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BULLETIN CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE – 3rd Thursday of the month

Next Meeting – 14th August 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 14th August 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.

Coming Events

14th August	Meeting
21st August	Committee Meeting
8-9 th September	Maribyrnong Spring Show

Supper Duties 14th August

Alex Wild and Hubert Nyssen will be on supper duties for the August meeting. All members are welcome to bring in a plate of supper to be enjoyed at the end of the evening.

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker this month will be Gary Backhouse. Gary is one of Melbourne's leading orchid experts, an excellent presenter and co-author of the book "Wild Orchids of Victoria, Australia", among others.

Last month's speaker was Hendrik Venter who gave a talk on the "Orchids of the Botanic Society". Thanks, Hendrik.

Winter Show

Grand Champion Orchid of the Show
Champion Paphiopedilum Hybrid
Paph Tony Semple 'Pretty' – Malcolm Pearce
Congratulations Malcolm



MARIBYRNONG WINTER SHOW RESULTS
July 14th & 15th

MAJOR AWARDS

Grand Champion Orchid of the Show

Paph Tony Semple 'Pretty' M Pearce

Reserve Champion Orchid of the Show

Phrag Rosie Dixler 'Queenscliff' J W Crawford



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Champion Cymbidium

Cym Pepper Blaze 'Midnight' D Wain



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Champion Australian Native Orchid

Dend Hilda Poxon G Pezzin

Champion Laeliinae Orchid

Sc Royal Beau 'Dendi' J W Crawford

Champion Paphiopedilum Hybrid

Paph Tony Semple 'Pretty' M Pearce

Champion Paphiopedilum Species

Paph *villosum* G Pezzin

Champion Masdevallia Orchid

Masd King of Kings 'Royale' M Pearce



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Champion Hybrid Orchid

Phrag Rosie Dixler 'Queenscliff' J W Crawford

Champion Species Orchid: Gerald McCraith AM Award

Paph *villosum* G Pezzin

Champion Specimen Orchid

Phrag St Ouen 'Sunshine' J W Crawford

Champion Stand (Predominately Orchids)

Stand 'A' M Pearce

Champion Basket of Orchids

Basket 2 M Breuer

Champion Orchid by an Intermediate Grower

Catt Wunabui Surprise K Weyers

Champion Orchid by a Novice Grower

Cym Shooting Star M Grima



Cym Shooting Star

Champion Plant (Non orchid)

Begonia M & J Lattimore

Best Open Floral Art

M Lattimore

Best Intermediate Floral Art

B Carey

Best Novice Floral Art

K Hill

Best Wired Work

M Lattimore



MINOR AWARDS (Rosette)

Best Stand by a Novice

T Scerri

Best Cultivated Orchid

Dend Hilda Poxon G Pezzin

Best Seedling Orchid - 1st Flowering

Cym Khan Flame x Alumination Truss M Pearce

Best Fern

G Ragg

Best Bromeliad Exhibit

E & F Wilde

Best Foliage Exhibit (non orchid) M & J Lattimore

Best Flowering Exhibit (non orchid) D Colquhoun

Best Cacti/Succulent

D Colquhoun

President's Message

Well here we are coming into August and two of our shows are over. The winter show was a great success. Probably the best winter show in the last six or seven years. Congratulations to Anthony and his team for a great job. Also congratulations to all the exhibitors for benching some outstanding plants.

It has been very dry where I live. We get these fine showers of rain that hardly seem to cover the ground. I have had to water quite regularly as Mother Nature is on the go slow at the moment. Will need some decent rain soon as the tanks are going down.

I had a call from Andrew at Castle Creek Orchids and he told me that they are looking to sell their current property and enlarge somewhere near where they are now. Andrew and John are looking to downsize their orchids, and if you are interested in obtaining some of their stock then I suggest that you ring Andrew and make an appointment to pop up and see them as they are very busy with markets on the weekends.

If you are interested in our last bus trip to Bendigo, then see Wilma at the next meeting, but be quick as I have a feeling that this trip will fill up quickly. The cost is **\$30**. And we will be leaving at **9.00am**. Still not much is happening at my end at the moment. Hope to see you at the next meeting 14th August.

Bye for now.
Liz.

Seedling Report July

I would like to thank to Hendrik Venter for providing his comments on the seedlings. There were 32 seedlings returned, it looks very good having all the plants on the front table. Congratulations to Julianne Diwell who was the winner of the monthly prize.

Members were also asked bring back their plants from last year's competition, the stage looked very full. Twenty were returned which is fantastic. Some of the plants are looking very good indeed. I think I noticed one might flower in the not too distant future. I know mine will be couple of years yet. The winner for last year's seedling draw was Anthony Scerri.

