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NEXT MEMBER'S
MEETING 25th
JANUARY 2024 at the
Cromer Community
Centre @ 8pm.

NEXT COMMITTEE
MEETING – Thursday
1st February
2024. Venue to be
confirmed.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

President's Report.

I hope that all of you had a great Christmas and New Year. Hopefully you didn't neglect your plants too much. **Our first big event will be the Auction and the forms for this have already been emailed out, so you should be able to start compiling your lists. You need to be looking to put in the unusual, rare and desirable to encourage people to attend.** There will be no guest speaker at this month's meeting and we will be having a plant discussion/cultural night instead which you members seem to enjoy and benefit from and is always of great interest. So I'll see you there.

GUEST SPEAKER: No Guest Speaker this month. There will a cultural/discussion session.

SUPPER ROSTER Thank you to last month's volunteers and helpers for your contribution. This month's volunteer is Rebecca Drew and no one has volunteered for the second vacancy. The response to the roster going around was a little light at the last meeting so it will go around again at the this meeting. If you like something to nibble on with your tea and coffee please contribute a small plate of something.

DIARY DATES FOR 2024

25th January Member's Meeting
22nd February Member's Meeting
28th March Member's Meeting
14th April Auction
18th April Member's Meeting (week earlier due to Anzac Day 25th)
23rd May Member's Meeting
21,22,23 June Winter Show
27th June Member's Meeting
25th July Member's Meeting
2,3,4 August Orchids by the Sea
16,17,18 August St. Ives Fair
22nd August Member's Meeting

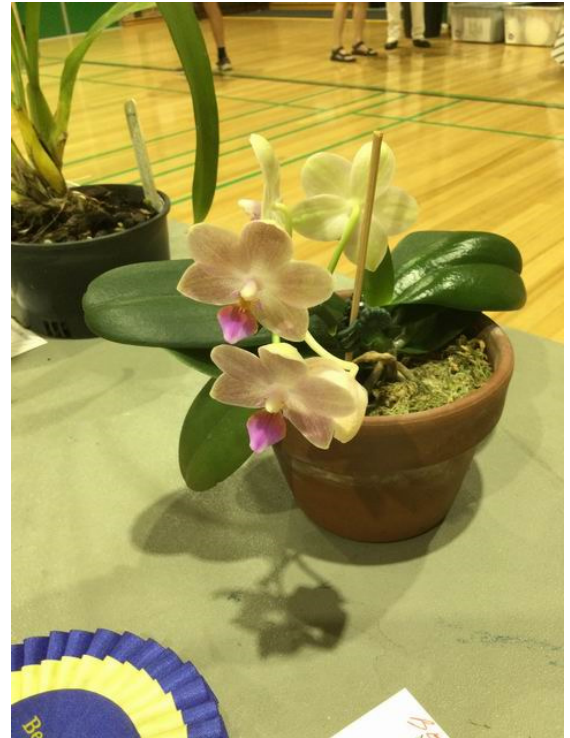
SALES TABLE.

There are bags of 18-25mm Orchiata bark for sale at \$35 per bag, limited quantity available. All sizes of pots now in stock plus large white plant tags.

Species of Evening – *Onc. flexuosum* – Grown by Bill Dobson



Novice of Evening – *Phal.* unknown – grown by Iona Luke



Specimen of Evening - *Coel. marmorata* Grown by Cary Polis



Hybrid of Evening - *Den. Nancy Fairfax*- Grown by Angie Sulfaro



DECEMBER BENCHING POINT SCORE 2023

OPEN DIVISION

1. Sarcocylus Hybrid	0 Plants
2. Australian Native Hybrid	0 Plants
3. Australasian	4 Plants
1. Den. Nancy Fairfax	A. Sulfaro
2. Den. Engae x macrophyllum	A. Sulfaro
3. Den. macrophyllum var Giganteum ex Tari X forbesii 'Sombre'	P. Christie
4. Dockrillia Hybrid	0 Plants
5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) >120mm	0 Plant
6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) <120mm	4 Plants
1. Blc. Capricorn Charm 'Aunty A'	A. Sulfaro
2. Blc. Con Harriman	A. Sulfaro
3. Blc. Capricorn Charm 'Aunty A'	A. Sulfaro
7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty)	1 Plant
1. Ctna. Splash of Port 'Yellow Face'	A. Sulfaro
7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type Hybrid)	1 Plant
1. Epi. Burdekin Honey 'Shona'	T. Riddell
8. Laeliinae Miniature	1 Plant
1. Slc. Elusive Dream 'Pearce'	A.Sulfaro
8A.Laeliinae Epidendrum	5 Plants
1. Epi. Wedding Valley 'Sakura'	A. Sulfaro
2. Epi. (Magenta x Royale)	C. Polis
3. Epi. Snow Cocktail x Wedding Valley 'Purity'	T. Riddell
9. Cymbidium Standard	0 Plants
10. Cymbidium Intermediate	1 Plant
1. Cym. Gladys Whitsell 'Heavenly'	A. Sulfaro

