plants. Well done to all the winners and the Southern Region Group growers who to put on a great display at the show. Full details and photographs of the Show will be included in the October Gazette.

Our Spring Show is being held this year at the Marion Warradale Uniting Church Hall on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday 21st and 22nd of September. Put in is on Friday 20th of September. Please check the Gazette for the put in and take out times and make arrangements to suit if needed. This show is a great opportunity to sell any surplus plants that are in your collection. See what you can part with. See Anne for plant sales sheets and tags.

Come along to this month's meeting as we welcome back James Argent as the Guest Speaker to the main group, James will be making a stand to show off hanging plants and how he mounts his hanging pots. The Southern Region Group will hear from John Eaton on "Eastern and Western underground orchids and the mycorrhiza and micro bacteria they are so dependent upon". The Daytime group will hear from Vicky Cooper who will lead a discussion/workshop on preparing and caring for a small orchid collection.

The Committee each year steps down from their positions and now is a good time to think if you are able to spare some of your valuable time as a member of our committee as it is very rewarding. Life memberships are awarded deservedly from time to time, a submission to the committee by November is required to give adequate notice to the members for voting at the Annual General Meeting in February 2025.

Good wishes to those members who are on the sick list. We hope you are soon back to your normal living.

Successful growing & showing

Michael Willoughby



Happy Birthday

**DOROTHY CARRASSI, SUE ZERBE,
MICHAEL WILLOUGHBY, RICHARD WILSON,
HELEN MCINTOSH, RUSSELL GARDINER,
MARG YELLAND EILEEN PINNOCK,
PAM MCDONALD, OUI JU**



Is your name in the Birthday Book ?? See Anne Steer



ORCHID CALENDAR 2024



MAIN MEETING

Wednesday 4th September 2024 8.00 pm
Marion-Warradale Uniting Church Hall, Cnr Township Road and Church Crescent, Marion. Our Guest Speaker: James Argent speaking on how he makes stands to show off his hanging orchids and how he mounts them.
Learners' Group Meeting at 7.15 pm

COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 11th September 2024 7.30 pm
The Southern, South Road, St. Marys

DAYTIME CHAPTER

Thursday 12th September 2024 2.00 pm
Lou Kesting Hall, Off Broadway, South Brighton
Guest Speaker: Vicky Cooper who will lead a discussion/workshop on preparing and caring for a small orchid collection.

SOUTHERN REGION MEETING

Sunday 15th September 2024 2.00 pm
Carrickalinga House, Victor Harbor
Guest Speaker: John Eaton talking about Eastern and Western underground orchids and the mycorrhiza and micro bacteria they are so dependent upon.
Learners' Group Meeting at 1.15 pm

SPRING SHOW

Friday (Put In) 20th September to Sunday 22nd September 2024
Marion-Warradale Uniting Church Hall. Cnr Township Rd and Church Crescent, Marion.

BUNNINGS BBQ

Friday 15th November 2024.
Contact Anne Steer if you can help.

FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

Saturday 16th November 2024 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
Noarlunga Recreation Centre.
The Club is attending to hand out brochures to promote our Club. If you are able to help contact Anne Steer. For more details of vendors at this event, follow them on Facebook.



PENCILLERS TRAINING PROGRAM

The Registrar, Phil Steer, would like to advise that he is running a program for pencillers in his judging program. Anyone interested in undertaking this program should speak to Phil.

A Penciller is the person who writes down the judges selection for each class of orchid. It is an important role in the Judging Process. It is also an opportunity to learn more about the orchids and the process of judging. You can listen to the Judges deliberations and ask the judges questions..

SPRING SHOW

Saturday 21st to Sunday 22nd September 2024
MARION-WARRADALE UNITING CHURCH HALL
Cnr Township Rd and Church Crescent, Marion.

The Committee needs the assistance of the members to volunteer to help on the Trading Table. See Anne Steer if you are able to help. 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 a least 6 months.

PUT IN: Friday 20th September, 4.00 - 5.00 pm
 Plants for Display and Plants for Trading Table.

TAKE OUT: Sunday 22nd September at 4.00 pm

JUDGING: The plants will be judged in-situ in the display.

