

THE ORCHID CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

Next Meeting
Enfield Community Centre,
540 Regency Road, Enfield
6th October 8:00pm



2011 PROGRAM

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
6 th October	Kevin Trevan	Zygopetalums
3 rd November	Kevin Hipkins	TBA
1 st December	Kevin Cattermole	Summarising your Orchids

DAY GROUP MEETINGS

Enfield Community Centre,
540 Regency Road, Enfield
(Bus Stop 119 Bus No 100 Circle Line)
14th October 2:00pm to 4:00pm

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
14 th October	Elmore & Pam Leske	Cymbidiums.
11 th November	Roger Herraman	Native Cymbidiums
9 th December	Christmas Break Up Day	

DIARY DATES FOR THE 2011 SEASON

5th November “Socializing with Sarc’s” - Enfield Community Centre
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NOTES FOR OCTOBER

Next OCSA Judges Meeting: Monday 14th November at Enfield Community Centre,

Topic: SA Orchid of the Year

Next Regional Judges Panel Meeting: Monday October 10th at Pulteney Grammar School.

JUDGES ROSTER FOR OCTOBER 2011

OPEN:	N. Oliver (L)	G. Zerbe	P. Rankin	J. Argent (R)
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		First	I. Davies	
		Second	P. Harmer	
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Registrar's Choice 'FLOWER of the MONTH' digital image by David Harmer.

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NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

It was a great honour to have our Patron Mrs. Liz Scarce open our Spring Show in the Goyder Pavilion at the Royal Show, Wayville at the beginning of September. We were briefly able to share with her our blooming beauties of the Orchid World. Many city and country folk enjoyed the spectacular show and commented they hadn't realized the many different shapes, sizes and colours that were created by the diverse Genera of orchids on display. Every continent was represented except for Antarctica which was snap frozen about 4 million years ago. The happy snappers of the digital camera world were in full force and whether they liked the bold and flashy, the big and bronzy, or the tiny and delicate there was something there for everyone. It certainly breaks up the monotony of a straight *Cymbidium* Show as was seen on the bus trip in August, allowing more people growing to participate according to their tastes and possibilities.

Thanks to the orchid clubs who supported the Spring Show and participated with the many facets of sharing a show. Three Clubs Gawler, NE Districts and Murray Bridge each won a \$100 prize for their magnificent high quality and varied displays. A Special thanks to our wonderful sponsors the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society for encouraging the Club to share our expertise with the public. Our sponsors, Weathersafe Shades provided the benches and umbrella used during the show and thanks to them for their continued support.

Congratulations to all the Champions, winners of prizes and awards and especially thanks to all participants who shared their flowers, time and energy with us to make it such a fantastic event.

Committee have been trying to increase our exposure and membership by using workshops, demos and DVDs at various venues during September. Thanks to those members who assisted with these initiatives. Our Socialising with Sarcs evening on Saturday 5th November is fast approaching and we look forward to a great night of fun with Kevin Hipkins' special presentation. Be sure to put your name down for this event at the October meeting. Hope to see you there.

The August day meeting was a great treat when our new member, Melanie Trimper shared her love of "David Austin" and other roses. With her husband, Kelvin, they have established an exclusive rose garden at Salisbury Heights which features all types of roses from ground covers to climbers, from miniatures to monsters. It was splendid to wander through the virtual garden on the screen with Melanie. Isn't it wonderful to have a heart that can always make room for more loving of flowers?

Start thinking about volunteering for Committee next year because we need you to nominate for the jobs that make the running of the club possible. We say this every year but it is urgent. See you at the October meeting when Kevin Trevan will be speaking about *Zygopetalums*. Cheerio's to all on the healing list, keep smiling, growing and showing.

Edda Viskic.

