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BULLETIN CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE – 3rd Thursday of the month

Next Meeting – 13th November 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 13th November 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

9 th November	Show set up
10 th & 11 th November	Sarcochilus Festival
13 th November	Meeting
20 th November	Committee Meeting
December	Christmas Dinner

Supper Duties 13th November

Collette Whittaker and Jeff Walker will be on supper duties for the November 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 Murray Harding who will be speaking on Australian Native Cymbidiums.

Thanks to Anthony Scerri who told us all about the 19th AOC Conference in Perth. See inside for more about the conference.

Plant of the Night October



Plant of the Night for the October meeting was Masdevallia Patricia Hill x Tiger Kiss shown by Malcolm Pearce. Also Best in Open and Judges Vote.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi there everyone. Well the year is flying by and our last show will be on us before we know it. It doesn't seem that long ago we had our first show, and now we are heading towards Christmas. Speaking of Christmas, I hope that you are coming to our Christmas dinner on Tuesday 11th December at about 6.00pm. The cost this year will be \$20.00 for members and \$22.00 for non members. Unfortunately the cost of everything has gone up and that includes our Christmas dinner. See Wilma at the show or at the next meeting for your ticket and don't forget to bring along some refreshments and a glass or cup. If you want a whole table then you must get there early to grab one as we don't reserve tables.

Just a quick reminder not to forget our Sarc Festival on the 10th and 11th of November. If you don't have any Sarcs then you can enter something in the general section. Maybe you have that one orchid that will blow everyone away, you never know. Entries are taken from 1.30pm to 6.00pm on the Friday.

Now the Cymbidium season is almost over, it is time to look at repotting. I know that this seems a chore to some of us but the results next season will be worth it. I found a pot recently that has a lot of back bulbs and I will tackle it soon and hope I can strike some of the back bulbs. Of course I have lots of stuff that needs repotting so I suppose I had better start sooner rather than later.

Well I had better get going as I have the flu and I need a clean dry handkerchief. Will catch up with you all soon.

Bye for now.
Elizabeth

From the committee (16 October 2012)

At the committee meeting a report from Barry on the cost of the Christmas dinner was tabled. It has been decided that the cost to members will be \$20 and for non-members \$22. Wilma will have your tickets, etc, at the November meeting. The Christmas plants have been picked up and are resting at Little River. They look quite nice too..... Father Christmas and Mrs Christmas have accepted our invitation also.

Next year's Show dates were decided:

Autumn Show	May 24/25/26
Winter Show	July 12/13/14
Spring Show	Sept 13/14/15
Summer Show (Sarc)	Nov 8/9/10

The show committee has been asked to get an extra pallet of bark for this show.....so with a bit of luck it will last to Saturday morning, we don't want it to last too long, as then we will have to shift it 3 or 4 times. Anyhow, get in and get your bark. We will also have a supply of coco media and perlite for those wishing to try this type of culture. I did do an

article for the bulletin on using this media (last year?), or speak to me about it, I really like using this media as I don't have to water as often.

The security of the sales area will continue on the Friday night and the "back gate" will be locked at all shows. The gate can be opened to bring in bulk sales plants by contacting the show co-ordinator. It is to be locked upon completion of the unloading. So sales for workers, exhibitors and Judges on Friday night will be 4-00 till 6-00 pm and on request after 6-30.

Well that's all from me, so
Good growing - Eric

Show Coordinator's Report

Maribyrnong Orchid Society
Sarcochilus Festival Show
Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 November 2012

Before our November meeting, we will be running the Sarcochilus Festival on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 November 2012. This is the last show for the year. I will again require help with set up on Friday 9 November, 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, so more hands makes light work and I could do with your help again.

We will continue with having the new entry and exit at the show. We require people to enter by the small door on the left of the hall and exit out the centre door. This is to ease the congestion at the front door.

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 for the Sarcochilus Festival, please ring Elizabeth for tickets.

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 Sarcochilus Festival, which is the last show for 2012.

Anthony Scerri
Show Coordinator

Plastic Bags needed

Clean plastic bags are required for the plant sales area at the next show. If you have any clean, dry plastic bags they can be dropped off at the next meeting or directly to the show in November.

