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NEXT MEMBER'S
MEETING 22nd
September at the
Cromer Community
Centre @ 8pm.

NEXT COMMITTEE
MEETING – Thursday
5th October 2022 @
7.30pm. Venue TBA

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President's Report:

Well the last month has been pretty busy for MWOS and the orchid world in general, what with St Ives 2 weeks after our show, and with our monthly meeting the week after that. Now this brings me to an inescapable fact. Very few of you put your plants into the display for St Ives and this certainly compromised our efforts. I wasn't at the monthly meeting the week after, and I'm told that we had an excellent benching, especially by the novices. Where were you all with your plants the week before? I find that disappointing to say the least. At the time of writing, our Spring Show is on next week so I would implore you all to make an effort to put plants in and also to help out with security and sales etc. Also the September meeting is our AGM and we are looking for people to join the committee, so please give serious consideration to this. The well-being of the society depends upon having a strong, dynamic committee and that happens when there is a level of renewal on a regular basis. See you at the show and the AGM.

SUPPER ROSTER Thank you to last month's volunteers and helpers for your contribution. September and October do not have any volunteers. Please can someone help out!

**SPRING SHOW @ BELROSE SUPER CENTRE 16,17,18 SEPTEMBER.
SET UP ON THURSDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER FROM 3pm and judging
from 6pm.**

We hope that more members can support this show with your plants and your help. Please make sure that you groom your plants if showing. Remove old husks and spent flower stems and clean up any mealy bug etc.

SEPTEMBER MEETING IS OUR AGM. Please consider coming on the Committee to help run the Society. We are short of committee members and many hands make light work.

AUCTION 13TH NOVEMBER. This event is two months away so start getting those plants ready. This event is open to all financial MWOS members and lists have been sent out beginning of September.

GUEST SPEAKER: There is no guest speaker this month as it is our AGM. You are welcome to have an extended supper break and time to socialise.

DIARY DATES

September 16,17,18 SPRING SHOW @ Belrose Super Centre
September 22nd AGM & Member's Meeting
October 27th Member's Meeting
November 13th Auction
November 24th Member's Meeting
December 4th Christmas Party
December 22nd Member's Meeting

MEMBERSHIP FEES - Members are reminded that to participate in the events of this society ie shows, auctions,Christmas Party, benching at the meetings, you need to be financial. The response to membership renewals has been very poor. Please make an effort to renew your membership as soon as possible.
You may pay at the Monthly Meeting, post a cheque, pay by direct debit.
Bank details are BSB 062 155 account number 00906498 and please leave your name as a reference so we know who is paying.
If you are unsure of your status please email or phone Tinka.

Plant of Evening Hybrid –
Lycaste Red Jade – grown by
Angie Sulfaro



Specimen of Evening – Den. Class 'Pauline
– grown by Angie Sulfaro



Plant of Evening Species – Dendrochilum
tenellum – grown by Richard Blaxland



Novice of Evening – Phalaenopsis unknown
Grown by Penny Johnson



AUGUST BENCHING POINT SCORE 2022

OPEN DIVISION

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|---|------------------|
| 1. Sarcophilus Hybrid | 0 Plants |
| 2. Australian Native Hybrid | 11 Plants |
| 1. Den. Pauline | A. Sulfaro |
| 2. Den. Bullia | A. Sulfaro |
| 3. Den. Aust. Rhubarb | I. Tanner |
| 3. Australasian | 0 Plants |
| 4. Dockrillia Hybrid | 4 Plants |
| 1. Dock unknown | I. Tanner |
| 2. Dock. Brimbank Dream | R. Blaxland |
| 3. Dock. unknown | R. Blaxland |
| 5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) >120mm | 0 Plant |
| 6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) <120mm | 1 Plant |
| 1. Cat. Best Friend 'Cleopatra' | A. Sulfaro |
| 7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty) | 0 Plant |
| 7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type Hybrid) | 2 Plants |
| 1. Slc. Sierra Doll | A. Sulfaro |
| 2. Slc. Sierra Doll | A. Sulfaro |
| 8. Laeliinae Hybrid (Miniature) | 1 Plant |
| 1. C. Elusive Dream 'Peace' | A. Sulfaro |
| 8A. Laeliinae Epidendrum | 0 Plants |
| 9. Cymbidium Standard | 4 Plants |
| 1. Cym. Regal Solana 'Sequins' | S. Torrisi |
| 2. Cym. Valley Splash 'Awesome' | A. Sulfaro |
| 3. Cym. Valley Splash 'Awesome' | A. Sulfaro |
| 10. Cymbidium Intermediate | 1 Plant |
| 1. Cym. Akebono 'Dural' | T. Riddell |
| 11. Cymbidium Miniature | 3 Plants |
| 1. Cym. Bullbarrow 'Waikeane' | A. Sulfaro |
| 2. Cym. Mem. ? | A. Sulfaro |
| 3. Cym. Gladys Whitsell 'Heavenly' | A. Sulfaro |
| 12. Dendrobium | 2 Plants |
| 1. Den. Crimson Flakes 'White Cup' | F. Lee |
| 2. Den. Moniliforme | Li Shan |
| 13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less | 1 Plants |
| 1. Onc. unknown | T. Riddell |
| 14. Oncidiinae 30mm - 60mm | 3 Plants |
| 1.. Odcdm. Cherry Fudge 'Carmella' | G&ACushway |
| 2. Wils. Orobino 'Coronal' | R. Blaxland |
| 3. Wils. Space Mine 'Red Rendezvous' | R. Blaxland |
| 15. Oncidiinae 60mm and above | 2 Plants |
| 1. Colm. Massai | A. Sulfaro |
| 2. Wils. Hilda Plumtree 'Purple Wings' | R. Blaxland |
| 16. Paphiopedilum Exhibition | 0 Plants |
| 17. Paphiopedilum Novelty | 1 Plant |
| 1. Paph. unknown | T. Riddell |
| 18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition | 0 Plants |