11. Cymbidium Miniature

1. Cym. Cricket

12. Dendrobium

- Den. Kuniko
- Den. Mingles Sapphire
- Den. Mingles Sapphire 'Royale'

13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less

- Onc. Sharry Baby Sweet Fragrance
- Onc. unknown
- Onc. Sharry Baby 'Various'

14. Oncidiinae 30mm - 60mm

- Odcdm. Dorothy Winsome 'Golden Gate'
- Oncidium unknown
- Odcdm. Catatanthe 'Pumpkin Patch'

15. Oncidiinae 60mm and above

- Miltoniaopsis Breathless 'Beauty'
- Mtps. Breathless 'Brilliant'
- Oda. Red Master x Shelly Anne x Odcdm. Tiger
Hamburg

16. Paphiopedilum Exhibit**17. Paphiopedilum Novelty**

- Paph. Quirola
- Paph. Quirola

18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition

- Phal. unknown
- Phal. unknown
- Phal. unknown

19. Phalaenopsis Novelty

- Phal. unknown
- Phal. unknown

19A. Phalaenopsis Miniature**20. Vandaceous >51mm**

- Vanda unknown

21. Vandaceous/Ascocendas

- Renanthera 'Tom Thumb'

22. Other Orchid Hybrid

- Promenaea Samsu Samantha
- Lyc. Sparronam x Lady Hamilton
- Coel. 'Bird in Flight'

SPECIES**38. Sarcophilus Species**

- Sarco. ceciliae
- Sarco. ceciliae Alba

39. Australian Epiphyte Species

- Cadetia taylori
- Cadetia taylori
- Den. lichenastrum

40. Australasian Epiphyte Species

- Den. rhodostictum

41. Dockrillia

- Dock. cucumeria

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

- Laelia sincorana v coerulea
- L. tenebrosa 'Maria Fumara x L. tenebrosa
'Kathleen'
- Cat. forbesii var aurea

43A. Laeliinae

- Laelia purpurata v. carnea
- Laelia purpurata var carnea delicata x purpurata
roxo v videta 'Aranda'
- Laelia purpurata v. carnea delicata x self
'Aranda'

44. Laeliinae Alliance

- Enc. prismatocarpa
- Enc. prismatocarpa
- Enc. mooreana

1 Plants

F&M Lee

3 Plants

- A. Sulfaro
- R. Blaxland
- T. Riddell

5 Plants

- A. Sulfaro
- R. Blaxland
- P. Johnson

7 Plants

- A. Sulfaro
- A. Sulfaro
- C. Polis

4 Plants

- A. Sulfaro
- A. Sulfaro

A. Sulfaro

0 Plant**2 Plants**

- A. Sulfaro
- A. Sulfaro

5 Plants

- A. Sulfaro
- A. Sulfaro
- P. Johnson

2 Plants

- P. Johnson
- A. Sulfaro

0 Plants**1 Plant**

T. Riddell

1 Plant

R. Blaxland

8 Plants

- A., Sulfaro
- A. Sulfaro
- C. Polis

2 Plants

- G. Cantor
- G. Cantor

7 Plants

- T. Riddell
- C. Polis
- L&B Donson

1 Plant

P. Christie

1 Plants

L&B Dobson

0 Plants**7 Plants**

- P. McDonough

A. Sulfaro

C. Polis

8 Plants

- C. Polis

A. Sulfaro

7 Plants

- C. Polis
- C. Polis
- P. Christie

45. Oncidiinae Alliance Species

- Onc. flexuosum
- Onc. schimmi
- Brassia longissimi

46. Maxillaria Species

- Max. tonsbergii
- Max. praestans
- Max., tenuifolia

47. Other Species 'The Americas'

- Promenaea ovatiloba
- Anguloa virginalis
- Ida costata

48. Dendrobium Species

- Den. hercoglossum
- Den. gonzalesii
- Den. hercoglossum

49. Paphiopedilum Species

- Paph. haynaldianum
- Paph. lowii
- Paph. lowii

50. Phalaenopsis species

- Phal. mannii

51. Vandaceous Species

- Vanda denisoniana
- Vanda tessellata 'Grey Ghost'
- Vanda tricoloe 'Rainbow'

