

BULLETIN

EASTERN SUBURBS ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

NEXT MEETING: 7.45pm Monday 20 May 2019 at Community Hall, on corner Arden and Varna Streets, Clovelly (held 3rd Monday of each month except January) **Visitors always welcome.**

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April Meeting: Plant of the Night



Gavin Curtis won Plant of the Night with his magnificent award winning *Grammatophyllum scriptum fma citrinum* (above) again this month.



Popular Choice

This large *Miltonia* unknown grown by novice Ian Kaplin was deservedly voted Popular Choice by members at the meeting.

APRIL MEETING REPORT

The President, Chris Dalrymple warmly welcomed members and guests. Members stood for a minute's silence over the sad passing of Sean Mullen.

TREASURERS REPORT:

The Treasurers Report was tabled by Chin Wong and accepted. Members agreed to pay the ESOS share of \$833, being one third payment for hire of the Sutherland Basketball Stadium for Southern Orchid Spectacular, to be held on 11-13 October 2019.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Review of ESOS Web Site. Herbert Chen is to present a proposal for a more efficient hosting service that will allow a higher Google search ranking. It was agreed that this is a good resource for new members and an excellent tool for information about how to grow orchids, Show dates, and general advice. Herbert was thanked for introducing and managing this excellent initiative.

2. AOF Essay Competition due 30 June, big prizes.

3. OSNSW Photo Competition: encourage Novices.

PRESENTATION:

Ian Chalmers presented a slide show of the Taiwan International Orchid Show in Tainan, and the Tokyo Dome Grand Prix International Orchid Show that he and Irene attended in February.

FUTURE SPEAKERS 2019:

- May: Johanna/Gavin to invite Gary Hodder
- How to grow orchids in the garden
- Bill Dobson (*Den speciosum*)
- Options for bush houses/spray equipment/pots

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Herbert was thanked for conducting the Novice Workshop. He volunteered to assist judges with Point Scores each month, as Barry is in hospital. He will also take photos of plants at the May meeting.

2. Noelene volunteered to organise bulk orders of bark, pots and fertiliser from Garden City Plastics

3. Ian requested all members NOT TO WATER PLANTS before benching, as it is very hard to score on wet plant labels. He urged novices to ask the more experienced members for advice about the correct naming of plants, rather than using an arbitrary name selected from the website.

CATERING:

Judy and Jim Linton and those providing delicious catering were warmly thanked. In May, Jenny and Ian will provide the catering service.

NEXT MEETING: AT 7.45PM ON MONDAY 20 MAY

Apologies J Martin, H Mason, C Dalrymple

NOVICE WORKSHOP 3 COMMENCES AT 7.15PM



Greg Kazarian (above) showing us how to grow beautiful *Phalaenopsis* orchid flowers!

Will Epsom Salts help orchids flower??

Epsom salts are magnesium sulphate, which is readily available from supermarkets, and is also found in orchid fertilisers. Magnesium is a critical element for flower initiation in orchids. Some people are adamant about the benefits of Epsom salts, and others don't agree. If you water orchids with chemical fertilisers frequently, then it is important to flush out residual salts each autumn. As winter approaches many orchids need a dormant/rest period, preferably without residual salts surrounding the roots.

If you are not sure how to use the excellent ESOS.org.au website please ask Herbert Chen who is always helpful. It is a very useful tool, with a blog site and lots of information for members.

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Other Orchids Benched



This beautiful white *Cattleya* unknown was grown by novice Poppy Kalogerakis (Kalliopi)



This *Cattleya* Portia 'Baronesa' was proudly grown by Gavin Curtis. He said it is one of his favourite plants.



Herbert Chen grew this colourful hybrid (Slc Angel Flare Janelle x Pot. Rosella Tokyo)

Orchid Competitions

1. OSNSW Affiliated Societies Orchid of the Year Photographic Competition

Members are reminded about the OSNSW Affiliated Societies Orchid of the Year Photographic Competition. This competition is only open to members of affiliated societies of OSNSW. There are three divisions of the competition with **\$300** prize money for each:

- Hybrid Orchid of the Year
- Species Orchid of the Year
- Best Hybrid or Species Orchid of the Year exhibited by a Novice/Junior Grower.

