



Bulletin

EASTERN SUBURBS ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

Next Meeting:

General Meeting to be held at 7.00pm on Monday 17th March 2025 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

Herbert Chen

Yopi Lim

Treasurer

Chin Wong

Editor

Ross Trethewy

Plant Sales Manager

Chao Ping Li

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

Oncidium 'Snow White' Exhibitor C Starrett



Novice Class Plant of the Night

Beallara Marfitch 'Howards Dream' Exhibitor L Huang



DECEMBER 24 MEETING

OPENING:

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

APOLOGIES:

Ross Trethewy, Chin Wong, Elizabeth Ying, Le Tram, Graeme Mertz.

NEW MEMBERS/VISITORS:

Nina Giardina was welcomed as a new member; Denise Tsiros and Martin Hartridge as visitors.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The minutes issued of the previous general meeting on 16th December 2024 were accepted as a true and accurate record by members Gavin Curtis and seconded by Ian Kaplin. 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 Bulletin sent to the Secretaries of other societies; and
- ESOS December Bulletin uploaded to National eDeposit NSW State Library
- Email from AOF requesting donation towards highlighting the Australian orchids at Chelsea Flower Show, May 2025.
- Email from OSNSW requesting our interest in participating in a December summer show.

Correspondence to ESOS (internal): Meeting on 16th December Minutes, ESOS December Monthly bulletin.

AUSTRALIAN ORCHID FOUNDATION:

A discussion was conducted regarding a request for a donation to AOF, to highlight Australian

orchids at the Chelsea Flower Show in the UK in May. This was rejected by members.

OSNSW SUMMER SHOW:

The Show to be held 13th and 14th of December at Ermington was discussed by members with an unfavourable response, as the show was determined to be too close to Christmas, and December remains a busy month for members.

The President will inform OSNSW.

ROYAL EASTER SHOW:

To be held April 11th to 22nd. Orchids will be on display on 4 days only, being April 15th and 16th, as well as April 21st and 22nd.

SALES TABLE:

Supervised by Chao Ping.

Many thanks to Elizabeth Ying who donated a very large *Brassia verrucosa* to the Society, and especially to Chao Ping who divided and repotted it, as well as Cathy Starrett who donated a *Miltonia*. All proceeds of these sales were donated to the Society.

The return of the sales table was welcomed and enjoyed by the members.

YATES SELF WATERING POTS:

Gavin spoke of his success in using these pots. These pots have a water reservoir in the base which means that the basket is self-watering and less likely to dry out which also increases the humidity.

He has been using them successfully for many plants including *oncidiums*, *speciosums*, *cattleyas*, *paphiopedulums*, and even *vandas*.

Although there are other self watering brand pots, the Yates brand is recommended. They are available at local nurseries as well as Bunnings Hardware Stores.

TEA BREAK:

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

Thank you to Judy and Jim Linton for arranging, and Buda Ivansevic for her delicious contribution.

GROWING COMPETITION:

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

- 1st place was Lily Huang – 3 points
- 2nd place was Cathy Starrett – 2 points
- 3rd place was Ian Kaplin – 1 point.

The next judging will be in 4 months time on July 21st.

PLANT DOCTOR:

This was conducted by Gavin. Members always find this an interesting segment. Visitors Denise and Martin were advised on their Phalaenopsis and it was suggested to prune between the nodes, but as the spikes get longer the flowers will get smaller.

Dawn bought in a large flowering sharry baby oncidium with 5 spikes of which some were not developing. Staking techniques were discussed to display the flowers to advantage.

PLANTS OF THE NIGHT:

Open Class plant of the night was awarded to Cathy S for her Oncidiinae Snow White, and the Plant of the Night Novice Class was awarded to Lily H, for her Beallara Marfitch 'Howards Dream'.

Both members were congratulated and received an orchid plant prize. Herbert Chen and Yopi Lim were thanked for their judging roles.

UPCOMING SHOWS:

- Orchids Out West, May 23rd-25th, Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon.
- Mingara Orchid Fair, June 28th-29th, Mingara Recreation Club, Tumbi Umbi.
- St Ives Orchid Fair, August 15th-17th, St Ives Showground
- AOC Conference and Show, October 1st-5th, Woolgoolga
- Orchid Central, October 17th-19th, Condell Park.

NEXT MEETING:

The next ESOS General Meeting will be on **17th March 2024 at Hall 1 located at the Kensington Community Centre 1 Day Lane Kensington**. The doors will be open from 6.30pm, meeting will commence at 7 pm.

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Date: 17/02/2025

OPEN CLASS MONTHLY JUDGING SHEET

Plant of the Night #Oncidium 'Snow White'				Total: 7 x plants exhibited	
Exhibitor: C Starrett					
Class		Award	No Plants Benched	Plant Identification	Exhibitor
5	Laeliinae (Cluster/Novelty)	1	1	Catt. Intermedia alba x Catt. Intermedia vinicolor	H Chen
10	Oncidiinae Hybrids <60 mm	1	4	Miltonia Goodale Moir Golden Wonder	Chaoping Li
		2		Onc. unknown	Chaoping Li
		3		Miltonia unknown	C Starrett
				Brassidium Golden Gamine 'White Knight'	H Chen
11	Oncidiinae Hybrids >60 mm	1	2	#Onc. 'Snow White'	C Starrett
		2		Onc. White Star	Chaoping Li
		3			

Denotes Plant of the Night

Date: 17/02/2025

NOVICE CLASS MONTHLY JUDGING SHEET

Plant of the Night #Beallara Marfitch 'Howards Dream'				Total: 7 x plants exhibited	
Exhibitor: Lily Huang					
Class		Award	No Plants Benched	Plant Identification	Exhibitor
27	Laeliinae Other	1	1	Catt. interglossa	J Linton
		2			
		3			
31	Oncidiinae Hybrids <60 mm	1	4	Zelglossoda	Y Lim
		2		Miltonia Goodale Moir Golden Wonder	J Linton
		3		Onc. Raspberry Chocolate	P Khor
		-		Bratonia Aztec Toni	J Linton
32	Oncidiinae Hybrids >60 mm	1	2	Beallara Marfitch 'Howards Dream'	L Huang
		2		Bratonia unknown	I Kaplin
		3			

Denotes Plant of the Night

Additional points for plants not awarded 1, 2 or 3 (i.e., unplaced plant and no other points for the Exhibitor in the same category).