PUBLIC VIEWING TIMES : Saturday: 9.00 am - 4.00 pm
 Sunday: 10.00 am - 4.00 pm

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

TRADING TABLE: Please fill out a Sales Sheet and tags as normal for orchid plants. As well as members' plants for sale, we will have a range of Zygopetalums, Cymbidiums, Phalaenopsis, Oncidium, Cattleyas, Dendrobium speciosums and Australian Native Orchids New seasons crossings from Down Under Orchids for sale.

A separate Sales Sheet and tags with your initials and a number is needed for non orchid plants (cacti, Bromeliads, ferns, etc. and books).

If you have 20 or more NON-ORCHID Plants to sell, a fee of \$20 will apply and a separate table will be provided for you to man yourself.

TROPHYS AVAILABLE AT THE SPRING SHOW

Tony De Ionno & Toshy Trophy

For the Grand Champion of the Spring Show.

Ira Butler / Kevin Western Trophy ^^

The Best Australian Native Hybrid in the Show will be eligible to be nominated for this award..

Bill Murdoch / Les Nesbitt Trophy ++

The Best Australian Native Species in the Show will be eligible to be nominated for this award.

Elsie Chisholm Trophy

For the Best Novelty Flower in the Show.

M Ng Trophy

For the Most floriferous plant at the Spring Show.

Noel Oliver Trophy

For the best *Dendrobium speciosum* in the Show.

SPRING SHOW SCHEDULE 2024

CARD CLASSES NOT FOR PROMOTION – CARD ONLY	PROMOTIONAL CLASS	GENERA & DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONS (PRIZE MONEY)
Australian Native ^^/++ Epiphyte Species - Red/Pink Epiphyte Species - Other Colour Epiphyte Hybrid - Red/Pink Epiphyte Hybrid - White/Cream Epiphyte Hybrid - Other Colour Terrestrial Species Terrestrial Hybrid Specimen, Seedling	Best Australian Native	Champion Australian Native
Cymbidium - over 90mm All Colours Species, Specimen, Seedling	Best Cymbidium Over 90mm	Champion Cymbidium Over 90mm
Cymbidium 60-90mm All Colours Species, Specimen, Seedling	Best Cymbidium 60-90mm	Champion Cymbidium 60-90mm
Cymbidium - Under 60mm All Colours Species, Specimen, Seedling	Best Cymbidium Under 60mm	Champion Cymbidium Under 60mm
Paphiopedilum. Standard Non Standard Species, Specimen, Seedling	Best Paphiopedilum	Champion Paphiopedilum
Laeliinae Standard > 100mm Standard < 100mm Cluster Non Standard Species, Specimen, Seedling	Best Laeliinae	Champion Laeliinae
Oncidiinae Oncidium Hybrid < 60mm Oncidium Hybrid > 60mm Species, Specimen, Seedling	Best Oncidiinae	Champion Oncidiinae
Zygopetalinae Zygopetalinae Hybrid Zygopetalinae Species Specimen, Seedling	Best Zygopetalinae	Champion Zygopetalinae
Phalaenopsis Standard Non Standard Species, Specimen, Seedling	Best Phalaenopsis	Champion Phalaenopsis
Dendrobium (Other than Aust Native) Hybrid Species, Specimen, Seedling	Best Dendrobium	Champion Any Other Genus
Vandae Standard Non Standard Species, Specimen, Seedling	Best Vandae	
Any Other Genus Hybrid Species, Specimen, Seedling	Best Any Other Genus	

THE GRAND CHAMPION IS SELECTED FROM GENERA CHAMPIONS

CHAMPION SEEDLING, CHAMPION SPECIES, CHAMPION SPECIMEN, DIVISION CHAMPIONS

EXHIBITORS' RULES FOR SHOWS

1. All exhibitors must be financial members of the South Coast Orchid Club of South Australia Incorporated, and you must have owned your plant for at least 6 months.
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.
7. In all matters regarding the arrangement and conduct of the show (with 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 benchmarked for judging at the show must be made available to the Club display.
14. All exhibits must be benchmarked 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. 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

