

John Oxley District Orchid Society Inc.

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V Banghuntian Gold x *Asctm miniatum* 'KBR'

Society Founded 8th April 1970

Society meets at 7.30pm on the Second Wednesday each month at Oxley Bowls Club

Committee Meeting Mon 26 March 7.00 pm

General Meeting Wed 11 April at 7.30 pm

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President's Report:

It's great to see everyone back and ready to start another great year. Just reminding you that this is the last opportunity to nominate yourself or someone else for any of the positions which have become vacant for the next year. Nomination forms are available from the Secretary. The annual general meeting is fast approaching and it would be lovely to see new faces take up the reigns. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those people who have taken on new positions last year and have done an excellent job. As well, if people would like to be part of the committee that would also be appreciated. It is only a commitment of an extra hour a month and everyone's point of view is accepted and valued. Please give a real consideration to all the roles and consider what you could do to help run a very successful club.

The committee is looking forward to a very successful year with the judging of another plant growing competition. People should now have some of the past plant-growing plants into flowering. Judging will occur at the Annual general meeting for last year's plant so don't forget to bring your plants next month to be judged. Tonight we have Brett Maloney as our guest speaker talking on Wardian cases and Terraria

And look forward to an informative talk which I am sure everyone will enjoy. If you have a passion, which you would love to share, we would love to have you as a guest speaker. Last month I spoke of my third love – 'Rosies Friends on the Street', so it doesn't have to be about orchids. We encourage everyone to have a go at speaking. The amount of expertise in the room is huge. Thank you to those who have.

Regards

Michael.

From the Editor

On page 4 are some notes written by Barry Scriven of the steps leading to a book about the slipper orchids of South America. I would encourage all members to consider writing an article for the newsletter when they are knowledgeable about a particular topic.

Now that we have access to our website, I do not intend to include the show dates and floral art program in every bulletin. For the full details use the website or keep this bulletin. Depending on spare space I will try to keep the following month's details in each bulletin. Show dates are a selection of local shows. The full list can be accessed from the Secretary or Editor.

