



Sarcophilus australis

# MARIBYRNONG ORCHID SOCIETY

(The FRIENDLY Society)

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### Next Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2010

The next meeting of the Maribyrnong Orchid Society will be held at the Maribyrnong Community Centre, Randall Street, Maribyrnong, on **Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> September, 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 will be "**A Mystery Topic**". 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 Mark Finnigan** whose topic will be **Using chemicals with Orchids**.

Thank you to **Mr John Sharam** and **Mr Eric Wilde** who presided over our special night: **Club Champion Cymbidium Orchids**.

Thanks also to everyone who brought in their cymbidiums. We hope everyone learned something about the way cymbidiums are judged.

*See inside for results.*

### August Meeting Plant of the Night



**Paph Small World 'Pastel'x (Letozia x Amanda)**  
grown by Joe Crawford.

This plant received the Judges Vote and Best in Section for Open at the August meeting. Congratulations to Joe.

### Supper Roster

For the September meeting we have Alma Bevan and Joyce Spiteri on Supper Duties. All members are welcome to bring a plate of goodies to be enjoyed after the evening's speaker has finished their talk.

## Maribyrnong 2010 Orchid Shows

Sarcophilus Festival: 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> November  
At Maribyrnong Community Centre in Randall Street.  
Check further bulletins for opening times.

## Other 2010 Orchid Club Show Dates

### Victorian Orchid Club Spring Show

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> & Sun 19<sup>th</sup> September 2010  
Red Cross Centre, Repatriation Hospital,  
Gate 8, Waterdale Road, Heidelberg, Victoria.  
(Mel.Ref. 31 F4)

### Geelong Orchid and Indoor Plant Society

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> September & Sun 19<sup>th</sup> September  
Christ Church Hall  
Cnr. Moorabool & McKillop Streets, Geelong  
(Mel.Ref. 401 G7)

### Dandenong Orchid Club Spring Show

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> & Sun 26<sup>th</sup> September 2010  
The Showgrounds,  
Bennet St, Dandenong, Victoria.  
(Mel.Ref. 90 A7)

### Stawell Orchid Society Annual Spring Show

24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> September 2010  
The Stawell Entertainment Centre  
Main St, Stawell, Victoria.

### ANOS Victoria Spring Show

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> & Sun 26<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>nd</sup> October 2010 10am - 4:30pm  
Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2010 9am - 4:00pm  
Lilydale Lake Community Hall, Lilydale 3140  
(Mel.Ref. 38 F6)

### Werribee Orchid Club

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> October & Sun 10<sup>th</sup> October  
Rose Grange Retirement Village,  
741 Leakes Road, Tarneit.  
(Mel.Ref. 202 H2)

### Warringal Orchid Society

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> October & Sun 10<sup>th</sup> October  
St Sava Community Centre,  
212 Diamond Creek Road, Greensborough.  
(Mel.Ref. A 11 C8)

### ANOS Geelong Group Annual Show

5th & 6th November 2010 10am - 4pm  
Masonic Centre, Regent St, Belmont  
(next door to Coles Supermarket)  
Geelong, Victoria. Entry \$3.00  
(Mel.Ref. 451 G10)

## Supper Roster

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

<b>October</b>	Rita Grima	Tien Nguyen
<b>November</b>	Judith Cave	Mary Williams

## Cymbidium Night Results

### Champion Cymbidium of the Night

Cym Ice on Fire 'Nikietta' Bob Rowlands



### Champion Large Cymbidium

Cym Spicy Khan 'Comet' Grant Garrett

### Champion Intermediate Cymbidium

Cym Jess Winter 'Kimberley' Grant Garrett

### Champion Miniature Cymbidium

Cym Ice on Fire 'Nikietta' Bob Rowlands

### Champion Species Cymbidium

Cym erythraeum Malcolm Pearce

### OPEN SECTION

#### **Cymbidium – Large**

1<sup>st</sup> Cym Spicy Khan 'Comet' Grant Garrett  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cym Regal Solana 'Sequins' D & V Howard

#### **Cymbidium – Intermediate**

1<sup>st</sup> Cym Jess Winter 'Kimberley' Grant Garrett  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cym Pure Destiny 'Ultimate' J & D Sharam

