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BULLETIN CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE – 3rd Thursday of the month

Next Meeting – 13th July

The next meeting of the Maribyrnong Orchid Society will be held at the Maribyrnong Community Centre, Randall Street, Maribyrnong, on **Tuesday the 13th July, 2010**. The hall opens at 7.00 pm and the Meeting begins at 8.00 pm.

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. The topic for this month is **"Preparing your plants for showing"**.

We also have 'Pots and Ferts' and plants sales tables operating at every meeting. Members may bring up to 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

The guest speaker this month will be **Mr John Varigos** who will be giving a presentation on **Orchids of Sicily and Crete**.

Thank you to Mr Grant Garrett who spoke last month on the Awarded Orchids of 2009.

Supper Roster

For the July meeting we have Hilda & Peter Caly on Supper Duties. All members are welcome to bring a plate of goodies to be enjoyed after the evening's speaker has finished.

June Meeting Plant of the Night



Barkeria scandens was grown by Greg Campbell. This plant received the Popular Vote and Best Cultivated at the June meeting. It also received an ACM (Award of Cultural Merit) from the judging panel, with 80.2 points. Congratulations Greg.

PRESIDENTS REPORT JULY 2010

Hi there all orchid growers. I hope that all your orchids are doing well. Try not to over water in this cooler weather, but don't let them dry out too much either.

It was good to see so many of our members at the recent autumn show and thank you to all exhibitors. Don't forget that the winter show will be on us before we know it, so keep an eye on your plants as there may be something good for you to enter. If you don't want to exhibit you can put your plants in the non competitive section. It is a good way to start showing. Also the judges are very approachable and they can tell you why plants win particular sections.

I remember one of the first shows that I was involved in, a member who shall remain nameless, was going to break off the flowers on the plant and use them in floral art but ran out of time and put the plant in the show to fill up a space. The orchid won best in show. You just never know.

Have you seen our web site? If you have the equipment to go on line, I suggest that you spend some time and have a look. Jenny and Terry Dark have been doing a great job. Keep up the good work guys.

Well that's all for now.

Elizabeth Walker
President

Responsibilities of Members

At the conclusion of last month's meeting I spent a considerable amount of time cleaning up a cup of spilt coffee that had spread over a table, competition ribbons and the floor. My main problem is that **IT WASN'T MINE!** It had been abandoned by its owner.

This brings up a few points:

- Everyone is responsible for their own mess – food or plants - please clean up your own spills or ask for help if you don't know where the cleaning equipment is kept.
- Drinks should not be taken away from the kitchen area.
- Plants should leave with all their potting media in the pot, not on the table or floor.
- If plants are a bit wet, please bring them in on a saucer or similar, or be prepared to clean the table when you leave.

We wouldn't treat the homes of our friends this way, so please give other members and the hall a little respect. Thanks in anticipation.

Tea and Coffee Before the Meeting

Early Birds wishing to have that early cup of coffee or tea are very welcome **BUT**, please don't "help yourself" to the milk in the fridge - it is not ours. Our milk will arrive in due time. So, if it is not out on the bench, it hasn't arrived yet. Thanks everyone.

MARIBYRNONG WINTER SHOW 2010 July 10th & 11th

Our Winter Show is happening this weekend and we need all the plants we can get! If you haven't entered before – now is as good a time as any.

Sales tickets, entry forms and tickets, etc, for the Winter show can be picked up at the venue.

New members please note: you may exhibit as many orchids in flower as you want in the show, but they 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 any members would like to offer their help during the show it will be greatly appreciated. Please let Anthony know, and he will allocate you a designated duty. Those members who help all day are given a lunch voucher, in appreciation. Those helping with the set up should be there by 12.30pm.

Orchid entry times are from 1.30pm - 6.00pm. Entries after this time will not be accepted, unless prior arrangements are made.

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 reorganised, or until the Show Coordinator declares it is safe to do so.

If you wish to sell plants at our shows you must exhibit on the show-bench - the ratio is 8 plants to one exhibit. Members selling plants at our shows may bring them in after 3.30pm on the Friday preceding the show.

The Show closes at 4pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Please Note: The Sales area closes at 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.



