



Bulletin



EASTERN SUBURBS ORCHID SOCIETY INC. est. 15 May 1950

Next Meeting:

General Meeting to be held at 7.00pm on Monday 15 July 2024 at the Kensington Park Community Centre located at No. 1 Day Lane Kensington NSW 2033 (Hall 1)

President

Ross Trethewy

Vice President

Gavin Curtis

Secretary

Cathy Starrett

Assistant Secretary

Ian Kaplin

Show Marshall

Ian Kaplin
Chaoping Li

Treasurer

Chin Wong

Assistant Treasurer

Warleiti Jap

Editor

Ross Trethewy

Sales Manager

Warleiti Jap

Door Monitor

Judith Linton

Annual Membership:

- Single \$15 Family \$20
- (Renewed 1 July each year)

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Open Class Plant of the Night

Dendrochilum luzonense, exhibitor Chaoping Li



Novice Class Plant of the Night

Oncidium Fragrant Fantasy exhibitor Yopi Lim



JUNE 24 MEETING

OPENING:

The President Ross Trethewy warmly welcomed Members and opened the General Meeting held at the Kensington Community Centre (Hall 1) located at 1 Day Lane Kensington.

APOLOGIES:

Liza Ying, Buda Ivanisevic, Dawn, Jesse and Jade Muscat, Gavin Curtis, Judy and Jim Linton.

NEW MEMBERS/VISITORS:

There were no new members or visitors.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The minutes issued of the previous general meeting on 20th May 2024, were accepted as a true and accurate record by members Ross Trethewy and seconded by Herbert Chen. No changes to the minutes were requested by attendee members.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Secretary outlined in brief correspondence sent to ESOS (external) and forwarded to Members which included:

- Orchid Bulletins and Show information from other Societies;
- ESOS April 2024 Bulletin sent to the Secretaries of other societies; and
- ESOS April 2024 Bulletin uploaded to National eDeposit NSW State Library
- The Orchid Place, Heathcote – sale.
- Randwick City Council – our lease has been extended to 6/2025.
- OSNSW – Affiliation fee due.

Correspondence to ESOS (internal): Meeting on 20 May Minutes, ESOS Monthly Bulletin May 2024.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

It was noted that the Society remains financial.

GROWING COMPETITIONS:

The **Cymbidium** Kimberley Valley 'Green Sensation' x Green Jewel 'Regent' growing competition was launched.

A potting pack containing the seedling mixture with perlite, pot and seedling is on sale for \$5.

Care of the seedling – Herbert C has been consulted on his experience growing seedlings and an information sheet is contained on the last page of this Bulletin.

The **Oncidesa Possum Woolf** growing competition was judged on growth and condition with the following results

- 1st place was Cathy S – 3 points
- 2nd place was Lily H – 2 points
- 3rd place was Chin W – 1 point.
- 4th place was Ian K – 1 point.

The President congratulated growers in the competition and Cathy S spoke of the care that she has been giving her plant.

It is in a pot, within another pot which contains bark, hence giving warmth and humidity. Fine roots were seen through the bottom of the plant but it was recommended that repotting was not warranted at this stage.

She has also been giving her plant a watering with Auxinone regularly.

Auxinone – described as a plant hormone which she uses when repotting orchids, Cathy S regularly soaks her bare rooted orchids in the solution before repotting. Dilution rate is 1 ml/1 litre of water. Available at Orchids by Distinction online and at orchid shows.

The Secretary noted that both competition plants will be judged in 4 months; i.e. 14th October 24.

ESOS DISPLAY FLOWER POWER MASCOT:

The ESOS Orchid Display was discussed. Set up will be Friday 21st at 3pm, and plants need to be delivered at this time.

Show is on Saturday June 22nd, 8.30am-5pm, and Sunday 23rd, 8.30am-3pm.

Judges Walter Chapman and Christine Rethers will be judging at 8.30am Saturday.

Remuneration was discussed and an amount agreed.

Potting demonstration at 11.30 am both days. Cathy will bring plants, pots, sphagnum moss and bark for the demonstrations.

Chin will bring ribbons, reimbursement for the judges, raffle float and tin.

Cathy will bring raffle tickets, socks, table covering, potting demonstration essentials, Corflute signs x 4 to be erected on Wentworth Avenue, sign for raffle showing price of tickets.

Members to notify Cathy re the name of the plants that they wish to show, and their pot size.

