

John Oxley District Orchid Society Inc.

March 2020 Bulletin



Gram scriptum var citrinum

Society Founded 8th April 1970

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

Committee Meeting Monday 25 March 7.00 pm

General Meeting Wednesday 8 April at 7.30 pm

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President's Report:

It's great to see everyone 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 can be found on the back of this newsletter.

The committee are already into organizing the Anniversary Dinner and a special anniversary meeting as well as the usual show in July. As you can see, they are up to their neck in work and if they ask you for help please jump in to give a hand as I know a lot of you already do.

The annual general meeting is fast approaching and it would be lovely to see new faces take up the reins. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those people who have taken on positions in the past and have done an excellent job. If you wish to take on a position and feel like you don't know enough, these people would always be happy to help you in your new position. There are a number of people who will be leaving from current positions; one of whom is Richard Mollee who scribes for our meetings with the judges. We are sad that Richard is leaving but wish him well in his new venture and change of direction in his life. Please give a real consideration to **all** the roles and consider what you could do to help run a very successful club.

Now is the time to get your plants ready for sale so they are well established in their pots for selling. Please make sure you get your necessary sales tickets and show tickets to have them ready in the next couple of months.

Tonight we have [?] speaking to us 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. It doesn't necessarily need 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 already.

Thanks

Michael Byrnes

From the Editor

At the last meeting President Michael demonstrated care of Phalaenopsis orchids bought from retail outlets. See page 4 for some notes.

Colin Noy drew attention to the 22nd Australian Orchid Council Conference & Show being held from 1st – 5th September 2021 at the Logan Metro Sports & Events Centre 357 Browns Plain Rd, Crestmead, QLD 4132. He encouraged members to become interested in the event. He is on the organizing committee and is happy to discuss any issues with members. Members can also find information on the website <https://www.aocc2021.org/> which will be updated as planning proceeds. Registration forms are available on the site.

Editor

Judges:-	JODOS Judges: John Buckley–Don Nitschinsk --.Plus Q.O.S. Judges		
Life Members :-	Margaret Lobley - Don Nitschinsk - Barbara Shooter		
COMPETITION WINNERS for February 2020			
CATTLEYA	1	R Mollee	<i>Rlc. Dal's Monarch x C. Dal's Choice</i>
Exhibition	2		
Over 100 mm	3		
CATTLEYA	1	C & D Noy	<i>Rlc. Hawaiian Passion 'Kermie'</i>
Compact / Mini	2	R Kerr	<i>Slc. Princess Beautiful 'Peta-Anne'</i>
Under 100 mm	3	R Kerr	<i>Otr. Ara Mailis Surprise 'Aisraka'</i>
CATTLEYA	1	B & S Brown	<i>Ctt. Chocolate Drop x Ctt. harrisoniana</i>
Any Other	2	C & H Barker	<i>Ctt. Towering Inferno 'Geoff'</i>
Cluster, novelty etc	3	C & D Noy	<i>C. ?? Final</i>
PAPHIOPEDILUM	1	C & D Noy	<i>Paph. (Landmark x armenianum) x Lippewunder 'HF'*</i>
	2	C & D Noy	<i>Paph. Shin-Yi-Heart x volonteatum</i>
	3	G Cole	<i>Paph. Callosum x philippinense</i>
PHALAENOPSIS	1		
	2		
	3		
DENDROBIUMS	1	S Addison	<i>Den. Dark Desire 'Indigo'</i>
	2	R Kerr	<i>Den. EDOS 50 Years</i>
	3	R Mollee	<i>Den. Masako Taki 'Blue'</i>
ANY OTHER GENERA	1	C & D Noy	<i>Ctsm. Don's CHoice</i>
	2	C & D Noy	<i>Bulb. Wilbur Chang</i>
	3		
NOVICE	1	M Shepherd	<i>Gram scriptum var citrinum</i>
	2	M Cole	<i>C. Hawaiian Wedding Song</i>
	3	M kernke	<i>Phal. ??</i>
FLORAL ART	1	N Donsky	<i>Floral Art – Simplicity</i>
	2	S Cavalea	<i>Floral Art – Simplicity</i>
	3	L & J Abbate	<i>Floral Art – Simplicity</i>
VANDACEOUS & OTHERS	1	S Addison	<i>Rhy. coelestis var Pink 'Pink Joy' x Pink Magic'</i>
	2	R Kerr	<i>V. Fuchs Rosy Charm</i>
	3	S Addison	<i>Vasco. Five Friendships 'Brighton'</i>
ONCIDIUMS '& OTHERS	1	S Cavalea	<i>Mtdm. Goodale Moir 'Golden Afternoon'</i>
	2	B & S Brown	<i>Mtdm. Goodale Moir 'Golden Afternoon'</i>
	3	C & D Noy	<i>Alcra. Pacific Nova 'Okika'</i>
SPECIES	1	R Kerr	<i>C. loddigesii var harrisoniana 'Streeter's Choice'</i>
	2	R Kerr	<i>Assla gigantea 'Nilotica'</i>
	3	B & S Brown	<i>Gram scriptum var citrinum</i>
AUSTRALIAN NATIVES	1	C & D Noy	<i>Den antennatum</i>
	2	W Semple	<i>Den bigibbum var compactum</i>
	3	R Mollee	<i>Dock wassellii</i>
AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID	1	C & D Noy	<i>Den. x superbiens</i>
	2		
	3		
JUDGES CHOICE	1	M Shepherd	<i>Gram scriptum var citrinum</i>
	2	S Addison	<i>Rhy. coelestis var Pink 'Pink Joy' x Pink Magic'</i>
	3	S Addison	<i>Den. Dark Desire 'Indigo'</i>
POPULAR VOTE	1	C & D Noy	<i>Paph. (Landmark x armeniacum) x Lippewunder 'HF'</i>
	2	B & S Brown	<i>Gram scriptum var citrinum</i>
	3	C & H Barker	<i>C. Raspberry Smoke</i>