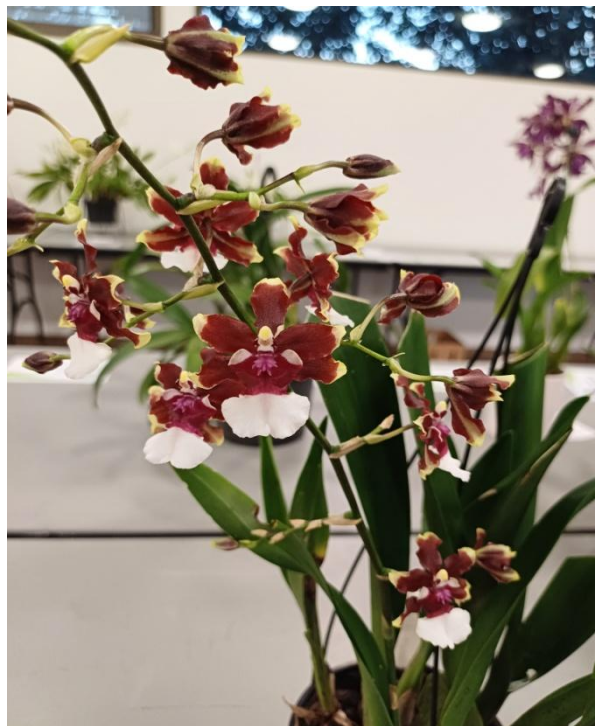
Class 10 Brassidium Golden Gamine 'White Knight'	H Chen (1 point)

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EXHIBITED PLANTS:



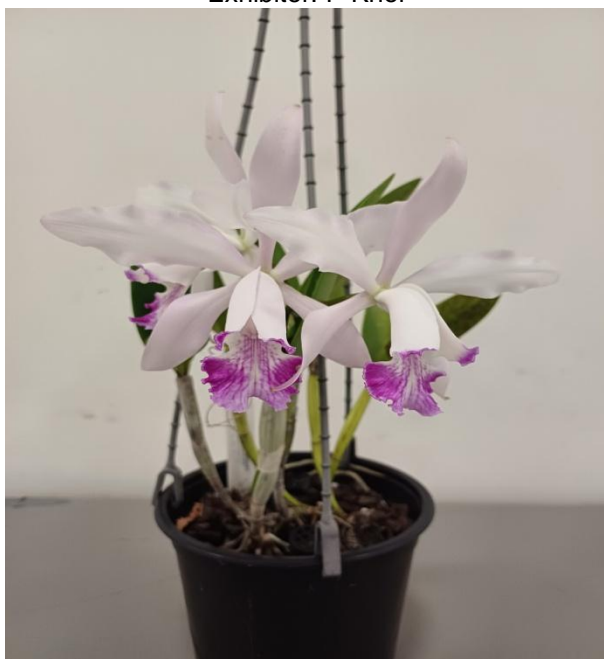
Catt. interglossa
Exhibitor: J Linton



Onc. Raspberry Chocolate
Exhibitor: P Khor



Bratonia unknown
Exhibitor: I Kaplin



Catt. Intermedia alba x Catt. Intermedia Vinicolor
Exhibitor: H Chen

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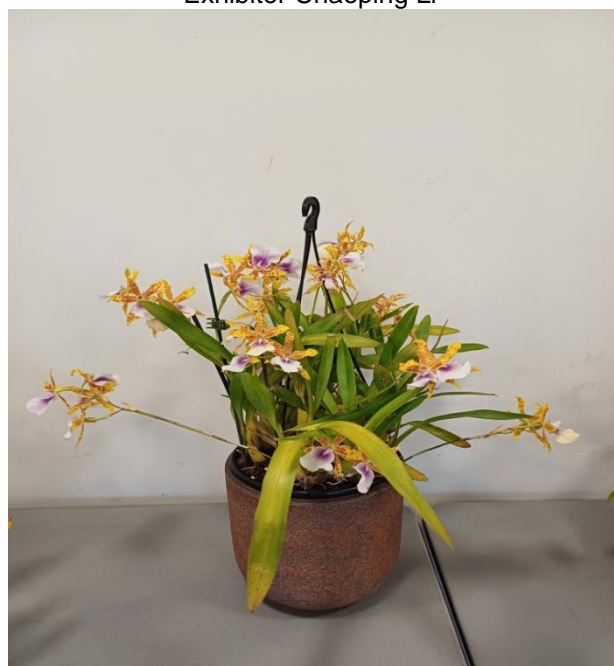
Onc. White Star
Exhibitor Chaoping Li



Oncidium unknown
Exhibitor Chaoping Li



Miltonia unknown
Exhibitor: C Starrett



Miltonia Goodale Moir Golden Wonder
Exhibitor: Chaoping Li

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EXHIBITED PLANTS:



Miltonia Aztec Toni
Exhibitor: J Linton



Beallara Marfitch 'Howards Dream'
Exhibitor L Huang