



THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SA INC.

Gazette

March 2022

Patron: Coralie Hills FAOC
President: Michael Willoughby

AT A GLANCE

The next General Meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club of South Australia will be held on Monday 14th March 2022 at 8.00 pm. at RSL Hall, 4 Prince George Parade, Colonel Light Gardens. Our Guest Speaker will be Ron Parish speaking on "Jewel Orchids".

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

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

DAYTIME CHAPTER: The next meeting will be held on Thursday 10th March 2022 at 2.00 pm. Our Guest Speaker will be Our Patron, Coralie Hills who will talk on the Australian Orchid Council [AOC] and where you fit in, plus a power point presentation on the Trials and Tribulations of growing her Orchids

SOUTHERN REGION: The next meeting will be held at 2.00 pm on Sunday 20th March 2022 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. Our Guest Speaker will be Our Patron, Coralie Hills who will talk on the Australian Orchid Council [AOC] and where you fit in, plus a power point presentation on the Trials and Tribulations of growing her Orchids. Learners Group will be held at 1.15 pm.

NEW MEMBERS: The Club would like to welcome two new members : Bev Mitchell and Mary Lipschitz. We hope that your time with the Club will be a happy one and that you learn a lot about the orchids that we all love so much.

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.

DEADLINES FOR NEXT GAZETTES
27 March and 24 April

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

The wearing of masks is mandatory at all meetings of the South Coast Orchid Club



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LIFE MEMBERS

*** denotes Member who has passed away.**

1978 Dulcie Grave *	1986 Harry Viney *	2009 Don Biebrick
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1981 Lois Hanson*	2005 Shirley Steele *	2015 Rod McRedmond
1981 John Leeder*	Circa Tony and Toshie Deonno *	2018 Kevin Western
1985 Brenda Lynch	2007 Ron and Irene Parish	2020 Malcolm Mangelsdorf
1985 Bubs Gready *	2007 Murray Baulderstone *	2021 Donna Meeuwsen
	2008 Geoff and Lucy Spear	

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

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

RATES – One membership covers all groups

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

Rural and Interstate Membership

Family Membership	\$34.00
Single Membership	\$28.00

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President's Message

Many thanks to Jane Higgs and Phil Steer who gave presentations at the Main Group and the Southern Region Group respectively in February. Ron Parish will present to the March main meeting, Jewel Orchids, a fascinating group that we see very little of at our meetings and shows. It should prove to be an interesting topic.

Congratulations to all the trophy winners for 2021 and isn't nice to see them presented again after the year that was 2020. Congratulations are in order to Beth Stronach in being promoted to First Division and taking out Best in Division in her first foray in First Division.

Coming events include a BBQ at Jane and Don Higgs, South Coast Orchid Club's Autumn Show to held from Wed. 4 May to Sat. 7 May, at the Seaford Central Shopping Centre and SAROC's SA Orchid Fair from Saturday 10 June and Sun 11 June.

Successful growing & showing

Michael Willoughby

EDITORS NOTE

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

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

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Happy Birthday

**NEIL COOPER, JIM FOGARASSI, JOY GRUND,
HELMET HERMANN, JOSEPHINE OGROWSKI,
PATTY ABELL, BARBARA ALMOND, PHIL STEER,
MARILYN JELFS, VAL PHILLIPS, RUTH TUGWELL,
DUDLEY HUXTABLE, DIANE CAWLEY,**



Is your name in the Birthday Book ??



ORCHID CALENDAR 2022

[These dates are subject to COVID-19 directives]

COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 9th March 2022 7.30 pm
Location to be advised

DAYTIME CHAPTER

Thursday 10th March 2022 2.00 pm
Lou Kesting Hall , Dover Square, Brighton South
Guest Speaker: Coralie Hills "AOC and where you fit in" plus
"Trials and Tribulations of growing her orchids"

MAIN MEETING

Monday 14th March 2022 8.00 pm
RSL Hall, 4 Prince George Parade, Colonel Light Gardens
Guest Speaker: Ron Parish on Jewel Orchids

SOUTHERN REGION MEETING

Sunday 20th March 2022 2.00 pm
Carrickalinga House, Victor Harbor
Guest Speaker: Coralie Hills "AOC and where you fit in" plus
"Trials and Tribulations of growing her orchids"
Learners Group meeting at 1.15 pm.

