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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 10th June, 2008.

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.

Supper Roster

For the June meeting we kindly have Julia Galia and Jenny Dark 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.

Guest Speaker this month

Our guest speaker this month will be Mr Grant Garrett presenting his slide show of awarded orchids for 2007.

We thank Merle and Bernie Arrah for their presentation on Paphiopedilum Culture last month. It was very informative night. Merle and Bernie spoke about fertilization, diseases they had encountered, watering, lighting and appropriate housing for orchids.

Attached to our newsletter are notes on Alginox usage, as promised by Merle and Bernie.

ALGINOX USEAGE

by Bernie & Merle Arrah

The following information relates to the use of Alginox for use in the cultivation of orchid plants. Alginox contains Benzalalkonium Chloride which is a bactericide and fungicide that has been used successfully in the treatment of swimming pools.

The following formulae is what we use successfully on our orchids

FOR	ALGINOX	APPLICATION
Dividing Plants	7 mls to 4 litres of water	Remove compost, soak plant for 5 minutes in solution. Divide with sterlized cutter. After division and root trim soak plant again for 5 minutes.
Seedlings from Flask “Damp off”	3.5 mls to 4 litres of water	Soak in solution for 5 mins. Remove agar. Soak compost with the solution. Spray once per month or anytime disease is evident.
Adult plants	30mls to 20 litres of water	Spray once per month or any time disease is evident. Soak compots when fungus is present.
Dendrobium cut flower growers	15ml to 20 litres of water	Spray once per month. Use recommended dosage for specific problems as ‘rots’ and botrytis until under control, them resume maintenance dosage.
Kill on contact, bacteria, fungus and algae	3 mls to 1 litre of water	Wipe plant sap from cutting edge first. Submerge cutting edge in solution before using cutting tool. Wet during use.
Rots(such as Black and Brown Rot, Erwina etc)	7mls to 4 litres of water	Remove compost. Soak entire plant 10 minutes or more. Trim all rot from plants.
Brown Rots (Vandaceous orchids)	15 mls to 20 mls of water	During rainy period, spray weekly. Ensure solution gets in and around base leaves. Do not omit spraying leaves because of rain.
Under benches and walkways	7 mls to 4 litres of water	Spray heavily walkways and under benches.
Water storage in empty plastic milk bottles	10mls to 2 litres of water	After thoroughly washing out bottles with detergent e.g kitchen liquid/water solution or sugar soap solution, add the required amount of Alginox to the rainwater that you are storing for use on the orchids.

MAY 2007 COMPETITION RESULTS As
per judges sheets

OPEN SECTION

Dendrobium – Australian Native Hybrid

1st racemosum x nugentii B Duncan
2nd Colonial Surprise 'Dot Sheen' J Crawford

Dendrobium – Australian Native Species

2nd Dend compactum 'Bette' D McAuslan

Sarcochilus Species/Hybrid

1st Elise Plum x Velvet 'Ruby' G Downie
2nd Fitzhart x Riverdene G Downie

Paphiopedilum – Maudiae/Callosum

1st Paph maudiae G Garrett

Paphiopedilum Novelty

1st Redstart x Woldenic J Crawford
2nd Malipoense x delenatii J Crawford

Cattleya Exhibition

1st Dream Trader x Burdekin Bells D McAuslan
2nd Donna Kimira J & M Lattimore

Cattleya Cluster Type

1st Blc Antoinette x Guttata 'Alba' K & P Pittock

Cattleya Novelty Type

1st Sc Petite Purple D & V Howard
2nd Pot Free Spirit 'Lea' No Name

Oncidium – Hybrid

1st Onc Lava Flow J Crawford

Vanda

2nd Vanda D McAuslan

Masdevallia Hybrid

1st Masd Isbern J Crawford
2nd falcata x Hake G Garrett

Any Other Hybrid

1st Sart Toowoomba Sparkle 'Coconut Ice'
G Downie
2nd Dialodia 'Snowflake' x Catt Keith Rith M Condon