Competition Results October
As per judging sheets

OPEN SECTION

Large Cymbidium

1st Cym Appleby 'Carolma' Unknown

Medium Cymbidium

1st Cym Bulbarrow A Philippou

Small Cymbidium

1st Cym Mary Green J & D Sharam

2nd Cym Tuffet 'Cathy' B Rowlands

Aust Native Species Dendrobium

1st Den Gillieston Royalty x Graham Banks
J W Crawford

2nd Den Gold Flow x Speciosum 'Windemere' A Scerri

Aust Native Species Dendrobium

1st Den *mortii* J & D Sharam

2nd Den *striolatum* E & F Wilde

Sarcochilus Species/Hybrid

1st Sarc Songbird J Haniver

2nd Sarc First Light J & Y McIntyre

Paphiopedilum – Exhibition Type

1st Paph Joan Thomas x Samantha Rhodes
J W Crawford

Paphiopedilum – Maudiae/Callosum Type

1st Paph Joan's Wine x Maudiae J W Crawford

Paphiopedilum - Novelty Type

1st Paph Dr Jack Chandamia x *micranthum*
J W Crawford

Cattleya Novelty Type

1st Catt Royal Beau 'Dendi' J W Crawford

2nd L *flava* x S *coccinea* E & F Wilde

Lycaste

1st Lyc Koolena x Jason S & M Hurwood

2nd Lyc Koolena 'A B Porter' S & M Hurwood

Phalaenopsis Hybrid

1st Phal Little Gem 'Stripes' J & M Lattimore

2nd Phal Brother Pico 'Sweetheart' J & M Lattimore

Masdevallia Hybrid

1st Masd Patricia Hill x Tiger Kiss M Pearce

2nd Masd Copper Angel 'Highland' S & M Hurwood

Masdevallia Species

1st Masd *macura* J Haniver

2nd ?? Plione Fox Hill M Condon

Any Other Hybrid

1st Z Dynamo x Z *bolivianum* A Scerri

Species Any Genera

1st Laelia *jongheanu* M Condon

2nd Restripia *contorta* B Duncan

Best in Section

Masd Patricia Hill x Tiger Kiss M Pearce

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

Large Cymbidium

1st Cym Ben Guest x Mark Henbury M Mally

2nd Cym Miretta x Walkira G Ragg

Medium Cymbidium

1st Cym Street Tango 'Desire' B Whearam

2nd Cym Volcanic Flash 'Tim Tam' M Mally

Small Cymbidium

1st Cym Prunewara F & J Spiteri

2nd Cym Dorothy Stockstill Le Tan Liep

Aust Native Hybrid Dendrobium

1st Den Awesome Le Tan Liep

2nd Den Delicatum H Nyssen

Aust Native Species Dendrobium

1st Den *linguiformis* B Light

Masdevallia Hybrid

1st Masd Gusco Gold

Le Tan Liep



Best in Section (above)

Cym Street Tango 'Desire' B Whearam

ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION

Large Cymbidium

1st Cym Valley Vampire 'Blood' J & C Ellul

Medium Cymbidium

1st Cym Kerry T Scerri

Small Cymbidium

1st Cym Sarah Jean 'Green Ice' F Penman

2nd Cym Marvin Gaye 'Royale' M Grima

Aust Native Hybrid Dendrobium

1st Den Flinders D & L McCoy

2nd Den Cobber J Diwell

Aust Native Species Dendrobium

1st Den *kingianum* 'Big Foot' J Diwell

2nd Ded *gracilicaule* J Diwell

Aust Native Terrestrials

1st Diuris *orientis* K Stringer

Sarcochilus Species/Hybrid

1st Sarc *falcatus* x Weinhart J Diwell

Oncidium Hybrid

1st Wilsonara Hilda Plumtree M Grima

Any Other Hybrid

1st Coelogyne Linda Buckley Unknown

Species Any Genera

1st Coelogyne *flaccida* J Hastewell



Best in Section (above)

Wilsonara Hilda Plumtree M Grima

NON SECTIONAL

Seedling Flowering 1st Time

1st Cym Hazel Fay x *devonianum* B Rowlands

2nd Paph Gold dollar x *rothschildianum* J W Crawford

Judges Vote

Masd Patricia Hill x Tiger Kiss M Pearce

Best Cultivated

Cym Street Tango 'Desire' B Whearam

MOS Cultural Certificate Awarded to:

Cym Street Tango 'Desire' B Whearam

**Report on the 19th AOC Show and Conference
In Perth WA**

At the Spring Show on Sunday, Margo, Frances, Eric, Steve Stebbing and Julianne collected the orchid flower spikes which members cut off their plants for me to take to the 19th AOC Conference and Show. They were inspected, placed in boxes and sealed (there were about seven boxes in all).

On Monday I was off to Western Australia with these seven boxes of flower spikes. After arriving at the Perth Airport I collected the boxes and went to where I was staying. (The boxes were not to be opened till I arrived at the venue and where the man from the WA Department of Agriculture and Food, [AgWa] gave me permission to open them).

After arriving at the Crown Casino (Burswood Casino), Perth, which was the venue for the conference and show, I was met by the man from AgWa, who gave me permission to open the boxes and he inspected each and every flower spike (yes, we got them all passed – great!).

Then I filled in an entry form for each flower spike - about 40 in all - placed each spike in a jar with water and placed them out for judging. I did this with help from Barbara Duncan.