AUTUMN SHOW

Wednesday 4th May to Saturday 7th May 2022
Seaford Central Shopping Centre

WINTER SHOW

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

SOUTHERN REGION SHOW

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

SPRING SHOW

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



The Club's Committee for 2022



South Coast Orchid Club of South Australia Trophy Winners 2021



CHIN YEW LIAN TROPHY

Donated by Sylvester **Best Seedling of the Year**

Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju

LEWIS MOORE TROPHY

[Rosalie donated a tray in 1999 in memory of Lewis who died in 1989. With Rosalie, he was on the Committee for many years. Both were judges and Lewis was Treasurer. They both loved SCOCSA and worked very hard for the Club]

**Highest Aggregate Points for Australian
Epiphytic Species 2021**

Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju

Steven GAMBLE TROPHY

[Steven, a teenage Member of SCOCSA, loved Australian Native Terrestrials. The Trophy was donated in his name by his parents when he passed away in 1987]

**Highest Aggregate Points for Australian
Native Terrestrials 2021**

Jane & Don Higgs

JOHN LEEDER TROPHY

[John for many years held positions of Secretary and President]

Most points in Oncidiniæ Alliance

Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju

GLEN FORREST TROPHY

[Glen joined SCOCSA in the very early days, his first love was Cymbidiums, but he also grew other genera]

**Highest Aggregate Points for
Paphiopedilum Species 2021**

Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju

M. & S. STEELE TROPHY

[Shirley and Mervyn, both Life Members, joined SCOCSA in the very early days. Both were tireless workers for the Club; nothing was ever too much trouble for Mervyn. Shirley donated the Trophy in 2007]

**Highest Aggregate Points for Paphiopedilums
1st and 2nd Division 2021**

Laurie & Sue Carter

GARARD and WESTERN HYBRIDISING TROPHY

[Trevor Garard and Kevin Western donated this trophy to promote hybridising, one trophy going to the Pod Parent and the other to the Pollen Parent]

Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju

W A YOUNG TROPHY

Grand Champion Autumn Show 2021

Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju

P C LOKE TROPHY

[Donated by Sylvester Ng]

Highest Aggregate Points at Three Shows 2021

Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju

HARRY VINEY TROPHY

[Berna and Harry, both Life Members. Donated by Berna in memory of Harrison. Harry worked tirelessly for the Club over many years holding many positions including President].

Champion Laeliinae at Autumn Show 2021

Jane & Don Higgs



South Coast Orchid Club of South Australia Trophy Winners 2021 cont...



M NG TROPHY

[Sylvester Ng donated this trophy in memory of his brother Michael.]

Most Floriferous in Spring Show 2021

Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju

H & C EDWARDS CLOCK TROPHY

[Donated by Helen and Charlie Edwards. Helen is a Life Member and was convenor of the Daytime Chapter. Both worked very hard for the Club]

Grand Champion Winter Show 2021

NO SHOW HELD

ROY HILL TROPHY

Best Novelty Cymbidium Winter Show 2021

NO SHOW HELD

TONY DE IONNO AND TOSHY TROPHY

[Donated by Life Member, Tony]

Grand Champion Spring Show 2021

Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju

ELSIE CHISHOLM TROPHY

Best Novelty Cymbidium Spring Show 2021

Jane & Don Higgs

NOEL OLIVER TROPHY

Best Dendrobium speciosum Spring Show 2021

Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju

GEORGE & PATTI ABELL TROPHY

Annual Sarcochilus Show 2021

Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju

HIGHEST YEARLY AGGREGATE POINT WINNERS

A O C Award for overall Winner	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju	258 pts
Open Division:	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju	258 pts
First Division:	Laurie & Sue Carter	101pts
Second Division:	Genny & Dudley Huxtable	107 pts

VICTOR HARBOR TROPHY

Grand Champion Spring Show 2021

Genny & Dudley Huxtable

NOEL OLIVER TROPHY

Best Australian Native Southern Region Show 2021

Chris & Lyn Heysen

VICTOR HARBOR AGGREGATES POINTS TROPHY

Australian Natives

Don & Shirley Greig

GRAHAM & SUE ZERBE TROPHY

Best Second Division Southern Region

Genny & Dudley Huxtable

GRACE NOLL TROPHY

Southern Region Aggregate Points for Oncidiniinae

Chris & Lyn Heysen

**Congratulations to all of the Trophy Winners for
2021**

TROPHY WINNERS FOR 2021



All Photographs by
Neil Cooper

Michael Willoughby
& Oui Ju



Sue & Laurie Carter



Jane Higgs

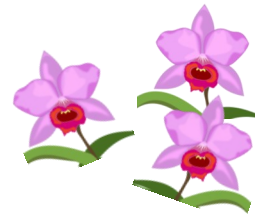


SEEDLING OF THE NIGHT

Paph. Helvetia

Grown by

Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju



February Results List

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

Open Division

Any Other species

25	Psh. cochleata	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	2
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Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

