



THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SA INC.

Gazette

April 2024

Patron: Coralie Hills FAOC
President: Michael Willoughby

AT A GLANCE

The April General Meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will Wednesday 3rd April 2024 at 8.00 pm at the Marion-Warradale Uniting Church Hall, Corner of Township Road and Church Crescent. Our Guest Speaker will be Steve Howard speaking about Oncidiums. Steve will have plants for sale..

LEARNERS' GROUP: There will be a Learners' Group Meeting at the April 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 11th April 2024 at 2.00 pm at the Lou Kesting Hall, off Broadway, South Brighton. Our Guest Speaker will be Jane Higgs speaking on Cymbidium Care plus a repotting demonstration.

SOUTHERN REGION: The next meeting will be held at 2.00 pm on Sunday 21st April 2024 in Carrickalinga House, 17-19 Torrens Street, Victor Harbor. Our Guest Speaker will be Jane Higgs with a fun and exciting Orchid Quiz. Come and learn some amazing Orchid Facts.. Learners Group meets at 1.15 pm.

NEW MEMBERS: The Club would like to welcome two new members Peter & Dorothy Berry. 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.

NEUTROG DATES: Neutrog Australia has provided the online cutoff and collection dates for 2024. See page 6 of this Gazette for details.

DEADLINES FOR NEXT GAZETTES
21 April and 26 May

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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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1978 L. & H. Poole *	1989 Helen Edwards	2010 Dorothy Carassai
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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 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

Rural and Interstate Membership

Family Membership	\$34.00
Single Membership	\$28.00

Account Details: BankSA Glenelg. BSB: 105-145
(Use your grower number for Reference)

Account No.: 545457040

President's Message



Many thanks to our Guest Speaker for March: Graham Hein who spoke to the main group on *Laelia anceps* and how he grows them successfully, Coralie Hills at the Daytime group speaking about the Singapore Congress of the Asia Pacific and Bill Jayne who showed the Southern Region Group how he grows *Sarcochilus* and gave a potting presentation. This month we welcome back Steve Howard who will be presenting Oncidiinae at the main meeting, Jane Higgs who will talk about Cymbidium Care and provide a repotting demonstration at the Daytime Chapter, and Jane Higgs again at the Southern Region Group where she will provide a fun and entertaining Orchid Quiz. Come along to learn some amazing facts about Orchids.

Our Autumn Show is upon us, approximately seven weeks away, we will be at the Seaford Central Shopping Centre again this year. Let us put on a fantastic display for the public as they really appreciate the effort made by the Club. Indications are that it is looking like a possible early flowering season albeit the recent heatwave has slowed our plants down as they would have gone into survival mode. If you can help in any way to make it a successful show, please see Anne or myself at the Main April meeting; all help is fully appreciated. The dates and times for put in, judging and Show details are given elsewhere in this Gazette.

The Show season starts with the Autumn Show (Thur. 9th May). Trophys that are awarded are W.A. Young Trophy for Champion of Autumn Show, H. & B. Viney Trophy for Best Cattleya at Autumn Show and P.C. Loke Trophy for highest aggregate points at 3 Shows. We need all the flowering plants available to put on a colourful display for the public. The Schedule for the Autumn Show will appear in this Gazette.

The SCOCSA Winter Show is on the weekend of 6th and 7th July (put in 5th July) at the Marion Warradale Uniting Church Hall. The South Australian Orchid Fair will be held on the June long weekend 8th and 9th June

Neutrog Australia has provided the online ordering cut off and collection dates for 2024. See page 6 of this Gazette for these details.

