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NEXT MEMBER'S
MEETING
Thursday 28th
February 2019 at 8pm
Cromer Community
Centre, Fisher Road
North, Cromer.

NEXT COMMITTEE
MEETING
Thursday 7th March
2019 at the DYRSL
Club at 7.30pm.

GUEST SPEAKER. This month we have **Jody Cutajar** who will be giving a talk on **Laelias, Past and Present**. This promises to be an interesting talk so do come along to the meeting,

SUPPER – Thank you to those who brought in something for the supper table last month. This month **Richard Wakim** will do sandwiches and **Hidetoshi Shimakawa** something sweet.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well the year is in full swing now, and I for one am greatly looking forward to the cooler weather. The auction is just around the corner, so it would be a good time to start looking through your collection and selecting plants you might wish to sell and starting to get them ready for sale.

We have had some unfortunate news in that we will be unable to have our Orchids by the Sea show at Dee Why RSL this year due to the impact the renovations are having on parking at the club. However, the committee is working on an alternative and will update with details as soon as possible. I'm sure wherever we end up it will be a great success as always.

Don't forget to keep an eye out on your plants for pests – there are plenty around at the minute and can do damage in the blink of an eye so be vigilant! I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

AUCTION 14th April. Just a reminder that the Grower's Sheets need to be returned by 11th March.

LIBRARY. The library still operates so please make use of this facility as we have some very good books.

SALES TABLE. There are pots in all sizes available and also plant labels. You are welcome to bring in your excess plants.

DIARY DATES 2019

February 28th Members Meeting
March 28th Members Meeting
April 14th AUCTION
April 18th Members Meeting (Please note this is one week earlier than usual due to Anzac Day falling on the 4th Thursday of the month).
May 23rd Members Meeting
June 13,14,15 Winter Show, Glenrose Shopping Centre
June 27th Member's Meeting
July 25th Member's Meeting
August 2,3,4 Orchids by the Sea (venue to be announced)
August 16,17,18 St. Ives Orchid Fair
August 22nd Member's Meeting
September 12,13,14 Spring Show, Glenrose Shopping Centre.
September 26th Member's Meeting and AGM
October 24th Member's Meeting
November 10th Auction
November 28th Member's Meeting
December 1st Christmas Party
19th December Member's Meeting
Check OSNSW website for dates of other Societies shows.

Val Houley is now home after a stay in hospital and rehab. Look forward to seeing you soon Val and stay well.
Tania Chernishov is very ill in hospital and we wish her well.

Hybrid Plant of the Evening Grown by Angie Sulfaro

Phalaenopsis Unknown



Another good quality, well grown *Phalaenopsis* from Angie. Well done!

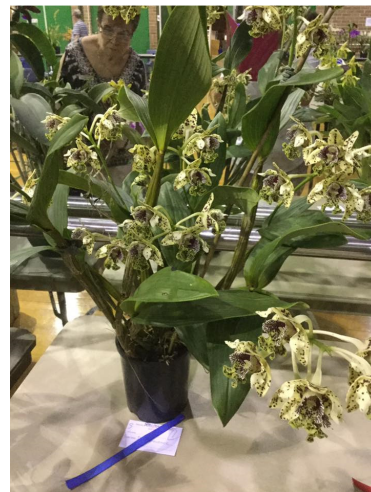
Specie Plant of the Evening Grown by Seb Torrisi

Stanhopea inodora



Stanhopea inodora can be found growing naturally in Mexico, Belize and Nicaragua, in terrain typical of most *Stanhopea*. Mostly growing on trees as an epiphyte, it is also occasionally found growing on steep cliffs and mountain cuttings as a terrestrial. Quite a large flower, up to 12cms across, its common name is the Odourless *Stanhopea*.

Specimen Plant of the Evening Grown by Angie Sulfaro



Dendrobium tapiniense

From the cloud forests of New Guinea, this Latouria type *Dendrobium* is reasonably typical of its close relatives. High humidity and even moisture through spring and summer with winter rest periods, the flowers are waxy and fragrant and will last quite well. Like many species, a decent size specimen definitely seems to be the way to go for this plant.

Novice Plant of the Evening Grown by Penny Johnson

Phalaenopsis Unknown



Penny has done very well the last few months, and is well and truly succeeding where even many experienced growers fail in growing *Phalaenopsis*. I expect to be writing up many more of her plants in the near future; Angie will have to start keeping an eye over her shoulder. Well done Penny.

