

MANLY WARRINGAH ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



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PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MEETING IS EARLIER THIS MONTH DUE TO ANZAC DAY FALLING ON THE 4TH THURSDAY.

GUEST SPEAKER. There will be no guest speaker this month but there will be a cultural session.

SUPPER – Thank you to those who brought in something for the supper table last month. This month **Joy & Ralph** will do sandwiches but there is no volunteer for something sweet.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello!

The Auction is fast approaching and wouldn't you know it my highlighter ran out of ink! Perhaps that's a sign I should stop, but alas, I'd rather go without lunch than miss a bargain or something I've had my eye on for a while. As always we will need of help on the day, especially at the end with boxing up plants. And on the subject of boxes, if anyone has some spare they could bring along, or better yet if you could bring some trays if you plan on buying a lot of plants.

As mentioned I have perused the list in some depth and there are definitely some worthwhile things in there. A reminder too, that due to Anzac Day our meeting is a week earlier this month.

I look forward to seeing you all again soon

Dylan

AUCTION 14th April. We have 353 lots listed in the catalogue and there are some very nice plants to be had. Help is needed to set up from approx. 7.30am and throughout the day. Growers are requested to have their plants benched before 9am. Growers with Australian natives need to fill in tags to be tied to the plant to comply with Parks & Wildlife regulations. Tags will be available at the hall. Don't forget to bring your own boxes or trays for your purchases.

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

SALES TABLE. We now have pots that were out of stock and also vanda pots. There are pots in all sizes available and also plant labels. You are welcome to bring in your excess plants.

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NEXT MEMBER'S
MEETING
Thursday 18th April
2019 at 8pm Cromer
Community Centre,
Fisher Road North,
Cromer.

NEXT COMMITTEE
MEETING
Thursday 2nd May
2019 at the DYRSL
Club at 7.30pm.

DIARY DATES 2019

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 17 – 19 Orchids Out West, Richmond Racecourse, Clarendon.

May 23rd Members Meeting

June 13,14,15 Winter Show, Glenrose Shopping Centre

June 27th Member's Meeting

June 29-30 Mingara Orchid Fair,Mingara Recreational Club, Tumbi Umbi

July 25th Member's Meeting

August 2,3,4 Orchids by the Sea, War Vets, Montgomery Hall, Veterans Parade, Collaroy Plateau.

August 9-11 National Orchid Extravaganza, Pellit Lane, Dural

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 11-13 Southern Orchid Spectacular, Basketball Stadium, Warratah Park, Old Princes Highway, Sutherland.

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 Society shows.

And on a lighter note:-

Sydney Morning Herald, March 25th on the Opinion page –

'My husband has had seven texts from Pauline Hanson. I have had none. He is 88, a talented ballroom dancer and orchid grower. Should I be worried?'

Marie Grady, Frenchs Forest.

FOR SALE – Laptop computer, Toshiba (don't know model no)

Windows XP

111Gigabyte hard drive

Intel Core 2 Duo CPU

2.87 GB RAM

DVD/CD Drive

Microsoft Office 2007

Orchidwiz

Make a reasonable offer!

Hybrid Plant of the Evening Grown by A. Sulfaro

Epicattleya Volcano Trick



Epicattleya are a fantastic group of plants, with bright, vibrant flowers that are usually presented in clusters held well above the foliage. The two toned orange of this plant is particularly eye catching, and always stands out really well on the bench.

Specie Plant of the Evening Grown by A . Sulfaro

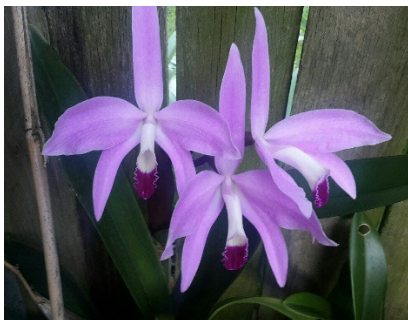


Doritis pulcherrima var. *Champorensis*

Very closely related to *Phalaenopsis*, (in fact I believe it is currently accepted as one) this plant is a peloric form of the alba variety. Peloric meaning that the two petals mimic the colour and shape of the lip. The main difference between *Doritis* and *Phalaenopsis* is that *Doritis* are terrestrial, whereas *phalaenopsis* are epiphytic. The strong, upright flowering stem is a reflection of this. Of the genus, *pulcherrima* is the most commonly grown.