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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ORCHID CALENDAR 2024

MAIN MEETING

Wednesday 3rd April 2024 8.00 pm
Marion-Warradale Uniting Church Hall, Cnr Township Road and Church Crescent, Marion.
Guest Speaker: Steve Howard speaking on Oncidiums. Steve will have plants for sale.
Learners' Group Meeting at 7.15 pm

COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 10th April 2024
The Southern, South Road, St. Marys

DAYTIME CHAPTER

Thursday 11h April 2024 2.00 pm
Lou Kesting Hall, Off Broadway, South Brighton
Guest Speaker: Jane Higgs speaking on Cymbidium Care plus a repotting demonstration,

SOUTHERN REGION MEETING

Sunday 21st April 2024 2.00 pm
Carrickalinga House, Victor Harbor
Guest Speaker: Jane Higgs with fun and entertaining Orchid Quiz.
Learn amazing facts about orchids.
Learners' Group Meeting at 1.15 pm

AUTUMN SHOW

Wednesday (Put In) 8th May to Saturday 11th May 2024
Seaford Shopping Centre

SA ORCHID FAIR

Saturday 8th June and Sunday 9th June 2024
Cambelltown Function Centre, 172 Montacute Road, Rostrevor

WINTER SHOW

Friday (Put In) 5th July to Sunday 7th July 2024
Marion-Warradale Uniting Church Hall. Cnr Township Rd and Church Crescent, Marion.

SOUTHERN REGION SHOW

Wednesday (Put In) 21st August to Friday 23rd August 2024
Victor Central Shopping Centre, Victor Harbor

SPRING SHOW

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



Happy Birthday

**TREVOR STUTLEY, KEITH BLEECHMORE,
LAURIE CARTER, GRAHAM FEAR,
MALCOLM MANGLES DORF,
CORAL TILLMANNS, LESLEY GUNN,
MARGIE BROWN, CHRIS HEYSEN**



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

PLANT OF THE YEAR 2023

The plant chosen by Popular Vote of the Members as the Plant of the Year was:

Dendrobium Issy's Snow 'Seaview'

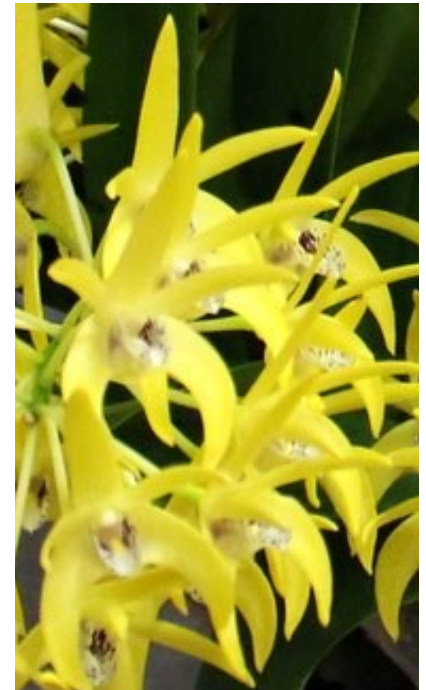
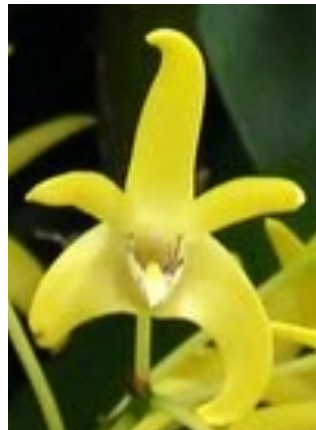
Grown by
Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju.

This magnificent plant was a mass of bright yellow flowers standing well above the foliage. The spikes were evenly distributed around the plant and the foliage was very clean.

The delicate flowers were yellow with a little white on the labellum.

This plant has four species in its parentage: *Den. speciosum* (60%), *Den. tetragonum* (20%), *Den. bigibbum* (15%) and *Den. kingianum* (10%).

Congratulations Michael and Oui for benching and winning with this amazing plant.



PLANT OF THE YEAR
Den. Issy's Snow 'Seaview'
Grown by
Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju



**Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju
presented with the
Plant of the Year trophy
by Phil Steer (Registrar)**



Product Program

Neutrog has advised of the online ordering cut off dates and collection dates for 2024.