PREPARING ORCHIDS FOR SALE

1. Select the plants that you want to let go.
2. Clean all pots. Wipe them over with a damp cloth to remove all white residue or salt from the pots. If these pots have been recycled from somewhere else, please make sure all advertising and price stickers are all cleaned off.
3. Check all stakes and add more if necessary and re-tie.
4. Remove old brown husks from bulbs and remove weeds, snails, scale etc.
5. Remove all dry ends on the leaves and shape to a point.
6. Wipe leaves over with a mixture of milk and water (1 part milk to 10 parts water). Do not overdo the milk by adding extra as the fat in the milk will clog the pores in the leaves which will then yellow off and die.
7. Water all plants 2-3 days before, not on the morning that you are bringing them in. This water really makes a mess on our clothes, tablecloths and the floor.
8. Get plant sales sheets and plant price tags from Treasurer before hand. The sales sheet is a carbonless duplicated sheet, so both sheets are to be used together. Press down firmly on a hard surface to imprint on the second page. The original and duplicated sheets must be lodged with plants. On the top left hand corner of the page, print your name. On the right hand side write in your club member number, Rule a narrow column down the left side of the page. This column is for the plant number 1-30. On the right hand side you need a column a bit wider for the selling price of the plant. The centre section is for the name and colour eg Cym. Without Peer 'Soft Touch' (pink). Be reasonable with the pricing, not greedy. Either you want to sell it or you don't. Take into account the number of spikes and condition of the plant. If you are not sure of pricing, ask some one.
9. Next write your labels. It's a good idea to do both sides of the tag. Your member number goes on the left hand side and the plant number on the right hand side. Circle the plant number. Write your price under these numbers. As you put your tags on the plants, double check that the prices and numbers on the tags match those on your sales sheets.
10. When you bring your plants in, they must be checked off by another person against what you have written on your sheets. You will be given one sheet back along with payment for sales but you may wish to write out another copy for yourself to keep in the meantime. You can help with the checking off by reading out the numbers and price while the person checking checks this information off against what is on your sheets. If there is a discrepancy, it needs to be attended to and another ticket written out if need be.

August Results List

Ref. No.



Points Awarded

Open Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

1126	Den. Avril's Gold	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
1127	Den. King's Cosmic Sunset	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2
1128	Den. Victorian Stripe x Victorian Flare	Peter Haltis (442)	1

Australian Native Terrestrial - Hybrid

1129	Ptst. [(cucullata x nutans) x cucullata]	Jane & Don Higgs (1302)	3
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Cymbidium 60 - 90mm All colours in Non-std

1134	Cym. Gentle Touch 'Bon Bon'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
1135	Cym. Arachnid	Peter Haltis (442)	2

Garard / Western Trophy

1155	Paph. sukhakulii	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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Laeliinae - Species

1131	L. anceps	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
1132	C. perovaliana 'Summit'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2
1133	C. perovaliana 'Summit'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	1

Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm

1130	Lc. Australian Frangipani	Peter Haltis (442)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

1136	Psra. Chian-Tzy Lovely 'CT Goldmine'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

1148	Phrag. Perseus 'Highclere'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

1149	Coel. intermedia 'Alba'	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	3
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Orchid Seedling - any Genera

1150	Paph. sukhakulii	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
1151	Den. King's Cosmic Sunset	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2
1152	Paph. Eye Candy	John Seidel (101)	1

Paphiopedilum - Non Standard

1140	Paph. (Jamie Morre x Mario Palmieri)	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
1141	Paph. Golddollar	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2
1142	Paph. Steve Waters 'Green'	John Seidel (101)	1

Paphiopedilum - Species

1143	Paph. wardii 'Seaview'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
1144	Paph. sukhakulii	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2
1145	Paph. villosum	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	1

Paphiopedilum - Standard

1137	Paph. (Unknown x Verde Oro)	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	3
1138	Paph. Eye Candy	John Seidel (101)	2
1139	Paph. Masako's Delight	John Seidel (101)	1

Specimen Species or Hybrid

1153	Den. Avril's Gold	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
1154	L. anceps	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2

Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

1146	Zbt. Dragon Kitten 'Purr'	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	3
1147	Zga. (Adelaide Meadows x Freestyle Meadows)	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	2

First Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

1105	Den. Memoria Jack McMillan	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	3
1106	Den. (Ray's Dream x Sunglow)	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	2
1107	Den. (Tathra x Cassidy)	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	1

Australian Native Terrestrial - Species

1108	Ptst. pedunculata	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	3
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Cymbidium 60 - 90mm All colours in Non-std

1112	Cym. (Ocean x Cronulla Ice)	Graham Fear (576)	3
1113	Cym. Celtic Imp 'Caprice'	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	2
1114	Cym. Flaming Wraith	Graham Fear (576)	1

Cymbidium over 90mm All colours inc Non-std

1110	Cym. (Marilyn Thomas x Prized)	Graham Fear (576)	3
1111	Cyn. That's Outrageous 'Lawrence'	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	2

Cymbidium under 60 All Colours inc Non-std

1115	Cym. Gentle Touch 'Bon Bon'	Beth Stronach (836)	3
1116	Cym. Thumbs Up 'Tamera'	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	2
1117	Cym. Arachnid	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	1

Laeliinae - Non Standard

1109	C. [Howard's Delight x (Hawaiian Fantasy x Mini	Bill Jayne (1180)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

1121	Den. Amphion Miletus	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

1122	Coel. mooreana 'Brockhurst'	Beth Stronach (836)	3
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August Results List cont ...

Orchid Seedling - any Genera

1123	Den. (Ray's Dream x Sunglow)	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	3
1124	Cym. (Marilyn Thomas x Prized)	Graham Fear (576)	2
1125	Cym. Flaming Wraith	Graham Fear (576)	1

Paphiopedilum - Standard

1118	Paph. Notre Dame	Bill Jayne (1180)	3
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Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

1120	Z. Unknown	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	3
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Second Division

Australian Native Terrestrial - Species

1093	Ptst. curta	Coral Tillmanns (212)	3
1094	Ptst. curta	Pauline McLean (1053)	2

Cymbidium over 90mm All colours inc Non-std

1096	Cym. Rosfieldense	Coral Tillmanns (212)	3
1097	Cym. Unknown	Janet Adams & Gordon Ninnes (1195)	2
1098	Cym. Khan Flame 'Tuscany'	Coral Tillmanns (212)	1

Cymbidium under 60 All Colours inc Non-std

1099	Cym. Unknown	Janet Adams & Gordon Ninnes (1195)	3
1100	Cym. Lilly Jean x Unknown	Jim Fogarasi (150)	2

Laeliinae - Species

1095	Dinema polybulbon	Ralf Brandt (159)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

1101	Brsdm. Gilded Urchin 'Ontario'	Ralf Brandt (159)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

1104	Den. Spring Dream 'Apollon'	Ralf Brandt (159)	3
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Paphiopedilum - Non Standard

1102	Paph. Leeannum	Janet Adams & Gordon Ninnes (1195)	3
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Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

1103	Z. Unknown	Russel & Joy Gardiner (89)	3
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PLANT COMMENTARY – AUGUST 2024

Orchid of Open Division and Flower of the Night

The plant of Open Division was *Paph. wardii* 'Seaview' grown by Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju. A small plant carrying two lovely flowers on a tall spike and standing well above the mottled green foliage. Striking flowers with a dorsal sepal of green striping on a white background and highlighted by the hairy brown blotched lateral sepals.

This species was first discovered in 1932 and named after Dr E Ward, a 19th century collector. They were found in northeast Myanmar and possibly south-west China growing in the mountains along the Tami River at elevations of 1200 -1500 metres. .

It has been awarded 168 occasions and has been used sparingly in hybridisation with some 386 total progeny.

Congratulations Michael & Oui



Orchid of Open Division & Plant of the Night
***Paph. wardii* 'Seaview'**

Grown by Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju
Photo Neil Cooper

PLANT COMMENTARY – AUGUST 2024 cont ...

Orchid of First Division

The plant of First Division was grown by Graham Fear and was *Cym.* (Marilyn Thomas x Prized).

A tall inflorescence of nine striking yellow flowers and showcasing a bright red labellum. A well grown plant and a first flowering seedling.

Well done Graham.