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| 19. Phalaenopsis Novelty | 1 Plant |
| 1. Phal. unknown | G&ACushway |
| 19A. Phalaenopsis Miniature | 0 Plants |
| 20. Vandaceous >51mm | 1 Plants |
| 1. Vanda Pachard Delight | A. Sulfaro |
| 21. Vandaceous/Ascocendas | 0 Plants |
| 22. Other Orchid Hybrid | 7 Plants |
| 1. Lycaste Kiama x Anacst. Red Jade | A. Sulfaro |
| 2. Coel. Jannine Banks | A. Sulfaro |
| 3. Lyc. Rakuhoku | F&M Lee |

SPECIES

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| 38. Sarcophilus Species | 0 Plant |
| 39. Australian Epiphyte Species | 1 Plant |
| 1. Bulbo. shepardii | ? |
| 40. Australasian Epiphyte Species | 0 Plants |
| 41. Dockrillia | 0 Plants |
| 42. Australasian Terrestrial | 2 Plants |
| 1. Pterostylis curta | I. Tanner |
| 2. Pterostylis pedunculata | I. Tanner |
| 43. Laeliinae Alliance (cattleya & laelia) | 2 Plants |
| 1. Cat. trianae 'Backhouseana' | A. Sulfaro |
| 2. Cat. trianae | A. Sulfaro |
| 44. Laeliinae Alliance | 1 Plant |
| 1. Coel. mossiae | M. Asbury |
| 45. Oncidiinae Alliance Species | 0 Plants |
| 46. Other Species 'The Americas' | 6 Plants |
| 1. Max. skunkeana 'Kingston' | T. Riddell |
| 2. Max. densa | Li Shan |
| 3. Max. cuculata | T. Riddell |
| 47. Dendrobium Species | 2 Plants |
| 1. Den. speciosum | I. Tanner |
| 2. Den. linawanum | T. Riddell |
| 48. Paphiopedilum Species | 1 Plants |
| 1. Paph. gratixianum | Li Shan |
| 49. Phalaenopsis Species | 0 Plants |
| 50. Vandaceous species | 0 Plant |
| 51. Dendrochilum Species | 10 Plants |
| 1. Ddc. tenellum | R. Blaxland |
| 2. Ddc. glumaceum | G&ACushway |
| 3. Ddc. convalarifforme | A. Sulfaro |
| 52. Other Species 'Asia & Rest of World' | 1 Plant |
| 1. Cym. lowianum | F&M Lee |
| 53. Miniature max. 150mm | 4 Plants |
| 1. Ddc. smithianum | A. Sulfaro |
| 2. Ddc. serratoi | T. Riddell |
| 3. Ddc. rhombophorum | T. Riddell |
| 54. Miniature Species min. 150mm | 1 Plant |
| 1. Sc. Carole Lynne | I. Tanner |
| 55. First Flowering Species | 0 Plant |
| 56. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid | 0 Plants |