Winter:

Cut off for online orders: 8.00am 3rd May 2024

Collection date: Friday 17th May or Saturday 18th May (depends on collection location)

Spring:

Cut off for online orders: 8.00am 2nd August 2024

Collection date: Friday 16th August or Saturday 17th August (depends on collection location)

Summer:

Cut off for online orders: 8.00am November 1st 2024

Collection date: Friday 15th November or Saturday 16th November (depends on collection location)

An email will be sent by Neutrog over the next week to all members to confirm these dates, along with the ordering process.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Phone No. 8538 3500 email: www.neutrog.com.au

AUTUMN SHOW Thursday 9th May to Saturday 11th May 2024 SEAFORD CENTRAL SHOPPING CENTRE

The Committee needs the assistance of the members to volunteer to help on the Trading Table. Sell your surplus plants on the Trading Table, ask Anne for swing tickets and selling sheets.

Reminder: to sell your plants at the Show and to display your plants you must be a financial member and you must have owned your plant for a least 6 months.

PUT IN: Wednesday 8th May, 5.00 pm for set up of display area - help is needed.
Plants for Display and Plants for Trading Table when set up is completed.

TAKE OUT: Saturday 11th May at 5.00 pm.

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

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

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

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

AUTUMN SHOW SCHEDULE 2024

CARD CLASSES NOT FOR PROMOTION – CARD ONLY	PROMOTIONAL CLASS	GENERA & DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONS (PRIZE MONEY)
Australian Native. Epiphyte Species. Epiphyte Hybrid. Terrestrial Species. Terrestrial Hybrid. Specimen, Seedling.	Best Australian Native	Champion Australian Native
Cymbidium. Majority of flowers > 90mm. Majority of flowers 60-90mm. Majority of flowers <60mm. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best Cymbidium	Champion Cymbidium
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, Seedling.	Best Phalaenopsis	Champion Phalaenopsis
Dendrobium. (other than Aust. Native) Hybrid, Species, Seedling.	Best Dendrobium	Champion Any Other Genus
Vandaeae. Standard. Non Standard. Species, Seedling.	Best Vandaeae	
Any Other Genus. Hybrid. Species, Specimen, Seedling.	Best Any Other Genus	
THE GRAND CHAMPION IS SELECTED FROM GENERA CHAMPIONS		
Trophies :		Champion Seedling
W A Young : Trophy for Grand Champion		Champion Species
H & B Viney : Trophy for Champion Laeliinae		Champion Specimen
P C Loke : Trophy for highest aggregate at 3 Shows		Division Champions

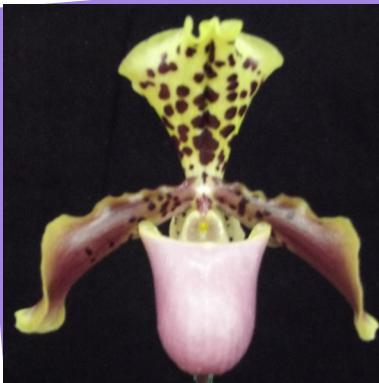
EXHIBITORS' RULES FOR SHOWS

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 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.
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. 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

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 beforehand. 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's 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.





March Results List

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

Open Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

871	Prschs. Cherub	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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Cymbidium under 60 All Colours inc Non-std

877	Cym. Sundaani Autumn 'Tessani'	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	3
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Cymbidium under 60 Species

878	Cym. Dayanum	Peter Haltis (442)	3
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Laeliinae - Cluster

874	Ctt. Valentine Day 'Osborne'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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875	Ctt. Valentine Day 'Osborne'	Peter Haltis (442)	2
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Laeliinae - Non Standard

876	Ctt. Gone Fishing 'Glowing'	John Seidel (101)	3
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Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm

872	C. Mini Purple 'Anan'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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873	Ctt. Gone fishing 'Zodiac'	John Seidel (101)	2
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

880	Onc. Aka Baby	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

879	Milt. Goodale Moir 'Golden Wonder'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

891	Grcym. Pakkret Crescendo	John Seidel (101)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

892	Sngl. fimbriata	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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Orchid Seedling - any Genera