**Champion Stand (Predominately Orchids)
Autumn Show 2010 won by Steve & Helen Randall**

Wanted to Buy

Welcome to our new section. To request anything orchid-related through this column please phone me on 9748 7345 or email Jenny.Dark@darteks.com.au or see me at one of the meetings.

Len Johnstone wants small pendulous cymbidiums, Sarah Jeans, etc.
If anyone can help he can be contacted on 9367 7593.

Terry and Jenny Dark are looking for a *Dockrillia cucumerinum* and also *Cymbidium suave*.
Call 9748 7345 if you can help.

The Popular Vote is back!

At the committee meeting in May, it was decided to bring back the Popular Vote. Please collect your Popular Vote slip from the Membership table and vote for the plant on the bench that YOU LIKE the most. Remember – you are not being a judge, just pick your favourite and give it your vote.

Seedling Competition

Please don't forget to bring your *Cattleya* seedling along to the meeting each month.
It's interesting to compare the progress of the seedlings under lots of different growing conditions and by bringing your seedling to all of the meetings, you will be eligible to win a prize at the end of the year.

AOF 'A Foundation in Orchids' Workshop

A great weekend was had by all who attended the Workshop at Holmesglen on May 15/16. The lectures were excellent, the plants offered for sale extensive including a huge range of flowering plants, and the venue, Holmesglen Conference Centre, ideal.

Extra copies of the Proceedings were printed and these are available from the AOF.

The Proceedings contains 16 papers on a range of topics by experts in their field related to all aspects of orchid growing including orchid biology, general basic requirements for good orchid growing, orchids on mounts, orchid media, controlling pests and diseases in orchids, deflasking, tissue culture, orchids on eBay. The specialised areas included are cymbidiums, sarcs, Australian epiphytes, Australian terrestrials, cattleyas, paphiopedilums and masdevallias.

Copies of the Proceedings are available from the AOF, by phone or fax (+61) 03 5627 6303 or by email publications@australianorchidfoundation.org.au

Price \$20 plus postage.

The Foundation thanks the lecturers and vendors, especially those from interstate, who attended and supported the Workshop. Thanks also to the various sponsors and those who donated raffle prizes.

Supper Roster

Please check this list to see when it is your turn. The list is now full. Thanks everyone!

August	Alex Wild	Hubert Nyssen
September	Alma Bevan	Joyce Spiteri
October	Rita Grima	Tien Nguyen
November	Judith Cave	Mary Williams

Guest Speakers for 2010

10 th August	Mr John Sharam Club Champion Cymbidium Orchids
14 th Sept	Mr Mark Finnigan Using chemicals with Orchids
12 th October	Mrs Frances Wilde Sarcochilus
9 th November	Jim & Margot Lattimore Phalaenopsis Orchids

Maribyrnong 2010 Orchid Shows

Spring Show: 4th & 5th September

Sarcochilus Festival: 13th & 14th November

All Maribyrnong Orchid Society Shows are conducted at our club rooms, which are located at Maribyrnong Community Centre in Randall Street, Maribyrnong. Check further bulletins for opening times.

Other 2010 Orchid Club Show Dates

Winter Miracles Orchid Show

Sat & Sun 17 & 18 July 9.30am - 4.00pm

B & T Ferns & Orchids

30 Wiseman Rd, Silvan Vic 3795

(Mel. Ref. 123, E.7) Free admission.

Orchids, ferns, clivias, bromeliads for sale.

Light refreshments available.

Werribee Orchid Club Winter Show & Sales

Sat 21st August 2010 9am - 4pm,

Sun 22nd August 2010 9am - 3pm

Admission \$3.00

Senior Citizen's Centre, Kelly Park, Synott Street, Werribee, 3030 (Mel.Ref. 205 K9)

Melbourne Orchid Spectacular & International Orchid Fair

Fri 20th August – Sun 22nd August

Springers Leisure Centre, 400 Cheltenham Road, Keysborough (Mel. Ref. 89 A10)

Stawell Orchid Society Annual Spring Show

24th & 26th September 2010

The Stawell Entertainment Centre

Main St, Stawell, Victoria.