The Judging took place on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning. During this time I could start to set up the club stand, for which the theme was "Wild about Orchid 'N' Colour".

After the Judges had finished, the cut flowers could be collected and placed on the stand which had to be completed by 1.00pm on Wednesday, so the judges could judge the stands.

I am very happy to inform you all that the club won the Best Stand from an Interstate Club and the Champion Stand 1 metre to 3 metres. Malcolm Pearce's cut Cymbidium, Lunar Blaze 'Radiant' won Champion Cut Cymbidium of the Show.

The conference also had a number of bus trips, the Opening Ceremony and Closing Dinner.

At conferences you meet a lot of great people and make some great friends who have the same interest as you. I think that conferences and shows are great.

The next AOC Conference and Show will be held in 2015, I would like to see more people from our club there.

Anthony Scerri
Show Coordinator

*Thank you to Anthony for the conference photos
-Editor*



Grand Champion 19th AOC Conference 2012
Lycaste About Sunset 'Abou', grown by Kevin Butler



Maribyrnong Orchid Society
Best Stand from an Interstate Club and the
Champion Stand 1 metre to 3 metres



Champion Cut Cymbidium of the Show - Malcolm
Pearce's cut Cymbidium, Lunar Blaze 'Radiant'

Christmas Dinner

Venue: Randall Street, Maribyrnong

Date: 11th December 2012

Start Time: 6.00pm

Cost: members \$20.00, Non-members \$22.00

Please purchase tickets
at the November meeting

Bring your own nibblies, beverages
and glass, cup, etc.

No reserved tables.

If we have all been good girls and boys,
Santa may attend



MARIBYRNONG SARCOCHILUS FESTIVAL 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.

It's Re-potting Time!!

Have you done your re-potting? Traditionally done on Melbourne Cup weekend in Melbourne, it's a busy time of year for all orchid growers, particularly those with cymbidiums.

It's also time to think about whether you need to add a layer of shadecloth over your growing area. The hot weather will be here before we know it.

GUIDELINES TO GROWING SARCOCHILUS

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NATURAL HABITAT

These species are distributed mainly on the Dividing Range in N.S.W. to elevations up to 1000 metres.

Some of them such as *Sarc falcatus*, *olivaceus*, *australis* grow on trees. Others like *Sarc fitzgeraldii* (commonly called the "Ravine Orchid") grow in cool, damp gullies. *Sarc hartmannii* on the other hand grow on rock faces in quite harsh conditions.

CULTIVATION

Although good light is needed to produce good flowerings - when grown out of their natural environment they need protection from the extreme heat and dryness over our Summer period, so I would suggest *Sarcochilus* be grown under 50% shade cloth and if possible under a hard roof (fibreglass). This then enables you to control the watering by giving them water when they need it, rather than having excess rain keeping them too cold and soggy during the depth of our Winter.

POTTING MEDIA

This can vary from a mixture of bark, charcoal and stones, to just bark by itself - the size of the bark will depend on the size of your plant - as you eventually pot up a size it is usual to also go up a size with the bark. Some *Sarcs* eg. *falcatus*, can be mounted on slabs of aged hardwood, or good quality tree fern.

WATERING

Sarcochilus like to be kept just damp at all times if possible, especially through the summer months - and perhaps watering only once every week to 10 days during the depth of winter. During the summer months, as well as watering, daily damping down the floors of the shed helps to keep them cool and also adds humidity. Slab culture will need watering more frequently, perhaps soaking in a bucket of water for a short time.

FERTILISING

Fertilising can be carried out at the time of repotting with a "slow release" fertiliser such as "Hoof and Horn" or "Osmocote" plus a very weak liquid fertiliser can be given occasionally when watering during the rest of the year.

PESTS AND DISEASES

Snails and slugs enjoy the conditions these orchids grow under, so should be checked frequently. If you have good air movement over your plants you should have little or no trouble with leaf spotting, but should your plants be crowded and air movement poor, leaf spotting and leaf drop may be a problem, if this happens a fungicide such as Mancozeb could be used to control the fungus problem. A small fan to create air movement over the plants would be a better solution. Caterpillars and aphids can also be a problem at times, but can easily be controlled with a Carbaryl dust - it will not hurt buds, but keep off the open flowers.

SARC CECILIAE

This species needs slightly different treatment from all the other *Sarcochilus* - perhaps a slightly more protected area, more light and slightly drier in the winter months. These can be potted into a terracotta saucer (well drained) with a very coarse potting media - perhaps hanging higher in the shed to get extra light and air movement.

Try to learn a little about your plants - where do they grow in nature? what temperature do they grow in? etc, etc. Today's *Sarcochilus* hybrids are a mixture of *Sarc* species so the above guidelines are a basis only for your growing - you will have to alter some of these conditions to suit your growing area.

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