JANUARY BENCHING POINT SCORE 2019

OPEN DIVISION

1. Sarcophilus Hybrid

1. Sarco. Nicky

1 Plant

I. Nelson

2. Australian Native Hybrid

1. Den. Aussie Pink #6

1 Plant

S. Torrisi

3. Australasian

1. Den. tapiniense x Den. forbesii

2 Plants

T. Maclure

2. Den. Hibiki

A. Sulfaro

4. Dockrillia Hybrid

0 Plants

5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) >120mm

0 Plant

6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) <120mm

1 Plant

1. Bc. Capricorn Charm 'Auntie A'

A. Sulfaro

2. Lc. Mini Purple x Sc. Royal Beau 'Alex'

A. Sulfaro

3. C. Hawaiian Wedding song 'Virgin'

G&ACushway

7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty)

4 Plants

1. Cat. Penny Kuroda 'Spots'

A. Sulfaro

2. Lc. Little Suzie 'Joy'

G&ACushway

3. Cat. Penny Kuroda 'Spots'

T. Riddell

7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type) Hybrid

2 Plants

1. Cat. Lulu

S. Torrisi

2. Cat. Stan's Golden Car

A. Sulfaro

8. Laeliinae Hybrid (Miniature)

4 Plants

1. Sc. Lana Coryell 'Derek'

G&ACushway

2. Rth. Petit Petit 'Lucky'

I. Nelson

3. Lctna. Red Tape 'Dark Horse'

A. Sulfaro

8A. Laeliinae Epidendrum

5 Plants

1. Epi. Topaz Special

A. Sulfaro

2. Encyclia Gertrude x Mary Motes

I. Nelson

3. Epi. Renee Marquese

C. Polis

9. Cymbidium Standard

0 Plant

10. Cymbidium Intermediate

0 Plants

11. Cymbidium Miniature

0 Plants

12. Dendrobium

4 Plants

1. Den. Classic Printing

A. Sulfaro

2. Den. Classic Printing

A. Sulfaro

3. Den. Yukidurama 'King'

M&S Howard

13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less

0 Plants

14. Oncidiinae 30mm - 60mm

1. Colmanara

2. Onc. unknown

3. Odcdm. Wildcat 'Blood Shot'

15. Oncidiinae 60mm and above

1. Wils. Bouley Bay

2. Brassia Rex

16. Paphiopedilum Exhibition

17. Paphiopedilum Novelty

1. Paph. Wuorola

2. Paph. Callosum RN Red

18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition

1. Phal. unknown

2. Phal. unknown

3. Phal. unknown

19. Phalaenopsis Novelty

1. Phal. unknown

2. Phal. unknown

3. Phal. unknown

20. Vandaceous >51mm

1. Vanda Bangsai Queen

2. Vanda Mini Palmer

3. Vanda Princess Mikasa

21. Vandaceous/Ascocendas

1. Vanda Suksamran

2. Neostylis Sweeney

3. Vanda unknown

22. Other Orchid Hybrid

1. Stanhopea Cheddleton Chief

2. Prom. Chameleon

3. Galeopetalum Arlene

6 Plants

S. Torrisi

A. Sulfaro

A. Sulfaro

2 Plants

S. Torrisi

G. Cantor

0 Plant

2 Plants

A. Sulfaro

A. Sulfaro

7 Plants

A. Sulfaro

A. Sulfaro

A. Sulfaro

8 Plants

A. Sulfaro

A. Sulfaro

A. Sulfaro

6 Plants

C. Polis

A. Sulfaro

I. Nelson

3 Plants

A. Sulfaro

C. Polis

C. Polis

4 Plants

P. McDonough

A. Sulfaro

T. Riddell

SPECIES

38. Sarcophilus Species

1. Sarco. ceciliae

2. Sarco. ceciliae

3. Sarco. ceciliae

39. Australian Epiphyte Species

1. Cadetia taylori

2. Bulbo. schillerianum

40. Australasian Epiphyte Species

1. Den. tapiniense

2. Den. polysema

3. Den. tapiniense

41. Dockrillia

42. Australasian Terrestrial

43. Laeliinae Alliance (cattleya & laelia)

1. C. leopoldii

3. Cat. guttata var leopoldii

3. Cat. leopoldii

44. Laeliinae Alliance

1. Encyclia brassavolae

2. Encyclia radiata

3. Encyclia brassavola

45. Oncidiinae Alliance Species

46. Other Species 'The Americas'

1. Stan. inodora

2. Stan. inodora

3. Max. perryae

47. Dendrobium Species

1. Den. linguella

2. Den. chryseum

48. Paphiopedilum Species

1. Paph. callosum vinicolor

49. Phalaenopsis Species

1. Phal. tetraspis

2. Phal. pulchra

3. Phal. cornu-curvi

50. Vandaceous species

1. Angraecum magdalenae 'Jorunn'

2. Vanda brunea

3. Vanda robelingiana

4 Plants

C. Polis

C. Polis

G. Cantor

Plants

C. Polis

C. Polis

4 Plants

A. Sulfaro

A. Sulfaro

A. Sulfaro

0 Plants

0 Plant

5 Plants

A. Sulfaro

S. Torrisi

A. Sulfaro

14 Plants

C. Polis

P. McDonough

G. Cantor

0 Plants

11 Plants

S. Torrisi

M&S Howard

G. Cantor

2 Plants

G. Cantor

T. Riddell

1 Plant

G&ACushway

6 Plants

C. Polis

C. Polis

C. Polis

7 Plants

S. Torrisi

T. Riddell

G. Cantor

51. Dendrochilum Species	4 Plants
1. Dendrochilum yuccaefolium	C. Polis
2. Dendrochilum yuccaefolium	C. Polis
3. Dendrochilum yuccaefolium	C. Polis
52. Other Species 'Asia & Rest of World'	6 Plants
1. Coel. merrillii	C. Polis
2. Coel. celebensis	C. Polis
3. Mormolyca ringens	C. Polis
53. Miniature max. 150mm	0 Plants
54. Miniature Species min. 150mm	1 Plant
1. Vanda falcata	I. Nelson
55. First Flowering Species	2 Plant
1. Aeranthes aradite x sibling	A. Sulfaro
2. Aeranthes aradite x sibling	G. Cantor
56. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid	0 Plants