Species Any Genera

1st Phrag besseae J Crawford
2nd Laelia tenebrasa B Duncan

Best in Section

Sart Toowoomba Sparkle 'Coconut Ice'
G Downie

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

Cymbidium – Medium

1st Mesa As Preview A Scerri

Cymbidium – Small

1st Anastasia G Bourtzis

Dendrobium – Australian Native Hybrid

1st Peewee x Hilda Poxon K Weyers

Paphiopedilum – Species

1st Insigne 'sanderiae' E Walker

Cattleya Novelty Type

1st Unknown A Scerri

Any Other Hybrid

1st Burr Living Fire 'Glowing Embers'
E Walker

Species any Genera

1st Medicalcar decoratum J & N Marshall
2nd Milt clowesii G Bourtzis

Best in Section

Paph insigne 'sanderiae' E Walker

ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION

Cymbidium - Medium

1st Unknown G Ragg
2nd Frosty Jack M Mally

Cymbidium – Small

1st Pee wee L Halil

Dendrobium – Australian Native Hybrid

1st Colonial surprise x Aussie Springtime
G & A Hardingham
2nd Den Elan Glenwood M Mally

Any Other Hybrid

1st Miltassia Estrillita M & S Hurwood
2nd Burr Living Fire G & A Hardingham

Species any Genera

1st Pleuro macro M Mally

Best in Section

Pee wee L Halil

NOVICE SECTION

Oncid Sharry Baby D Hardingham
Den Lorikeet x Ellen D Hardingham
Den Yondi Dreamtime W Carlesso

D Hardingham and W Carlesso are now promoted to Advanced Novice Section for Competition.

NON SECTIONAL

Seedling Flowering for 1st time

1st Phrag Laudatum x pearceii J Crawford

Best Cultivated

C Fitz Eugene Dixon A & S Webster

Popular Vote

BC Donna Kimura J & M Lattimore

Judges Vote

Phrag caubatum x pearceii J Crawford

Autumn Show 2008 Awards

Major Awards

Grand Champion Orchid of the Show	
Onc Lava Flow	J Crawford
Reserve Champion Orchid of the Show	
Den Dal Maree 'Pale Face' x White Tower	J & M Lattimore
Champion Cymbidium	
Jessie Blakiston x Sue	K Hawke
Champion Australian Native Orchid	
D racemosum x nugentii	B Duncan
Champion Laeliinae Orchid	
Slc Dream catcher	J & M Lattimore
Reserve Champion Laeliinea Orchid	
Slc Hazel Boyd 'Apricot Glow'	J & M Lattimore
Champion Paphiopedilum Orchid	
Enchanted child x oriental	Francis/Martin
Champion Masdevallia Orchid	
Red Wing	M Pearce
Champion Hybrid, any other genera	
Onc Lava Flow	J Crawford
Champion Species Orchid	
Paph insigne var sanderae	E Walker
Champion exhibit by an Intermediate Grower	
Paph insigne var sanderae	E Walker
Champion exhibit by a Novice Grower	
Cymbidium elegans	L Halil
Champion Specimen Orchid	
Sterioglottis longifolia	A Evans
Champion Stand	J & M Lattimore
Champion Basket of Orchids	G Manna
Champion Junior Orchid	No Entry
Champion Cacti/Succulent	
Mammillaria gemmispira	D Colquhoun
Champion Bromeliad	
Verisea fosteriana 'Chestnut'	C Hack
Champion Plant (Non orchid)	
Haresfoot Fern	J & M Lattimore
Best Open Floral Art	Lara Karbownik
Best Intermediate Floral Art	Diane Sharam
Best Novice Floral Art	A Scerri
Best Junior Floral Art	L Jurjevic
Best Wired Work	Helen Randall
<u>Minor Awards (Sash)</u>	
Best Cultivated Orchid	
Phrag cardinale	J Crawford
Best Seedling Orchid Flowering for the 1 st Time	
Paph Enchanted Child x Oriental	Francis/Martin
Best Fern Exhibit	
Haresfoot Fern	J & M Lattimore
Best Foliage Exhibit	
Persian Shield	A Evans
Best Flowering Exhibit (Non orchid)	
Cyclamen	A Evans

Accumulated Points from December 2007 to May 2008

Open

J & M Lattimore	115
J Crawford	81
M Pearce	46
G Downie	43

Intermediate

G Bourtzis	29
E Walker	23
A Scerri	20
K Weyers	17

Adv Novice

G & H Hardingham	31
L Halil	16
R Ryan	11

New Member

The club wishes to welcome Paul McAuslan to our club. We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting, where you will be presented with your name tag and complimentary orchid.