Orchid of First Division
***Cym.* (Marilyn Thomas x Prized)**
 Grown by Graham Fear
 Photos Neil Cooper



Orchid of Second Division
***Brsdm.* Gilded Urchin 'Ontario'**
 Grown by Ralf Brandt
 Photo by Neil Cooper

Orchid of Second Division

The plant chosen by the Judges was a beautiful *Brassidium* Gilded Urchin 'Ontario' grown by one of our newer members Ralf Brandt.

This plant had a single inflorescence of some 16 flowers. The flowers were large star shaped with brown markings on bright yellow segments and highlighted with a long white labellum with dark spotting on its base.

The plant is a primary hybrid using *Brs. arcuigera* and *Onc. wentworthianum* as its parents. These species are found through the southern Americas and have been used sparingly in hybridisation.

Congratulations Ralf.

Thank you to our Judges for a job well done!

Good Growing !

Phil Steer Registrar

SEEDLINGS OF THE NIGHT



Paph. sukhakulii

Grown by Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju
Photo Neil Cooper



Den. (Ray's Dream x Sunglow)

Grown By Phil & Anne Steer
Photo Neil Cooper

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES FOR THE WINTER SHOW



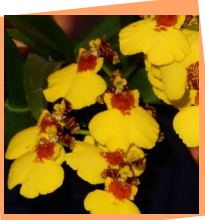
Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju receive the
Roy Hill Trophy for the
Best Novelty Cymbidium in the Winter Show
from Anne Steer



Phil and Anne Steer receive the
H & C Edwards Clock Trophy for the
Grand Champion in The Winter Show
from Michael Willoughby

*Thank
You*

Anne Steer would like to extend a Special Thank You to all involved in the Southern Region Show for help setting up, manning the trading table, providing plants to sell and putting plants in the beautiful display. It was a very successful show.



DAYTIME CHAPTER

Thursday 8th August 2024



Hi everyone,

A small group of enthusiastic members attend our August daytime meeting. A slight change to the days program following late notice from Stephen Monkhouse deciding to cancel his guest speaking spot. Thankfully in true club spirit Peter Haltis came to our rescue and provided members with an overview of the plant judging process. Peter provided an interesting insight into the origins and botanical evolution of the orchid species throughout the ages. Using a collection of his plants Peter demonstrated and encouraged members to identify key aspects in preparing and showing plants for judging. Many thanks Peter for your comprehensive presentation.

Lucky Name Badge Winner:

Coral Tillmanns

Lucky Seat Winner:

Dorothy Berry

Thank you to members who participated in displaying a variety of orchids. Hopefully we will see more plants displayed over the coming months.

Many thanks to Coral, Val and Keith for their assistance and to our generous members providing raffle plants.



Next Meeting : Thursday September 12th - 2.00pm

Lou Kesting Hall. Broadway, South Brighton

Guest Speaker: Vicky Cooper returns

Vicky will lead a discussion/workshop on preparing and caring for a small orchid collection.

Plant of the Day Winner:
Coral Tillmanns

Alan Miller 0434 052 676

Richard Crinion

Anne Steer





SOUTHERN REGION MEETING Sunday 21st July 2024

Convenor, Chris Heysen, opened the main meeting at 1:57 pm (3 minutes early!!) welcoming the 20 members present. And welcome to our guest speaker, Graham Fear. Graham is President of the Cymbidium Orchid Club of South Australia. His topic today will be "How to Grow Cymbidiums"

Apologies:.. Graham and Jeanette Smith..

I'm sure many of you know already but it is my incredibly sad duty to tell you that our dear friend John Gay passed away two weeks ago after a short illness. He had been in hospital with a chest infection and when he returned to the nursing home he tested positive to Covid. He rang Lyn that day as he'd seen in the Newsletter that she had a birthday this month. He was his usual positive self although he was missing Bev. Three days later he was gone. The family decided that as it was so soon after Bev's funeral that they would only have a small family affair for John.

