



# Maribyrnong Orchid Society

MARCH 2012 BULLETIN

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## Next Meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2012

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month (except January). The next meeting of the Maribyrnong Orchid Society will be held at the Maribyrnong Community Centre, Randall Street, Maribyrnong, on **Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2012**.

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.

## Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker this month will be Mr Michael Mathews and the topic will be "A Slide Night on Orchids".

Our guest speaker last month was Mr Dick Thompson. Thanks Dick for a very interesting talk.

## Supper Duties 13<sup>th</sup> March

Mila Jurjevic and Voola Eleftheriou will be on supper duties for the October meeting. All members are welcome to bring in a plate of supper to be enjoyed at the end of the evening.

## Coming Events

Committee Meeting	20 <sup>th</sup> March
Easter	6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> April
AGM	10 <sup>th</sup> April
Bus Trip	April ?
Autumn Show Setup	Friday 25th May
Autumn Show	Sat 26th & Sun 27th May

## Plant of the Month February 2012

The Judges Vote and winner of the Open section at the February meeting was a Novelty Cattleya, Sc (Sophrocattleya) Joanne 'Seduction' grown by Joe Crawford.

Sophrocattleya is an hybrid genus comprised of Sophronitis and Cattleya.



President's Message March 2012

Well hello again.

I am sitting here listening to the rain while I write, and I feel very sorry for the people up north. They are having a bad time with the floods, and it is a real inspiration to see how they keep going. The weather report has just been on TV and the rain will be with us for the next couple of days. Oh well it doesn't seem that long ago we were in the middle of a drought and now we have the opposite. One good thing is that our tanks are filling up, in fact overflowing.

My cymbids are all looking very happy and Tracey has been outside repotting. I had to stop her recently as she was just about to divide one on a hot day. I suppose I shouldn't complain as she was doing a good job. There still seems a lot to do, and it's an ongoing project. In the past I have been able to pass all my excess plants to Tracey, but now she is back home we seem to be getting overgrown.

Our April meeting will be our A.G.M. and we will be looking for members for the committee. The committee meetings are the third Tuesday of the month and usually last for about an hour and half. If you would like to become a committee member then see myself or Anthony and we will point you in the right direction. Still no news about our first bus trip. I am still waiting for conformation. Our second and third trip have been organised, and there will be more news on those in the future.

That is it for this month. Not much is happening at the moment. Will catch you at the March meeting.

Liz

Very little from the committee this month.

Wilma and Elizabeth are doubting whether the trip to the "Miles" can be arranged on a suitable date. They are still trying to organise the trip, but.....

The seedlings that were offered have been half sold, so there are about 25 left needing a home, they are at the very reasonable price of \$5. They are available at the next meeting - first up, best dressed. All the seedlings are required to be presented at the meeting, so that we can see what you have done to them, including those purchased on the night (so that they remain in the competition). Remember for your \$5 not only do you join in the fun of the competition, but when you bring in your plant for the competition you have the chance of winning another plant each night and of course winning the competition at the end of the year. This is usually a voucher from Bunnings or similar, so your seedling could be better than a ticket in Tatts. **25 left, have a go.**

New members for the month are:

Nguyen Thi Hiep of St Albans  
Paul and Mary Saliba of St Albans  
Collette Whittaker of Taylors Lakes

Welcome to you all, we hope that you enjoy being a member of the Society. Orchid growers are a friendly lot. Sometimes for newcomers that may seem intimidating with such knowledge.... but don't let that fool you. A few months, a few years, a couple of decades ago they were just like you, **wishing to learn more about this wonderful group of plants, Orchids.** I have never met an orchid grower who cannot resist the temptation of "how do you grow.....?".

Well that's all folks, see you about.  
Eric



Seedling Competition

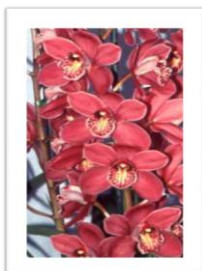
This year we have cymbidiums:(KHAN FLAME 'Tuscany' x RED NELLY 'Devil') which will grow cold.

There are now only **25 plants** available for **\$5.00 each.**

An important part of the competition is that the plants are returned each meeting so we can all see their progress under different growing conditions. This will also guarantee you a place in the draw at the end of the year. There is also an award for the first member whose plant produces a flower. If you can't attend any particular monthly meeting, you may arrange for another member to return them for you.

Good luck and happy growing,

Joanne Hastewell – Coordinator.