**Judges:- JODOS Judges: John Buckley–Don Nitschinsk --, Emeritus Judge Les Lobley – Plus
Q.O.S. Judges**

Life Members :- Les Lobley - Margaret Lobley - Don Nitschinsk - Barbara Shooter

COMPETITION WINNERS for February 2018

CATTLEYA	1	J & H Rutter	<i>Rth Dal's Girl 'Aerial'</i>
Exhibition	2	G Markcrow	<i>Rlc Hawaiian Passion</i>
Over 100 mm	3	J & H Rutter	<i>Rlc California girl 'Orchid Library' x Rlc Burdekin Bells 'Burdekin'</i>
CATTLEYA	1	B & S Brown	<i>C Louise Georgia</i>
Compact / Mini	2	B & S Brown	<i>C Chocolate Drop x harrisoniana</i>
Under 100 mm	3	R Mollee	<i>C Caudebec Candy x sib</i>
CATTLEYA	1	G Markcrow	<i>Slc Katherine Clarkson x Rlc Sun Spots 'Svo Best'</i>
Any Other	2	B & S Brown	<i>C Chocolate Drop x harrisoniana</i>
Cluster, novelty etc	3	G Markcrow	<i>Rlc Towering Inferno</i>
PAPHIOPEDILUM	1		
	2		
	3		
PHALAENOPSIS	1	R Mollee	<i>Phal Tinny White</i>
	2		
	3		
DENDROBIUMS	1	G Markcrow	<i>Den Blue Planet</i>
	2	G Markcrow	<i>Den ??</i>
	3	G Markcrow	<i>Den Bota Blue</i>
ANY OTHER GENERA	1	J & H Rutter	<i>Ctsm Penang 'Black Night' x Orchidglade 'David Ranches'</i>
	2	B & S Brown	<i>Phrag Noirmont</i>
	3	C & H Barker	<i>Phrag Conchiferum 'Montville'</i>
NOVICE	1	E Aubrey	<i>C Sea Breeze (4N)</i>
	2	C Russell	<i>C intermedia</i>
	3	E Aubrey	<i>V Leenakomolphan V coerulea</i>
FLORAL ART	1	L & J Abbate	<i>Be My Valentine</i>
	2	M & N Donsky	<i>Be My Valentine</i>
	3	S Cavalea	<i>Be My Valentine</i>
VANDACEOUS & OTHERS	1	S Addison	<i>V Banghuntingian Gold x Asctm miniatum 'KBR'</i>
	2	R & G Kerr	<i>Ren Brookie Chandler</i>
	3	S Addison	<i>Vasco Precious 'Chao Praya Fuchsia'</i>
ONCIDIUMS '& OTHERS	1	C & H Barker	<i>Onc Aka Baby 'Raspberry Chocolate'</i>
	2	C & H Barker	<i>Milt Bluntii</i>
	3	B & S Brown	<i>Onc Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'</i>
SPECIES	1	R Mollee	<i>C intermedia var. aquinii</i>
	2	L & M Lobley	<i>Aer quinquevulnera</i>
	3	L & M Lobley	<i>Ddc carranyhum</i>
AUSTRALIAN NATIVES	1	G Markcrow	<i>Den canaliculatum x discolour x bloomfieldii</i>
	2	R Mollee	<i>Den superbiens</i>
	3	G Markcrow	<i>Den bigibbum var. superbum</i>
AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID	1	G Markcrow	<i>Den Ron Falvey x Ram Misra</i>
	2		
	3		
JUDGES CHOICE	1	S Addison	<i>V Banghuntingian Gold x Asctm miniatum 'KBR'</i>
	2	R Mollee	<i>C intermedia var. aquinii</i>
	3	G Markcrow	<i>Slc Katherine Clarkson x Rlc Sun Spots 'Svo Best'</i>
POPULAR VOTE	1	C & H Barker	<i>Milt Bluntii</i>
	2	L & J Abbate	<i>Den Caesar x Africa</i>
	3	G Markcrow	<i>Slc Katherine Clarkson x Rlc Sun Spots 'Svo Best'</i>

Show Dates for 2017

Society	Month	Dates	Venue
West Brisbane Orchid Society Inc. 0408 900 860	Mar	24 - 25	Auditorium Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens.
Queensland Orchid Society Inc. 3824 5931	March	30 - 31	Auditorium Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens. (Open)
Eastern District Orchid Society Inc. 3245 5428 or 0438 223 880	Apr	7- 8	Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Rd, Manley West.
Ipswich Orchid Society Inc. 3201 8307	Apr	14 - 15	Silkstone State Primary School
Brisbane Orchid Society Inc. 3841 3330	Apr	21 - 22	Mt Gravatt State School Hall, Logan Rd opposite Spotlight.
Redlands Orchid Society Inc. 3824 5931	Apr	28	Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St., Cleveland
Aspley Orchid Soc Inc 3269 7537	May	12	Community Hall, Edinburgh Castle Rd, Wavell Heights.
North Moreton Qld. Orchid Council Inc. 3865 5615	June July	30 1	Auditorium Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens (Open)
John Oxley District Orchid Soc. Inc.	July	28 - 29	Auditorium Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens. (Open)
Australian Native Orchid Soc – Kabi Group 3399 9208	Aug	18 - 19	Strathpine Community Centre, 199 Gympie Rd, Strathpine
North Brisbane Orchid Society Inc. 3355 7175	Aug.	25 - 26	Auditorium Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens (Open)
Logan & District Orchid Society Inc. 3208 8721	Aug	25 - 26	Springwood Rd State School Hall
Redlands Orchid Society Inc. 3824 5931	Sept	1	Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St., Cleveland
Beaudesert Districts Orchid and Foliage Society Inc. 5543 2108	Sept	8 - 9	Canungra Hall, 3/7 Pine St, Canungra
West Brisbane Orchid Society Inc. 0408 900 860	Sept	8 - 9	Auditorium Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens.
Eastern District Orchid Society Inc. 3245 5428 or 0438 223 880	Sept	15 - 16	Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Rd., Belmont
Toowoomba Orchid Soc Inc. 0424 644 068	Sept	21- 25	St Paul's Hall, Phillip St, Toowoomba
Ipswich Orchid Society Inc. 3201 8307	Sept	29 - 30	Silkstone State Primary School
Queensland Orchid Society Inc. 3824 5931	Oct	13 - 14	Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Rd., Belmont
Boonah Charity Show 0437 923 878	Oct	20 - 21	Boonah High School, Macquarie St, Boonah
Orchid Species Society Inc. 3351 6138	Oct	20 - 21	Auditorium Mt.Coot-tha Botanic Gardens.
North Moreton Qld. Orchid Council Inc. 3865 5615	Oct	27 – 28	Auditorium Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens. (Open)