Autumn Show

A big thank-you for all the members who helped out at the Autumn Show.

There were 365 people who paid to attend our show. A further 34 people attended with free entry vouchers plus our members wearing their name badges also attended for free.

New Club Web Page

I am very ecstatic to announce that the Maribyrnong Orchid society have a newly designed web page.

The web page is the professional creation of Jenny and Terry Dark.

Those who have access to a computer can view the colorful and informative page at:

<http://www.darteks.com.au/mos/>

VALE

We have just heard some sad news. An ex-member of our club, Nancy McCauly passed away on 12th Feb 08.

Nancy and her husband Laurie, who survives her, folded and posted the newsletters for many years. Our sincere condolences are extended to her husband and family.

ORCHID SHOW CALANDER

Maribyrnong 2008 Orchid Shows

Winter Show: 12th and 13th July
Spring Show: 13th & 14th September
Sarcophilus Festival: 8th & 9th November

All Maribyrnong Orchid shows are conducted at our club rooms, which are located at Maribyrnong Community Centre in Randall Street.

Other 2008 Orchid Club Show Dates:-

Orchid Spectacular 15th – 17th August
Collectors Corner, Springvale

Condolences

Our sincere condolences are extended to Lois Dixon-Ward, who recently lost her beloved husband after a brief fight with illness.

Our thoughts and sympathy are with you.

President Report June 2008

The next bus trip is on 17 August 2008. At the June meeting we will be taking names for this trip, but be quick, as this will fill very fast.

We had our first show (Autumn Show) on the 24th and 25th May 2008. I would like to thank those members who helped over the weekend to make it a great show.

Our next show (Winter Show) will be held on the 11th, 12th & 13th July 2008. The club requires people to help over this weekend and your help would be very much appreciated. I would like to see some of the newer members helping out at the shows.

At the June meeting there will a draw for people who have entered plants in a show for the first time and another draw for anybody who has entered a plant in the show. You can win a great prize just by entering your plants in the show.

Don't forget that if members wear their name badge to a show you will receive FREE entry.

I look forward to seeing you at our June meeting.

Anthony Scerri
President

Bus Trip - 30th April 2008

Once again our club ran a bus trip to B&T ferns and Mt. Beenak. This is a very popular trip which fills up very quickly, as those trying to go already know.

It was a great day with the weather being perfect. Mark and Jane had morning tea ready for us when we arrived and while the rest of us strolled around the greenhouses, the cooks and ladies got lunch ready. I know that I prattle on about the lunches, but they are really great. Not just the food but the chance to sit down and chat with other members. When it was time to leave, I was surprised at the number of plants that were loaded onto the bus. Obviously the members had a good time purchasing orchids and ferns.

Our drive to Mt. Beenak took about fifty minutes and we were soon turning right at the "big gum tree". I love strolling through Clive's greenhouses and finding those little "gems" that you think no-one else will find. Of course everyone else is doing the same thing. What I really thought was nice was the way members shared their finds with other members, and how Clive split up plants if more than one member wanted a particular plant. Of course our time at Mt. Beenak was too short and it was soon time to leave. After a big thank you to Clive and Aggie we were on our way home.

I know that this a much shorter report than usual but I still feel that this is a great first trip if you are a new member of the club. It is a good way to meet other members and discuss how they grow their orchids, and if you have been in the club for a while, it is a great way to socialise. A big thank you to the ladies who bought along food and the guys who cooked our delicious lunch.

Hope to see you on one of future bus trips.
Elizabeth Walker
a.k.a. Princess Panda

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