There will also be a prize of **\$100** for the society involved in the show where the respective orchids were exhibited. The competition is open from 1st July to 30th June of each year. This means that the Grand Champion must have been selected prior to 30th June (even if your show is still in progress).

The Secretary of OSNSW will accept entries until **10th July** of each year either electronically or in hard copy form, providing the date of show judging is before June 30th. Entries are to be made by forwarding the required **digital photographs which must be taken within 2 days of the show judging, and must be sent to the OSNSW Secretary as separate files (not imbedded into the word document)** to the Secretary, at secretaryosnsw@yahoo.com.au or on CD/DVD to: The Secretary, Orchid Society of NSW, PO Box 5396, Chullora NSW 2190, together with an [entry form](#). Required digital photographs are:

- Single flower, front, side and back
- Inflorescence
- Entire plant

2. Australian Orchid Foundation 2019 Annual Essay Prize

Members are invited to submit an original essay of less than 4,000 words by 30 June 2019, with the topic:

"How do my Orchids Survive While I am Away?"

This is your big chance to win significant cash prizes:

First Prize \$350

Second Prize \$250

Third Prize \$150

Send your entry to

aof@australianorchidfoundation.org.au or

AOF Essay Prize PO Box 440 Yarra Glen VIC 3775.

Other Orchids Benched



Lorraine Fenton grew these magnificent flowers of the Vanda hybrid *Ren Monachica* x *ASCD Lauraint St Paul* (left) as well as the *Miltonia* unknown (right).



Gavin Curtis grew this *Gombrassiltonia* 'Sweetheart Jonel Everglades' (left)

Congratulations to Royal Easter Show Supreme Champion Gavin Curtis!

On behalf of all members we congratulate Gavin for winning no less than thirteen Awards at the Royal Easter Show for his sensational orchids, spanning Classes in the following Genera: *Laeliinae*, *Vandaceous*, *Phalaenopsis*, *Oncidinae*, *Dendrobium*, Hybrid, *Laeliinae* Species, and Other Species. He won Supreme Champion for

his spectacular *C. Portia cannizaro* (right), as well as a First in the 'Species Orchid Other' Class for his *Grammotophyllum scriptum fma citrinum* (photo on page 1). Many of us were lucky enough to see some of these stunning Show winners when he benched them in April.

Free Advice

- To be wronged is nothing, unless you continue to remember it.
- War does not determine who is right. It determines who is left.
- Woman who goes camping must be aware of evil intent.
- It takes many nails to build a cot but only one screw to fill it.
- Man who lives in glasshouse should get dressed in basement.
- Passionate kiss, like spider web, leads to undoing of fly.



Presentation: Ian Chalmers

Ian Chalmers outlined to members his impressions of the Taiwan International Orchid Show in Tainan, and the Tokyo Dome Grand Prix International Orchid Show that he and Irene attended in February. He showed some spectacular slides of enormous flowers and sensational Grand Champion orchids.

1. Tokyo Dome Grand Prix International Orchid Show

The Chalmers attended the Opening Ceremony with many VIPs present. Ian said the impressive prizes of A\$25,000 and a Mercedes car were much reduced from past years. The Show features enormous displays of orchids, flower art and bonsai, digital art, workshops and other events, as well as a retail sales area.

2. Taiwan International Orchid Show, Tainan

At the Taiwan International Orchid Show in Tainan Ian and Irene saw the Grand Champion *Paph. Wassner Hot Lips*, along with 1.5m *Rhyncostylis Choorchaloood* hybrids which were under 24 hour guard. They also went walking in Alishan National Park to see wild *Pleiones* in flower.



Sales Manager Report: Warleiti jap

Following the last meeting, I want to bring up a few points to make it easier for members to sell plants.