52. Dendrochilum Species

- Ddc. pangasaniense

53. Ceologyne Species

- Coel. marmorata
- Coel. fragrens
- Coel. marmorata

54. Other Species 'Asia & the Rest of World'

- Ang. magdalenae x Ang. magdalenae 'Johns'
- Bulbo, lobbii
- Thunia marshalliana

55. Miniature 'maximum height (excluding raceme) of 150mm (6 inches)

- Cadetia taylorii
- Bulbo. schillerianum

56. First Flowering Seedling Species**57. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid****NOVICE****23. Australasian Species****24. Laeliinae**

- Encyclia hanburyi

25. Oncidiinae

- Brassia verrucosa
- Onc. sphacelatum

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****33. Laeliinae Hybrid**

- Epi. Rose Hot x Pacific Heat
- Epi. Willandra Cream

34. Oncidiinae Allied Intergenerics Hybrid

- Miltonia spectabilis alba x Odo. (Erik Young
X pescstorii)

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

- Phal. unknown

12 Plants

- L&B Dobson
- T. Riddell
- P. Christie

13. Plants

- I. Tanner
- M. Roberts
- I. Tanner

8 Plants

- A. Sulfaro
- G. Cantor
- P. McDonough

3 Plants

- T. Riddell
- A. Sulfaro
- M. Roberts

3 Plants

- P. McDonough
- P. McDonough
- P. McDonough

1 Plants

C. Polis

10 Plants

- C. Polis
- C. Polis
- R. Blaxland

1 Plant

R. Blaxland

5 Plants

- C. Polis
- M. Roberts
- T. Riddell

4 Plants

- A. Sulfaro
- G. Cantor
- F&M Lee.

2 Plants

C. Polis

C. Polis

0 Plant**0 Plant****0 Plant****1 Plants**

R. Mathews

2 Plants

- S. Smiles
- R. Mathews

0 Plant**0 Plants****0 Plants****0 Plant****0 Plants****0 Plants****2 Plants**

- R. Mathews
- R. Mathews

1 Plant

R. Mathews

0 Plants**1 Plants**

I. Luke

Cary's Ramble:

Once again there have been quite a few disruptions to the maintenance of my orchid collection what with Christmas functions and other distractions, but on the whole most of my plants seem to be going okay. There is a lot of growth happening and I'm still trying to get some repotting done while I can. With a little bit of effort I have been able to deal with most scale problems as they arise. The scale is almost exclusively a problem in the hothouse rather than the bush house where the major problem is aphids. The trouble with aphids is that you often don't notice them until they have already started to do damage to flower buds and new growths. I know that I go on about it a lot, but this is just another reason why the regular walkpast is so important. You have no chance of being aware of these things unless you are regularly getting in amongst your plants, even if you don't actually feel like doing any "work".

The other thing that I've noticed lately is that the Dendrobium beetles are extremely active right now. Thankfully, most of the ones I have found have been outside of the bush house on things like Epidendrums. I'm trying to keep up the feeding but I've slipped a little bit in that department of late. I have a constant battle with weeds and of course this is something that I try to address in a haphazard way when I'm doing the walkpast. Sometimes I get quite motivated about weeding. In fact last week I put a lot of time into weeding some Dendrochilum specimen plants and this was very time consuming. Could I have used the time better? Probably. Did those pots need to be weeded? Definitely.

Have you ever noticed that if you have friends over (in my case Guy and Paul) that they start weeding for you and when you're at their place you do the same for them?

There are plenty of nice new green root tips around the place which means that it's a great time to repot even though it is starting to get hot. Unfortunately most of us are time poor and we find it hard to get through our repotting at the "ideal time". It's really a matter of doing it when you have time or if you are very disciplined to make time. But other things can get in the way, like "emergency" fishing trips. This is generally a lean time of the year as far as flowers go, but there are still a lot of things happening eg I have Laelia anceps sending up spikes already. In a way growing orchids is no different to gardening in general ie it is never finished no matter how much time and effort you have put into it, so don't stop.

Dear "What's the Problem?",

I have difficulties deciding the correct category to bench my orchids at our monthly meetings. Sometimes I can figure it out from info found on-line, but other times, I can't.

I know I should feel comfortable asking others for their help, but sometimes it's difficult to do that for one reason or another.

Would it be possible to have an education session at one of the meetings (when there's not a guest speaker) where someone can talk about the most common orchids that would be found in each category? I think it would be greatly appreciated by many novice members.

Thank you for your consideration,

"Lost in (table) Space"

Dear Lost in Space,

Thanks for your question. Guy Cantor has kindly volunteered to review the benching categories, while we are awaiting the monthly judging of the benched plants to be completed. It will be done over several meetings, when time allows.