UPCOMING SHOWS FOR ESOS:

ESOS participation was discussed in the Orchid Central Orchid Show, October 3-6, 178 Eldridge Road, Bankstown; and the Plant Party, September 14th, 107 Green Square, 3A Joynton Avenue, Zetland (cnr Hansard Ave).

It was noted as an action that a Display Committee needs to be convened to plan the display. Volunteers to be called for next meeting.

TEA BREAK:

A tea break was convened to enable members to view and discuss plants displayed for benching.

A special thanks to Judy and Jim Linton who because of illness were not able to stay for the meeting, but still managed to drop off our supper supplies.

PLANTS OF THE NIGHT:

Open Plant of the night was awarded to Chao Ping Li for her *Dendrochilum luzonense*, and the Plant of the Night Novice was awarded to Yopi Lim for his *Oncidium Fragrant Fantasy*. Both members were congratulated and received an orchid plant prize.

The people's choice went to Chao Ping Li for her *Dendrochilum lyzonense*.

Chao Ping spoke on her *Dendrochilum*, she has it hanging near her hot water system, which helps with the humidity and warmth, and it gets afternoon sun, and is potted in 9-12 mm bark.

Yopi Lim spoke on his *Oncidium* twinkle. He has been growing it for 18 months, and likes to grow it in good light, with regular fertilizing.

OTHER UPCOMING SHOWS:

- Manly Warringah Orchid Society, June 21-23, Belrose Super Centre.
- Blacktown City Orchid Society, June 22-23, Seven Hills Shopping Plaza.
- Eastern Suburbs Orchid Society, June 22-23, Flower Power Mascot
- Mingara Orchid Club Fair & Show, June 29-30, Mingara Recreation Club, Tumbi Umbi.
- Plant Party, Joynton Avenue, Zetland, September 14th.
- Orchids Central, Club Condell Park, October 3-6, 178 Eldridge Rd, Bankstown.

NEXT MEETING

The next ESOS General Meeting will be on 15th July, 2024 at Hall 1 located at the Kensington Community Centre 1 Day Lane Kensington.

The doors will open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start.

Date: 17/6/2024

OPEN CLASS MONTHLY JUDGING SHEET

Plant of the Night # Dendrochilum luzonense				Total: 15 x plants exhibited	
Exhibitor: Chaoping Li					
Class # / Name		Award	No Plants Benched	Plant Identification	Exhibitor
4	Laeliinae: Standard/Exhibition	1	2	Catt. Pink Empress	H Chen
		2		Catt. Focus Taiwan	H Chen
5	Laeliinae: Cluster/Novelty	1	1	Lc. Purple Cascade	R Trethewy
8	Cymbidium Intermediate/Miniature	1	1	Cym. Kulnura Ruby Mist	R Trethewy
10	Oncidiinae Hybrids <60 mm	1	5	Onc. Singapore Delight	H Chen
		2		Onc. unknown	H Chen
		3		Onc. Sharry Baby	Chaoping Li
11	Oncidiinae Hybrids >60 mm	1	2	Onc. Pacific Red Heat	Chaoping Li
		2		Onc. unknown	Chaoping Li
16	Miniature Species & Hybrids	1	1	Pleurothalis stricta	R Trethewy
18	Laeliinae Species	1	1	Laelia superbiens	R Trethewy
20	Coelogyninae Species	1	1	#Dendrochilum luzonense	Chaoping Li
22	Species The Americas	1	1	Prosthecea cochleata 'Andrew Young' x 'Tinonee'	Ross Trethewy

Denotes Plant of the Night

Unplaced plants Open:

Onc. Hybrid <60mm	1 point	Chin Wong
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Plant Growing Competition - Oncidesa Possum Woolf 'Red Cascade'

Award	Exhibitor	Score
First	C Starrett	3 Points
Second	L Huang	2 Points
Third	C Wong	1 Point
Fourth	I Kaplin	1 Point

Date: 17/06/2024

NOVICE CLASS MONTHLY JUDGING SHEET

Plant of the Night #Oncidium Fragrant Fantasy				Total:6 x plants exhibited	
Exhibitor: Y Lim					
Class # / Name		Award	No Plants Benched	Plant Identification	Exhibitor
27	Laeliinae Other	1	1	Catt Susie's Delight x Hawaiian Wedding Song	C Starrett
31	Oncidiinae Hybrids <60 mm	1	2	#Onc. Fragrant Fantasy	Yopi Lim
		2		Onc. unknown	I Kaplin
32	Oncidiinae Hybrids >60 mm		0		
36	Miscellaneous Hybrids	1	2	Coel. Janine Banks	C Starrett
		2		Zygopetalum unknown	C Starrett
39	Laeliinae Species	1	1	Laelia anceps 'Wallbrunn'x'Roseminah'	C Starrett
40	Cypripedioidae Species		0		
41	Coelogyninae Species		0		
43	Species The Americas		0		