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**A man's not old when his hair turns grey,
And a man's not old when his teeth decay,
But he's on his way to that final sleep,
When his mind makes appointments his body can't keep.**

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these being an easily grown orchid producing masses of small yellow flowers that unusually have brown spotting on the reverse side of the flower. If potted on rather than splitting up they can be grown into quite large specimens. There was one plant of *Dendrobium speciosum* brought in with one long raceme of white flowers. *Dendrobium trilamillatum* is one of the so called antelope types having erect, twisted petals resembling antelope horns. This species originates on the far north of Cape York Peninsular. An ungainly looking plant with 60cm tall pseudobulbs having 6 or 7 leaves on the top part of the stem, the old leafless bulbs should not be cut off as they flower from these leafless bulbs for a couple of years. To flower this species successfully a minimum winter temperature of 15c should be maintained. Also requiring warm conditions to obtain the maximum results in flowering is *Dendrobium bigibbum* the well known 'Cooktown Orchid'. This species has many varieties and colour forms the one benched was the typical lilac colour. Another unusual species benched was a pot of the African terrestrial species *Pterygodium catholicum* small drab greenish flowers arising from erect pea green leaves that smell like washing up liquid. Like some of our Australian terrestrial species it flowers in profusion on Table Mountain in Cape Town South Africa. There were some Australian terrestrials shown *Pterostylis curta*, probably one of the easiest to grow. As equally easy is the nodding *Pterostylis nutans* a little bit more demanding are the Donkey orchids *Diuris lancefolia* & *D. orientis* and difficult to keep for any time unless repotted every year is the brilliant lilac/blue *Glossodia major*. Others benched were the Australian epiphyte *Phalaenopsis rosenstromii* a species that has been collected almost to extinction in the wild. Two exotic *Phalaenopsis Phal. schilleriana* a pink species from the Philippines and a similar species *Phal. stuartiana*, white with maroon dotting. The genus *Paphiopedilum* was represented by *Paph. sukhakulii* a species from a small area of northern Thailand having the distinctive horizontal spotted petals & *Paph. venustum* from the Himalayas in India. This *Paph* is distinguished by its pouch that has lines over the pouch that resembles the nerves of the brain. An excellent and very interesting day was had by those that attended.

Reg Shooter.

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SINGAPORE WORLD ORCHID CONFERENCE

Any Members interested in going to the Conference on 13th to 20th November 2011 are invited to contact Colin Jennings who has made arrangements through Flight Centre for fares and accommodation in Singapore at reasonable rates. You can contact Colin by phone on (08) 8264 6490 or email cje97694@bigpond.net.au for further details.

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FINDON ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE

On Wednesday 14th September, 8 OCSA Club members supported Bunning's to promote orchids and the various materials needed to grow them to perfection supplied by Bunnings. There was a very good array of flowering plants benched representing many different genera. They were shown videos on *Cymbidium* culture and Trevor Garard showed those guests that brought in old neglected *Cymbidiums* how to break, divide and re-pot them. Reg Shooter gave a commentary on the many genera benched. The enthusiastic audience asked many questions which were diligently answered. We presented all guests with a potted Australian Native *Dendrobium* ki-ki most in flower.



THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR

We have certainly had a very busy period with lots of activities happening around the club. The extra activities with Bunnings has added more busy days to the calendar. We are now well and truly accepted by this company and putting our club in the limelight can only assist with the promotion of growing orchids and helping to gain more members. The recent barbecue day on Father's Day certainly aided in raising money for the club and I thank all those who diligently assisted on the day. Another two days promoting our club at The Findon Community Centre and Bower cottages will also aid with our promotional endeavours. What a great Spring Show spectacle the club produced with one of the best displays of orchids we have had for a couple of years now and the members are to be congratulated with the quality and quantity of flowers entered in this years Royal Show.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



The President & Committee on behalf of the members welcome the following new members to the Orchid Club of South Australia Inc. Your State Show Number & Division is printed in **BOLD** to the right of your name.

Members Name	Division	Show No.
Annie Brownsworth	2nd	532
Edmund Daniels	2nd	561
Allan & Jill Kilsby	2nd	456
Leanne & Mark O'Toole	2nd	591
Kris Kopicki	2nd	1317
Eric Pawelski-Leach	2nd	551
Elizabeth Salter	2nd	531
Trevor Stutley	2nd	1139
Judith King	2nd	546
Quynh Vo	2nd	547
Lukeman Peter	2nd	541
Pam Bartlett	1st	2012
Brian & Mary Heddle	1st	564

For your information: Plant Show Labels are available from the Trading Table in the colours for your division.

