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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 12th May, 2009.

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 labelled 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

Our guest speaker this month will be Gary Backhouse, who will be talking about and presenting photos about Chinese Orchids.

We thank Mr. Stephen Stebbing for his presentation last month.

Supper Roster

For the May meeting we kindly have Hubert Nyssen and Alex Wild 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.

APRIL 2009 COMPETITION RESULTS

As per judges sheets

OPEN SECTION

Dendrobium - Australian Native Hybrid

1st Den Hilda Poxon A Evans

Dendrobium - Australian Native Species

1st Den biggibum J & M Lattimore

Dendrobium – Hybrid/Species

1st Den Elva Ann X Gemwood J & M Lattimore

Sarcochilus Species/Hybrid

1st Sarc Fitzhart x Velvet E & F Wilde

2nd Sarc Jill B Duncan

Paphiopedilum - Species

1st Paph spicerianum M Pearce

Paphiopedilum – Maudiae/Callosum type

1st Paph Vexillarium J W Crawford

Paphiopedilum – Novelty

1st Paph Prime Child J W Crawford

2nd Paph Grandmaster x Valentine Viola
J W Crawford

Cattleya – Exhibition

1st C Dream Trader x Burdekin Bells

D McAuslan

2nd Blc Dal's Girl

J & M Lattimore

Cattleya - Novelty

1st C Jo-Anne J W Crawford

2nd Pot Sweet Surgar 'Happy Field'
J & M Lattimore

Miltonia – Hybrid

1st Milt Guanabarra J W Crawford

Oncidium - Hybrid

1st Juibao Gold J & M Lattimore

Odontoglossum Hybrid

1st Odont Cherry Fudge 'Carmela' D McAuslan

Phalaenopsis – Hybrid

1st Brother Goldsmith J & M Lattimore

2nd Juibao Red Rose J & M Lattimore

Masdevallia Hybrid

1st Angelglow 'Splendid' B Duncan

2nd Claret Chalice B Duncan

Any Other Hybrid

1st Phrag Living Fire M Pearce

2nd Sartylis Toowoomba Sparkle 'Coconut Ice'
G Downie

Species any Genera

1st Cymbidium dayana B Duncan

2nd Enc vitellina A Evans

Best in Section

Den Elva Ann x Gemwood J & M Lattimore

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

Cymbidium - Medium

1st Cym Sue 'Esmeralda' R Ryan

2nd Cym Kasuda Shining R Ryan

Best in Section

Cymbidium Sue 'Esmeralda' R Ryan

ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION

Dendrobium - Australian Native Species

1st D "Compactum" x biggibum A Philippou

Oncidium - Hybrid

1st Onc Unknown A Philippou

Phalaenopsis - Hybrid

1st No Award

2nd Phal – Unknown A Philippou

Best in Section

Oncidium Unknown A Philippou

NOVICE SECTION

Diplodium alveatum P & H. Caly

Peter & Hilda Caly have now been promoted to Advanced Novice Section for Competition.

NON SECTIONAL

Seedling Flowering for 1st time

Paph Primulinum x lowii J W Crawford

Best Cultivated

C Dream Catcher x Burdexin Bells
D McAuslan

Popular Vote

Den Elva Ann x Gemwood J & M Lattimore

Judges Vote

Paph Primulinum x lowii J W Crawford

VALE

We are saddened to report that Reno Spiteri passed away in April.

Reno along with his wife had been a member of our club since September 2002.

Our sincere condolences are extended to his wife Doris and family.

Costs of entry for our orchid shows

The Autumn show will stay at \$2 entry fee, but as from the Winter show the entry fee will rise to \$3.00.

Members who are wearing their name badges get in free.

ORCHID SHOW CALENDAR

Maribyrnong 2009 Orchid Shows

Autumn Show: 23rd & 24th May
Winter Show: 11th and 12th July
Spring Show: Cancelled & replaced
by AOC Conference

8th to 13th September

Sarcochilus Festival: 14th & 15th November
All Maribyrnong Orchid shows are conducted at our club rooms, which are located at Maribyrnong Community Centre in Randall Street.

