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# Maribyrnong Orchid Society

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

*and a happy new year to all*



**Christmas Dinner December 13<sup>th</sup> 6pm start**

Where: Footscray Park Bowling Club

Enter through the intersection of Hoadley Court and Ballarat Road, Footscray.  
Mel Ref 2S E4

When: 6pm December 13<sup>th</sup>

Cost: Tickets pre-paid – remember your tickets!!.  
As the premises is licensed, all drinks must be purchased at the bar, including soft drink.

You must show your tickets at the door in order to receive your meal.

There will be no Judging or plant benching.

The evening will include the finalising of the seedling competition, and the benching competition. **This will be delayed until after 8pm so that involved members not wishing to attend the dinner may join us after the dinner.** Father Christmas will also attend after 8pm

**\*\*\*Keep your tickets on hand. You will need to swap your ticket for your plant later in the evening.\*\*\***



### Next Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2012

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> February**.

The Early 'New Growers' Group starts at 7.15pm and will be conducted by Stephen Stebbing. This group runs for approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the monthly meeting.

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.

### Plant of the Night



Best cultivated for the night was this *Dendrobium thrysiflorum* shown by Le Tan Liep. It was also awarded a Club Cultural Certificate on the night. Congratulations.

**NEW!! See the website soon for all winners of the Plant of the Night for the year.**  
[www.mosorchids.org/potn](http://www.mosorchids.org/potn)

### Helpers

Where would we be without all the members who help out during the year?

To everyone who has helped at club meetings, shows, committee meetings and all those other countless occasions where we need assistance, again at this time of the year we wish you all good cheer! Rest up over the new year and we'll see you back again, ready and willing, next year.

We can always do with extra help, too, so if you've been thinking about it, maybe 2012 is the year to put your hand up and offer to do a little bit.



### From the Judges: Gaining An AOC award.

Ever since there has been Orchid Clubs, Judges and Orchid Club Members, there has been a misconception that judges award judges' plants more often than they award the normal club members' orchids. This is not correct. The judges can receive more awards at certain times, because they meet more often for training or for meetings, and see a lot more orchids. If there happens to be an orchid there that is awardable, then we have an obligation to reward the plant accordingly.

We do the same thing for all club members at all meetings and shows. Every plant at the meetings and shows, and especially the class winners are looked at for the chance of awards being given. It could be for a quality award, a cultural award, an award of botanical merit, or club cultural award. If there is a plant deserving an award, then we will award that plant.

If you think that you have a plant worthy of a quality award, then you have to present that plant before us at either a show, or at an orchid club meeting. It does not have to be at your club, but can be at any club, show or meeting where we officiate.

In exceptional circumstances people can contact a either the Registrar or Secretary of the judging panel, who will endeavour to get your plant looked at for award. I repeat, that only in circumstances where the plant cannot be brought before us, will this happen.

In a recent survey that was taken over the last four years figures of AOC awards in Victoria, there was only two awards difference in the judges' awards, and the club members' awards. The judges received 56 awards and the club members, 54.

### AOC AWARDS

YEAR	JUDGES	CLUB MEMBERS
2008	13	8
2009	12	26
2010	7	9
2011	24	11
Total	56	54

### 2011 Speakers

To all the speakers who have informed and entertained us this year we also say thank you. We wish you all the best for the festive season and hope that you'll come back and visit us soon.

## President's Message November 2011

Hi there everyone. I hope that you are all getting your potting under way. I am finding it hard to get the time to really have a good go so to speak. I enjoy potting and now have an area to store all my pots etc and have even got Ian to install a gate to keep out the dogs. The lady next door thinks that I am crazy when she hears me talking to my plants. Oh well, to each his own.

Yes I have finally got my shade cloth installed and have most of my orchids back where they belong. There have been some casualties unfortunately but nothing that I cannot replace.

Our Sarc show was quite successful with 506 plants being exhibited. Unfortunately we could have done with some more people through the door, but the display was beautiful. Congratulations to Anthony and all his willing helpers. There is some interesting breeding happening with the Sarcs, and this showed in the plants that were on display. If you do not have any of these little gems, then I suggest that you add two of three to your collection. Fran Wilde will be happy to answer any questions on growing them.

Christmas will soon be upon us but before that we have our club Christmas party. Don't forget about the change of venue. The new venue is the Footscray Park Bowling club on the corner of Ballarat Road and Hoadley Court Footscray. You enter via Hoadley Court through the gate and turn right and follow the path around the back where there is plenty of parking. The club is fully licensed and that means that you cannot bring alcohol or soft drinks, but they are available at good prices.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and safe New Year and hope to see you all back at the club in 2012.

Bye for now  
Elizabeth.



## Seedling Competition

Thirty-four plants were returned in November. The seedlings that were returned are still growing well. Stephen Stebbing provided his comments on the progress of the seedlings. I would like to thank Stephen and all who have spoken on the seedlings throughout the year. Also thank you to all the members who have brought their plants to the meetings, I know this can be challenging at times. Congratulations to Denise Colquhoun, the winner of this month's prize.