A couple of members are having trouble with their seedlings being mistakenly taken home by other members. If you are unsure of your plant number please let me know and I will be able to tell you your plant number. I have all the names and numbers in my little blue book.

REMEMBER the plants are to be returned each meeting; we all like to see how the plants are going. This also guarantees you a place in the draw at the end of the year. If you can't attend any particular monthly meeting, you may arrange for another member to return them for you.

Show Coordinator's Report

Maribyrnong Orchid Society
Spring Show
Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 September 2012

Our Spring Show is on the 8th and 9th September 2012. Yes only a month away. I will again require help with setup on Friday 7th September after 12.30pm. There will be a number of jobs over the weekend that require help if you have some time. Also of course after 4pm on Sunday, when we are all tired and most people have collected their plants and are on their way home, yes, we have to clean up the hall. Many hands make light work so if you could help, it would be appreciated.

If members require a stand at the show please contact me so I can allocate a position in the hall for you.

If you require sales tickets, please ring Elizabeth or see the helpers at the back of the hall at the August meeting to arrange them.

Please note that on the Friday of the show **NO** plants are permitted in the hall till after 1.30pm and that NO sales plants will be permitted into the sales area, till after **3.30pm**.

At all shows this year members will still receive free entry. However, you must have your name badge on and MUST show your yellow 2012 membership ticket at the door.

I look forward to see you all at the August meeting and at our Winter Show.

Anthony Scerri
Show Coordinator

MARIBYRNONG SPRING SHOW 2012 General Notes

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.

If you wish to sell plants at our shows you must exhibit on the show-bench - the allowance is 8 sales plants to one exhibit.

Farewell to Dulcie.

Dulcie Merwin was a lady who loved to come to our shows. She had to catch two trams to get there, but she always managed to get over sometime over the weekend with her camera and little cards with words of comfort that she would hand around.

Dulcie loved to take lots of pictures of the "lovely orchids" as she called them and was always easy to see with her knitted cap and grey hair. She did join the club but was unable to attend meetings. She did manage to go on a few bus trips.

Unfortunately Dulcie passed away quietly early in the week of 23rd to 29th of July. I know that Dulcie will be somewhere where there are lots of "lovely orchids" and if she has a camera, will be clicking away as normal. Bye Dulcie.

- Liz Walker

Competition Results July
As per judging sheets

OPEN SECTION

Medium Cymbidium

1st Cym Autumn Brace A Scerri

Small Cymbidium

1st Cym Sarah Jean 'Karen' B Rowlands

Aust Native Hybrid Dendrobium

1st Dend Brolga x Aussie Victory A Scerri

Aust Native Terrestrials

1st Pts Dusty Duke A Scerri

2nd Diplodium *robustum* A Scerri

Paphiopedilum - Exhibition Type

1st Paph Copperware x Winston Churchill J W Crawford

Paphiopedilum - Novelty Type

1st Paph Tony Semple 'Pretty' M Pearce

2nd Paph Dramatic x *sukhakulii* J W Crawford

Paphiopedilum – Species

1st Paph *villosum* J W Crawford

2nd Paph *spicerianum* J & D Sharam

Cattleya - Exhibition Type

1st Blc Burdekin Delight x C Dream Trader J Haniver

Oncidium Hybrid

1st Onc Dancing Light J Haniver

2nd Onc River of Gold x Arila J W Crawford

Odontoglossum Hybrid

1st Zelglossoa Calico 'Green Valley' A Phillipou

Any Other Hybrid

1st Phrag Cardinale J W Crawford

2nd Zygo Kiwi Choice x Adelaide Meadows A Scerri

Species Any Genera

1st Osmoglossum *pulchellum* M Condon

Best in Section

Paph Tony Semple 'Pretty' M Pearce

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

Large Cymbidium

1st Cym Grand Monarch G Ragg

Medium Cymbidium

1st Cym Valley Olympic 'Pink Perfection' R Ryan

2nd Cym Pendragon x Rapdancer B Whearam

Small Cymbidium

1st Cym Delores x Tom Thumb 'Tamara' F & J Spiteri

Aust Native Hybrid Dendrobium

1st Dend Avril's Gold 'Zac' Le Tan Liep

Best in Section

Cym Valley Olympic 'Pink Perfection' R Ryan

ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION

Large Cymbidium

1st Cym Unknown T Loan Do

Small Cymbidium

1st Cym Morialta 'Morialta Falls' M Jurjevic

2nd Cym Ivy Cussuck R & M Grima

Aust Native Hybrid Dendrobium

1st Dend Zip x Sunglow J Bradley

2nd Dend Colonial Surprise x Kathryn Banks
A & D Houghton

Oncidium Hybrid

1st Colmanara Wildcat 'Tomcat' K Stringer

Best in Section

Cym Morialta 'Morialta Falls' M Jurjevic

NON SECTIONAL

Seedling Flowering 1st Time



1st Paph Copperware x Winston Churchill J W Crawford

Judges Vote

Paph Tony Semple 'Pretty' M Pearce

Best Cultivated

Oncidium *ornithorhynchum* x Twinkle A Phillipou

Bark Sales

Coco Peat \$14.00 per block

Perlite \$24.00 per bag

Contact Ron Ryan on 9311 2239 or 0438 098 267

From the committee (16 July 2012)

