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NEXT MEMBER'S
MEETING
Thursday 27TH
February at 8pm
Cromer Community
Centre, Fisher Road
North, Cromer.

NEXT COMMITTEE
MEETING
Thursday 5th March
2020 at the DYRSL
Club at 7.30pm.

GUEST SPEAKER. Our Guest Speaker this month is Steve Falcioni from Eco Products. Steve will be giving us the run down on their products and how they can be used on our orchids to keep them healthy. Unfortunately he is unable to bring along products for sale.

SUPPER – This month's volunteers are Joy and Ralph for sandwiches and Kathleen for something sweet. Thank you to the members who brought in something last month.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

My apologies for missing the last meeting, but the heat got the better of me. And now here we are a few weeks later and we've all been washed away! It is my sincere hope that none of you suffered too badly in the storms and that your plants for the most part weren't too disturbed, although I have heard from a couple of you that there was some carnage. For those of you that are interested, the Cymbidium mead I demonstrated has been bottled and is ageing nicely in the pantry. Only a short report this month, as I wasn't at the meeting and there isn't much on, although I don't think it would be premature to start getting excited about the auction, from what I hear there will be a large number of good quality plants up for sale, so start saving!
I look forward to seeing you all again soon, Dylan

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 and also plant labels and hangers. We also stock some waterwise pots. You are welcome to bring in your excess plants to sell.

AUCTION

Just reminding members that this event is on 19th April and members who are participating should be organising their plants now. We are hoping for more interesting plants to attract more bidders. The lists have gone out to the growers and these should be returned by 9th March.

DIARY DATES 2020

February 27 Member's Meeting

March 26 Member's Meeting

April 19 AUCTION

April 25 Member's Meeting

May 15-17 Orchids Out West

May 28 Members Meeting

June 11,12,13 Winter Show Glenrose

June 25 Member's Meeting

June 28-29 Mingara Orchid Fair

July 23 Member's Meeting

August 7-9 ORCHIDS BY THE SEA.

August 14-16 St. Ives Orchid Fair

August 27 Member's Meeting

September 10,11,12 Spring Show Glenrose

September 24 AGM & Member's Meeting

October 9-11 Southern Orchid Spectacular

October 22 Member's Meeting

November 15 AUCTION

November 26 Member's Meeting

December 6 Christmas Party

December 17 Member's Meeting

GROWING COMPETITION. Plants will be distributed at the March Monthly Meeting. Members must bring these in every three months to track their growth.

Novice plant of the month Grown by Penny Johnson
Stanhopea Unknown (hybrid)



Stanhopea are fleeting in their beauty, and let's face it, most of the time they seem to open the day after a meeting or finish flowering the day before. I think I mentioned last year during *Stanhopea* season that a great place to see them flowering is on some of the groups on Facebook. This plant was well grown and well flowered.

Species plant of the month Grown by Cary Polis

Encyclia brassavolae



Mexico, Costa Rica and Nicaragua. This species grows in reasonably mild conditions and benefits greatly from bright light. It seems to be one of the many orchids that has had so many name changes it's hard to pin down one that's correct, however a rose by any other name still smells as sweet, and the striking contrast of colours on the flowers makes this a plant well worth growing.

Specimen plant of the month Grown by Cary Polis

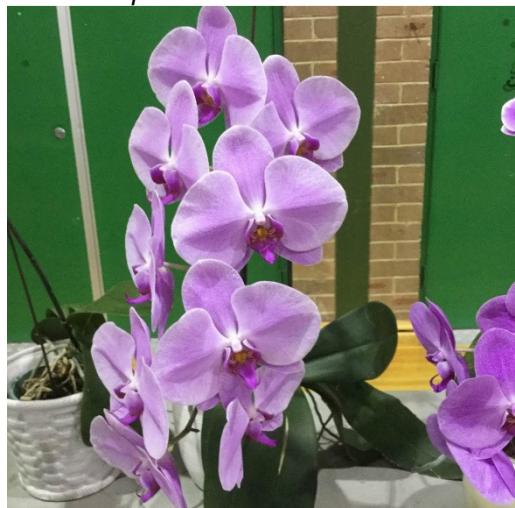
Dendrochilum yuccaefolium



An epiphyte from the Philippines, like other *Dendrochilum* it thrives on humidity and as you can see in the photo, takes very well to a water-well pot. It is one of the larger growing *Dendrochilum* and will quickly grow into a large plant. Brighter light will help increase the amount of flowering.

Hybrid plant of the month Grown by Angie Sulfaro

Phalaenopsis Unknown



Another winning unknown Phally. I don't know that there's much more I can say about these, other than to comment what a wonderful display they make at our meetings.