Twenty-seven plants were returned for every meeting and will go into the draw for the seedling prize at our Christmas dinner.

I would like to wish everyone and happy and safe Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you all next year.

Happy growing,  
Joanne Hastewell

## From the Committee 18<sup>th</sup> October 2011

Just a reminder about the **Christmas dinner**. Our Christmas dinner is unable to be held at the Maribyrnong Community Centre due to maintenance to the floor. It will be held at the Footscray Park Bowling Club, enter through the intersection of Hoadley Court and Ballarat Road, Footscray. The dinner starts at 6-00 pm. Unfortunately, it is a licensed premise, so all drinks must be purchased at the bar (incl soft drink).

**There will be no Judging or plant benching.** Our Judges have been invited to attend the evening, as a thank you for their year's work.

The dinner part of the evening 6pm till 8pm is a pre paid event, however, members wishing to attend the formal part of the evening will be welcome to attend. The evening will include the finalising of the seedling competition, and the benching competition, this will be delayed until post 8pm so that involved members not wishing to attend the dinner may join us after the dinner. Father Christmas will also attend (post 8pm).

There are also several Cultural Certificates that have been finished and will be handed out (Alex Wild, Anita Evans, Felix and Joyce Spiteri and Le Tan Leip). Those not in attendance can pick them up in February.

Well that's all folks see you about. Eric

## Competition Results 2012

OPEN	
J Crawford	322
M Pearce	248
E & F Wilde	162
J & M Lattimore	121
INTERMEDIATE	
A Philippou	145
M Mally	90
F & J Spiteri	90
L & E Johnstone	78
ADVANCE NOVICE	
G Ragg	105
J Diwell	96
Tien Nguyen	58
Dau Nguyen	48

Congratulations to the winners. Avgi Philippou will now go up to the Open section and Geoff Ragg will go up to the Intermediate section.



Joe Crawford's Paph Highland Beauty  
(Seedling 1st Flowering July 2011)