16	Sarco. Magenta	Kevin Western (155)	3
17	Sarco. Powder Puff	Kevin Western (155)	2

Cymbidium 60 - 90mm All colours in Non-std

27	Cym. Sundaani Storm 'Karen'	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	2
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Laeliinae - Cluster

19	Ctt. Valentine Day	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	3
20	Ctt. Unknown	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	2
21	Epi. Topaz Rose 'Rosie'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	1

Laeliinae - Non Standard

22	Epc. Burdekin Honey 'Shona'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
23	Rlc. Shin Shiang Diamond x C. Hsinying Little	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	2

Laeliinae - Species

24	C. tigrina	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
26	Psh. cochleata 'Gold Safari'	Pauline & Mark Hockey (1556)	1

Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm

18	C. (Mari's Song x Caudebec)	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

28	Onc. Aka Baby	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

34	V. tricolor	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	3
35	Phrag. Rouge Bouillon	Jane & Don Higgs (1302)	2

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

36	Sngl. woodii	Jane & Don Higgs (1302)	3
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Orchid Seedling - any Genera

37	Paph. Helvetia	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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Paphiopedilum - Non Standard

29	Paph. Magic Lantern 'GBF'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
30	Paph. Lynleigh Koopowitz	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	2
31	Paph. Helvetia	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	1

Paphiopedilum - Species

32	Paph. godefroyae	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

33	Prom. Mike Leaity	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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First Division

Laeliinae - Non Standard

6	C. Ida Elizabeth 'Enchanting'	Beth Stronach (836)	3
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Laeliinae - Species

7	Psh. cochleata	Beth Stronach (836)	3
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Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm

5	Rlc. Charming Song	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

8	Brsdm. Hansruedi Isler	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	3
9	Onc. Sharry Baby	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	2

Oncidiinae - Species

10	Gom. flexuosa	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

12	Angcm. Longiscott 'Hihimanu'	Beth Stronach (836)	3
13	Phal. Unknown	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	2
14	Den. Impact	Bill Jayne (1180)	1

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

15	Sngl. maccloughlinii	Beth Stronach (836)	3
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Paphiopedilum - Non Standard

11	Paph. Dollgoldi	Beth Stronach (836)	3
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February Results List cont...

Second Division

Laeliinae - Non Standard

1	C. Harfor	John Harris (26)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

2	Onc. Golden Anniversary 'Enos'	John Harris (26)	3
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3	Oncsa. Schimmi	John Harris (26)	2
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

4	Phal. Unknown 'Pretty Pink'	John Harris (26)	3
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PLANT COMMENTARY – FEBRUARY 2022

Being February I expected a much smaller showing of plants across all divisions. Not So! First and Open Divisions were well represented, A good standard of quality was still upheld.

Orchid of Open Division Plant of the Night

The plant of Open Division was *Onc.* Aka Baby grown by Vicky & Neil Cooper.

This plant was a standout with three tall spikes and two shorter ones. The flowers were well displayed on each inflorescence with each flower a glistening contrast of cherry red and white. The white tips on the segments together with the stark white skirt made it very attractive. The plant was well grown with a pot full of shiny foliage.



Vicky told us the story behind the plant being carried home from Qld in her carry-on luggage.

Well Done Vicky & Neil

Orchid of Open Division Plant of the Night *Onc.* Aka Baby

Grown by
Vicky and Neil Cooper
Photos by Neil Cooper



PLANT COMMENTARY – FEBRUARY 2022 cont ...

Orchid of First Division

The plant of First Division was grown by Beth Stronach and she has moved up from Second Division in Grand style. The plant was a Non-Standard Paphiopedilum, *Paph. Dollgoldi*.

There were two inflorescences however only one fully open flower, the other carrying two buds. The flower was an appealing shape with brown striations on a yellow gold background. A very healthy and well grown plant.

Well done Beth



Orchid of First Division
Paph. Dollgoldi
Grown by Beth Stronach
Photos Neil Cooper

Orchid of Second Division

. The plant chosen by the Judges was a lovely example of *Onc. Golden Anniversary* 'Enos' grown by John Harris.

This was a smallish plant well grown and displaying a nice tall upright inflorescence with lovely segments of yellow with brown overlays on the petals and sepals. The labellum had a striking overlay of red on a yellow background. John grows this in his shade house alongside his other collection and he says that it is an easy orchid to grow.

Congratulations John.