Other 2009 Orchid Club Show Dates:-

1. Victorian Country Clubs Challenge
St Arnaud Town Hall Complex
Napier St, St Arnaud
Saturday 4th July 12 noon to 5.00pm
Sunday 5th July 9.00am to 3.00pm
2. Yarra Valley Orchid Society
B&T Ferns & Orchids
30 Wiseman Road
Silvan South (Mel 123 E7)
Saturday 18th July - Sunday 19th July
3. Maroondah Orchid Society
Blackburn H.S. Hall, Cnr Springfield & Williams Rd,
Blackburn (Mel 47 - K7)
Saturday 25th July
4. Warringal Orchid Society
St Savas Hall
Greensborough
24th July – 26th July
5. Werribee Orchid Club -
Spring Show
8th - 9th August 2009
(New Venue) Senior Citizens'
Centre,
Kelly Park, Synott Street, Werribee
(Mel.Ref. 205 K9)
6. Melbourne International Orchid Spectacular
Springer's Leisure Centre
Cheltenham Road
Keysborough (Mel 89 A10)
Friday 21st August –
Sunday 23rd August

7. Warringal Orchid Society
St Savas Hall
Greensborough
2nd - 4th October



President Report May 2009

Our first bus trip will be held on Sunday 17th May 2009, to Australian Ferns and Orchids and Mt Beenak Orchids is now full. I have arranged another bus trip for Sunday 2 August 2009, to Castle Creek Orchid in Shepparton, so place your name down and pay at the May meeting to reserve your place on this bus trip. The cost will be \$25.00 per person, including lunch.

It was good to see some new members come on to the committee at the April AGM. Also, I would like to thank the members who have committed their time to go on committee for the next year.

The first show for the year will be our Autumn Show. This show will be on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th May 2009, which is only one meeting away. As usual we require HELP over the weekend and on Friday night. If you are going to sell orchids at the show, pick up your tickets for selling plants from Frances at the May meeting.

I look forward to see you all at the May meeting.

Anthony Scerri
President

Bus Trip

The May bus trip has closed, as the seats have been filled. Those attending please remember to wear your name tags on the trip.

The next trip is on the 2nd August. The destination of this social outing will be to Castle Creek orchids in Shepparton, with a stop at Ardmona and a winery. Names and payments will be taken at the June meeting. The cost of this trip is \$25.00

2009 COMMITTEE

As a result of the A.G.M. held last month the following members have been nominated onto the Committee.

President: Mr Anthony Scerri
Vice Presidents: Mrs Elizabeth Walker
Mr Jeff Walker
Secretary: Mr Eric Wilde
Treasurer: Mr Barry Harrison
Other committee members are:
Ron Ryan
Heather Young
Judith Marshall
Frances Wilde
Steve Panagiotou
Peter Carlesso
Wilma Carlesso
Peter Caly
Barry Whearem
Judy Marshall
Neil Marshall

The members who retired from the committee were George Downie, Hubert Nyssen, and Mick Condon. The Society thanks the retiring members for their services and time spent running your club, whilst serving on the committee. A special thank-you is extended to Neil Marshall, who has given up the position of Treasurer after 10 years, but has stayed on committee

Other Officers include:

Editor: Lee Halil,
Membership Secretary: Eric Wilde,
Show Co-ordinator: Ron Ryan,
Librarian: Wilma Carlesso,
Publicity Officer: Doris Portelli
Meeting plant sales: Peg & Ken Pittock,
'Pots & Ferts' sales: Ken Mair.

Thank you to our two new committee members: Barry Whearem and Barry Harrison.

Also we extend a special Thank you to those members who are not on the Society Committee, but kindly help our club on meeting nights and during the Orchid Shows. Thank you also to members who bring supper along each month.

Memberships

All membership money was due at the end of February. Those who have not paid will cease to receive a newsletter.

MARIBYRNONG AUTUMN SHOW - May 23rd and 24th

I am very happy to remind all the members that our first Show is happening this month.

Sales tickets, entry forms and tickets, etc. for the Autumn show can be picked up at the May meeting, or anyone not able to go to that meeting can phone 5283-1364 and they will be posted out to you.

New members please note, you may exhibit as many orchids in flower as you want in the show. But in order to be eligible for an award the orchid must have been grown and owned by you for a minimum of 6 months. Orchids that have been owned by you for a lesser time may be exhibited in the Non-competitive section.