6th Australasian National Orchid Conference and Show 2010

25th – 29th August

Newcastle Panthers Club, Newcastle, NSW

ANOS Victoria Spring Show

Sat 25th & Sun 26th September 2010

9:00am to 4:00pm

Mount Waverley Community Centre.

Miller Crescent, Mount Waverley, Victoria

(Opposite Mount Waverley Station)

(Mel.Ref. 70 E1)

ANOS Eastern Suburbs Group

Sat 2 October 2010 10am - 4:30pm

Sun 3 October 2010 9am - 4:00pm

Lilydale Lake Community Hall, Lilydale 3140

(Mel.Ref. 38 F6)

Inaugural Gerald McCraith AM Award May 2010

At the recent Maribyrnong Orchid Society's Autumn Show, the inaugural "Gerald McCraith AM, Champion Species Orchid", was won by John Martin of Castle Creek Orchids, for his plant of *Paphiopedilum henryanum*.

The plant was a fitting one for the inaugural issue of the award as Gerald was most interested in the world's species orchids and he had visited the area of China from which the plant is endemic.

The award is Maribyrnong Orchid Societies way of remembering the man who gave so much to Orchids. Gerald was our Patron. The award will be made available to the Champion Species Orchid at each of the Groups four annual shows.

At the show we were honoured in having Gerald's daughter Lois Dixon-Ward and his granddaughters Bin and Kerryn Dixon-Ward attending to witness and present the award. The award was accepted by Andrew Francis (in lieu of John Martin, absent on other duties).



Katie MacNeill, Lois Dixon-Ward, Bin Dixon-Ward, Kerryn Dixon-Ward and Andrew Francis.

Photo and text by Eric Wilde.

Floral Art at Our Shows

The Floral Art entries at our show in May were judged by a lovely lady by the name of Liz. She will be judging the rest of our shows this year as well.

Liz will also be doing a demonstration on Floral Art at 9.00am on the Saturday morning at each of our shows. So if you've been thinking about entering the floral art section of our shows, or you'd just like to learn more about floral art, get along to the show early and don't miss out on her wonderful discussion.

Next time you're in Melbourne, pop in and see Liz at **Flower Temple, 18-22 Artemis Lane, QV, Melbourne, 3000**, or if you're in need of a florist for any reason, phone **1300 650 344**.

June 2010 Competition Results

As per judges sheets

An AM (Award of Merit) was received on the Night: Masdevallia King of Kings 'Xmar' (80 points) grown by Grant Garrett is pictured below.



OPEN SECTION

Cymbidium – Medium

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| 1 st | Cym Peter Pan x Snow Eagle | M Pearce |
| 2 nd | Cym Hugh Gordon 'Freckles' | B Rowlands |

Cymbidium – Small

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|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| 1 st | Cym Jessie Blakiston | J W Crawford |
| 2 nd | Cym Sarah Jean 'Jennifer' | D & V Howard |

Australian Native Terrestrials

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| 1 st | Diplodium aff. <i>robustum</i> | A Scerri |
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Sarcophilus Species/Hybrid

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| 1 st | Sarc Melba | E & F Wilde |
| 2 nd | Sarc Gowie Sunset | E & F Wilde |

Paphiopedilum – Exhibition Type

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| 1 st | P Amber Dale x Bagley | S & M Hurwood |
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Paphiopedilum – Maudiae Type

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| 1 st | P mastersianum x Gothic Garden | M Pearce |
| 2 nd | P Redstart x Holdenii | J W Crawford |

Paphiopedilum – Species

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| 1 st | P <i>insigne</i> | J & N Marshall |
| 2 nd | P <i>insigne</i> var. <i>sanderiae</i> | B Duncan |

Cattleya – Novelty Type

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| 1 st | Slc Lavender Ice x Sc | J W Crawford |
| 2 nd | Slc Dal's Delight x Oh See 'Bette' | J & T McIntyre |

Masdevallia Hybrid

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|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| 1 st | Masd King of Kings 'Xmar' | G Garrett |
| 2 nd | Masd Cha Cha 'Highclere' | G Garrett |

