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BULLETIN

AUCTION SUNDAY 20TH MARCH

There 333 lots to go under the hammer with some very interesting plants listed. We ask members to help on the day with set up starting at approx. 7.30am and help throughout the day.

SUPPER ROSTER. This month **Tinka** has volunteered to do sandwiches and **Ray Schuback** will do cake. A big thank you to last month's volunteers and also many thanks to other members who contributed to the supper table.

GUEST SPEAKER. This month we have the very knowledgeable **Ken Russell** as our guest speaker. Ken always delivers a very interesting talk on all things orchidaceous and who cannot forget what a wondrous tonic molasses is on your plants! Definitely not a talk to miss!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: March already, how time flies. Don't forget the auction coming up on Sunday the 20th. Auction catalogues are now available and have already been sent out with last month's bulletin, and there are some exceptional plants listed. Help on the day to set up from 7:30am would be greatly appreciated. As young as my back is I can't do it all alone!

Tinka has said that yet again she will post in the bulletin encouraging members to switch from mailed bulletins to emailed copies. Hopefully if it's written in the bulletin twice more people will take notice, as there are approximately 50 members still receiving hard copies, and postal costs are becoming prohibitive. The committee has discussed raising the cost of membership for members who still wish to receive hard copies to cover these costs.

I'm looking forward to hearing from our guest speaker for March, Ken Russel, always a very interesting and informative talk. I look forward to seeing you all soon. Dylan.

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**NEXT MEMBER'S
MEETING**
Thursday 24th March,
2016 at 8pm Cromer
Community Centre,
Fisher Road North,
Cromer.

**NEXT COMMITTEE
MEETING**
Thursday 7th April 2016
at the DYRSL 7.30pm.

LIBRARY. The library still operates so please make use of this facility as we have some very good books. We will be culling some books in the future which will be available to members.

SALES TABLE. Honest Gary has pots in all sizes and also plant labels. Please bring in your excess plants for sale.

Reminder - All members who bench plants at monthly meetings will be eligible to receive a raffle ticket and be in the draw to win a prize. The tickets will be on the table in front of the library. Don't forget to take a separate ticket for the badge draw when you sign in.

Repeating what our President has written, as postage has now risen to \$1.00 it would be appreciated if as many members as possible could receive their Bulletin by email. The cost of your membership no longer covers the cost of printing and postage. At the moment 50 members still receive their Bulletin by mail. Please see Tinka at the meeting or email to let her know. There will be some hard copies available at the meetings.

DIARY DATES 2016

March 20th AUCTION

March 24th Members Meeting

**April 9th-10th Collector's Plant Fair,
Hawkesbury Race Club, Clarendon**

**April 15th & 16th Castle Hill International
Orchid Fair at the showground**

April 28th Members Meeting

May 13th-15th Orchids Out West, Hawkesbury
Race Club, Clarendon

May 26th Members Meeting

June 9 – 12 North Shore OS Winter Show at
St. Ives Shopping Centre

June 16th – 18th Winter Show Dee Why Grand
(to be confirmed)

June 23rd Members Meeting

June 25 -26 Mingara Orchid Fair & Show

July 14-16 North Shore OS Show, Gordon
Shopping Centre

July 28th Member's Meeting

August 5-7 Orchids by the Sea

August 5-7 National Orchid Extravaganza,
Dural

August 19-21 St. Ives Orchid Fair

August 25th Member's Meeting

September 10-11 ANOS Waringah Group
Spring Show, Forestville Memorial Hall.

September 15-17 Spring Show Dee Why
Grand (to be confirmed)

September 22nd Members Meeting & AGM

October 27th Members Meeting

November 6th AUCTION

November 24th Members Meeting

December 4th Christmas Party

December 15th Members Meeting

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Our very own Cary Polis showed us this photo at the committee meeting and what a great photo it is. In it you can see an Assassin bug attacking a Dendrobium Beetle on a *Neobenthamia gracilis* (recent name change back to *Polystachya neobenthamia*).

These are a fantastic bug to have in the garden, or orchid house, as they are great predatory insects. Interestingly they consume their prey by injecting them with a potent saliva that digests the

inside of their prey and is then sucked out through their powerful rostrum (or proboscis, similar to butterfly and moths' mouthparts). Be careful though, as if handled they will attack humans with a very painful bite. It would be great if any members that see unusual insects send us more photos, as they are always interesting to learn and talk about, and it's fascinating to learn about the dynamic ecosystems that evolve in and around our Orchid collections.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ralph Payne who celebrated his 80th birthday on 25th February and on the following Saturday celebrated with his family and friends with a lunch on the Central Coast.