Show Dates for 2020			
Society	Month	Dates	Venue
Beaudesert Districts Orchid and Foliage Society Inc. 0410 318 587	March	14 - 15	Canungra Hall, 3/7 Pine St, Canungra
Eastern District Orchid Society Inc. 0438 223 880	March	21 - 22	Belmont Shooting Complex 1485 Old Cleveland Road Belmont
West Brisbane Orchid Society Inc 0418 821 571	March	28-29	Auditorium Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens.
Australian Native Orchid Soc – Kabi Group 3399 9208	April	4	Albany Creek Community Centre, 15 Ernie St, Albany Creek
Ipswich Orchid Society Inc. 3201 8307	Apr	18 - 19	Silkstone State Primary School, Prospect St, Silkstone
Queensland Orchid Society Inc. 3824 5931	May	3 -4	Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Rd., Belmont
Aspley Orchid Soc Inc 3269 7537	May	9	Community Hall, Edinburgh Castle Rd, Wavell Heights.
North Moreton Qld. Orchid Council Inc. 3865 5615	June	27 - 28	Auditorium Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens (Open)
John Oxley District Orchid Soc. Inc. 3277 5825	July	25 - 26	Auditorium Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens. (Open)
Australian Native Orchid Soc – Kabi Group 3399 9208	Aug	15 - 16	Strathpine Community Centre, 199 Gympie Rd, Strathpine
North Brisbane Orchid Society Inc. 3355 7175	Aug.	29 - 30	Auditorium Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens (Open)
Logan & District Orchid Society Inc. 0431 180 151	Aug	29 – 30	Springwood Rd State School Hall
Brisbane Orchid Society 3841 3330	Sept	5-6	Belmont Shooting Complex 1485 Old Cleveland Road Belmont
Beaudesert Districts Orchid and Foliage Society Inc. 0410 318 587	Sept	12 - 13	Canungra Hall, 3/7 Pine St, Canungra
West Brisbane Orchid Society Inc. 0418 821 571	Sept	TBA	Auditorium Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens.
Eastern District Orchid Society Inc. 0438 223 880	Sept	19 - 20	Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Rd., Belmont
Toowoomba Orchid Soc Inc. 0400 162 865	Sept	18- 22	St Paul’s Hall, Cnr James & Phillip St, Toowoomba
Ipswich Orchid Society Inc. 3201 8307	Sept	26 - 27	Silkstone State Primary School, Prospect St, Silkstone
Redlands Orchid Society Inc. 3824 5931	Oct	3	Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St., Cleveland
Orchid Species Society Inc. 0403 957 225	Oct	10 - 11	Auditorium Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens.
Boonah Harrisville Anglican Parish Charity Show 0418 764 838	Oct	17 - 19	Boonah High School, Macquarie St, Boonah
North Moreton Qld. Orchid Council Inc. 3865 5615	Oct	24 – 25	Auditorium Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens. (Open)
Queensland Orchid Society Inc. 3824 5931	Oct Nov	31 1	Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Rd., Belmont
Floral Art			
March: Something Old Something New		April: 50th Anniversary	
May: Going In Circles		June: Queensland Day	

Phalaenopsis orchids in flower from retail outlets

Michael Byrnes

Large numbers of Phalaenopsis orchids are sold by retail outlets. These can be a very appropriate alternative to flower arrangements as the flowers last a long time compared with short times for cut flowers. The question then comes up as what to do with the plant once flowering has finished. Let us review what we have before us if we have such a plant;

- Plants are sold with no name so they are not high value. Nevertheless they can be a desirable plant.
- If we provide the right conditions, we might get a repeat flowering.
- Plants are grown in clear plastic pots in sphagnum moss and are sold in a container with no drainage. Leaving them in this container will lead to the death of the plant as there is no drainage leading to drowning the roots. If we are not careful, this may have already happened.
- Plants are grown in very controlled conditions and we do not duplicate these conditions.

Michael repotted such a Phalaenopsis. He uses larger clay pots with air holes on the sides. Firstly he trimmed the flower spike using secateurs he keeps in a container of sterilizing solution. He took off the outer layer of sphagnum and potted it. He used a mix of medium bark, Charcoal and perlite in the ratio of 2:1:1. He discussed some of the issues of care for Phalaenopsis.

- The preferred temperature range is 15 minimum to 30 maximum. Michael has temperatures going down to -5 degrees. He deals with this by fertilizing weekly with Eco Aminogro and fortnightly with Eco Seaweed and this works for him.
- He deals with mealy bug using methylated spirits on a cotton bud.

Some issues were raised during general discussion;

- Silica strengthens cell walls. Perlite is a source of silica.
- Cinnamon is a natural fungicide, which makes it useful for protecting your plants from fungus and bacteria making it useful to sterilize cuts. The best to use is Ceylon cinnamon.



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