Denotes Plant of the Night

Unplaced plants Novice:

Nil		
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EXHIBITED PLANTS



Laelia superbiens
Exhibitor: Ross Trethewy



Laelia anceps 'Wallbrunn' x 'Roseminah'
Exhibitor: C Starrett



Catt. Pink Empress
Exhibitor: H Chen



Lc. Purple Cascade
Exhibitor: R Trethewy



Onc. Singapore Delight
Exhibitor: H Chen



Onc. Pacific Red Heat
Exhibitor: Chaoping Li



Catt. Susie's Delight x Hawaiian Wedding Song
Exhibitor: C Starrett



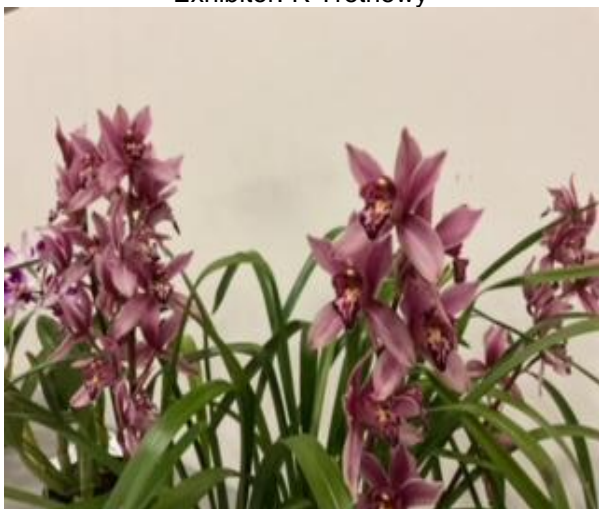
Coel. Janine Banks
Exhibitor: C Starrett



Prosthecea cochleata 'Andrew Young' x 'Tinonee'
Exhibitor: R Trethewy



Pleurothallis stricta
Exhibitor: R Trethewy



Cym. Kulnura Ruby Mist
Exhibitor: R Trethewy

APPENDIX A-1 PLANT GROWING COMPETITION CARE OF CYMBIDIUM SEEDLINGS

The three key requirements for Cymbidium seedlings are:

1. Good quality potting mix; and
1. 2 Right pot size; and
2. Good light.

Potting:

- Never over pot.
- Choose pot size that will just accommodate the plant's root.
- As new roots emerge they should easily grow towards and touch the wall and the bottom of the pot.
- For a 50mm seedling, the bigger seedlings can be up-potted to 80mm pot, otherwise just replace the potting media and reuse the same pot.
- Over the course of growing the seedling, upsize the pot gradually according to match the size and stage of the plant.
- Avoid any pot that is too large. A large pot retains a lot of moisture especially during wet weather, which could lead to root rot and kill the plant.
- Choose a potting mix that is well drained. Use medium size bark mixed with good quality Cymbidium potting mix sold in most major orchid shows or orchid suppliers.
- Avoid cymbidium potting mix bought from a typical hardware chain as it breaks down too quickly and becomes soggy after a year; however by adding other barks it can relieve this issue.

Light:

- Cymbidiums like strong light and many thrive under direct sun.
- For young plants, it is best to start them in moderate light, i.e., 3 - 6 hours of 50% filtered light in summer, or direct light in winter is ideal.
- As the plant is older and accustomed to brighter light, they can be placed in brighter conditions to produce better flowering.

Temperature:

- Cymbidiums are cool growing plants.
- Low temperature is a necessary condition to stimulate flowering.

Feeding:

- Cymbidiums respond well to fertiliser during growing season.
- Provided other growing conditions are met, fertilisers can be applied when new shoots appear in spring and summer.
- Slow release fertilisers, Dynamic Lifters, blood and bone can be added to the pot every three months.
- Use high potassium fertiliser (e.g., Peters Exel) when spikes are developing.
- Do not fertilise from May to September.

Watering:

- Cymbidiums like a reliable supply of water during growing season.
- Providing the growing media is in good condition, watering once a week in summer and once every 2 - 3 weeks in spring and autumn is sufficient.
- Too much fertiliser and a soggy potting mix are likely to kill the plant.