NOVICE

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|---|-----------------|
| 23. Australasian Species | 6 Plants |
| 1. Den. teretifolia | ?? |
| 2. Den. kingianum | H. Carter |
| 3. Den. kingianum | ?? |
| 24. Laeliinae | 2 Plants |
| 1. C. perciviliana 'Summit' | T. Agrela |
| 2. Scaphosepalum gibberosum 'Gigantea' | R. Mathews |
| 25. Oncidiinae Species | 0 Plant |
| 26. Any other Species of Americas | 1 Plant |
| 1. Maxillaria picta | T. Hamilton |
| 27. Species Rest of the World | 9 Plants |
| 1. Cym. lowianum | N. Macri |
| 2. Coel. Jannine Banks 'Lynwood' (hybrid) | N. Macri |
| 3. Dendrochilum tenellum 'Joni Jane' | T. Agrela |
| 28. Australasian Hybrids | 2 Plants |
| 1. Den. Jonathan's Glory | T. Agrela |
| 2. Den. Australian Artist | T. Hamilton |
| 29. Cymbidium Standard | 2 Plants |
| 1. Cym. unknown | G. Wassermeyer |
| 2. Cym. unknown | N. Macri |

30. Cymbidium Intermediate & Miniature

1. Cym. Sparkling Gold 'Barrita'
2. Cym. Karen Armstrong
3. Cym. unknown

31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid

1. Paph. unknown

32. Dendrobium Hybrid**33. Laeliinae Hybrid**

1. Cat. unknown
2. Pot. Free Spirit

34. Oncidiinae Allied Intergenerics Hybrid

1. Odont. Big Mac Distinctive
2. Onc. unknown
3. Oda. Aviawood Hawk x Oda. Durham Emy 'Unicorn'

35. Hybrid of Americas All Others

1. Epidendrum unknown

36. Other Orchid Hybrid

1. Phal. unknown
2. Phal. unknown
3. Phal. unknown

5 Plants

- T. Agrella
- T. Agrella
- K. Hsiao

1 Plant

- T. Agrella

0 Plant**2 Plants**

- N. Macri
- K. Hsiao

3 Plants

- A. Evans
- H. Carter

1 Plant

- K. Hsiao
- K. Nelson

3 Plants

- P. Johnson
- K. Nelson
- R. Mathews

Cary's Ramble:

As I alluded in my report, it's been a busy month with orchid events etc and to top it all off, with spring starting to ramp up, the plants are starting to move. This means that there are jobs to be done in earnest. Things such as increasing the feeding regime and repotting. Some of my repotting will involve Coelogynes in water well pots. These are going gangbusters so it will be interesting to see their root systems.

This season, I have decided to approach the repotting a little differently. After talking to one or two people, in particular dear friends Guy Cantor and Bill Dobson (legends in the orchid world), I'm changing my mix a little. I've decided to add perlite and clay balls to my pre-soaked bark. Also crushed eggshells as well (so the Thermo Mix is good for something after all).

As far as pests go, there is still some persistent scale around. Have you ever noticed that some plants are very prone to scale attack and they might go on for years with a chronic problem which one keeps treating with no real permanent cure? Some of the Laeliinae come to mind. Every time you think that you've won, all of a sudden the scale is back and surging. My classic example of this is my Epidendrum Wedding Valley 'Sakuro', a beautiful, tall, robust plant that makes a wonderful head of pink and white flowers. It's in flower right now so I went to take it to the Nth Shore monthly meeting the other night only to find that the scale was back again, so I had to clean it up first. Of course, the fact that this is such a strong plant can give one a "false sense of security" as to its health status. It means that

when one does the walk past it's easy to think that it's doing well because of its overall look. The thing is, with plants like this, I think that you just have to do a regular prophylactic spray on suspicion that the problem is always brewing away quietly.

This season we have a wonderful flowering of native Dendrobiums, in particular speciosum. Even some of my ones are looking pretty good. Things like melaleuchophilum are absolutely superb this year. I've been growing some of these on net pots and it really suits them. In fact it suits other things as well, such as Sarcophilus falcatus. Even things like Dockrillia (I know, Dendrobium now) teretifolia, calamiformis, fairfaxii, pugioniformis really like growing in net pots. I have examples growing from the top, from the side and even from underneath, and they are all doing well. The only potential problem is what is going to happen at repotting time, especially with the ones growing from underneath. It will be a delicate operation. But, then again, I'm used to those. Happy growing.

St. Ives Show Wrap Up.

Our St. Ives display came in at 5th position. Unfortunately only five members put plants in the display which was very disappointing. Thanks go to Phil Spence who helped with the display and Dylan who also came to help out. There were several prize winners and Angie took out Champion Other Exotic Hybrid with her plant of Lycaste Red Jade (also Hybrid of Evening).

The show was a great success and I was informed that 3,268 people came in through the door. Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time at the show. Well done!!!