#### **Cymbidium – Miniature**

1<sup>st</sup> Cym Ice on Fire 'Nikietta' Bob Rowlands  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cym Dolly x Dream Valley Grant Garrett

#### **Cymbidium - Species**

1<sup>st</sup> Cym erythraeum Malcolm Pearce  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cym grandiflorum Unknown

### INTERMEDIATE SECTION

#### **Cymbidium – Large**

1<sup>st</sup> Cym Mint Ice Unknown  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cym Path Finder 'Orange Deight' Ron Ryan

#### **Cymbidium – Intermediate**

1<sup>st</sup> Cym Mini Mint 'Bountiful' Liz Walker

#### **Cymbidium – Miniature**

1<sup>st</sup> Cym Katidid 'Verdan' Ray Austin  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cym Sleeping Sarah x Last Tango Ray Austin

### ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION

#### **Cymbidium – Intermediate**

1<sup>st</sup> Cym Autumn Bacon 'Cherry Cola' F & J Spiteri  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cym Inman Valley 'Little Jewell' Geoff Ragg

#### **Cymbidium – Miniature**

1<sup>st</sup> Cym Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade' Barbara Carey  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cym Little Sarah F & J Spiteri



John Sharam & Eric Wild educate the audience about Cymbidiums.

## Cymbidium Night

Thanks to everyone involved in the Cymbidium Night – there was a wonderful display of colour in the hall. We hope that you all learned something new and that you enjoyed doing something different on meeting night. Thanks again to Eric, John and the judges.



## Guest Speakers for 2010

12 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Mrs Frances Wilde</b> Sarcochilus
9 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Jim &amp; Margot Lattimore</b> Phalaenopsis Orchids

## Phalaenopsis Display

Did everyone see the display of Phalaenopsis set up on the bench last month by Jim and Margot Lattimore around the Seedling Flowering for the First Time?



According to the note on the bench, the aim of the crossing was to produce mini flowers of round shape on smaller plants. The seedling (in centre pot) clearly has characteristics from both parents Dtps Leopard Princess (Pollen Parent - in left pot) and Phal Anthura Manchester (Pod Parent - in right pot).

It's not often we are able to see both parents and progeny in a display such as this. Thanks to Jim and Margot for sharing their knowledge.

Jim and Margot will be our guest speakers at the meeting in November. The Phalaenopsis and other genera that they grow are always stunning, so try not to miss them - you may pick up some great tips.

## JULY Competition Results As per judges sheets

### OPEN SECTION

#### **Cymbidium – Large**

1 <sup>st</sup> Cym Valley Chestnut	A Scerri
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cym Hugh Gordon 'Freckles'	B Rowlands

#### **Cymbidium - Medium**

1 <sup>st</sup> Cym Ice On Fire	B Rowlands
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cym Dolores Hoyt x Tom Thumb	B Rowlands

#### **Aust Native Terrestrial**

1 <sup>st</sup> <i>diplodium robusta</i>	A Scerri
2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>diplodium robusta</i>	A Scerri

#### **Paphiopedilum – Exhibition Type**

1 <sup>st</sup> Paph Noel II	P & K Pittock
2 <sup>nd</sup> Paph Ansum	P & K Pittock

#### **Any Other Hybrid**

1 <sup>st</sup> <i>L anceps</i> 'Alba' x <i>L rubescens</i>	A Scerri
2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Z Dynamo</i> x <i>bolivianum</i>	M Condon

#### **Species Any Genera**

1 <sup>st</sup> <i>L anceps</i> x <i>Williamsiana</i>	M Condon
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#### **Best in Section**

Paph Noel II	P & K Pittock
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### INTERMEDIATE SECTION

#### **Cymbidium – Large**

1 <sup>st</sup> Cym Creamy Heart	B Whearem
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cym Wallamura Jupiter	R Ryan

#### **Cymbidium - Small**

1 <sup>st</sup> Cym Ice Maiden 'Dust'	B Whearem
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#### **Oncidium Hybrid**

1 <sup>st</sup> Onc Unknown	A Philippou
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#### **Phalaenopsis Hybrid**

1 <sup>st</sup> Phal Unknown	A Philippou
2 <sup>nd</sup> Phal Sogo David	A Philippou

#### **Best in Section**

Onc Unknown	A Philippou
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### ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION

#### **Cymbidium – Large**

1 <sup>st</sup> Cym Kakadu Lemon	M Mally
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cym Grand Monarch 'Exquisite'	M Mally