NOVICE

23. Australasian Species	0 Plants
24. Laeliinae Species	3Plants
1. Encyclia radiata	C. Sinclair
2. Encyclia radiata	M. Asbury
3. Encyclia cochleata	C. Sinclair
25. Oncidiiae Species	0 Plant
26. Any other Species of Americas	0 Plant
27. Species Rest of the World	0 Plants
28. Australasian Hybrids	0 Plants
29. Cymbidium Standard	0 Plants
30. Cymbidium Intermediate & Miniature	0 Plant
31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid	0 Plant
32. Dendrobium Hybrid	0 Plants
33. Laeliinae Hybrid	0 Plants
34. Oncidiiae Allied Intergenerics Hybrid	0 Plants
35. Hybrid of Americas All Others	2 Plants
1. Zygopetalum Debbie De Mello 'Honolulu Bay'	C. Sinclair
2. Epidendrum unknown	C. Sinclair
36. Other Orchid Hybrid	2 Plants
1. Phal. unknown	P. Johnson
2. Phal. unknown	P. Johnson

ALAN & MIRIAM MERRIMAN NEWSLETTER ALAN'S COLUMN FEBRUARY – MARCH 2019

This orchid growing season has been one of the worst I have seen for some time. Pre December we had all sorts of weather, hot, cold - wet the potting season was all upside down. I got behind with my mixing, my No1 Wayne fell through the potting bench with no injuries, so that had to be fixed first. I now have plenty of DEBCO BARK and plenty of my own Cymbidium Special Mix now available. Auxinone® now available ready for you to apply to you newly divided plants and your seedlings that are ready to pot on. By the end of February you may start the divide and repot. After repotting, drench with Auxinone® at 1.5ml per litre of water apply every 2 weeks into March. Keep plants just damp and 55% shade. You may ask what percentage you should use. Well I will tell you what we found out in our trials at Cecil Park Nursery back in the 60's & 70's COLAN at 50% was the strongest to produce the most flower racemes. It was a fawn colour, also it never produced many holes. Green worked well at 50 to 75% shade, Black worked well in winter at

79% shade. White was a disaster. Azaleas grown under white did not flower and got dirty. In summer time 60 – 70% grey – brown would be the best! In the middle of summer you could use two layers, 7-8cm apart. Don't forget to have the weave running north – south and if possible 243cm off the ground and the shed running north – south, also benches running north south. Don't forget the higher the shed the better the plants will grow. You can start to repot now BUT not in the heat of the day. Remember big rooted plants use coarse bark, fine rooted plants use fine – medium bark. Maybe added a little peat to the mix or P400 Perlite. With Perlite do not over do it. Either use P400 or P500. Only use Jumbo for large rooted Cattleyas etc.. Keep the fertiliser up to all plants. Use either CAMPBELLS YELLOW, PETERS and don't forget MERRI COTE. Just sprinkle a bit around the top of the pot. 1 teaspoon per 200ml pot. That will last you until April.

Sometime ago I was asked if I had heard of NITROPHOSKA BLUE SPECIAL. These days you can buy the Chinese equivalent NITRO BLUE at half the price – same thing. It has a N-P-K of 12% nitrogen 5.2% phosphorus, 14.1% potassium plus trace elements. For orchid growers it has 4.3% Calcium and 1.2% Magnesium what more do you want.

For some time a few growers wished to know how to work out Foot candles. There are heaps of ways to work it out. The one I use is I use my light meter that I use when I use my old PRAKTINA camera. One set a meter at ASA 200 and shutter speed at 1/125 of a second. Place a grey card over the plant. Hold the card approx. 46cm above the leaves. Then take light reading off the meter.

Now is the time to top dress most of the plants e.g cymbidium. The brew I use for 50years or so is as follows: Osmocote 3-4 month standard 14-6.1-11.6 or make up the following: 3gm Dolomite, 1 gm Super phosphate, 0.5gm Iron Sulphate, 1.0gm UF -38. Some growers years back used to top dress in the late summer with 1 teaspoon around a 200mm pot with Sulphate of Potash.

Over the Christmas period a few new growers wanted to know what books were available to learn from. For those who are just starting off it is a ORCHID GROWING GUIDE by Stefan Mager. This is ideal for the very early beginners – simple and cheap!

My cymbidium mix is now available, DEBCO BARK, AUXINONE etc.

DID YOU KNOW

Foliar nutrients are 8-10 times more effective than soil application! Have you used DISMISS® to control weeds in your orchid pots? Let me know how it went!