KHAN FLAME 'Tuscany' x RED NELLY 'Devil'

Guest Speakers for 2012

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|----------------------------|--|
| 13 <sup>th</sup> March     | Mr Michael Mathews<br>Slide Night on Orchids               |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> April     | Andrew Francis (Castle Creek Orchids)<br>TBC               |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> May        | Chloe Hynes<br>NEUTROG Australia                           |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> June      | Grant Garrett<br>Awarded Orchids 2011                      |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> July      | Hendrik Venter<br>TBC                                      |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> August    | John Sharam<br>Club Champion Cymbidium Orchids             |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> September | Gary Backhouse<br>TBC                                      |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> October    | Anthony Scerri<br>19 <sup>th</sup> AOC Conference in Perth |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> November  | Murray Harding<br>Australian Native Cymbidiums             |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> December  | No Speaker - Christmas Function                            |

**Wanted to Buy**

Nicky Huynh is looking for the following STANHOPEA ORCHIDS:

Stan Embreei, Stan Saccata 'Rene', Stan Graveolens  
Phone 9748 7345 if you want to help Nic and I will pass on your message.

To request anything orchid-related through this column please phone 9748 7345, fax 9748 6933, 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.

**MOS Orchid Show Calendar**

**Maribyrnong 2012 Orchid Shows**

**Autumn Show: May 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Winter Show: July 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Spring Show: September 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sarcochilus Festival: November 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>**

All Maribyrnong Orchid shows are conducted at our club rooms, which are located at Maribyrnong Community Centre in Randall Street, Maribyrnong. Mel Ref 28 A7. Check further bulletins for opening times.

**Supper Roster**

March	Joyce Spiteri	Rita Grima
April	Carmen Ellul	Margaret Gatt
May	Dawn Carroll	Pam Hulls
	Betty Nedelkova	Kylie Gusset
June	Lisa Conti	Kathleen Thompson
July	Geoff Ragg	Peter Caly
August	Alex Wild	Hubert Nyssen
September	Mila Jurjevic	Voola Eleftheriou
October	Denise Colquhoun	
November	Collette Whittaker	

We need another volunteer for both October and November. Please enter your name on the roster at the next meeting.



**Competition Results February**  
**As per judging sheets**

**OPEN SECTION**

**Sarcochilus Species/Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Sarc Velvet 'Chocolate' x Velvet 'Splice' J & Y McIntyre  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sarc *eriochilus* A Wild

**Paphiopedilum - Novelty Type**

1<sup>st</sup> Paph Prime Child J W Crawford  
2<sup>nd</sup> Paph Lantha Stage "Handsome" J W Crawford

**Cattleya - Novelty Type**

1<sup>st</sup> Sc Joanne 'Seduction' J W Crawford

**Oncidium Hybrid**

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

**Vanda**

1<sup>st</sup> Ascda Ken Kone 'Conference' J & M Lattimore  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ascda Udomchai Delight 'Goldfinger' J & M Lattimore

**Any Other Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Stanhopea Tigolens 'Pembro' S Stebbing  
2<sup>nd</sup> Epi Cosmo Dream E & F Wilde

**Species Any Genera**

1<sup>st</sup> Encyclia *radicans* M Condon  
2<sup>nd</sup> Phrag *richteri* J W Crawford

**Best in Section**

Sc Joanne 'Seduction' J W Crawford

**INTERMEDIATE SECTION**

**Aust Native Hybrid Dendrobium**

1<sup>st</sup> Den Kim Heinze Le Tan Liep

**Sarcochilus Species/Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Sarc Kate 'Border' x *falcatus* G Ragg

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

1<sup>st</sup> Den *mooreii* R & M Thompson

**Masdevallia Hybrid**

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

**Species Any Genera**

1<sup>st</sup> Stenoglottis *woodsii* R & M Thompson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cynarorteis *kasinarea* R & M Thompson

**Best in Section**

Stenoglottis *woodsii* R & M Thompson

**ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION**

**Aust Native Hybrid Dendrobium**

1<sup>st</sup> Den Colonial Surprise x Kathryn Banks A & D Houghton  
2<sup>nd</sup> Den Barbara Tulloch J Diwell

**Aust Native Species Dendrobium**

1<sup>st</sup> Den *toressae* J Diwell

**Any Other Hybrid**

1<sup>st</sup> Epidendrum Raspberry H Nyssen  
2<sup>nd</sup> Col Wildcat 'Blood Ruby' M Grima

**Best in Section**

Epidendrum Raspberry H Nyssen

**NON SECTIONAL**

**Judges Vote**

Sc Joanne 'Seduction' J W Crawford

**Best Cultivated**

Stenoglottis *woodsii* R & M Thomas

**MOS Club Cultural Certificate**

Stenoglottis *woodsii* R & M Thomas

**Club Cultural Certificate**

Stenoglottis *woodsii*, grown by R & M Thompson was awarded a Club Cultural Certificate by the judges. Congratulations to you both.



