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(The FRIENDLY Society)

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BULLETIN CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE – 3rd Thursday of the month

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Maribyrnong Orchid Society will be held at the Maribyrnong Community Centre, Randall Street, Maribyrnong on Tuesday the 9th October, 2007.

The Early 'new growers' group starts at 7.15pm and is conducted by the informative Steve Stebbing. This group runs for approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the monthly meeting. We also have 'Pots and Ferts' and plant sales tables operating at every meeting. Members may bring 10 orchids to be sold on the sales table each month. The Society deducts 15% commission on the sale of all plants. Please note that all plants must be labeled correctly and state whether they are hot/cold growing and expected floral colour, if not in flower. Plants are also to be listed on a sales form, available from members on the Sales table, to be filled out by the selling member.

Guest Speaker this month

We are pleased to advise our guest speaker this month will be Ron Neuenhuis from Castech Horticulture.

We thank Milton Dyer of Multicrop for last month's presentation to our club. Milton generously donated all the products he displayed during his segment, to our club. We thank them for their generosity. These items will be added to raffles and door prizes in the coming months.

Supper Roster

For the October meeting we kindly have Olga Grigorovitch and Geoff Ragg on Supper Duties. All members are welcome to bring a plate of goodies to be enjoyed after the Evening's Speaker has finished their presentation.

Spring Show

Our Spring Show was a great success. On show were 450 exhibits, put in by 54 exhibitors. Attending the show were 750 visitors plus our members.

Thank you to all the members who helped out at the Spring Show. Again, the helping members put in an enormous effort and did a superb job.

Spring Show 2006 Awards

Major Awards

Grand Champion Orchid of the Show	Dock teretifolia	S Stebbing
Reserve Champion Orchid of the Show	Sc Dals Choice 'Castle Bend'	Francis & Martin
Pre-Eminent Entry of the Show	Stand 'I'	Drobski, Breuer, Breuer & Muzslai
Champion Cymbidium	Lancashire Khan 'Debonair'	V Dinh
Reserve Champion Cymbidium	Lunara x Vivacious 'Kings Gold'	M Pearce
Champion Australian Native Hybrid	Den Riversun x Avril's Gold	M Drobski
Champion Australian Species	Den teretifolia	S Stebbing
Champion Masdevallia Orchid	Falcata 'Gold N Silver'	Cusack & Hayman
Reserve Champion Masdevallia	Latacunga 'Morade'	Cusack & Hayman
Champion Laeliinae Orchid	Sc Dal's Choice 'Castle Bend'	Francis & Martin
Champion Paphiopedilum	Mario Palmieri	Francis & Martin
Champion Phragmipedium	Dick Clements	G Garrett
Champion Hybrid, any other genera	Dock Steven x fuliginosa	A Wild
Champion Species Orchid	Maxillaria picta	M Condon
Champion Specimen Orchid	Dock teretifolia	S Stebbing
Champion Seedling Orchid, 1 st flowering	Paph Mario Palmieri	Francis & Martin
Best exhibit by an Intermediate grower	Cym Warringah Winter 'Madge'	V Dinh
Best exhibit by a novice grower	Maxillaria picta	L & J Karbownik
Champion Stand		E & F Wilde
Champion Basket of Orchids		Cusack & Hayman
Champion Junior Orchid (Roy Richie Award)		No Entry
Best Open Floral Art		L Karbownik
Best Intermediate Floral Art		Diane Williamson
Best Novice Floral Art		Doris Portelli
Best Wired Work		No Entry
Best Junior Floral Art		L Jurjevic
<u>Minor Awards (Sash)</u>		
Best Large Cymbidium	Lancashire Khan 'Debonair'	V Dinh
Best Medium Cymbidium	Louie's Pride	V Dinh
Best Small Cymbidium	Warringah Winter 'Madge'	V Dinh
Best Specimen Cymbidium	Sarah Jean 'Karen'	E & A Bevan
Best Seedling Cymbidium	Jessie Blakeston x Winter Alvin	J Crawford
Best Aust Native Terrestrial	Pter curta	E & F Wilde
Best Aust Native Specimen Orchid	Den terelifolia 'Newbold'	S Stebbing
Best Seedling Aust Native Orchid	Den Riversun x Avril's Gold	M Drobski
Best Seedling Orchid Flowering for the 1 st Time	Paph Mario Palmieri	Francis & Martin
Best Specimen Orchid (Other genera)	Maxillaria picta	M Condon
Best Cultivated Orchid	Den falcorostrum	A Evans
Best Maxi Stand by an Open Grower		E & F Wilde
Best Maxi Stand by an Intermediate Grower		V Dinh
Best Mini Stand by an Open Grower		A Evans
Best Basket of Hybrid Orchids		V Hakainsson
Best Basket of Species Orchids		G Manna
Best Basket of Hybrid and Species Orchids		Cusack & Hayman