At the Autumn and Winter show, members may also exhibit other plants, cacti, bromeliad, fern, etc. They too must have been grown and owned by you for a minimum of 6 months. Awards for plants other than orchids come under a single section, meaning it is not divided up into Open, Intermediate and Novice.

If you wish to sell plants at our shows you must exhibit on the show-bench, the usual allowance is 10 plants to one exhibit.

If any members would like to offer their help during the show it will be greatly appreciated. Please let Ron Ryan know and he will allocate you a designated duty. Those members who help all day are given a lunch voucher, in appreciation.

I wish to remind all members who are selling plants at our Shows that they cannot be brought in until 3.30pm on the Friday preceding the show. Exhibits can start coming in at 1.30pm and those helping with the set up, be there by 12.30pm

Members are asked not to bring their plants into the hall on the set up day for shows until the tables and chairs have all been re-organized, or until the Show co-ordinator declares it is safe to do so.

All Orchid entries are from 1.30pm - 6.30pm. Entries after this time will not be accepted, unless prior arrangement are made.

The Show now closes at 4pm on both the Saturday and Sunday.

Please Note:

The Sales area closes at the new time of **3.30pm on Sunday** to enable members in this area to start the clean up. **You are therefore required to collect your unsold plants at 3.30pm.** Sales tickets must be removed and checked off on your sales sheet before taking plants away.

The Show area stays open till 4pm. The show area is cleaned up after that time.

Auditor Required

Our Society is looking for a member who feels they have the ability to review our books before the AGM next year. If you think you have these skills please see Anthony at the next meeting.

For the past 8 years Barbara Duncan has checked our books very diligently but feels this is long enough for her to do this and has stepped down from this position. We thank Barbara for the commitment she has made to the running of our Society.

Orchid Species Now Extinct in Burma

The number of species of wild flowers has been falling steadily in Burma, most notably species of rare orchids. Now, horticulturists say, two beautiful species, the Rainbow Orchid and the Hirsute Paphiopedilum, are completely extinct in Burma.

The Rainbow Orchid (*Paphiopedilum wardii*) and the Hirsute Paphiopedilum (*Paphiopedilum villosum*) were first discovered in the valleys of Putao and Nagmung in northern Kachin State some 20 years ago.

According to an orchid horticulturist from the Myanmar Florist Association, it was not possible to locate either of the species when updating the association's list of wild orchids in November 2007.

"We do not know exactly what the causes were that led to the total extinction of these two flowers, but it is a permanent lost for us," he said.

There are no specific reasons why Burma's wild flowers are under threat, although one possible reason is the demand from Chinese pharmacists for traditionally rare orchids that are used to produce herbal medicines in China.

"Chinese merchants will pay so much money to buy orchids from Burma," said the horticulturalist. "Plus there are more Burmese orchid collectors nowadays and very few places in the deep forest where you can find orchids."

According to a Burmese orchid buyer, Chinese merchants pay 30,000 kyat (US \$27) to 100,000 kyat (\$91) for a viss (1.6 kilograms) of wild orchids from Burma. They also offer large sums of money for rare orchids. Wild orchids which can be used as medication can be sold for up to \$4,000 a ton on the Chinese market, he said.

"There are more than 20 wild orchids, such as Pierard's Dendrobium (*Dendrobium pierardii*), the Musky Smelling Dendrobium (*Dendrobium moschatum*), the Hairy Column Foot Dendrobium (*Dendrobium capillipes*), that are used for herbal medicines. Some are good for the human liver and eyes, and they also substitute as multi-vitamins," he added.

There are several large orchid plantations and orchid projects in Burma, but only run for commercial reasons. Collectors and horticulturalists mostly get orchid seeds from Western countries and grow them in Burma for profit.

The rare orchids that are being sold to Chinese herbalists usually originate with rural people in Burma, who peel wild orchids from trees and grow them privately in their gardens.

According to a gardener at Pyin Oo Lwin Advanced Orchid Garden in Central Burma: "Many orchids, especially traditional Burmese orchids which are known for their medicinal qualities, are always being stolen from the gardens."

Pyin Oo Lwin Advanced Orchid Garden is the largest orchid garden in the country with more than 300 orchid species.

According to the Myanmar Forestry Department statistics, there are more than 17,000 species of orchid in the world, with 841 species in Burma.

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