Orchid of Second Division
Onc. Golden Anniversary 'Enos'
Grown by John Harris
Photo Neil Cooper

Thank you to our Judges, and Recorders for all your efforts!
Good Growing

Phil Steer
Registrar

MEMBERS' PHOTOGRAPHS



Psh. cochleata var alba
Pauline & Mark Hockey



Epi. Topaz Rose 'Rosie'
Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju



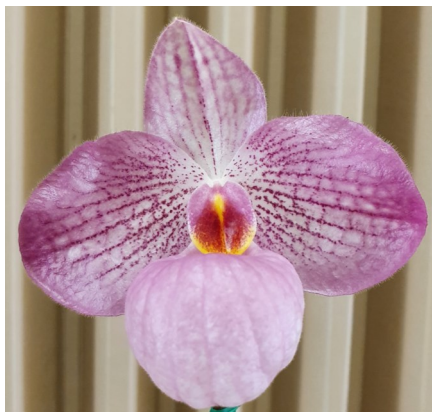
C. tigrina
Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju



Paph. godefroyae
Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju



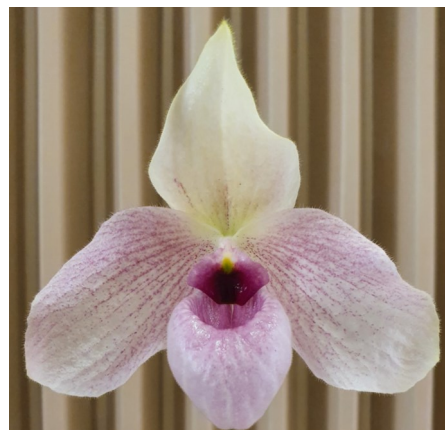
Phrag. Rouge Bouillon
Jane & Don Higgs



Paph. Magic Lantern 'GBF'
Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju

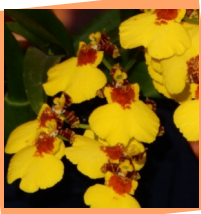


Angcm. Longiscott
'Hihimanu'
Beth Stronach



Paph. Lynleigh Koopowitz
Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju

All Photographs by
Oui Ju



DAYTIME CHAPTER

Thursday 10th February, 2022



Hi everyone,

The February meeting of the Daytime Chapter welcomed back guest speaker **Geoff Spear** who answered our many questions relating to growing Cymbidiums. His depth of knowledge was greatly appreciated, as too, his re-potting demonstration that impressed two of our new members – there for the first time.

A smaller number of plants were presented for showing this month, and winner of the popular vote for Plant of the Day was **Lucy Spear** with her *Prosthechea cochleata* 'Green Hornet'.



The Commentary on Plant of the Day was also given by Geoff, and the meeting was concluded with a cuppa.



Next Meeting : Guest Speaker: **Coralie Hills**

- AOC and where you fit in, plus

Trials and Tribulations of growing her Orchids

Thursday March 10th – 2pm, Lou Kesting Hall, South Brighton

Andrew Dean



SOUTHERN REGION MEETING Sunday 20 February 2022

Convenor, Chris Heysen, opened the meeting at 2.05 pm welcoming the 27 members present and wishing everyone a Happy New Year! A special welcome back to Marg Yelland who has been through a tough time in recent months after major back surgery. Welcome also to guest speaker, Phil Steer, normally our Registrar and leader of the judges panel but today will be our presenter.

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

Apologies: Julie & Peter Davidge, Megan Clayton, Sid James and Anne Bourne.

On a sad note, Chris informed members that long time member Joan McMahon had passed away last month. Joan had run our Trading table for a number of years and was a strong supporter of the Club. Condolences to all who knew her.

Chris reminded members that there are 2 forms to fill in at the door – one for our insurance cover and one for Covid-19.

Guest Speaker: Our Guest Speaker, Phil Steer, gave a 3-part presentation:

Phil presented trophies from the 2021 calendar year to:-

AOC Trophy for Second Division Aggregate Points in
SCOCSA

– Jenni and Dudley Huxtable

Grace Knoll Memorial Trophy for Aggregate points
for Oncidiinae Alliance

– Lyn & Chris Heysen

The Southern Region Trophy for Aggregate points for Australian Natives

– Shirley & Don Grieg

Phil then showed all the monthly Flowers of the Month from both the Southern Region and the Main Club meetings (22 in all) and asked members to vote for their personal choice for Flower of the Year. The results from both groups will be collated and the final winner announced next month.

Thirdly, he gave a very interesting presentation on how judges assess plants that are put up for AOC awards – the highest form of judging in the Australian orchid world.



**Dudley Huxtable receives
AOC Trophy**

Birthday Prize: January – Warren Yelland. February – Shirley Grieg

Lucky Name Badge: Dianne Cawley

Lucky Door Prize: Warren Yelland

New Member: A new member kit and plant was presented to Pam McDonald. Welcome to the club Pam.