SEPTEMBER 2007 COMPETITION

RESULTS As per judges sheets

OPEN SECTION

Cymbidium - Large

2nd July Hawkes A Panagiotou

Cymbidium - Medium

1st Wilpena Camden S Panagiotou

2nd Wilpena S Panagiotou

Dendrobium – Australian Native Hybrid

1st Gillieston Gem x (Gill Leaney x Dot Sheen)
J Crawford

2nd Wodonga x Kath King x Bardo Rose
M Condon

Dendrobium - Australian Native Species

1st Den falcorostrum M Condon

Australian Native Terrestrials

1st Dioris lanceolata K & P Pittock

Sarcochilus – Species/Hybrid

1st folcatus x Weinhart J & Y McIntyre

Paphiopedilum - Exhibition

1st Valwin 'Aloe Red" D Mc Auslan

Paphiopedilum - Novelty

2nd St Swithins J Crawford

Cattleya - Exhibition

1st Blc Sylvia Fry 'Supreme' D Mc Auslan

Cattleya – Novelty

1st Lc Mini Purple 'Tamami' J & Y McIntyre

2nd Slc Jewel Britney D McAuslan

Any Other Hybrid

1st D mortii x Tweety A Wild

2nd D striolatum x Tweety A Wild

Species Any Genera

1st Max picta M Condon

2nd Oncidium aureum J Crawford

Best in Section

Den Gillieston Gem x (Gill Leaney x Dot Sheen)
J Crawford

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

Cymbidium - Large

1st Mighty Mouse 'Waikanae' K Weyers

Dendrobium – Australian Native Hybrid

1st Den Emma A Scerri

2nd Den Delicatum K Weyers

Australian Native Terrestrials

1st Ptrs taurantha A Scerri

Sarcochilus – Species/Hybrid

1st Sarc Olivaceous P Kiernan

Species any Genera

1st Pleone John Danks A Scerri

2nd Zygo Advance Australia J Beggs

Best in Section

Dendrobium Emma A Scerri

ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION

Cymbidium - Medium

1st Nancy Maxwell x Val Wright R Ryan

2nd Snow Peterson Sweezy H Milburn

Cymbidium - Small

1st Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade' J Zerafa

2nd Sorrento Sunrise M Jurjevic

Dendrobium – Australian Native Species

1st Den aemulum G & A Hardingham

2nd Den tetragonum G & A Hardingham

Dendrobium – Australian Native Hybrid

1st Gillian Leaney x Aussie Victory H Milburn

2nd Aussie Treat x Zip H Milburn

Australian Native Terrestrials

1st Pterostylis curta J Bradley

2nd Bunochilus melogramus J & N Walker

Sarcochilus – Species/Hybrid

1st Falcuatus G & A Hardingham

Paphiopedilum – Novelty

1st Chouvetti 'Van Dyke' S Hurwood

Cattleya - Novelty

1st Lc Rose Surprise J Zerafa

Best in Section

Paph Chouvetti 'Van Dyke' S Hurwood

NOVICE SECTION

1st Coelogyne Unchained Melody M Mally

2nd Den Graeme Hewitt x Wonga M Mally

M Mally has now been promoted to Advanced Novice Section for Competition.

NON SECTIONAL

Seedling Flowering for 1st time

1st (class x Intense) x Aust Rose Beauty
M Muzslai

2nd Jonathons Glory x speciosum J Crawford

Best Cultivated

Max picta M Condon

Popular Vote

Den Delicatum 'Beryl Clarice' K Weyers

Judges Vote

Paph Chouvetti 'Van Dyke' S Hurwood

New Members

The Committee would like to welcome the following new members to our Club: Tom Barnes, Nekta Moustakis and Danica Bus. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting, where you will be presented with your name tag and complimentary orchid.

Maribrnong Sarcophilus Festival

Maribrnong Sarcophilus Festival – 10th and 11th November

Final Show for the Year

This Show and all Maribrnong Orchid shows are conducted at our club rooms, which are located at Maribrnong Community Centre in Randall Street.



Reminders:

1. Tickets and Entry forms for the Sarcophilus Festival will be brought in to the October meeting for those members wishing to Display and Sell Orchids.

2. All orchid sales are to be conducted within the Maribrnong Hall. Plants should be correctly ticketed and offered for sale on the Sales bench. There are to be no selling of plants in the Car Park while the show is on.