Novice Plant of the Evening Grown by M. Asbury

Laelia perrinii



Probably one of my personal favourites of the *Laelia*, *perrinii* isn't nearly as common as *anceps*, *purpurata* or *tenebrosa*, but is just as easy and rewarding to grow. The flowers sit almost horizontal, making the very well presented when shown so the flowers are below eye level. Like many Brazilian species, there are a number of varieties around, and as always, it is worth shopping around to find good quality flowers, or building a collection of the different varieties.

Specimen Plant of the Evening Grown by M & S. Howard

Miltonia William Kirck x flavescens



Miltonia are one of those plants that really are at their best as specimens, and as a bonus, large plants will often spot flower throughout the year. Made up of 12 species and 8 naturally occurring hybrids (although these numbers have been subject to a lot of change over the years) *Miltonia* are on the whole quite easy to grow here in Sydney without too much special attention, although mealy bugs can be an issue. The best use ive seen them put to when they start to get too large to move around to meetings and shows are in large pots in the garden or on the verandah.

MARCH BENCHING POINT SCORE 2019
OPEN DIVISION

- 1. Sarcochilus Hybrid** **2 Plants**
- 1. Sarco. Fitzgeraldii G&HWilliams
- 2. Sarco. Fitzhart 'Blood Red' x 'Dove Good' G&HWilliams
- 2. Australian Native Hybrid** **2 Plants**
- 1. Den. Fantasyland 'Princess' I. Nelson
- 2. Den. Jonathon's Glory 'Dark Joy' R. Wakim
- 3. Australasian** **1 Plant**
- 1. Den. Anne's Rainbow A. Sulfaro
- 4. Dockrillia Hybrid** **0 Plants**
- 5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) >120mm** **2 Plants**
- 1. Blc. Pumpkin Festival 'Fong Yuen' G&ACushway
- 2. Slc. Naomi Kearns 'Fireball' M&S Howard
- 6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) <120mm** **5 Plants**
- 1. Bc. Island Charm 'Carmela' G&ACushway
- 2. C. Fitz 'Eugene Dixon' G&ACushway
- 3. C. Caudebec 'Candy' A. Sulfaro
- 7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty)** **3 Plants**
- 1. C. Fitz 'Eugene Dixon' G&ACushway
- 2. C. Caudebec 'Candy' A. Sulfaro
- 3. C. Chocolate Drop F&M Lee
- 7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type) Hybrid** **3 Plants**
- 1. C. Caudebec Carmela HCC/AOC G&ACushway
- 2. Blc. Waianae Leopard 'Ching Hua' x Slc. Jungle Teasure A. Sulfaro
- 3. Blc. Waianae Leopard 'Ching Hua' x Slc. Jungle Treasure A. Sulfaro
- 8. Laeliinae Hybrid (Miniature)** **4 Plants**
- 1. Rly. Swans Shy G&ACushway
- 2. Lctna. Red Tape 'Dark Horse' A. Sulfaro
- 3. C. Chocolate Drop 'Kodama' I. Tanner
- 8A. Laeliinae Epidendrum** **2 Plants**
- 1. Epi. Volcano Trick A. Sulfaro
- 2. Encyclia Elfin I. Tanner
- 9. Cymbidium Standard** **0 Plant**
- 10. Cymbidium Intermediate** **0 Plants**
- 11. Cymbidium Minature** **0 Plants**
- 12. Dendrobium** **2 Plants**
- 1. D. unknown I. Nelson
- 2. Den. Hibiki A. Sulfaro
- 13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less** **4 Plant**
- 1. Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' A. Sulfaro
- 2. Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' A. Sulfaro
- 3. Onc. Sharry Baby I. Nelson
- 14. Oncidiiae 30mm - 60mm** **2 Plants**
- 1. Miltonia hybrid I. Tanner
- 2. Miltoniopsis Banana Fandango 'Banana Bread' A. Sulfaro
- 15. Oncidiiae 60mm and above** **6 Plants**
- 1. Dgmra. Winter Wonderland 'White Xmas' F&M Lee
- 2. Miltonia William Kirck M&S Howard
- 3. Miltonia Honolulu M&S Howard
- 16. Paphiopedilum Exhibition** **0 Plant**
- 17. Paphiopedilum Novelty** **0 Plants**
- 18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition** **3 Plants**
- 1. Phal. unknown A. Sulfaro
- 2. Phal. unknown A. Sulfaro
- 3. Phal. unknown I. Nelson
- 19. Phalaenopsis Novelty** **1 Plant**
- 1. Phal. unknown A. Sulfaro
- 20. Vandaceous >51mm** **4 Plants**
- 1. Vanda Pachara Delight 'Sudan Buri' G&HWilliams
- 2. Vanda Mem. L. Velthuis alba x Faye Bennett A. Sulfaro
- 3. Vanda Thanadee x V. Dr. Anek 4N I. Nelson
- 21. Vandaceous/Ascocendas** **1 Plants**
- 1. Vanda merrillii x unknown I. Nelson
- 22. Other Orchid Hybrid** **4 Plants**
- 1. Coel. Jannine Banks A. Sulfaro
- 2. Stenoglottis Venus 'Big Pak' x Sten. Venus 'Big Bracts' M&S Howard
- 3. Coel. Jannine Banks A. Sulfaro