VISIONS OF THE SPRING SHOW



Best Cymbidium Overall

Cym. Ruby Valley
'Box of Chocolates'
Pam & Elmore Leske

Champion First Division

Lc. Adelaide Ablaze
'Fiery Gold'
Robert & Heather Rice

Champion Second Division

Den. Yondi 'Extra'
'Caramel Peach'
Trevor & Margaret Noble



Judges relaxing for Lunch



**Our Patron Mrs Liz Scarce
Opening our Spring Show**



**Clive Dally
with the John Martin's Cup**

at the club as we have the orchid database at all meetings and shows so let us find out your plants 'Family Tree'
David & Pat Harmer

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Species Group Meeting for August.

13 members met in the courtyard at Ron & Irene's home surrounded by 42 various species. Two large specimens of *Laelia anceps* with their long 40cm racemes towered over the rest of the bench. One was the typical lilac coloured flower with three nicely shaped flowers whilst the other one was the white variety with the almost impossible name to pronounce *Laelia anceps var oaxaca* so named after the area of Oaxaca in Mexico where it was originally found. *Laelia anceps* is one of those awkward orchids to grow because it has a climbing rhizome with a gap of 4 or 5cms between the pseudobulbs making it difficult to contain in a pot for any length of time. It can of course be successfully grown on a large mount of cork bark or tree fern where it can ramble at will. It is a very easily grown species and flowers in our winter making it a nice addition to a collection. Another quite different *Laelia* with a brilliant yellow flower was *Laelia gloedeniana* this species is rarely seen on the benches. Its native habitat is in the mountains of Brazil at about 1600mtrs



above sea level. The flower resembles *Laelia flava* both in shape & colour. The plant benched had one flower open and another bud, it was a small plant and when it increases in size can carry up to five blooms. The genus *Maxillaria* consist of around 300 species growing from the southern United States through Mexico and the West Indies into Argentina. Three species were represented at the meeting *Maxillaria picta* with a single long lasting buttercup yellow flowers arising from the base of the pseudobulb, often many from the same bulb. Similar to *picta* is *Maxillaria porphyrostele* both these species originate in Brazil and in cultivation require intermediate conditions flowering in late winter. Quite a different species is *Maxillaria coccinea* from the West Indies & Venezuela. Most of the genus has yellow flowers but this one has small 3cm dark red flowers on short 6cm long peduncles.



Other species benched were a number from the Pleurothallidinae; many of these tiny plants are best appreciated with the use of a magnifying glass. There are exceptions, *Pleurothallis marthae* is one of them. A species from Colombia it is one of the largest in the genus having stems up to 70cms tall with a large leaf carrying one or two brilliant red flowers having no peduncle but laying flat on the leaf. Also in the pleurothallid alliance is the genus *Restrepia*. Not often seen in Adelaide but we have the privilege each month we meet to see these little beauties. *Res. sanguinea* comes from mountains in Colombia & forms a medium sized clump of erect leathery leaves. The solitary vivid red 3cm long flower are produced in succession over the spring months. *Res. pelix* has 3cm long red on yellow flower and a unique divided labellum. *Res. roja* is actually a variety of *Res. antennifera* single maroon flowers with dark red spotting. *Res. nittorhyncha* has attractive 1.5cm orange flowers with red stripes. Spring is the season we see Australian native orchids. We saw three specimens of *Dendrobium gracilicaule*

away with some very helpful information from our members Ron & Iain. Thank you once again to everyone who helped on the day.

Pat Harmer

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What are Orchid Names?

What do you know about the name of your orchid? Just like all of us orchids have a family tree some are relatively short or small trees and other are huge covering many generations just like a huge 'Gum Tree' that starts at the trunk and branches out everywhere. To find out how all of this started we need to go back to about 1825 when many orchids were collected from around the world by mainly the rich English gentry and in the following 50 years or so there were thousands of genera and species collected. The most enthusiastic growers 'dabbled' in hybridizing and at this time the resulting progeny were called 'Garden Hybrids'. In about 1890 some of the more spectacular and colourful 'Garden Hybrids' were being displayed at garden shows around England. The House of Sander were prolific collectors of orchids from around the world and by 1901 Sander had hundreds of various hybrids and species in his nursery and at this time published the 'Orchid Guide' and listed some 250 pages to describe the best known and showiest orchids. Another 32 pages were used to list in alphabetical order the known named varieties of hybrids followed by tables of pollen and seed parents. This was the start of the 'Orchid Family Tree'. At this time there were 4 *Cymbidium*, over 1000 *Cypripediums* and 300 *Cattleya* listed with much duplication of parents and the hybrids many having several different names.