Show Marshal Report For February 2016

Hybrid of the Month : Dendrobium [Den.] Kuniko
Grown by: B. Britton



What a beautifully colored Dendrobium Bernie has here. It is a primary hybrid bred from these two species, Dendrobium [Den.] victoriae-reginae x Dendrobium [Den.] goldschmidtianum (syn. Dendrobium miyakei)



[Den.] victoriae-reginae X [Den.] goldschmidtianum
 These two pictures show where this plant gets its color from and has similar growth to both parents.

Specimen Plant of the Month :
"Dendrochilum uncatum"

Rchb.f., Bonplandia (Hannover) 3: 222 (1855).
Grown by: Tinka Riddell



Dendrochilum make a great specimen and a showy plant and these grow very well in our climate and are not a hard one to grow They grow ok in a shade house and there is a large group of them but there are ones that are hot growers. Below shows where this specie comes from *The Philippines and Taiwan. In the Philippines, this orchid grows as an epiphyte on Luzon Island where it is found in the provinces of Albay, Aurora, Batan, Benguet, Cagayan, Ifugao, Laguna, Nueva Vizcaya, Pampanga, Quezon, Rizal, Sorsogon, and Zambales at 3300-7550 ft. (1000-2300 m). On Taiwan, plants have been reported from the south end of the island on the Haengchun Peninsula as well as from Lanyu Island (Botel Tobago) where it grow in thickets at 1650-2600 ft. (500-800 m).from Orchidwiz. I put this in as it gives the heights where they come from and that is a good indicator what condition is required.*

Specie Plant of the Month :
"Prosthechea brassavolae" (syn. Encyclia brassavolae)

(Rchb.f.) W.E.Higgins, *Phytologia* 82: 376 (1997 publ. 1998).

Grown by:
Peter Christie



This is a lovely orchid grown by Peter. Notice it too has been moved into a new group, was also known as an Epidendrum. Way back I had a nice plant that grew hanging up in the

shade house and grew well till I divided it and lost it again. It is a high grower by the notes below and comes *From southern Mexico southward through Central America to western Panama. In Mexico, this orchid is found in the states of Guerrero, Oaxaca, Veracruz, and Chiapas where it grows in rather wet pine-oak forests over a wide range of elevations at 3950-8200 ft. (1200-2500 m). In Guatemala, plants are found near Cobán in Alta Verapaz at elevations up to 7850 ft. (2400 m). Plants have been reported in the mountains of Costa Rica and Panama, but details of habitat location and elevation were not given. In Panama, plants were reported to have come from Chiriquí Province, but according to Williams & Allen ([1946-1949]1980) they have not been collected there since Wasarscewicz reported a collection. from Orchidwiz* These are well worth looking for and sometimes can be under an old name as above.

Novice plant of the Month:
Phalaenopsis Unknown



Grown by:

Ros Mathews

This a nice orchid grown by Ros and has grown it inside her home as a plant she bought and from memory this was a secondary spike. A lot of people buy or

are given one to enjoy then don't know what to do. Don't cut the spike off at the bottom but go down from where the first flower was and you will see a node on the spike, cut it off just above that and when right will produce a secondary spike or two, sometime can develop a plantlet and when it gets roots can be cut off and you have a new plant. The other thing is a lot of these imported plants are in sphagnum moss so watch that it has not gone sour and if the plant has out grown the pot may have to repot but use good quality large bark so it drains quickly after water.

To all members, start keeping on to those plants going to flower for the shows as we need them to make the display. Also watch out for the slugs, snails and grubs, take care to prevent them.