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

Announcements. We now have our own projector – thanks to Phil and Club Committee for organising this. And we also have our own computer – a huge thankyou to Marg Yelland who has donated her old laptop to us here in the Southern Region.

Keep an eye on the Gazette for dates etc for the Autumn and Winter Shows
Our own show for the Southern Region will as usual be in the 3rd week of August – the week after our August meeting. Anne has booked the usual space in Victor Central Shopping Centre.

Judging: was carried out by Jane and Don Higgs and John Gay. Christine Robertson undertook the data entry and card printing. **Judges Commentary:** Jane Higgs.

Next meeting – Sunday March 20 2022 – Guest speaker, our Club Patron, Coralie Hills. Coralie will give a presentation about the Australian Orchid Council – and will also talk about her own experiences and frustrations with growing orchids.

Chris Heysen

0419 386 769

The meeting closed at 3:20pm



**Shirley Greig receives the
Australian Natives Trophy**



**Chris & Lyn Heysen receive the
Grace Knoll Memorial Trophy**

VALE - JOAN McMAHON

Long time members of the club will be sad to hear of the passing of Joan McMahon. Joan joined SCOCSA in the early 2000's. She was a regular at monthly meetings in Adelaide and known for her great contributions to the supper table. She and Harry moved to Pt. Elliott about 10 years ago and Joan managed the Trading Table at the Southern Region meetings for several years. A quiet and reserved lady, she was a strong supporter of the club.

RIP

SOUTHERN REGION PLANT COMMENTARY



ORCHID OF FIRST DIVISION ORCHID OF THE DAY

Ctt. Tutankamen

Grown By Chris & Lyn Heysen

Orchid of Second Division

The plant of Second Division was *Ons. Warm Memories 'Wild Fire'* shown by Genny & Dudley Huxtable.

The plant had two inflorescences of clusters of flowers that were deep maroon in colour with a contrasting white tipped labellum.

Well done Genny & Dudley.

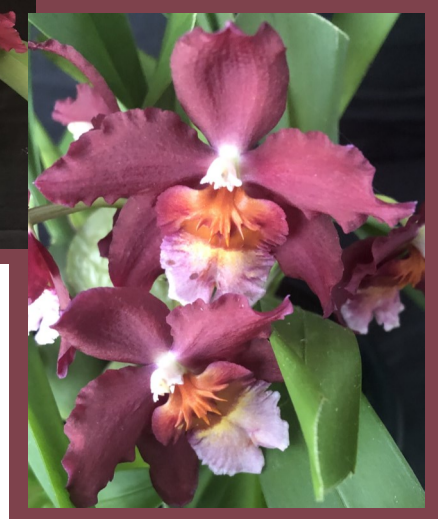


Orchid of First Division and Plant of the Day

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

Ctt. Tutankamen is an offspring of *Ctt. Chocolate Drop*. The orchid has been much awarded in USA, Germany and Taiwan. The flower was a beautiful deep maroon with a contrasting red labellum

Congratulations Chris and Lyn.



**ORCHID OF SECOND DIVISION,
Ons. Warm Memories 'Wild Fire'
Grown By Genny & Dudley Huxtable
Photos Christine Robertson**

**POPULAR VOTE
Stan. (florida x hernandezii)
Grown by Ruth Tugwell
Photo Christine Robertson**

Christine Robertson

February Results List

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

First Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

49 Den. Anne's Rainbow Surprise Shirley & Don Greig (1128) 3

Laeliinae - Cluster

51 Epi. Unknown Shirley & Don Greig (1128) 3

Laeliinae - Non Standard

52 Ctt. Tutankamen Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140) 3

53 Bct. Hawaiian Treat Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140) 2

54 Rth. Adelaide Silver Shirley & Don Greig (1128) 1

Laeliinae - Species

55 Psh. cochleata Shirley & Don Greig (1128) 3

Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm

50 C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin' Eileen Pinnock (519) 3

Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

56 Bcd. Gilded Tower Ruth Tugwell (613) 3

57 Onc. Speckled Spire 'Whisp' Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140) 2

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

58 Stan. (florida x hernandezii) Ruth Tugwell (613) 3

59 Den. Blue Foxtail Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140) 2

60 Phal. Unknown 'Phyl's White' Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140) 1

Second Division

Laeliinae - Non Standard

43 C. Cornelis' Love Alan Clayton (426) 3

Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

44 Ons. Warm Memories 'Wild Fire' Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279) 3

45 Onc. Sunny Days 'Hilo Bay' Margaret & Warren Yelland (350) 2

46 Ons. Catatante 'Kilauea Karma' Peter and Julie Davidge (970) 1

Specimen Species or Hybrid

48 Onc. Sunny Days 'Hilo Bay' Margaret & Warren Yelland (350) 3

Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

47 Zga. Unknown 'Dom 9' Peter and Julie Davidge (970) 3

PLANT OF MONTH - *Cattleya tigrina*

Cattleya tigrina usually grows in tops of trees in dense swampy forests below 100m near the coast of Brazil.