**JANUARY BENCHING POINT SCORE 2020
OPEN DIVISION**

1. Sarcochilus Hybrid	1 Plants
1. Sarco. Nicky	I. Nelson
2. Australian Native Hybrid	1 Plants
1. Den. tapiniense x forbesii	A. Sulfaro
3. Australasian	1 Plant
1. Dock. Limestone	L&B Dobson
4. Dockrillia Hybrid	0 Plants
5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) >120mm	0 Plant
6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) <120mm	4 Plants
1. Rlc. Gloria's Charm 'Gloria' AM/AOC	G&ACushway
2. Bc. Capricorn Charm 'Aunty A'	A. Sulfaro
3. Blc. Low Hariman No. 11	A. Sulfaro
7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty)	1 Plant
1. C. Penny Kurada 'Spots'	A. Sulfaro
7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type) Hybrid	6 Plants
1. C. Elusive Dream 'Peace'	A. Sulfaro
2. C. Lisa Taylor Gallis 'Nora'	G&ACushway
3. C. Elusive Dream 'Peace'	A. sulfaro
8. Laeliinae Hybrid (Miniature)	1 Plant
1. Sc. Lana Coryell 'Derek'	G&ACushway
8A. Laeliinae Epidendrum	4 Plants
1. Epi. (Magenta x Royale)	C. Polis
2. Epi. Wedding Valley 'Sakuro'	C. Polis
3. Epi. Eric Butch 'Luce'	A. Sulfaro
9. Cymbidium Standard	0 Plant
10. Cymbidium Intermediate	0 Plant
11. Cymbidium Miniature	0 Plant
12. Dendrobium	2 Plants
1. Den. Post Printing	A. Sulfaro
2. Den. Ron & Don	C. Polis
13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less	2 Plants
1. Wils. Bovley Bay	S. Torriisi
2. Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	A. Sulfaro
14. Oncidiinae 30mm - 60mm	4 Plants
1. Onc. Alliance unknown	T. Riddell
2. Brassidium Tiger Lily 'Tinonee'	F&M Lee
3. Brassidium Tiger Lily 'Tinonee'	T. Riddell
15. Oncidiinae 60mm and above	4 Plants
1. Miltoniopsis Robert Jackson 'Wild Thing'	G&ACushway
2. Brassia Rex 'Highlander'	I. Nelson
3. Beatonia Shelos 'Tolkien'	I. Nelson
16. Paphiopedilum Exhibition	0 Plant

17. Paphiopedilum Novelty	2 Plants
1. Paph. philippinense v alba 'In Charm' x Pang-thong alba	G&ACushway
2. Paph Armeni white	I. Nelson
18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition	4 Plants
1. Phal. unknown	A. Sulfaro
2. Phal. unknown	A. Sulfaro
3. Phal. unknown	A. Sulfaro
19. Phalaenopsis Novelty	5 Plants
1. Phal. unknown	A. Sulfaro
2. Phal unknown	A. Sulfaro
3. Phal. Dou Dii Rose x Ching Her John	A. Sulfaro
20. Vandaceous >51mm	2 Plants
1. Vanda Mimi Palmer x Asc. Yipsun Way	A. Sulfaro
2. Vanda Pachara Delight 'Midnight Lace'	C. Polis
21. Vandaceous/Ascocendas	2 Plants
1. Vanda Suksamran Sunlight 'KBR'	A. Sulfaro
2. Vanda unknown	C. Polis
22. Other Orchid Hybrid	1 Plants
1. Stan. Spindleriana	J. Portelli

SPECIES

38. Sarcochilus Species	3 Plants
1. Sarco. ceciliae	L&B Dobson
2. Sarco. ceciliae	L&B Dobson
3. Sarco. eriochilus	G. Cantor
39. Australian Epiphyte Species	4 Plants
1. Den. discolor	C. Polis
2. Cadetia taylori	C. Polis
3. Cadetia taylori	G. Cantor
40. Australasian Epiphyte Species	7 Plants
1. Den. leporium	J. McAuley
2. Den. tapiniense	A. Sulfaro
3. Den. antenaetum	J. McAuley
41. Dockrillia	1 Plants
1. Dock. cucumerina	L&B Dobson
42. Australasian Terrestrial	0 Plants
43. Laeliinae Alliance (cattleya & laelia)	3 Plants
1. L. anceps 'Dawsonii'	T. Riddell
2. Cat. rex	P. McDonough
3. Laelia xanthine	P. McDonough
44. Laeliinae Alliance	12 Plants
1. Encyclia brassavolae	C. Polis
3. Encyclia alata	P. McDonough
3. Encyclia cochleata	L&B Dobson
45. Oncidiinae Alliance Species	2 Plants
1. Onc. karwinski	P. McDonough
2. Onc. longipes	T. Riddell
46. Other Species 'The Americas'	7 Plants
1. Stanhopea inodora	S. Torriisi
2. Max. triloris	T. Riddell
3. Max. perryae	G. Cantor
47. Dendrobium Species	6 Plants
1. Den. bracteosum	P. McDonough
2. Den. fimbriatum	R. Wakim
3. Den. lawsii bicolor 'George' Am/AOC	C. Polis
48. Paphiopedilum Species	3 Plants
1. Paph. emersonii	J. McAuley
2. Paph. liemianum	A. Sulfaro
3. Paph. callosum	A. Sulfaro
49. Phalaenopsis Species	11 Plants
1. Phal. amabilis fma auroa	J. McAuley
2. Phal. norneensis	J. McAuley
3. Phal. corningiana	J. McAuley
50. Vandaceous species	6 Plants
1. Vanda robelingiana	G. Cantor
2. Aeranthes grandiflora	G. Cantor
3. Rangaeris amaniensis	T. Riddell
51. Dendrochilum Species	5 Plants
1. Ddc. yuccaefolium	C. Polis
2. Ddc. yuccaefolium	A. Sulfaro
3. Ddc. yuccaefolium	A. Sulfaro