Ian Nelson
 Show Marshal/Patron

FEBRUARY BENCHING POINT SCORE 2016

OPEN DIVISION

- | | |
|---|-----------------|
| 1. Sarcophilus Hybrid | 0 Plants |
| 2. Australian Native Hybrid | 1 Plants |
| 1. Den. Topaz Dream x D. bigibbum | C. Polis |
| 3. Australasian | 1 Plant |
| 1. Den. Petite Bouquet | I. Nelson |
| 4. Dockrillia Hybrid | 1 Plant |
| 1. Dock. Australian Lemon Pepper 'Brassy' | R. Lumby |
| 5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) >120mm | 2 Plants |
| 1. C. Angel Bells 'Susie' | G&A Cushway |
| 2. C. unknown | Li Shan Fan |
| 6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) <120mm | 5 Plants |
| 1. C. Fitz 'Eugene Dixon' | G&A Cushway |
| 2. Pot. Lisa Taylor 'Nora' | G&A Cushway |
| 3. Ctna. Why Not Walk 'Leanne' | A. Sulfaro |
| 7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty) | 6 Plant |
| 1. C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'The Virgin' | ? |
| 2. Cat. Fitz 'Eugene Dixon' | R&J Payne |
| 3. Cat. Splash of Port 'Yellow Face' | A. Sulfaro |
| 7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type) Hybrid | 7 Plants |
| 1. Blc. Wainae Leopard x Slc. Jungle Leopard | A.Sulfaro |
| 2. Epc. Volcano Trick | A. Sulfaro |
| 3. Bc. Island Charm x Sc. Cherry Bee | G&ACushway |
| 8. Laeliinae Hybrid (Miniature)<75mm | 7 Plants |
| 1. Slc. Tiny titan 'Orange Blush' | G&A Cushway |
| 2. Rly. Swan's Shy | G&A Cushway |
| 3. Lc. Tropical Pointer 'Cheetah' | C. Polis |
| 8A.Laeliinae Epidendrum | 3 Plants |
| 1. Enc. Elfin | C. Polis |
| 2. Epi. Topaz Rose | A. Sulfaro |
| 3. Epi. Topaz Glory | A. Sulfaro |
| 9. Cymbidium Standard | 0Plants |
| 10. Cymbidium Intermediate | 0 Plant |
| 11. Cymbidium Minature | 0 Plant |
| 12.Dendrobium | 5 Plants |
| 1. Den. Kuniko | B. Britten |
| 2. Den. classic Printing | A. Sulfaro |
| 3. Den. Shin Yiu Glomo | F&M Lee |
| 13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less | 3 Plants |
| 1. Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' | A. Sulfaro |
| 2. Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' | T. Riddell |
| 3. Onc. Sharry baby 'Sweet Fragrance' | T. Riddell |
| 14. Oncidiiae 30mm - 60mm | 2 Plants |
| 1. Colm. Wildcat 'Bobcat' | A. Sulfaro |
| 2. Colm. Wildcat 'Petite Syrah' | T. Riddell |
| 15. Oncidiiae 60mm and above | 5 Plants |
| 1. Milt. Honolulu | A. Sulfaro |
| 2. Dgmra. Flying High Shais x Bais | G&A Cushway |
| 3. Nilt. Vulmona | C. Polis |
| 16. Paphiopedilum Exhibition | 0 Plants |
| 17. Paphiopedilum Novelty | 0 Plants |
| 18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition | 5 Plants |
| 1. Phal. unknown | A. Sulfaro |
| 2. Phal. Unknown | A. Sulfaro |
| 3. Phal. unknown | A. Sulfaro |
| 19. Phalaenopsis Novelty | 5Plants |
| 1. Phal. Dou Di Rose x Ching Her | A. Sulfaro |
| 2. Dtps. KV charmer 'Fong Ping' | A. Sulfaro |
| 3. Phal. hieroglypisa x fasciata | C. Polis |
| 20. Vandaceous >51mm | 3 Plants |
| 1. V. Pachara Delight | A. Sulfaro |
| 2. Rhrds. Mem. Saraneree | D. Morrissey |
| 3. V. x rothschildiana | C. Polis |
| 21.Vandaceous/Ascocendas | 3 Plants |
| 1. V. Sunny Beach x Ascda.. Seechang | C. Polis |
| 2. V. unknown | C. Polis |
| 3. Sartylis Blue Knob | A. Sulfaro |

22. Other Orchid Hybrid

1. Coel. Janine Banks
2. Lyc. Diana x Eric Harmony
3. Coel. Mem. W. Micholitz

SPECIES**38. Sarcophilus Species****39. Australian Epiphyte Species**

1. D. bigibbum

40. Australasian Epiphyte Species

1. Den. tapiniense

41. Dockrillia**42. Australasian Terrestrial****43. Laeliinae Alliance (cattleya & laelia)**

1. Cat. eldorado
2. Cat. loddigesii 'Blue Sky'
3. Laelia pumila var corulea

44. Laeliinae Alliance

1. Enc. brassavola
2. Enc. ceratites
3. Enc. radiata

45. Oncidiinae Alliance Species

1. Pyp. papilio
2. Pyp. papilio
3. Milt. candida

46. Other Species 'The Americas'

1. Stan. graviolens
2. Clowesia russellianum
3. Clowesia russellianum

47. Dendrobium Species

1. Den victoria-reginae

48. Paphiopedilum Species**49. Phalaenopsis Species**

1. Phal. bellina
2. Phal. bellina
3. Phal. heiroglyphica 'alba'

50. Vandaceous Species

1. V. coerulea
2. Christensomona vietnamica
3. Aeranthes grandiflora

51. Dendrochilum Species

1. Ddc. magnum
2. Ddc. latifolium
3. Ddc. sp.

52. Other Species 'Asia & Rest of World'

1. Bulbo. annandahlii
2. Coel. usitana

53. Miniature max. 150mm

1. Phal. delicosa
2. Stelis filiforme
3. Max. notylioglossa

54. Miniature Species min. 150mm

1. Ddc. uncatum
2. Ddc. uncatum

55. First Flowering Species

1. Phal. delicosa
2. Phal. delicosa
3. Phal. delicosa var hookeriana

56. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid**NOVICE****23. Australasian Species****24. Laeliinae Species****25. Oncidiinae Species****26. Any other Species of Americas****27. Species Rest of the World****28. Australasian Hybrids****29. Cymbidium Standard****30. Cymbidium Intermediate & Miniature****31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid****32. Dendrobium Hybrid other than Australasian****3 Plants**