It is a very robust sympodial epiphyte. The pseudobulbs are 25-50cm long, slightly compressed and covered with numerous dry sheaths. The 2-3 leaves are oblong to elliptical, leathery and at the top of the pseudobulb. A stout, erect 10-20cm long Inflorescence occurs from between the leaves. 3-15 moderately sized flowers are very fragrant.

Sepals are gently flexed at the tip. Petals have blunt tips and coarse undulations along their edges. Lip is three lobed with side lobes curved over to cover the column. Mid lobe has a deep central furrow and is decorated with warty veins. The sepals and petals are light to dark tan brown heavily spotted in maroon-purple. The side lobes and base of the mid lobe are white to pale pink merging into a rich rose-purple to the tip of the mid lobe. Alba forms are also encountered.

The species has been widely used in hybridisation with 150 first generation offspring and a total progeny of more than 2300. It has been widely awarded worldwide [114 awards to date]. The AOC has awarded 2AM/1ACC.



DRACULAS AND DRACUVALLIAS by Bill and Jan Miles

The genus *Dracula* is comprised about a hundred species native to Central and South America. Its name is derived from the Latin *dracula*, which means little dragon, in reference to the strange, sinister appearance of the flowers. The names chosen for species such as *Dracula diabola*, *D. gorgona* and *D. vampira* unjustly stress the perceived 'nasty nature' of these fascinating and rather beautiful orchid flowers. Draculas are mostly found in moist forest country between Mexico and Peru.

Draculas are closely related to *Masdevallias* and were once included in the genus *Masdevallia*. The hybrid genus *Dracuvallia* is made by crossing a *Dracula* with a *Masdevallia*; by late 2003 a total of 36 dracuvallias had been registered, 5 using a *Masdevallia* as the pollen parent and 31 using a *Dracula*. Oddly, *Dracula* hybrids are less popular, only 21 having been registered.

Our draculas are grown in a greenhouse maintained between a minimum temperature of 6-8°C and a maximum of about 30°C. We provide 30% shade in the winter months and 70% shade during summer. In our experience we find that draculas are much easier to grow and more forgiving of cultural mishaps than masdevallias. They seem to tolerate extreme weather conditions better than do masdevallias and do not tend to drop their leaves in the same manner when stressed. Mistlers operate periodically during the day to raise the humidity. Although we try to keep the relative humidity at about 60%, we can't always achieve this goal on hot summer days.

We water our draculas often during summer, the frequency of watering depending on weather conditions and the potting medium used. We do not use town water because it is pumped from a bore and has a very high salt content, which causes leaf-tip dieback. Instead we use rainwater stored in two large rainwater tanks. Our draculas are grown in a potting mix of fresh Tasmanian sphagnum moss to which 30% polystyrene foam has been added. They are fertilised with Peters XL fertiliser, which we mix in a batch tank at about a quarter of the manufacturer's recommended strength. We avoid the use of higher fertiliser concentrations, because they kill live sphagnum moss.

We use 80 mm mesh pots for our smaller divisions of draculas and plant the larger ones in square vanda pots. Our specimen plants are grown in wooden slatted baskets. They mostly hang about head height in our greenhouse, others hanging from carousels. Some are also suspended from the greenhouse walls.



Dracula diabola



Dracula gorgona



Dracula vampira

Our preference is to re-pot draculas in spring and autumn, but we have so many that we need to re-pot throughout the year, except for the hottest months. We try to re-pot every 12 months, depending on the state of the sphagnum moss. When we divide plants we make sure that the divisions have no less than a dozen leaves, so as to give them the best chance of survival.

Draculas are fairly difficult to take to shows and meetings because their flowers wither under dry conditions. However, it is possible if precautions are taken, such as placing them in a polystyrene box containing a 50 mm layer of damp sphagnum moss topped with ice. We also spray the flowers with water occasionally when they are on display, otherwise they quickly droop under the lower humidity that prevails at most venues.

What species do we recommend? This is a difficult question, as there are so many different and varied draculas in a wide range of size and colour, but for ease of cultivation we recommend *Dracula bella*, *Drac. vampira*, *Drac. erythrochaete*, *Drac. cordobae*, *Drac. gigas*, *Drac. gorgona*, *Drac. simia*, *Drac. tubeana* and *Drac. mopsus*.