Lyn and I have known John since our days in OCSA in the mid-1990's when we used to meet in the old AMDEL building on Conyngham Street. We lost touch during our years overseas but when we rejoined OCSA in 2010 John became a good friend and mentor - as he was to so many people. I recall he and Bev wanted me to stand for President of OCSA in 2013 or 14 when the then President did not stand for re-election. However, we were already planning our move to Victor so it was not possible. And of course it was here that our relationship really blossomed.

John was a true friend of the Southern Region Group. He was always willing to share all his vast knowledge of orchids and always in a way that was practical and easy for anyone to understand. He had an amazing number of simple little tricks and tips for making life easy in the orchid house.



John Gay with his *Sarcochilus*
Burgundy on Ice 'Australia'

In life John was a Dairy farmer – just up the hill here at Hindmarsh Tiers. My father was also a Dairyman (at Port Elliot) and they occasionally crossed paths. John was also a member (and Past President) of the African Violet Society of SA as well as a number of Orchid Clubs. He was an accredited Orchid Judge and Life member of both OCSA and SCOCSA. Most of all he was a dear friend.

Chris invited others to say a few words. Marg Yelland told how they had visited the nursing home just the day before he died. Unfortunately he was in isolation due to Covid but the receptionist said that John had been helping her with advice on how to look after her orchids – right up to the end he was still giving of his knowledge and helping people. That was John!

We held a minute's silence for John.

Vale John Gay. Rest in Peace.

Guest Speaker: Graham Fear gave us an excellent presentation on Cymbidium orchids with a wealth of information and growing tips. For Cymbidium growers – which is no doubt the majority of members – there was a great deal of useful info. For me the take-home message was “don't get too hung up on detail – they are pretty resilient”. Give them enough water, light (50-70% shade), regular feeding and a free draining potting mix and they should do well.

Thank you, Graham, for sharing with us your depth of knowledge about Cymbidiums.

Birthday Prize: Lyn Heysen. **Lucky Name Badge:** Dianne Cawley.

Lucky Door Prize: Anne Steer.

Announcements:

Southern Region Show: Our own show is fast approaching.

- Put-in will be 5 pm next Wednesday (21st August) with take-out 2 days later at 5pm on Friday 23rd August.
- We will need assistance for setting up and then on the sales desk and for interaction with the public – a roster has been circulated. Please put your name on it somewhere to help us with the show.
- For those selling plants make sure you get your swing tags and sales sheets from Anne.
- We also need some greenery for the display.

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

Judging: was carried out by Phil Steer and Jane and Don Higgs.

Judges Commentary: Phil Steer.

The meeting closed at 3:15pm and was followed by everyone joining in to share a cuppa and a selection of cakes and biscuits.

Chris Heysen 0419 386 769

Next meeting – Sunday 15th September 2024.

Guest speaker: John Eaton talking about Eastern and Western underground orchids and the mycorrhiza and micro bacteria they are so dependent upon.

August Results List

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

First Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

598	Den. Hilda Poxon 'Victor'	Eileen Pinnock (519)	3
599	Den. Australian Gold 'Starburst'	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	2
600	Den. Virginia Jupp	Eileen Pinnock (519)	1

Australian Native Epiphyte - Species

597	Den. speciosum var. speciosum	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	3
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Cymbidium 60 - 90mm All colours in Non-std

602	Cym. Regal Doctor	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	3
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Cymbidium over 90mm All colours inc Non-std

601	Cym Torchbeam	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	3
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Cymbidium under 60 All Colours inc Non-std

603	Cym. Morialta 'Morialta Falls'	Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

604	Den. Fraser's Elite Dragon	Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140)	3
605	Den. Angel Baby 'Green Ai'	Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140)	2

Second Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

591	Den. Star of Dawn	Margaret & Warren Yelland (350)	3
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Cymbidium 60 - 90mm All colours in Non-std

594	Cym. (Dolly 'Featherhill' x Golden Fortune)	Bob Clayton (143)	3
595	Cym. Deja Vu	Margaret & Warren Yelland (350)	2
596	Cym. Ivy Fung 'Cossack'	Alan Clayton (426)	1

Cymbidium over 90mm All colours inc Non-std

593	Cym. Pure Gold '24 Carat'	Bob Clayton (143)	3
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592	Ctt. Porcia 'Cannizaro'	Margaret & Warren Yelland (350)	3
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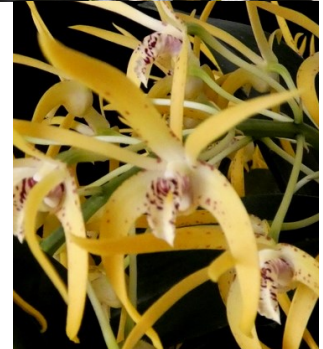
Today's plant numbers were down a little but we expected this with the Region's show only a week away.