52. Other Species 'Asia & Rest of World'	3 Plants
1. Coel. usitana	G. Cantor
2. Bulb. corunculatum	C. Polis
3. Mormolyca ringens	A. Sulfaro
53. Miniature max. 150mm	2 Plants
1. Ddc. woodianum	J. McAuley
2. Bulb. macphersonii	C. Polis
54. Miniature Species min. 150mm	0 Plant
55. First Flowering Species	1 Plant
1. Paph. rothschildianum (Z2135 'Dou Fong).	C. Polis
56. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid	0 Plants

NOVICE

23. Australasian Species	0 Plant
24. Laeliinae	0 Plants
25. Oncidiinae Species	0 Plant
26. Any other Species of Americas	0 Plants
27. Species Rest of the World	1 Plant
1. Den. hercoglossium	E. Henwood
28. Australasian Hybrids	0 Plant
29. Cymbidium Standard	0 Plants
30. Cymbidium Intermediate & Miniature	0 Plants
31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid	0 Plant
32. Dendrobium Hybrid	0 Plant
33. Laeliinae Hybrid	0 Plants
34. Oncidiinae Allied Intergenerics Hybrids	1 Plants
1. Brassidium Tiger Lily 'Tinonee)	E. Henwood
35. Hybrid of Americas All Others	1 Plant
1. Stanhopea unknown	P. Johnson
36. Other Orchid Hybrid	3 Plants
1. Phal. unknown	T. Hamilton
2. Phal unknown	A. Evans
3. Phal. unknown	E. Henwood

ALAN & MIRIAM MERRIMAN NEWSLETTER ALAN'S COLUMN FOR FEBRUARY 2020

All the best for the year. The Merriman family are hoping for a better year in 2020! The year has not started to well, but hopefully it will improve. Lets hope that all orchid growers have not had too much or better, no damage, to their dwellings, family and ORCHIDS. I have not heard of any damage to houses or collections. If you hear of collections being burnt and name of clone etc. let us know and we will circulate the information regarding damage etc, it may be possible to arrange replacements etc. In the last fire up the mountains the Blue Mountains Society arranged to replace some members plants. Some Society members may be able to help! Over the last few months many growers have had problems with heat ,wind etc. I have had problems with sun burn and lack of humidity to the plants. The Water Board has made exemptions to certain orchid growers which helps some but not all. When you do water add a little wetter to the water. The water will not evaporate so quickly. Put more shade on the growing sheds if possible. Those who have 50% shade have found that this year it has not been enough. I will have to increase my shade cloth soon, as a lot has decided to blow away. For years 30% shade has been OK but not so

now! With restrictions it is better to drench the plants and flood the plants later on or top up the watering a week later. In between times apply some good quality controlled release fertilise. Use either some MERRI COTE or MERRI FERT . Many growers use CAMPBELLS "A" or one of the many PETERS BREWS. Many of them are quiet good. Some growers use PETERS 10+13+16.6+1.2 Mg, you may also use PETERS EXCEL Cal Mag Grower this time of the year. Over the years I have used all sorts of Peters products and found most seem to let the plants flower. This makes me think is the N.P.K so important?? This year I have not found many mites in my plants. Maybe too hot! So for this year I have only sprayed the plants once with ECO OIL® and MANCOZEEB® This year and 2019 my plants have nearly all died from lack of water and climate problems – not doing potting in time , body not doing what it should, put wind , cold and HEAT into the mix. Watering has helped and at last potting etc has now started again. Wind has also caused some problems. Another few weeks and I will be like brand new! Give all plants some good quality fertiliser or weekly at standard rate . Watch the sun. Keep the plants magnesium levels up. Apply 1.5 grams per litre of water weekly apply in the evening around 7 pm est. Keep your eye open for problems before problems appear. A couple of things to remember this time of the year many growers still apply too much calcium as foliar and as top dress. Too much and levels of Iron, Phosphorus, Potassium Magnesium, Boron will drop. If in doubt give me a ring. Over the last couple of years many growers have been having trouble with root rot. I have had samples sent and have come to the conclusions the best advice I can give you is to give your plants two or three drenches with THIRAM®, T.M.T.D® or LANTOX® this chemical is the same thing. This month we started with our classes again. Sorry this newsletter didn't get out in time due to many other things happening in the Merriman house. Alan and I are both having Cataracts done and maybe unable to get the next few newsletters out so I will give you the dates for March and April The class for March will be 14th at 2pm and the class for April will be 11th at 2pm all welcome . Please ring if you have any problems, we still have DEBCO BARK \$20 PER BAG. MERRI FERT & MERRI COTE still available more next time.

This is all for now
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