Floral Art

	March	Shades of Autumn
April	Eastern Influence	May Using Triangles
June	Touch of Frost	July Double Delight
August	Fun at the Fair	Sept Let's Recycle!
Oct	Split Level	Nov Night Before Christmas

‘Slipper Orchids of the Tropical Americas’: Dr. Phillip Cribb (of R.B.G. Kew)

Commentary on a New Book on South American Slipper Orchids

Barry Scriven

Recently there has been the occasional tabling at some of our, and other society meetings, of Phragmipediums; one of the South American slipper genera. However, not frequently encountered in the writer’s experience are publications dedicated entirely to the slippers of this region which, if of substance, would allow growers to establish cultural parameters through, hopefully, being able to emulate growing conditions similar to those of their natural environment. This factor can frequently be favourable if applied to primary hybrids.

A couple of books mentioning some of the Phragmipediums have been around for a few years and, as I do not grow them, I have not engaged in reading those books. Some growers have remarked that Phragmipediums are well represented within these books but other growers claim they are represented only to a lesser extent.

As a member of the Orchid Society of Great Britain I thus receive that society’s journals which quite frequently present book reviews of many new publications and these reviews are most informative. One reviewed by Dr Henry Oakley, a former long-serving president of the O.S.G.B. and an authority on Lycaste and its relatives, appeared in 2014 (Volume 63(4), p274) and was titled Lateinamerikanische Frauenschule, author, Olaf Gruss, which covered these South American Slippers. Unfortunately, this book was only printed in German and a current search undertaken out of curiosity produced no information I could find to suggest any English translations had been forthcoming.

The good news for non-German scholars is a review in the current volume of the O.S.G.B. Journal (Vol 67 (1), p23) again contributed by Dr. Oakley which tells of an English language production titled ‘Slipper Orchids of the Tropical Americas’ ISBN 978-983-812-175-0. It covers not only Phragmipediums but also Selenipediums and the (northern) monotypic Mexipedium. The authors here are Dr. Phillip Cribb of R.B.G. Kew fame who is supposed to be retired but seems to be as active as ever and Christopher Purver, a curator at the Eric Young Orchid Foundation. The authors give a good description of the orchids and their natural conditions. Also included is a history of breeding and comments on future breeding trends.

The prices mentioned were in G.B. Pounds with the Kew price being fairly high when converted to \$Au even before postage was considered using a conversion rate from TV News at time of writing in mid-February. The Amazon UK price, if my calculations were correct, came up less than the Amazon Au. This was \$122.28 and they claimed free delivery which would be unlikely to be included from England.

Editor’s Note: The book is available from the Book Depository for \$127.71 with free delivery.

Footnote: A short reference from the website www.summerfieldbooks.com/slipper-orchids-of-the-tropical-americas~5868 states

Until fairly recently the *slipper orchid* scene has been dominated by the *tropical* Asian species of the genus Paphiopedilum, however the discovery of a suite of spectacular new species, particularly in the genus Phragmipedium and of the monotypic Mexipedium xerophyticum, a true missing link, has transformed appreciation of the tropical American slipper orchid species. The new generation of hybrids that have resulted are showy, brightly coloured and long-lasting – favourites on the show bench and in the amateur greenhouse.

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