Orchid of First Division & Plant of the Day

The plant of First Division grown by Eileen Pinnock was *Den. Hilda Poxon* 'Victor'. This was a large plant with four spikes of arching yellow flowers, making it very attractive. The flowers were in lovely golden tones with subtle spotting at the back of the segments.

Den. Hilda Poxon is a primary hybrid with *Den. speciosum* and *Den. tetragonum* as its parents. *Den. Hilda Poxon* was originated by the late Ira Butler who was somewhat of a pioneer in the breeding of Australian Native Dendrobiums.

Well done Eileen.



**ORCHID OF FIRST DIVISION
& PLANT OF THE DAY**
***Den. Hilda Poxon* 'Victor'**
Grown By Eileen Pinnock
Photos Jane Higgs



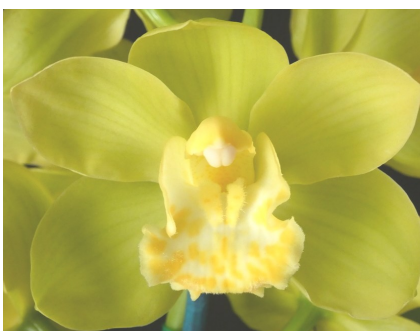
Orchid of Second Division

The plant chosen by the Judges was a lovely *Cym. Pure Gold* '24 Carat' grown by Bob & Robyn Clayton..

Well presented with two inflorescences, the larger of the two carrying 10 lovely pure colour flowers on a tall inflorescence. Very nicely shaped flowers of pale green/yellow with contrasting yellow labellum. A nice clean and well grown plant.

Congratulations Bob & Robyn.

ORCHID OF SECOMD DIVISION
***Cym. Pure Gold* '24 Carat'**
Bob & Robyn Clayton
Photos Jane Higgs



Thank you to our Judges, Jane and Don for a job well done!
Good Growing !

Phil Steer - Registrar



Orchid Culture Notes for September

Spring at last! This Winter gone was a cold one. It was great for the fruit trees but not that flash for humans and orchids alike. The extra warmth in the sun and the ever increasing fine days remind us that the busiest time of the year is now upon us. We have the Spring shows, we have lots of flowers and of course it will soon be time for the important maintenance of our collection. Question, where to start! Whilst it is nice to view the Spring flush it is also the time of year that we need to plan for the year ahead. What plants will we cull, pot on or divide? Pest problems also build up as do fungal problems. I still sit back and wonder why subject myself to all of this. When I sit down in the shade house after a hard week of work surrounded by a heap of flowers and all the wonderful fragrances it is not a hard question to answer.

September weather is quite changeable, and this gets worse over the next two months as the seasons change. It can range from freezing cold to stinking hot in a short space of time, even this early in the season.

There will be many plants that did not flower so questions must be asked. Where did I go wrong? What made this plant flower well yet the other one did not. Was it the season? Here I was early in the year suggesting that this year would be a great one for the natives, how wrong I was, but good to know I was not alone. I suppose the relentless heatwaves of Summer past had something to do with it.

September will see more and more plants emerge out of dormancy. There will be new growth starting to show and new green tips emerging from white roots that sealed off some time ago. Don't be in a big rush to hit them with gallons of water and fertiliser. Changes of seasons happen gradually and not overnight. This is so easy to do when you hit that first warm day. Gradually increase the water and feeding as they grow and the seasons change. Try and water late morning or early afternoon at the warmest part of the day so plants are dry by nightfall. Tap water is still very cold and you can still get frosts for at least another month yet.