#### **Cymbidium - Medium**

1 <sup>st</sup> Cym Pure Dawn x Yowie Flame	M Mally
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#### **Cymbidium - Small**

1 <sup>st</sup> Cym Tango Velvet Sheen x Ruby Eyes	C Voltolina
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#### **Australian Native Hybrid**

1 <sup>st</sup> Den Hilda Poxon x Ellen	T & J Dark
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#### **Paphiopedilum - Species**

1 <sup>st</sup> Paph <i>insigne</i>	T & J Dark
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#### **Any Other Hybrid**

1 <sup>st</sup> Coel Linda Buckley	T & J Dark
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#### **Best In Section**

Paph <i>insigne</i>	T & J Dark
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### NON SECTIONAL

#### **Seedling Flowering for 1<sup>st</sup> time**

1 <sup>st</sup> Den Jonesell x Wrigleys Giant	B Whearem
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#### **Best Cultivated**

Cym Ice On Fire	B Rowlands
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#### **Judges Vote**

Paph Noel II	P & K Pittock
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#### **Popular Vote**

Cym Hugh Gordon Freckles	B Rowlands
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**August Competition Results**  
As per judges sheets

**OPEN SECTION**

**Paphiopedilum – Exhibition Type**

1<sup>st</sup> P Small World 'Pastel' x (Letozia x Amanda) J W Crawford  
2<sup>nd</sup> P Noel II P & K Pittock

**Paphiopedilum – Maudiae Type**

1<sup>st</sup> P Maudiae J W Crawford

**Paphiopedilum – Novelty Type**

1<sup>st</sup> P Copperware x *spicerianum* J W Crawford

**Australian Native Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Den Kayla J W Crawford  
2<sup>nd</sup> Den Awesome x Candice M Breuer

**Australian Native Terrestrial**

1<sup>st</sup> Pts *robusta* A Scerri  
2<sup>nd</sup> Pts *curta* J & D Sharam

**Oncidium Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Onc Twinkle x *ornithorincum* J W Crawford

**Masdevallia Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Masd Isbern J W Crawford

**Any Other Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Phrag St Ouen J W Crawford

**Species Any Genera**

1<sup>st</sup> Osmog *pulchellum* J W Crawford  
2<sup>nd</sup> Laelia *anceps* A Scerri

**Best in Section**

Paph Small World x (Letozia x Amanda) J W Crawford

**INTERMEDIATE SECTION**

**Australian Native Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Den Hilda Poxon K Weyers  
2<sup>nd</sup> Den Hilda Poxon A Philippou

**Australian Native Terrestrial**

1<sup>st</sup> Pts *nutans* B Light

**Cattleya - Novelty Type**

1<sup>st</sup> Blc Tribute x *C loddigessii* R Austin

**Oncidium Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Onc Sweet Sugar G & H Hardingham

**Phalaenopsis Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Phal Unknown A Philippou

**Any Other Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Wilsonara Hambuhren Stern R Austin  
2<sup>nd</sup> McClellanara Unknown A Philippou

**Species Any Genera**

1<sup>st</sup> Osmog *pulchellum* R Austin

**Best in Section**

Onc Sweet Sugar G & H Hardingham

**ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION**

**Australian Native Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Den Graeme Hewitt D Brus  
2<sup>nd</sup> Den Lorikeet x (Ellen x Gulginni) H Nyssen

**Australian Native Terrestrial**

1<sup>st</sup> Pts *curta* I Noble

**Oncidium Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Onc Twinkle 'Fragrant Fantasy' M Mally

**Masdevallia Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Masd Copper Angel x *Sanderae inesae* T & J Dark

**Species Any Genera**

1<sup>st</sup> Pleuro *restrepioides* T & J Dark  
2<sup>nd</sup> Coel *ovalis* T & J Dark

**Best in Section**

Den Graeme Hewitt D Brus

**NON SECTIONAL**

**Novice**

Dockrilla Purple Pepper No Name  
Cym Unknown F Scalpello  
Both these owners will now move to Advanced Novice Section