3. When members enter plants and sign their entry form, they agree to abide by the rules of the club. The entry conditions for plants are laid out on the table where you get your entry numbers. If you have never read them, make sure you do next time you have something to put into the show. The conditions for entering Floral Art are written on the back of the Floral Art entry form. We also rely on you to be honest in the length of time you have owned the plant which is 6 months, this and other conditions are all written out for you to read before you enter in our shows.

4. Members are again advised **NOT to attach the sales labels to their sales plants with twist ties.** There were too many labels attached in this way and many of these were swapped around by customers – a low priced tag swapped for a high priced plant – you can work it out for yourself what problems it causes. You must be generous with a good quality sticky tape and attach the sales tickets firmly to the side of the pot.

Special Guest at the Sarcophilus Festival

Down Under Native Orchids are coming to our show in November to be our guest growers. They specialize in Australian Native Orchids species and hybrids, plus they have a selection of species and hybrids from around the world.

If you would like something special brought down when Brian & Phena come down phone them on (02) 43 854 552 or look up their web site at www.duno.com.au or email brian.duno@bigpond.com.

You may wish to place orders with Down Under Native Orchids for them to bring down to the Sarc Show .

They will be bringing all their ancillary products, including HOZON line feeders, Watering Wands, Fertilisers, Nico Rolls, Clips, Tags, Micro-Fine Lime, Orchid Care Services Bark in 12 ½ Litre bags, including the ready to use D U N O MIX. , Brian's Famous Weed Pullers, NOW IN TWO SIZES, Amino K, Chopped Spag Moss, Aminogrow, Eco - Rose, Eco C Weed and Eco OIL, Feathers & Fins, and our Shell Grit/Canunda Mix, a few Flasks plus a range of 50mm tubes and larger plants.

Our guest at the Spring show was Kevin Western from Western Laboratories in South Australia. Kevin has a great supply of mini cymbidium flasks. If you missed out getting some, you can contact Kevin on Phone/fax (08) 8270 4599.

Australian Orchid Foundation AGM

The Australian Orchid Foundation invite you all to their AGM on Sunday 28th October at the Acacia Room, Repatriation Hospital in Heidelberg (Melways 31 G3), at 2pm. Immediately following the AGM, there will be a presentation '**Our students in Costa Rica. What did they get up to?**'. Four student researchers who were partially funded by the AOF to attend the Third International Orchid Conference in Costa Rica will report their findings, observations and experiences.

Busy bee solves orchid mystery

Deborah Smith, Science Editor

August 30, 2007

Sydney Morning Herald



THE discovery of a 20-million-year-old bee with pollen from an orchid stuck to its back suggests these exquisite flowers are more ancient than thought and existed at the time of the dinosaurs.

The extinct stingless bee and its load, preserved in amber, were excavated from a mine in the Dominican Republic.

Up to 30,000 species of orchids are in flower around the world today, but researchers said the amber specimen was the first clear-cut example of a fossilised orchid.

"While orchids are the largest and most diverse plant family on Earth, they have been absent from the fossil record," said Santiago Ramirez, of Harvard University.

This was because the plants, which bloom only infrequently, grew in tropical areas where the hot, humid conditions prevented fossilisation, he said. A lack of evidence from the past meant the evolutionary history of the plants was shrouded in mystery.

While some scientists believed orchids must have arisen relatively recently because of their need for such a variety of insects to pollinate them, others argued they must be older because of their huge diversity.

Dr Ramirez's team identified the family of orchid the pollen came from, based on its shape, and then used genetic comparisons of existing orchids to estimate when the first orchids appeared.

"Our analysis places orchids far towards the older end of the range that had been postulated," Dr Ramirez said. The study, published today in the journal *Nature*, concludes that orchids first evolved between 76 million and 84 million years ago, when *Tyrannosaurus rex* still roamed the Earth.

The orchids flourished, branching into their many different forms soon after the disaster 65 million years ago that wiped out the dinosaurs.

Seedling Competition

Jeff Walker reported only 19 *Promenaea* seedlings were returned last month. Members are asked to let Jeff know if their plant has died. He would like to know the name of it as he thinks some of the crosses were more cold tolerant than others.

Bus Trip

The bus trip on Sunday the 28th of October to Castle Creek Orchids has also been fully booked. Don't forget that the Bus will be departing from the Club rooms at **8a.m.** Please remember to wear your name badges.

Accumulated Points from December 2006 to September 2007 (including the Spring Show)

Open

J Crawford	219
J & M Lattimore	189
B Duncan	90
Francis & Martin	80

Intermediate

Viny Dihn	68
J & D Portelli	67
J & N Marshall	63
K Weyers	52

Adv Novice

L & J Karbownick	58
R Ryan	48
L Halil	34
M Jurjevic	31