Many good dracula hybrids are now available. The better ones in our experience are ***Dracula Spectre*** (*D. bella* x *D. vampira*), ***D. Black Magic*** (*D. gigas* x *D. radiella*), ***D. Cafe Mocha*** (*D. Quasimodo* x *D. tubeana*), ***D. Cookies & Cream*** (*D. Quasimodo* x *D. cordobae*) and ***D. Jester*** (*D. lotax* x *D. platycrater*). Many more are coming on to the market, which should add to the interest.

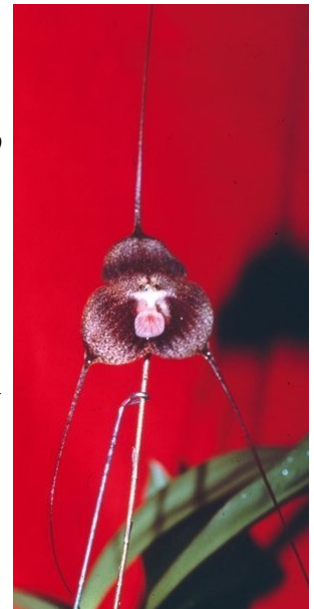
We have not found many good dracuvallia hybrids but one should bear in mind that relatively few have yet been made. One particularly nice one is ***Dracuvallia Blue Boy*** (*Masdevallia uniflora* x *Dracula chimera*). We have also seen ***Dracuvallia Fleur*** (*Masdevallia veitchiana* x *Dracula gigas*) – its orange flowers resemble those of a large *Dracula gigas*. In general, we have found dracuvallias more reluctant to flower than draculas.

Books that we have used to identify our draculas are:

- Thesaurus Dracularum – A Monograph of the Genus *Dracula*, published by the Missouri Botanical Garden.
- The Genus *Dracula*, an Orchid Digest publication.
- Native Colombian Orchids
- Native Ecuadorian Orchids



***Dracula gigas* 'Rhys'**
HCC/OSCOV



***Dracula Black Magic* 'Stebbing'**
HCC/OSCOV



Dracula navarroorum
'Vic' CBM/OSCOV





Orchid Culture Notes for March

March sees activity increase in the shade house. After the relentless heat of the summer of 2014, autumn will finally greet us with some cooler nights but the days can still remain hot until about the equinox and most likely it will remain dry. Most years we have to wait to April or later before the first rains of the new season finally signal the end of the dry.

March is generally a maturity month in the orchid house. In the main most orchids would have completed their summer growing season and are in the maturation stage. Already some have pseudobulbs filling out and spike initiation has commenced. Natives have canes that are hardening off and the new growths on *Zygopetalums* herald the flowering season to come. Autumn flowering *Cattleyas* and *Laeliinae* will already have buds bursting. For those with *cymbidiums* the early ones are already spiking and the later ones won't be far off by month's end. Autumn is when things start to move.

Keep up the watering and feeding and be vigilant for the nasties that want to ruin your flowers. This year my problems are in the form of hungry and aggressive bull ants. Super hot ground and a lack of natural food have these critters stripping flower spikes on the early *Laeliinae* in the much friendlier confines of my shade house. If they are not eating the flower buds they are chewing into the growths and sheaths as well as the root tips. I think I'll need a couple of echidnas as a form of natural ant control. The smaller black ants will also be moving soft scale around so keep an eye out if numbers increase.

Closer observations will reveal many orchids have a flush of new or additional root growth this month. This is obviously to pick up more moisture and nutrients to store away for the rest periods ahead. This applies to many different species and in particular natives and the *Cattleya/Laeliinae* group.

Native epiphytes will be maturing and hardening off growths now. It will still be a bit early for any spike initiation for most growers but for me March reveals how good my *Den. bigibbum* collection will perform in the autumn months as these are the first of the native epiphytes to show spikes. These too are showing a flush of new roots. They will all stay in the shade house until the spikes get long and the buds show. Once nights start to dip towards single digits, they will be moved back indoors for the winter and with some luck give me about 3 to 4 months of indoor flowering depending on the species.

Sarcophilus will also show new roots as they emerge from summer semi dormancy. They will look stressed in many cases but the emergence of new roots and the cooler nights will soon have them looking good again. Many will have scorched leaves and in some cases centre growths rotted out, a combination of the heat and too much water in the crowns over night. Most plants will initiate side shoots but good flowering will be delayed. Late March to the end of May is a good time to attend to this genus if you want to divide them. On the terrestrial scene the first few will start popping up now. These are mostly the varieties that show flowers first and the leaves come a bit later. As they do slowly increase the water they receive. For those not showing yet make sure pots are kept cool and slightly moist with moderate shade.