SPECIES

38. Sarcophilus Species

0 Plants

39. Australian Epiphyte Species

5 Plants

1. Cadetia taylori
2. Den. bigibbum
3. Cadetia taylori

G&HWilliams
A. Sulfaro
G. Cantor

40. Australasian Epiphyte Species

1 Plant

1. Den. forbesii

G. Cantor

41. Dockrillia

0 Plant

42. Australasian Terrestrial

0 Plant

43. Laeliinae Alliance (cattleya & laelia))

4 Plants

1. C. labiate var rubra
2. Cat. bowringeana 'Harwoods'
3. Cat. bowringeana coerulea

P.McDonough
P.McDonough
G. Cantor

44. Laeliinae Alliance

2 Plants

1. Encyclia brassavolae
2. Encyclia glumaceum

G. Cantor
P.McDonough

45. Oncidiinae Alliance Species

4 Plants

1. Onc. (Miltonia) moreliana
2. Onc. excavatum
3. Encyclia radiata

P.McDonough
J. Portelli
G. Cantor

46. Other Species 'The Americas'

4 Plants

1. Trichopilia fragrans
2. Miltonia candida
3. Gongora pleiochroma

P.McDonough
P.McDonough
G. Cantor

47. Dendrobium Species

5 Plant

1. Den.ceraula
2. Den. dicksonii
3. Den. serratilabium

P.McDonough
G. Cantor
G. Cantor

48. Paphiopedilum Species

0 Plants

49. Phalaenopsis Species

2 Plants

1. Doritis pulcherrima var alba
2. Phal. borneensis

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50. Vandaceous species

0 Plants

51. Dendrochilum Species

4 Plants

1. Dendrochilum unknown
2. Dendrochilum odoratum
3. Dendrochilum latifolium var macrantham

P.McDonough
P.McDonough
G&HWilliams

52. Other Species 'Asia & Rest of World'

4 Plants

1. Coel. celebensis
2. Promenaea
3. Coel. celebensis

G. Cantor
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53. Miniature max. 150mm

0 Plants

54. Miniature Species min. 150mm

0 Plant

55. First Flowering Species

1 Plant

1. Holcoglossum kimbalianum

G. Cantor

56. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid

2 Plants

1. Stenoglottis Venus 'Big Lip' x Sten. Venus
2. Den. bigibbum x Topaz Dream

M. Asbury
A. Sulfaro

NOVICE

23. Australasian Species

0 Plants

24. Laeliinae Species

2 Plants

1. Laelia perrinii 'Royale' x 'Peats Ridge'
2. Laelia perrinii 'Royale' x 'Peats Ridge'

M. Asbury
M. Asbury

25. Oncidiinae Species

0 Plant

26. Any other Species of Americas

1 Plant

1. Ornithophora radicans

M. Asbury

27. Species Rest of the World

3 Plants

1. Dendrochilum uncatum
2. Ansellia africana
3. Pholidota imbricata

C. Sinclair
E. Haywood
C. Sinclair

28. Australasian Hybrids

0 Plants

29. Cymbidium Standard

0 Plants

30. Cymbidium Intermediate & Miniature

0 Plant

31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid

0 Plant

32. Dendrobium Hybrid

2 Plants

1. Den. Mingles Sapphire
2. Den. Hibiki

M. Asbury
M. Asbury

33. Laeliinae Hybrid

1 Plant

1. Rlc. Hawaiian Green Valley

C. sinclair

34. Oncidiinae Allied Intergenerics Hybrids

4 Plants

1. Onc. Heaven Scent 'Redolence'

C. Sinclair

2. Onc.Kaiulani

C. Sinclair

3. Miltonia Bluntii

C. Sinclair

35. Hybrid of Americas All Others

0 Plants

36. Other Orchid Hybrid

4 Plants

1. Phal. unknown

P. Johnson

2. Phal. unknown

P. Johnson

3. Phal Unknown

P. Johnson

ALAN & MIRIAM'S NEWSLETTER ALAN'S COLUMN APRIL 2019

Over the summer period our plants have had a few fungal problems. Many have sprayed with their favourite fungicide with very little results. This is because if one product does not work you have to use a chemical in another group. If you keep using say SAPROL® and you still have a problem such as spots, rots etc. try a chemical in another group such as ANTRACOL® or PLANTVAX®. I know growers who have only used MANCOZEB for years and now are starting to have problems. In the same group is POLYRAM®, ANTRACOL®, ZINEB®. When I have time I will make out a short list of fungicides to file away. While we are on the subject of fungicides I was recently asked why is PREVICUR® is so good on various fungi. Answer number 1 is that it hangs around in the soil for some time! Last month I mentioned the fact to look at the label on AGRI-FOS products. It could be AGRI-FOS 400 or 600. Most orchid growers these days will buy the weaker concentration at the local chain store or the stronger 400 product 3ml per litre of water BUT firstly read the label or give me a ring! The other day I was reading in a tech bulletin on RHIZOCTONIA and found that AGRI-FOS can help to control this root rot. Note don't forget to add the none ionic wetter to the mix. NOT AN OIL Did you know AGRI-FOS can help to make your plants grow! Helps root growth. It is also safer than Aspirin!