**Seedling Flowering for 1<sup>st</sup> time**

1<sup>st</sup> Paph Herbie Pool x (Gwen Pur x Irish Luck) J W Crawford

**Best Cultivated**

Den Awesome x Candice M Breuer

**Judges Vote**

Paph Small World 'Pastel' x (Letozia x Amanda) J W Crawford

**Accumulated Points so far this year**

Congratulations to everyone who has brought in plants to bench on our meeting nights. The following points have been accumulated by these members so far this year:

**Open**

J Crawford	188
M Pearce	128
E & F Wilde	108
S & H Randall	92

**Intermediate**

R Austin	66
A Philippou	59
K Weyers	46

**Advanced Novice**

J & T Dark	83
M Mally	82
B Carey	53

**Wanted to Buy**

**Shaw Hurwood** wants a *Paphiopedilum fairieanum* (flowering size) preferably. If anyone can help he can be contacted on 9397 2503.

**Liz Walker** is looking for a *Paphiopedilum venustum* and *Paphiopedilum insigne* var. *albomarginatum*. She can be contacted on 9689 1142.

To request anything orchid-related through this column please phone me on 9748 7345, email [Jenny.Dark@darteks.com.au](mailto:Jenny.Dark@darteks.com.au) or see me at one of the meetings where I will have a sheet you can fill in with your request.

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Please note that the BULLETIN contribution deadline is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.

## Record Keeping

Some people have asked at times “why do you need to keep records of your plants?” Or even, “Why do we label our plants?” If you don’t show or breed your plants then sure, why bother? But if you are a member of the orchid society presumably you are interested in knowing at least a little bit about the plants you grow. At the very least you should be interested in knowing the names of your plants, and this would involve keeping labels in your pots. Even that is not as simple as it sounds – I heard from a member one time, after one of our famous Melbourne windy days, that they lost a number of labels after they found their plants (and pots) rolling around their back yard! They also found a few odd labels scattered around. What did they do? After they cried a little, they had to wait until next flowering season to try to match some up – others are lost forever. Or what about the proud granddad whose gorgeous granddaughter presented him with all the pretty labels she collected for him from his greenhouse?

### Some simple solutions:

- Label every plant with a plastic label and write clearly – see previous MOS Bulletin (March) for how to label your plants
- Keep an identical label buried in the pot where it won’t fall out
- Keep a book of names with codes or numbers
- Write the name or code on the pot (white text)
- Extra coloured labels in pots could keep track of plants in spike, or flowering years, etc



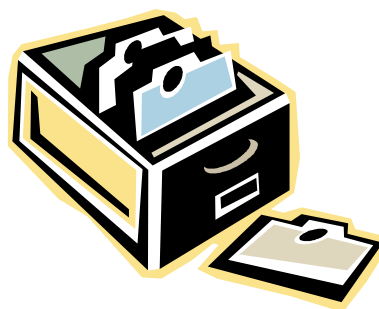
### To keep a little more information:

- Use a notebook to write in your information using a separate page for each plant
- Use a set of index cards in a box to allow you to file cards alphabetically or according to genera
- Use the computer to keep a list that you can add more information to as you go
- Set up and maintain a database on the computer
- Use a specially designed computer program to keep track of your information

### What type of information could I keep track of?

This is quite a long list but you can choose as little, or as much, as you find useful

- Photographs
  - Label them immediately to be useful
  - For selling plants not in flower
  - Breeding records
  - General identification
- Written descriptions
  - Complete plant name
  - Plant type
  - Source immediate
  - Source history
  - Cost & place of purchase
  - Parentage
  - Awards
  - General plant description
  - Flower description, scent
  - Mounted – type of mount
  - Potted – pot size and media
  - Deflasking date
  - Repotting or remounting date
  - Division / seedling
  - Division date
  - Flowering date
  - Position / elevation in shadehouse / hothouse / garden
  - Amount of shade – shade cloth % / number of layers / month added / removed
  - Watering schedule and type – spray / drip / overhead / soaking
  - Fertilising schedule and type
  - Treatment of pests / diseases
  - Air movement – fans (still / oscillating) / natural breeze
  - Heat – low / mid / high
  - Humidity - low / mid / high
  - Breeding – requiring even more detailed records to be kept



**This is an overview of the information that could be useful to keep – some is essential, such as the name of the plant. Your needs will develop and change over time too, so try to keep track and learn more as you go – and expect to change your system as your experience grows. Speak to other growers and glean little tips from them – someone may just have experience with something you have been looking for – you never know**