Autumn is the month we see many of the *Laeliinae* complex on the show bench. Many of these are the cluster type, many with *G. bowringiana* as one of the parents. Most are relatively easy to grow here in shade house conditions. Growths develop rapidly over the summer with the sheaths showing as soon as the leaves open. These sheaths fill rapidly with developing flowers. Many are rather heavy and should be staked. Watch out for water based rots affecting the sheaths and also watch out for ants. The honeydew excreted by these orchids attracts them like moths to a flame. They will also eat out the buds and you will lose the years flowers. Hanging plants are not immune to ant attack. Keep well watered and feed with a blossom booster. These plants too show a new crop of roots as the growths mature. Of course it's not only the cluster type cats that are out. There are also a few of the larger exhibition types as well as the mini cats and splash petals. Most of these autumn flowering plants do well in basic shade house conditions and only require to be kept on the dry side and protected from winter rains. They require a very open free draining mix.

Autumn also sees the *Oncidium* tribe presenting spikes with increasing numbers of plants on the show bench as the weather cools. Many will have maturing growths as well and once this happens, spike initiation is not far away. Of course the *Oncidium* tribe is very extensive but as a rule anything of the showy "crispum type" or "varicosum" type will be showing spikes very soon.

Again a rather easy genus to grow in shade house conditions if the right selection is made. The wrong decision will result in disappointment. Keep them moist and always feed at low strength. They are not a hungry genus and can be sensitive to high concentrations of fertiliser salts. Many will require a dry rest after flowering and are one species that struggle with wet and cold winters.



Orchid Culture Notes for March (cont.)

For the new chum it would be advisable to speak to those growers who show Oncidium's to get some ideas. My best Oncidium's grow on a mount and are hung above the cym's. They are watered daily in summer and fed often and preferably in the morning. They get minimal attention during their resting period and are kept on the dry side. They reward me with numerous spikes every year and are a good indicator to the general health of the collection and the conditions I try to provide.

Your Zygopetalum's and their relations will be showing plenty of new growths and often when these growths are only a couple of inches high will come out the new flower spikes. They are fragile at this stage and susceptible to insect attack. Keep moist and feed with a balanced or bloom booster type feed. Make sure you keep water away from these new growths as well as fertiliser. A couple of pellets of slow release in the crown of a new growth is the best way to rot out most of the new leaves. Try it! I made the mistake last season by getting lazy and broadcasting some of the fertiliser instead of placing it strategically on each pot and I lost a lot of leaves. It won't kill them but the set back resulting from the loss of leaves won't help next year's flowering stakes. The new growth minus most of their leaves will struggle to develop anything even remotely the size of the previous year's pseudobulb. With some luck the plant may initiate a second dormant shoot. Slugs and caterpillars will be on the increase this month so take precautions as they love juicy zygo spikes. Most of them will be hiding under bricks or pots if you have them on the ground. As the older growths mature leaf spotting can become more prevalent. You could try a monthly fungicidal spray to reduce the effects. There is a school of thought as to what causes this, ranging from fungal issues to the weather, light and temperature and an argument I stay away from. Modern breeding is helping reduce this factor and provide cleaner plants. Spotty plants are hard to show and harder to sell.

With the cooler months nearly upon us Paphiopedilum's will be looking for a boost to assist them with flowering. Like many genera it is a temperature drop that often initiates spikes. This is why we spray our cymbidiums at night in December and January and why I put my Phalaenopsis outside for a few nights late this month when the nights get down to 11 or 12. Basically my Paphiopedilum's also get a spray at night and the feeding changes to one of higher P & K but taking into account their sensitivity to salts in the fertiliser I make sure they are adequately flushed from time to time as well.

March will also see a significant shortening of the days, this too is another signal to our plants of the changing of the season. As the sun retreats to the northern hemisphere we now start searching for the sun, the same sun that only three months earlier burnt the living daylight out of our plants. I am and always have been an advocate of moving my plants around in tune with the seasons. I enjoy this plant shuffle. To me it's like rearranging the furniture. But the method of my madness has a reason. Plants are moved to get full sun, to stay dry, to get more air or whatever the move entails. A few years of observations has plants that have their own reserved spot each year and why not. If it grows good there why move it unless you think you might do better. Soon my lounge and family room will be full of the tropical species that spend summer in the shade house but would surely die if left out there in winter. This is another example of knowing some back ground about your plant and if you cannot provide it with care in an outside situation then you can improvise.

April is soon upon us. It is a warm month with cool nights and maybe a little more rain. The amount of effort in watering and feeding our orchids starts to reduce now but on the other hand protection and preparation for flowering takes centre stage.

Steve Howard

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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