Zygo Alliance

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|-----------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| 1 st | Zygo Kiwi Choice 'Highclere' | G Garrett |
| 2 nd | Zygo Artur Elle x Kiwi Geysler | E & F Wilde |

Any Other Hybrid

1 st Miltonidium Woodlands	G Campbell
2 nd Colmanara Wildcatt 'Bloodshot'	G Campbell

Species Any Genera

1 st Barkeria scandens	G Campbell
2 nd Eria coronaria	J W Crawford

Best in Section

Masdevallia King of Kings 'Xmar'	G Garrett
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INTERMEDIATE SECTION**Cymbidium – Medium**

1 st Cym Unknown	R Ryan
2 nd Cym Unknown	R Austin

Cymbidium – Small

1 st Cym Fifi 'Harry' x Parishii	R Austin
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Australian Native Hybrid Dendrobium

1 st Den Stunning x speciosum	R Austin
2 nd Den Aussie Ira 'Darlington'	R Austin

Oncidium Hybrid

1 st Onc Sharry Baby	A Phillipou
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Dendrobium Hybrid

2 nd Den New Star	R Austin
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Phalaenopsis Hybrid

2 nd Phal Unknown	A Phillipou
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Species Any Genera

1 st Cym tracyanum	R Ryan
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Best in Section

Oncidium Sharry Baby	A Phillipou
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ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION**Cymbidium – Large**

1 st Cym Pioneer Masterpiece	B Carey
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Cymbidium – Medium

1 st Cym One Tree Hill 'Doris'	G Ragg
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Australian Native Hybrid Dendrobium

1 st Den Burgundy Sheen x Aussie Victory	D & J Walker
2 nd Den Ellen x Aussie Victory	M Mally

Paphiopedilum – Species

1 st Paph insigne	T & J Dark
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Cattleya – Novelty Type

2 nd C Puppy Love 'True Beauty'	D Boicos
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Masdevallia Hybrid

1 st M Rein Staal x cuculatta x yungasensis	R Brooks
2 nd M Kala's Delight 'Black Legs'	R Brooks

Masdevallia Species

1 st M corialae	R Brooks
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Any Other Hybrid

1 st Coelogyne Linda Buckley	T & J Dark
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Species Any Genera

1 st Cym tracyanum	M Mally
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Best in Section

Masd Rein Staal x cuculatta x yungasensis	R Brooks
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NON SECTIONAL**Seedling Flowering for 1st time**

1 st Paph Impulse x Ruby	M Pearce
2 nd Zygo Arthur Elle 'Essendon' x Kiwi Choice	J W Crawford

Best Cultivated

Barkeria scandens	G Campbell
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Judges Vote

Masdevallia King of Kings 'Xmar'	G Garrett
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Popular Vote

Barkeria scandens	G Campbell
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AM (Award of Merit) received on the Night

Masdevallia King of Kings 'Xmar'	G Garrett	80 points
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ACM (Award of Cultural Merit) received on the Night

Barkeria scandens	G Campbell	80.2 points
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Frost Protection

Winter is well and truly here and July and August are our worst months for frost in Melbourne. Some ways to protect your plants from frost are:

- House your orchids under a hard roof if possible.
- Consider putting a tarp or other similar covering over the top of your structure if it is made of shadecloth.
- Add protection around the sides of your structure if it is usually open, shadecloth blinds for example.
- Move plants more into the centre of the shadehouse – away from the perimeter and not touching the sides or the roof.
- Ensure there is adequate air movement or even a little heat from a fan heater if it is extremely cold.
- If you have a small collection or very precious plants you could bring them inside overnight, or into a garage, but not into a heated room – the temperature difference could be detrimental to the plants.



Our Website: www.mosorchid.org

If you have encountered problems with the Maribyrnong Orchid Society website please contact jenny.dark@darteks.com.au or phone 9748 7345.

Please include a description of the problem and what you were doing when the problem occurred ie: if it was a link to a PDF that didn't work as expected, which link and on what page?

Bulletin by Email

Should you like to have your newsletter emailed, please drop a quick line to my email address: jenny.dark@darteks.com.au
Thanks to all the members who have responded already. We now have just over 15% of our bulletins being sent by email.

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