**SARCOCHILUS FESTIVAL MAJOR AWARDS**

**Grand Champion Sarcanthinae of Victoria**

Sarco *hartmannii* 'Cracker' K Moss & A Murphy



**Champion Sarcanthinae Hybrid**

Sarco Dove 'Spot On' K Moss & A Murphy

**Champion Sarcanthinae Species**

Sarco *hartmannii* 'Cracker' K Moss & A Murphy

**Champion Sarcanthinae Specimen**

Sarco Dove 'Spot On' K Moss & A Murphy

**MINOR AWARDS**

**Best hartmannii**

Sarco *hartmannii* 'Cracker' K Moss & A Murphy

**Best fitzgeraldii**

Sarco *fitzgeraldii* T & J Dark

**Best Other Species Sarcanthinae**

Sarco *ceciliae* A Wild

**Best Melba**

Sarco Melba 'Tara' M & B Haywood

**Best Fitzhart**

Sarco Fitzhart 'Rusty Bucket' J Diwell

**Best other Primary Sarcochilus**

Sarco Weinhart S Stebbing

**Best Complex Sarcochilus Hybrid (non Intergeneric)**

Sarco Dove 'Spot On' K Moss & A Murphy

**Best Australian Sarcanthinae Intergeneric Hybrid**

Peristerchilus Olive Grace 'Lavender Cascades' J & Y McIntyre

**Best Seedling Sarcanthinae 1st Flowering (M & J Lattimore Award)**

Sarco *hartmannii* J W Crawford

**Best Pendant Sarcanthinae**

Peristerchilus Olive Grace 'Lavender Cascades' J & Y McIntyre

**Best Cultivated Sarcanthinae**

Sarco Eclipse 'Mariah' K Moss & A Murphy

**Best Sarcanthinae Maxi Stand**

Stand 'A' K Moss & A Murphy

**Best Sarcanthinae Mini Stand**

Stand 'P' S Stebbing

**Best Basket of Sarcanthinae**

Basket 11 G Garrett

**FLORAL ART**

**Best Open Floral Art**

A Murphy

**Best Intermediate Floral Art**

A Scerri

**Best Novice Floral Art**

J Spiteri

**Best Wired Work Floral Art**

M Lattimore

**Best Junior Floral Art**

S Prokepec

**COMBINED SHOW MAJOR AWARDS**

**Grand Champion Orchid of the Show**

Masd *angulata* x *heathii*

A Evans



**Champion Species of the Show (not otherwise scheduled) - Gerald McCraith Award**

Rhyn *retusa* J & M Lattimore

**Champion Stand of the Show**

Stand 'D' J & M Lattimore

**Champion Basket of the Show**

Basket 11 G Garrett

**Champion Exhibit by an Intermediate Grower**

Den *thrysiflorum* Le Tan Liep

**Champion Exhibit by a Novice Grower**

Aerangis *ecro* D Nguyen

**GENERAL SHOW MAJOR AWARDS**

**Champion Orchid of the General Section**

Masd *angulata* x *heathii* A Evans

**Champion Cymbidium**

Cym Eye of the Tiger G Garrett

**Champion Australian Native Orchid**

Cym *canaliculatum* J & D Sharam

**Champion Masdevallia**

Masd *angulata* x *heathii* A Evans

**Reserve Champion Masdevallia**

Masd Copper Wings x *angulata* A Evans

**Champion Species**

Rhyn *retusa* J & M Lattimore

**Champion Hybrid of the Show**

Ascda Ken Kone 'Conference' J & M Lattimore

**MINOR AWARDS**

**Best Species**

Rhyn *retusa* J & M Lattimore

**Best Hybrid**

Masd *angulata* x *heathii* A Evans

**Best Specimen Orchid**

Den *thrysiflorum* Le Tan Liep

**Best Cultivated Orchid**

Den *thrysiflorum* Le Tan Liep

**Best Seedling 1st Flowering**

Masd Patricia Hill x Tiger Kiss M Pearce

**Best Maxi Stand**

Stand 'D' J & M Lattimore

**Best Mini Stand**

Stand 'H' S & H Randall

**Best Basket of Hybrid Orchids (non sarc)**

Basket 2 A Evans

**Best Basket of Hybrid & Species Orchids (non sarc)**

Basket 9 A Philippou

**November Competition Results**  
As per judges sheets

**OPEN SECTION**

**Large Cymbidium**

1<sup>st</sup> Cym Sarah Jean 'Vapour' R Austin  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cym Fifi x *parishii* x Sarah Jean R Austin

**Sarcochilus Species/Hybrid**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sarco Dorothy D Colquhoun

**Phalaenopsis Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Dtps Alice's Yasmin J & M Lattimore  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dtps Champion Lightning 'Flash' J & M Lattimore

**Masdevallia Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Masd Patricia Hill x Tiger Kiss M Pearce  
2<sup>nd</sup> Masd Hotshot 'Velvet Delight' M Pearce

**Any Other Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Zgna Dynamo x *Z bolivianum* M Condon

**Species Any Genera**

1<sup>st</sup> Arpophyllum *giganteum* H Buckstein  
2<sup>nd</sup> Soph *arcauensis* E & F Wilde

**Best in Section**

Arpophyllum *giganteum* (pictured) H Buckstein



**INTERMEDIATE SECTION**

**Medium Cymbidium**

1<sup>st</sup> Cym Street Tango B Whearam

**Small Cymbidium**

1<sup>st</sup> Cym Cricket Le Tan Liep

**Aust Native Species**

1<sup>st</sup> Plect *tridentata* M Mally

**Sarcochilus Species/Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Sarco Fitzhart F & J Spiteri  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sarco fitzgeraldii 'Vibrant' B Whearam

**Dendrobium Hybrid/Species (not Aust Native)**

1<sup>st</sup> Den *thrysiflorum* Le Tan Liep

**Any Other Hybrid**

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

**Species Any Genera**

1<sup>st</sup> Epidendrum A Philippou  
2<sup>nd</sup> Stelis *porschiana* M Mally

**Best in Section**

Den *thrysiflorum* Le Tan Liep

**ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION**

**Medium Cymbidium**

1st Cym Plush Canyon P & W Carlesso

**Small Cymbidium**

1st Cym Sarah Jean 'Jennifer' P & W Carlesso  
2nd Cym Ruby Eyes 'Red Baron' P Edmonds

**Aust Native Hybrid Dendrobium**

1<sup>st</sup> Den Oliver Jack P & H Caly

**Sarcochilus Species/Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Sarco Fitzhart P & W Carlesso  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sarco Dove G Ragg

**Oncidium Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Zelemnia Liz 'Full Moon' D & J Walker

**Masdevallia Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Masd Marguerite 'Firewalker' G Ragg

**Species Any Genera**

1<sup>st</sup> Catt *intermedia* Alba x Pink G Ragg

**Best in Section**

Cym Sarah Jean 'Jennifer' (pictured) P & W Carlesso



**NON SECTIONAL**

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

1<sup>st</sup> Cym Fifi x Vogelsang H Buckstein  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sarco Heidi x Fitzhart A Philippou

**Judges Vote**

Den *thrysiflorum* Le Tan Liep

**Best Cultivated**

Den *thrysiflorum* Le Tan Liep

**MOS Cultural Certificate Awarded on the Night**

Den *thrysiflorum* (pictured) Le Tan Liep



**Bringing Plants to Meetings**

A big "thank you" to all the members who have benched plants this year. We're always interested in seeing the fruits of our labours, and the diversity of plants that are grown by the members is astounding. The meetings are certainly enhanced by all the wonderful displays. Winning a ribbon, or catching the judges' eye is a bonus. Keep up the good work, and happy growing. See you all next year, bigger and better.

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