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

881	Paph. Helvetia	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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882	Paph. Primcolor	John Seidel (101)	2
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Paphiopedilum - Species

883	Paph. myanmaricum	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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Phalaenopsis Novelty

886	Phal. Cool Waters	Jane & Don Higgs (1302)	3
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Phalaenopsis Species

887	Phal. fasciata	Jane & Don Higgs (1302)	3
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888	Phal. cornu-cervi	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	2
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889	Phal. pallens	Jane & Don Higgs (1302)	1
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Specimen Species or Hybrid

894	Milt. Goodale Moir 'Golden Wonder'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju (1252)	3
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Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

884	Z. Artur Elle	Vicky & Neil Cooper (1119)	3
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885	Zga. Kudos	John Seidel (101)	2
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First Division

Laeliinae - Cluster

862	Ctt. Valentine Day	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	3
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863	Ctt. Meadii x C. amethystoglossa	Phil and Anne Steer (514)	2
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Laeliinae - Non Standard

864	C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'	Bill Jayne (1180)	3
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865	C.(Unknown x Hawaiian Wedding Song)	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	2
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866	C. Louise Georgianna	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	1
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Laeliinae - Species

867	Psh. cochleata	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	3
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Laeliinae - Standard over 100mm

859	C. Mini Purple 'Tamami'	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	3
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Laeliinae - Standard under 100mm

860	Rlc. Memoria Helen Brown x C. Coastal Gold	Bill Jayne (1180)	3
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861	Ctna. Theresa Nolan 'Topaz White Christmas'	Bill Jayne (1180)	2
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

868	Ons. Warm Memories 'Wildfire'	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	3
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Orchid Seedling - any Genera

870	Zga. Freestyle Meadows x Hmwsa. Aussie	Bill Jayne (1180)	3
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Phalaenopsis Species

890	Phal. pulchra	Laurie & Susan Carter (1303)	3
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Zygopetalinae - Hybrid

869	Zga. Freestyle Meadows x Hmwsa. Aussie	Bill Jayne (1180)	3
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March Results List cont...

Second Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid

853	Den. Nathan	Coral Tillmanns (212)	3
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Oncidiinae - Hybrid > 60mm

854	Milt. Guanabara	Coral Tillmanns (212)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

858	V. Gracie's Heartthrob	Graham & Janette Smith (217)	3
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Phalaenopsis Novelty

856	Phal. Fancy Freckles	Graham & Janette Smith (217)	3
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857	Phal. Black Magic	Graham & Janette Smith (217)	2
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PLANT COMMENTARY – MARCH 2024

A good start to the year with a good selection across all divisions . I think the very mild summer has seen plants coming into bud earlier than usual.

Orchid of Open Division & Plant of the Night

Orchid of Open Division

Plant of the Night

Milt. Goodale Moir

'Golden Wonder'

Grown by
Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju
Photos Neil Cooper



The plant of Open Division and Plant of the Night was *Milt.* Goodale Moir 'Golden Wonder' grown by Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju.

The plant was a large specimen with golden, brown & white flowers standing out from the foliage . the plant commanded central position on the bench and it was rather difficult to go past it. All of the flowers were clear of blemishes and still fresh. A terrific specimen.

Congratulations Michael & Oui



PLANT COMMENTARY – MARCH 2024 cont ...

Orchid of First Division

The plant of First Division was grown by Bill Jayne and was C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'.

The plant had six glistening white flowers, all very fresh and clean. The flowers were well displayed in the canes and stood out from the foliage. A worthy winner

Well done Bill.

Orchid of First Division
C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'
Grown by Bill Jayne
Photos Neil Cooper



Orchid of Second Division

The plant chosen by the Judges was a beautiful *Phal.* Fancy Freckles grown by Graham & Janette Smith.

The plant was carrying five flowers and a further five buds. The flower segments were a lemon colour with red freckling through all segments. The red labellum was a strong contrast. A lovely, eye-catching plant.