## What happens at an MOS meeting?

### The Early 'New Growers' Group

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

The group is always well-attended so be early or you might miss out on a seat.



### Before the Meeting

Come on in.

- have a tea or coffee
- buy some pots or other supplies
- purchase some plants
- book in for the next bus trip or function
- take out a library book
- enter into a show if one is coming up

There's always something to do.



## The Plant Competition

Plants can be bought along to show on the bench. Plants are judged and points awarded to the winners



### Guest Speakers

Guest speakers are invited and will speak on a diverse range of topics of interest to the members, in a number of different formats. Sometimes the guest speaker will bring along plants or orchid-related products for sale



### Supper

Finish off the night with a cup of tea or coffee, a slice of cake or a biscuit and a chat with friends.

There's always plenty to do, plenty to talk about and plenty to learn. It's even more interesting if you join the committee and become more involved. See you next month.

The Maribyrnong Orchid Society Annual General Meeting will be held at the meeting on April 10th.

We need new committee members. Please consider becoming a committee member as all positions need to be filled at the meeting.

Some quick notes –

- The meeting starts at the normal time of 8pm
- AGM first then the normal meeting
- Plant benching and judging as normal
- Seedling competition is on
- Speaker: Andrew Francis (Castle Creek Orchids)
- Supper after the meeting

**Membership Fees**



Membership fees are now due and Eric will be taking renewal fees from members at the next meeting.

Fees remain unchanged:  
 Junior (under 16 yrs) \$ 8.00  
 Single \$12.00  
 Family \$15.00

It will be greatly appreciated if members have the correct money on hand.

This year in order to get free entry into the show members will be required to have their current coloured membership card with them, as well as having their name badge on.

**Orchid Species Society of Victoria Open Day**

**Free entry**

Sun 18th March 9am-1pm  
 City of Whitehorse Horticultural Centre  
 Jolimont Road Forest Hills  
 Mel. Ref. 62 F4

**Judges Auction**

Sun 20<sup>th</sup> May  
 Repatriation Hospital, Heidelberg.  
 Entry through Gate 8, Waterdale Road.  
 Mel Ref 401 G7

**Werribee Orchid Club Winter Show**

**Entry \$3.00**

21st July 9am-4pm & 22nd July 9am-3pm  
 Senior Citizen's Centre, Kelly Park,  
 Synott Street Werribee  
 Mel. Ref. 205 K9

**ANOS Victoria Annual Spring Show**

Sat 29th & Sun 30th September  
 9am-4pm  
 Mount Waverley Community Centre  
 (Opposite Mount Waverley Station)  
 Miller Crescent, Mount Waverley  
 Mel. Ref. 70 E1

**OSCOV's Melbourne Orchid Spectacular 2012**

Springers Leisure Centre  
 Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Aug 9am-5pm  
 Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Aug 9am-5pm  
 Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Aug 9am-4pm  
 400 Cheltenham Rd , Keysborough, VIC  
 Mel Ref 89, A10

**19th AOC Conference Perth 2012**



**19th AOC Conference & Show  
 Perth, Western Australia  
 11th to 16th September 2012  
 "Wild About Orchids"**

The Australian Orchid Conference, held every three years, will return to Perth for the first time since 1991 and promises to be even more spectacular than all previous conference successes.

For further information, please contact:  
 the Chairman at +61 (0) 0417 903 280  
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The Secretary, 19th Australian Orchid Conference  
 P O Box 576, MORLEY, Western Australia, 6062  
 Or visit the website at

[www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/19th\\_AOC\\_Conference.htm](http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/19th_AOC_Conference.htm)

**Orchid Species Society of Victoria**

**Free Entry**

**OPEN DAY**

Sunday 18th March  
 9am - 2pm

**Horticultural Centre  
 Jolimont Rd, Forest Hill**  
 (next to Parkmore Primary School)  
**Mel Map 62 G 4**

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 Membership enquiries ph 03 5998 2270

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