- All plants must have a **Yellow label** (right) with the seller's name and the price, except in the case of a tray containing all plants of the same price such as seedling trays. However, each tray must be clearly marked as to the price of the individual plants, and if possible, the size of the pots should be similar within each different priced tray, or some means of identifying which priced tray the plant came from. In the case of goods such as hangers and bags of growing media etc., a yellow label should be attached unless they all have a common price in which case the price should be clearly displayed to avoid confusion.
- The **Sellers Form**, which will be returned to the seller at the end of the meeting, must be completed by the seller showing the name of each plant being offered for sale. In the case of trays of similarly priced plants, such as seedling trays, please state on the form ****a tray containing "X" number of plants at \$Y each****. Similarly with bags of growing media or goods of the same price: ****"B" number of bags of Sphagnum at \$C****.
- All of the above relate to members selling their own plants to other members at Society meetings only. When the Society or members sell orchids to the public at other Society events and shows, strict regulations and licensing rules exist for selling all NSW Native Species and Hybrids (further information available on request).



Although every care will be taken, members who help out at the sales table will not be responsible for any plant losses or damage.

MONTHLY RESULTS: OPEN

No.	Class	Plant	Exhibitor
4	Laeliinae Standard/Exhibition	1 <i>C. Chocolate Drop</i> x <i>B/c Mount Sylvan</i>	W Jap
5	Laeliinae Cluster/Novelty	1 <i>C. Portia</i> 'Baronesa' 2 <i>C. Portia</i> 'Baronesa' 3 <i>C. Chocolate Drop</i> Kordarma	G Curtis G Curtis G Curtis
6	Laeliinae Intermediate/Minature	1 <i>C. Angel Flare</i> 'Janette' x <i>R/c. Rosella Tokyo</i>	H Chen
10	Dendrobium Hybrids	1 <i>Den.</i> unknown 2 <i>Den.</i> Dal's Doge	G Curtis W Jap
11	First Flowered Seedling	1 <i>Grammotophyllum scriptum fma citrinum</i> 2 <i>V. tricolor</i>	G Curtis G Curtis
13	Oncidinae Hybrids	1 <i>Oncidium</i> Sharry Baby Sweet Fragrance 2 <i>Gombrassiltonia</i> Sweetheart Jonel 'Everglade' 3 <i>Gombrassiltonia</i> Sweetheart Jonel 'Everglade'	C Wong G Curtis H Chen
16	Cypripedioidae Hybrids: Other	1 <i>Paph.</i> Hybrid	W Jap
17	Phalaenopsis Hybrids	1 <i>Phal.</i> Unknown 2 <i>Phal.</i> Unknown 3 <i>Phal.</i> Unknown	G Curtis H Chen G Curtis
19	Miscellaneous Hybrids	1 <i>Zygo.</i> Kiwi Choice x Adelaide Oval	H Chen
21	Species: Asia	1 <i>Den. thyrsiflorum</i> 2 <i>Ddc. cobbianum</i> 3 <i>Phal. cornu-cervi</i>	G Curtis W Jap W Jap
22	Species: The Americas	1 <i>Guiranthé bowringiana</i> 'Dark' 2 <i>Epi. peperomia</i> 3 <i>Guiranthé bowringiana fma coerulea</i>	C Wong W Jap G Curtis

MONTHLY RESULTS: NOVICE

No.	Class	Plant	Exhibitor
24	Australian Natives: Hybrids & Species	1 <i>Sarco</i> Red Limp	N Weatherby
25	Laeliinae: Hybrids	1 <i>C.</i> unknown 2 <i>C.</i> unknown 3 <i>Prosthecea cochleata</i> 'Andrew Young' x 'Tinonee'	K Kalogerakis (Poppy) N Weatherby C Starrett
29	Miscellaneous Hybrids	1 <i>Zygo</i> Tombstone Arthur Elle	O Fotini
30	Oncidiinae: Species/Hybrids	1 <i>Miltonia</i> unknown 2 <i>Onc.</i> unknown 3 <i>Onc. varicosum</i>	I Kaplin K Kalogerakis L Fenton
32	Vandaceous Hybrids & Species	1 <i>Ren. monachica</i> x <i>ASCD</i> Lauraint St Paul 2 <i>Phal.</i> unknown	L Fenton H Mason
33	Species, Other	1 <i>Coel. tomentosa</i>	B Ivanisevic