Congratulations Graham & Janette

Orchid of Second Division
***Phal.* Fancy Freckles**
Grown by Graham & Janette Smith
Photo by Neil Cooper



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

Phil Steer
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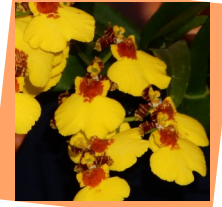
SEEDLING OF THE NIGHT
***Paph.* Helvetia**
Grown by Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju
Photo Neil Cooper





DAYTIME CHAPTER

Thursday 14th March 2024



Hi everyone,

Our daytime group of 14 members with 3 apologies welcomed our guest speaker Coralie Hills and new daytime members Dorothy and Peter Berry.

Coralie captivated our members with her photo presentation of the 2023 Singapore Asia Pacific Orchid Congress followed with an enthusiastic question and answer session.

Lucky Name Badge Winner:

Josie Ogrowsky

Lucky Seat Winner: Anne Steer



Birthday of the Month: Josie Ogrowsky. Happy 80th Josie and Happy Birthday also to Patty Abell, Phil Steer and Peter Berry all celebrating March birthdays.



Plant of the Day Winner:

Val and Keith Bleechmore with "Cattlianthe Meadii".

This impressive plant was split by Phil Steer during a workshop at our June 23 daytime meeting.

Well done Val, Keith and Phil.

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



Next Meeting : Thursday April 11th - 2.00pm

Lou Kesting Hall. Broadway, South Brighton

Guest Speaker: Jane Higgs speaking on Cymbidium Care plus a repotting demonstration

Alan Miller

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Richard Crinion

Anne Steer



SOUTHERN REGION MEETING Sunday 19th March 2024

Convenor, Chris Heysen, opened the main meeting at 2.00 pm welcoming the 22 members present. And welcome to our guest speaker Bill Jayne. Bill was here a couple of years ago talking about fertilisers. His talk today is about how he grows *Sarcochilus* and will include a repotting demonstration - he also has some of his fertiliser for sale.

Apologies: John and Bev Gay, Heather McDonald, Ruth Creedy, Dianne Cawley and Alan Clayton.

Guest Speaker: Our guest speaker Bill Jayne gave us a detailed, very useful presentation on how he has had success with growing *Sarcochilus*. The large number of questions and discussion after his talk was a good indication of how much members appreciated his practical guidelines on growing this sometimes difficult genera. Thanks Bill, for a great talk..

Birthday Prize: Dudley Huxtable **Lucky Name Badge:** Andrew Craig
Lucky Door Prize: Phil Steer

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 3:20pm and was followed by everyone joining in to share a cuppa and a selection of cakes and cakes and biscuits.

Next meeting – Sunday 21st April 2024.

Guest speaker will be our own Jane Higgs. This will be a fun and entertaining Orchid Quiz. You will learn amazing facts about orchids.



Chris Heysen
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Southern Region March Results List

Ref. No.

Points Awarded

First Division

Australian Native Epiphyte - Species

519 Den. bigibbum var. compactum Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140) 3

Laeliinae - Non Standard

520 Rth. Adelaide Silver Genny & Dudley Huxtable (279) 3

Oncidiinae - Species

521 Oncsa. Sweet Sugar Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140) 3

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

523 Den. Unknown Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140) 3

522 Phal. Flashdance ' Minnamoora Pink' Chris and Lyn Heysen (1140) 3

Second Division

Laeliinae - Non Standard

512 Bc. Jackson Majewski 'B' Margaret & Warren Yelland (350) 3

513 Ctt. Valentine Day Margaret & Warren Yelland (350) 2

Laeliinae - Species

514 Psh. cochleata 'Rita' Graham & Janette Smith (217) 3

Oncidiinae - Hybrid < 60mm

515 Oncsa. Sweet Sugar 'Million Dollar Baby' Graham & Janette Smith (217) 3

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Hybrid

516 Phal. unknown Margaret & Warren Yelland (350) 3

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - Species

517 Gga. galeata Margaret & Warren Yelland (350) 3

SOUTHERN REGION PLANT COMMENTARY

Whilst there were not a lot of plants benched, they were all of good quality.