Some interesting info that has come to hand! AGRI-FOS products have been proven to provide effective control of many root type diseases on many ornamental crops. E.g. orchids. In many crops the use of phosphate products has improved plant health. Why Phosphate is both a systemic fungicide and a fertiliser. It has a unique mode of action when it comes to combating root and bulb type diseases e.g. PYTHIUM, PHYTOPHTHORA and certain ERWINIA rots. FERTILISERS. I get a fair amount of queries on rates to use on certain fertilisers. Peters has their share of problems, One common problem is with PETERS BLOSSOM BOOSTER with a N.P.K of 10+13.1+16.1+2Mg. The rate to use on orchids is 1 gram in one litre of water. PETERS Cal Mag 15+2.2+12.5+5Ca+1.8 Magnesium. The Finisher and Grower are both 1 gram in 1 litre of water.

Watch the pH of the water not too low. The GROWER is used when plants are in active growth, The FINISHER use April through to August CAMPBELL'S YELLOW can be used all the year round. It has a Nitrogen content of 11.8% Phosphorus of 13.2% Potassium 16.6% plus a heap of trace elements. It should commence application in January and continue through to the end of August. RATE; use 20 gram of fertiliser in 7 litres of water. Use every 7 – 14 days. I hope this answers your questions on rates of use on popular fertilisers. MERRI FERT use every 2 – 4 weeks at 1 gram in 1 litre of water. When plant is in active growth. During winter use same rate but apply monthly. During Autumn it is the time to start checking all genera of plants over for pests and diseases. Some plants will have started to show new spikes so apply your friendly snail killer around the top of the pots. While the weather is still warm some attention can be made regarding repotting – potting on etc. If you grow a lot of the Cattleya alliance you can back cut or repot those plants that were back cut last season. Weeding has now become the main issue at the moment. Last month I spoke about the use of SLASHER®. So far it looks like the second application seems to be giving me better results. Let me know how your results have been so far. With the weather we have been having it is a good idea to spray your collection with MANCOZEB at 1gram per litre of water. Two weeks later apply PHOS, ACID at label rate. Keep eyes open for the dreaded beetle, most sprays only slow the birth rate down. As you see your new spikes appearing place a stake beside the oncoming spike so that you do not break it off!! Top dress your plants with Alan's MERRI COTE Use one table spoon per 200ml pot. Watch for wasps I was doing some weeding and then I was invaded by those quick flying monsters. Out with the trusty MORTIEN and down they fell – one by one! Before I forget it is a good idea to give all of your miscellaneous orchids an application of seaweed such as SEAWEED SECRETS at 2ml in one litre of water.

KEIKI GROW

Over the years many growers have asked where to obtain Keiki Solutions to apply to Phalaenopsis spikes to get new plant lets. Flora Laboratories have now in stock Keikiroot, Stoproot, Paph Grow Floral Boost and Vitagrow B1 and Vitagrow H. They also list electronic products for your green house etc. for further information contact KEIKI GROW on 03 9584 2087 or email sales@keikigrowplus.com.NOTE: I will not be having our growing class on the 13th April as I will be in hospital. The next class

will be notified in the next Alan's News. Sorry about the change of date. I hope to be able to walk better again soon.
Blue Mountains and Penrith District OS Autumn Show Open Sat 9am - 5pm Sun 10.30am – 3pm at Girl Guides Hall cnr Great Western Hwy and Nepean St EMU PLAINS.
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