Well, the second show is done and dusted. The committee agreed that in fact the show was very good, the number of exhibits was up and I thought the standard of plants was excellent. The sales area was better stocked for this show and suitably depleted at the shows end, sufficient to have the Treasurer smile during his financial report (but only for a second).

So now onto the larger shows of the year. The payment of the show prizes for these show placegetters was discussed again and again it has been accepted that all first and second placegetters will receive \$5 and \$2 respectively for their prizes.... So don't be a judge and assess your plants as not being prizeworthy.... Bring them in. That is what we pay (ahem) the judges for. I would love to hear Anthony and the stand-builders say "enough", just once.

We had several new members sign up at the show: Mary and Michael Camilleri of North Sunshine Yu Fang Lei of Keilor East Sue Cai Lan Liu of Yarraville Maddalena and Mila Maisano of Ascot Vale Welcome to you all, at the next meeting your name tags will be available for you to pick up.

With the general shrinking of membership to clubs (generally) Maribyrnong's membership has slowly been going down for many years, it is pleasing that this month our "memberships" has increased to 202, up from 198 last year, is this the turn around, or do we at last have a suit of clothes to fit us? Welcome again all new members, and prepare those plants for the next show.

Good growing. Eric

PLEIONE CULTURE

Pleione are an interesting genus, that anyone can grow in Victoria. They like to be a little on the dark side and when in growth, good watering.

A very comprehensive article on their growth is given by Max Akam on the OSCOV website www.oscov.asn.au/articles2/pleione.htm.

A brief description of their culture (but simple) follows.



Photo: alpinegardensociety.net

Plant the tubers in a rich compost (potting soil plus aged cow manure). Tubers 25-30 mm should flower this year. Plant the tubers about half way up the bulb, pointy end up. Water in and leave, they can grow outside in Melbourne, but protect from frost and snails/slugs.

As Spring approaches the bulbs will shoot, increase watering and place the bulbs in a little more shelter. In early summer the new shoots will begin to show, the old leaves will have died, increase watering and fertilising to produce strong new tubers. Max says to water at night on hot days. Refer to the above info (a wonderful article by Max.)

Good growing
Eric Wilde

Wanted to Buy

Nicky Huynh is looking for:

Dendrobium Williamsii
Dendrobium Wenzelii (red)
Dendrobium Wenzelii (orange)
Dendrobium Glumaceum

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

Please remember that the transaction is between the buyer and seller. Neither Jenny nor the Maribyrnong Orchid Club are responsible for any goods advertised through this service.



ORCHID DISPLAY and sales

When: Saturday August 25th 2012

10am - 4pm

Where: Uniting Church Hall

Moorabool St Sth Geelong

Car park entrance from Balliang St

Mel Ref: 452 A7

Entry: \$2.00

- ❖ Orchid Plant sales
- ❖ Other plant sales
 - ❖ Raffle
- ❖ Tea, coffee & biscuits
 - ❖ Cookie stall
 - ❖ Sausage Sizzle

****1 free cup tea/coffee & biscuit****

Other Shows

Melbourne Orchid Spectacular & Victorian International Orchid Fair

Fri 24th & Sat 25th Aug 9am -5pm

Sun 26th Aug 9am – 4pm

Springers Leisure Centre
Cheltenham Road, Keysborough,
Mel Ref 89 A10

Cymbidium Orchid Society Vic

Sat 8th September 9am-5pm

Sun 9th September 9am-4pm

Hungarian Community Centre
760 Boronia Rd, Wantirna

Werribee Orchid Club

Sat 15th & Sun 16th Sept 9am – 4pm

Italian Sports Club,
601 Heaths Road, Werribee
Mel Ref 205 F3

Victorian Orchid Club Spring Show

Sat 14th & Sun 15th Sept 10am – 4pm

Heidelberg Repatriation Hosp
Entry through Gate 8,
300 Waterdale Road Heidelberg
Mel. Ref. 31 F4

ANOS Victoria Annual Spring Show Mount Waverley Community Centre

Sat 29th & Sun 30th Sept 9am-4pm

(Opposite Mount Waverley Station)
Miller Crescent, Mount Waverley
Mel. Ref. 70 E1

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