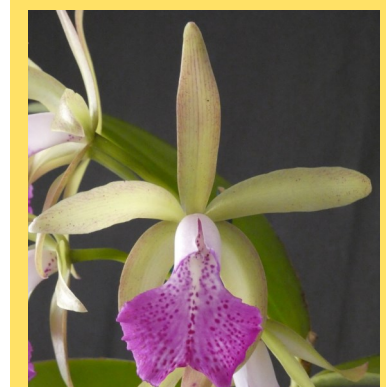
Orchid of Second Division

The plant chosen by the Judges was a lovely *Bc. Jackson Majewski 'B'* grown by Margaret & Warren Yelland.

A very attractive grouping of flowers on a small plant, The dorsal, petals and sepals were of a faint lime colour framing a stunning pink labellum making it a striking contrast. There were six flowers in total with the plant saying "look at me".

This is a third generation hybrid with four species in its parentage: *B. nodosa*, *C. bicolor*, *C. amethystoplossa* & *C. intermedia*.

Congratulations Margaret & Warren



ORCHID OF SECOND DIVISION

Bc. Jackson Majewski 'B'

Grown By

Margaret & Warren Yelland

Photos Jane Higgs

SOUTHERN REGION PLANT COMMENTARY Cont ...

Orchid of First Division Orchid of the Day

The plant of First Division and plant of the day was grown by Chris & Lyn Heysen and was *Den. bigibbum* var. *compactum*.

A tiny pot, bursting at the seams with 8 inflorescences and some 29 beautiful dark pink flowers shadowing a darker pink labellum. It has been grown well and a real standout.

Well done Chris & Lyn



ORCHID OF FIRST DIVISION PLANT OF THE DAY

Den. bigibbum var. *compactum*

Grown By Chris & Lyn Heysen

Photos Jane Higgs

Thank you to our Judges, Jane & Don for a job well done!

Good Growing!

Phil Steer

Registrar



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Orchid Culture Notes for April

Autumn is still a growth time in the orchid house except unlike Spring where many of our plants are commencing growth we are now at maturity for many. The days still remain warm and the humidity increases but the colder evenings remind us that Winter is not far away. Many of our plants will mature this month, some in readiness for flowering in the next month or so and others that will go into a rest phase until the lengthening days of Spring stir them into action. An important factor for these flowering and resting plants is a general reduction in water and increase in light. This means we remove additional shading provided to combat the fierce Summer sun, raise our plants off the ground and provide cover to keep out the cold Winter rain.

Some orchids can handle exposure to winter rain without too much trouble with the humble *Cymbidiums* and *Zygopetalums* not requiring much protection from the elements of winter unless they are in spike when some supplementary cover would be advantageous. However, there are some orchids which will certainly struggle, if not die when confronted with single digit minimums and wet roots over Winter. Many of our *Cattleyas*, *Oncidiums* and even the hot/cold *Dendrobiums* have a distinct dislike of these conditions and whilst they will not kill the plant, it will turn their roots into a brown/green soggy mess. Come Spring the poor old plant has to start all over again and direct energies to grow new roots at the expense of the new growth. This is a common cause of that orchid you grow that gets smaller every year.

Most of our **Terrestrials** will be up and away this month and even the first *Pterostylis* from the Cauline group will be in flower. Increase watering gradually and pull out small weeds as they appear. Make sure toppings remain in place and watch out for any erosion of the pots caused by rain dripping from above.