- P. Christie
F&M Lee
T. Riddell

0 Plants**1 Plant**

- C. Polis

1Plant

- A.Sulfaro

0 Plants**0 Plant****9 Plants**

- P. McDonough
C. Polis
P.McDonough

5 Plants

- P.Christie
C. Polis
P. Christie

5 Plants

- G&A Cushway
G&A Cushway
P. McDonough

7 Plants

- T.Riddell
T. Riddell
T. riddell

1 Plant

- A. Sulfaro

0 Plants**10Plants**

- J&C McAuley
C. Polis
J&C McAuley

4 Plants

- A. Sulfaro
C. Polis
C. Polis

9Plants

- T. Riddell
R&J Payne
G. McDougall

2Plants

- A. Sulfaro
P. McDonough

4 Plants

- J&C McAuley
B. Britten
T. riddell

2Plants

- T. Riddell
M&J Bennett

4 Plants

- J&C McAuley
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0 Plants**0 Plants****0 Plant****0 Plant****0 Plant****0 Plant****0 Plants****0 Plant****0 Plants****0 Plant****0 Plants****33. Laeliinae Hybrid**

1. Blc. Princess Bell x walkeriana
2. Cat. unknown

34. Oncidiinae Allied Genera Intergeneric Hybrid 2 Plants

1. Miltonia unknown
2. Miltonia Honolulu 'Warne's Best'

35. Hybrid of Americas All Others**36. Other Orchid Hybrid**

1. Phal. unknown

2 Plants

- R. Wakim
M. Asbury

2 Plants

- R. Wakim
M. Asbury

0 Plant**1 Plant**

- R. Mathews

MIRIAM ANN ORCHIDS NEWSLETTER**ALAN'S COLUMN MARCH 2016.**

As autumn is getting close the weather is starting to change down here in the Blue Mountains. As the equinox gets closer (22 March) we will start to see the difference in our plants – long day, short day etc. So now is the time to start getting things ready for the winter months. Cleanup the glass house or flowering shed, remove weeds from under benches etc. Some growers like to sprinkle some copper sulphate under the benches. This helps to keep disease down and weeds.

Cymbidiums: If you are a cymbidium grower, now is the time to top dress your plants with MERRICOTE. Check for two spotted mites under the leaves. If you want to use organic safe materials, you may spray with ECO OIL mixed with NATRASOAP®. Over the last couple of years some growers have been using PROCIDE® 80SC to control their mites. Use at 35-50 ml per 100 litres of water for mites. Aphids. Loopers, Mealy Bug use 25 ml per 100 Lt of water. No wetting agent is needed. With your cymbidiums keep foliar nutrients over the plants weekly. Use MERRIFERT or one of the PETERS products. Still water in the early evening during March.

CATTLEYAS: can now be divided if needed. During March – April spray plants with a Seaweed or Fish emulsion product – weekly to ten days. Look for scale on your cattis. Water when starting to dry out. **SOFTCANE DENDS** are now powering ahead. Keep fertilising with a good general purpose fertiliser weekly. Watch for loopers on the leaves. Spray with MAVRIK® or SUCCESS® ,DIPEL® is a good alternative.

PHALAEENOPSIS are now growing extremely well. During autumn the nights will start to cool down. Fertilise weekly with your favourite brew. Use one that does not have too much urea in it, plus watch the ammonium for of nitrogen in your favourite fertiliser! Does your bottom leaves turn yellow, once plants start spiking! Answer next month. Keep humidity up – good ventilation and air movement. Watch your shading.

The last couple of months we have been talking about miltoniopsis – the wonderful pansy orchid. I was going to print a photo of MILTONIOPSIS RUBENESQUE "JJUICY" This cross was registered in 2007 by Mr Okika of Hawaii. The parents being Pearl Ono X Paradise Park. In the mean timer you can read an excellent article in a recent copy of "ORCHIDS". In the 21st Anniversary of Parramatta and District Orchid Society there is an article on culture of Miltonia vexillaria by Juan RestrepoA. In fact this edition of the Orchid News is worth a read.