Damping off new growths is common this time of year and water is usually the culprit. If you can, try and water the pot not the plant. This is easy with a small collection and very hard with a large collection. If you do get water into a new growth, try to dry it. Blowing through a straw or using tissue paper whilst fiddly, may save a growth. By month's end the sun will be on the south side of the equator and with the closeness comes the intensity of heat. Plants in full sunlight over Winter will be moved under 50% shade, those hung high in the shade house are lowered and those that prefer shade are moved accordingly. The sun will rise in a more easterly aspect and set in the west and soon rise in the SE and set in the SW. The change in aspect will also mean plants in Winter shade can be exposed to Spring and Summer sun and this will burn them.

Pests will abound overnight. New crops of caterpillars and aphids are lining up for the new seasons growth. Slugs and snails continue to feast so they can fatten up before Summer dormancy. This year botrytis has been bad, a week of cloud and drizzle in July setting up a bad infestation. Soon rust will be on the increase, whilst not a huge problem with orchids, it can cause problems. Scale will start their breeding season. The juvenile nymphs are quite mobile and are looking for new growths. They suck out the goodness from the plants leaves and leave marks. Any marks on the new growths will be exaggerated as they grow larger.



Orchid Culture Notes for September cont..

Summer weeds will soon increase, its oxalis time! Pull these out when small and when repotting or dividing make sure all weeds are removed.

Start dividing your plants soon after flowering. I would wait until later in the month when the warmer weather has arrived, but if potting on, you can do this anytime as the plants root system suffers little from the disturbance. Remove flower spikes from weak plants or those you intend to bust up. Weak plants need all the help they can get and maintaining a flower produced in a stress related situation will not help them recover. With plants you will divide, I work on the theory of the longer growing season they have the better they will be, so why leave a spike on for ages when that extra time may give them a good chance to establish to flowering size next year.

Native Epiphytes have had another strange year with many plants in active growth all year. They are now in flowering mode and those of you who grow *Sarcochilus* should have spikes lengthening. At the same time I have single growth plants that have lost the main growth throwing out numerous side shoots. Some of these plants can be quite shy at doing this and removing a primary growing tip is a practice recommended for the experienced or the brave but when nature dishes this treatment out you take your chances. I'll get a few specimens out of this! Watering is when they need it and generally subject to the weather for plants in the open and those under cover are watered and fed weekly. If it remains dry then give them a drink, but if the weather remains wet, then they won't need any additional water.

Natives respond well to a drink of limewater this month at the rate of 1 gram per litre for those grown in bark. Fungicides sprayed on the new growths help stop spotting and damping off due to botrytis. Watering for plants that were dormant should be gradual over this month. Look for signs of movement such as new growths and roots. A few pellets of rapid raiser or blood and bone on the surface of the natives works well. Don't overdo as they will break down and form sludge in the mix that accelerates breakdown.

Keep feeding Zygopetalums with high nitrogen feed until the new growths bulb up and observe for any papery marks on the leaves that will have a looper caterpillar chewing away happily underneath! Cut off old flower spikes and try and finish any division this month. Oncidiiums and Cattleyas will show new root growth and growth nodes. Gradually increase watering and start feeding when the roots show growth tips. At the moment I am just misting the roots. These two species will sprout roots from the tips of the old roots, the sides of the old roots as well as the old and new growths. Try and hang all Oncidiiums above the Cymbidiiums as they love stronger light and air movement. It is still a bit early to attempt any division of these two genera.

For those who grow terrestrials September and October are peak months. Keep moist and give them a weak feed with an organic feed. Two spotted mites have been bad this year so if your flowers are slightly distorted or the leaves looking a bit brown on the edges, there is a good chance that the mites have found them. Once they have finished flowering you can slowly dry off the plants. Keep an eye out for rot in the leaves caused by being too wet. Remove them and spray with a fungicide. If the rot gets into the tubers it usually spells the end of that plant.

Next month is October and is a very busy month as we strive to finish repotting and division so as to give our plants time to settle down before the heat of Summer. We will spend some time next month with some useful tips on how to repot, divide and how to look after them.

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

THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA: In 2024, the Club will meet at the Marion - Warradale Uniting Church Hall, Cnr. Township Road and Church Crescent, Marion. at 8.00p.m. on the first Wednesday of the Month

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.

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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