Native **Dendrobiums** will all start to show signs of Spring flowers as the flowering nodes split open later this month. If you have a few hot/cold hybrids then you, like me, will be looking at the first early flowers already. I love the hot/cold hybrids. The flowers are larger, certainly more colourful and best of all they last a long time compared to the Spring natives. Treat like your normal native epiphytes except keep a bit drier over winter and hang them when they get to flowering size and you will have good success. Watering in April can still be weekly for your Australian native epiphytes and keep feeding them as well. I do give them some liquid potash this time of year as well as some liquid dolomite to sweeten the mix. Given some of my natives spend a long time in their pots, after a while the mixes break down and become acidic and the dolomite helps neutralise this acidity.

When **feeding your orchids**, water first and then a little later on the same day or the next you can fertilize. Feeding a dry plant is not usually recommended as the fertilizer can damage roots. Keep an eye out for aphids and looped caterpillars this month. There are still plenty of plants in new growth and the tender new leaves are great bug tucker. These same leaves are susceptible to fungal problems from now as well. Warmth and increasing humidity are key factors in the development of fungal problems this month. A precautionary fungicide treatment about now and a morning watering plan as opposed to late afternoon will keep these problems to a minimum.



Orchid Culture Notes for April cont...

April should see those with a few **Zygopetalums** in their collections looking at a forest of spikes emerging from new growths. Don't let them dry out, keep protected with a fungicide now and follow the morning watering ritual. Throw a few snail pellets in each pot as well. Feeding wise should be one that is high potash based. This has two benefits, improves the flower colour but also aids in the strengthening of the plant leaves cell walls which in turn gives more protection against fungal attack which will become more prevalent once the rains start.

I let my **Oncidiums** tell me what they are up to. If they have green tips then they still require moisture and feeding. Some will seal off later this month as they enter their resting stage and these will be kept drier. I find the varicosum type, those ones with the big yellow skirts follow this trend and will suffer root loss if kept wet over winter. Knowing the plants origins are a distinct advantage. Oncidiums for example can grow in deserts, humid jungles or high up in the mountains. That's a huge variance in temperature, humidity, light and even seasonal factors. This means you cannot keep all Oncidiums dry over Winter. Sure that applies to some but not all. This is where some reading up of the species involved is required to work out how they need to be cultivated.

This year our Autumn flowering **Laeliinae** group have been earlier than normal, possibly spurred on by a cooler than normal January. Once flowering has finished they will appreciate a rest but for now keep moist and fed with a potash based feed. Some even sprout new roots now to absorb some moisture and nutrition prior to dormancy. If this is the case keep watering. If the roots seal then start reducing it. Spring flowering plants will be in active growth heading towards maturity as well. These usually require protection over Winter and slightly warmer temperatures to perform well. Feeding would still be along the lines of high potassium. Again, the plants roots are a giveaway as to what the plant requires. Green or red tips indicate they are growing, sealed tips mean they are resting or a slug got you!

Steve Howard

An excerpt from the SCOCSA Gazette February 1973

ONE OUT OF TEN (IS IT YOU?)

Ten South Coast Orchid members with flowers growing fine -

One broke a spike off and then there were nine.

Nine South Coast Orchid members laying out snail bait -

One is very careless and then there were eight.

Eight South Coast Orchid members with glasshouses looking to Heaven -

One puts a rake through his and then there were seven.

Seven South Coast Orchid members preparing orchid mix -

One has lost his recipe so now there were six.

Six South Coast Orchid members on a moss gathering drive -

One falls in the creek and that leaves five.

Five South Coast Orchid members declaring on pests a war -

One breathes in insecticide so now there are four.

Four South Coast Orchid members on a fertilizing spree -

One is over-zealous, too bad, that leaves three.

Three South Coast Orchid members with watering to do -

One's gone to quench his own thirst, leaving only two.

Two South Coast Orchid members with potting to be done -

One pots marihuana so now there is one.

One South Coast Orchid member, his chores well done -

Sits and admires his orchids, and HE'S THE HAPPY ONE.

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.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL ORCHID COUNCIL: Represents all clubs in South Australia on the Australian Orchid Council. Meets three or four times a year, at which meetings all clubs are represented by a delegate or a proxy delegate. SAROC conducts the **SA Orchid Fair** in June each year.



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