Mr. Fred K. Sander spent a life's work sorting out the nomenclature and organizing a record of orchid parentage resulting in the 1946 edition of 'Sanders List of Hybrid Orchids' and this has been carried on to this day. We now have a huge record of registered hybrids (and thousands never registered) from around the world contained in more than 15 thick books or all condensed onto a single CD disc.

A lot of us flower our various orchid plants every year without knowing where they originated from. You know your mother and father, and of course the 'mother-in-law', grand parents, uncles, aunties, cousins, nieces and nephews which can be a few or many. The same applies to your favourite orchid flower.

A quick check of the parents of an often seen *Cattleya* at the club gives us an idea of its history or family tree. You can do this by looking up the named plant in the 'Sanders List of Hybrids' books or more easily the whole family can be revealed using OrchidWiz a database of registered orchids.

A plant we see a lot of is *Lc. (Laeliocattleya)* Adelaide Ablaze and was registered by Adelaide Orchids in 1992. It is a crossing of *C. (Cattleya)* Intermediette x *Lc. (Laeliocattleya)* Trick or Treat

The whole of this family tree consists of seven (7) generations of hybrids and species which includes five (5) *Cattleya* species and three (3) *Laelia* species and goes back to the first registered hybrid in its tree named *C. (Cattleya)* Intertenta registered in 1897.

As can be seen this is a plant that originated in 1897 and finished up a beautiful cluster *Laeliocattleya* in 1992. I hope you will spend some time researching the parents of your favourite flower it is a very interesting exercise. Always feel free to check with any of us

GUEST SPEAKER FOR OCTOBER

The Guest Speaker for our October meeting is Kevin Trevan who is arguably the best grower of the *Zygopetalum* and their Intergenics in South Australia. Kevin and I have at least one thing in common, both he and I are retired butchers, and that's where it stops. As Kevin's knowledge of his favorite genus in the orchid world is second to none amongst the hobby growers. Kevin has purchased many seedlings from both Adelaide Orchids and the late Bill Fisher and from wherever he thinks there is different, new or exiting seedlings available. One thing for sure is that Kevin's collection of this genus would be the largest in this state. He has also dabbled in a little hybridizing and met with some success. The growing conditions for the plants has been created to duplicate the environment to attain the best results here in our Adelaide plains climate. Come along to hear and see what Kevin has to offer us with this easy cool growing genus. I look forward to seeing you there.

Graham J. Zerbe Guest Speaker Coordinator

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DAY GROUP SPEAKER FOR OCTOBER

Our next Day Group meeting will be held at the Enfield Community Centre, 540 Regency Road, Enfield on Friday 14th October from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Our Guest Speakers will be Elmore & Pam Leske who will answer any questions you have on *Cymbidiums*. Elmore will do a potting demonstration and show you exactly what to do to your *Cymbidiums*. Elmore and Pam are excellent growers and are well known champions at all of our shows. You will never have a better chance to learn the necessary details of potting a *Cymbidium* so come along and treat yourself to a learning experience. The Beginner's Group will take place in the crèche from 1.15pm with Les Nesbitt teaching 'growing terrestrial orchids'.

SEPTEMBER DAY GROUP REPORT

21 members enjoyed a fun day when David Harmer showed various videos, these included images of different members taken on the recent Bus trip together with vision of places we visited. David also showed some comical videos that made us all relax, laugh and enjoy. Reg Shooter gave the commentary on the many plants benched together with a lot of growing information which the members appreciated; they asked many questions which Reg answered. Our door prize raffle was once again well supported by members bringing items where everyone at the meeting collected a prize. Members were advised about the *Sarcochilus* Dinner which has crept up on us very fast. The date for this occasion is Saturday November 5th. If you haven't put your name down for this occasion then please do so **immediately** so that we can arrange the catering. Payment is requested by the October Meeting. The cost is \$22.00 per head BYO. Put in is from 5.00pm to 6.00pm for dinner to start at 6.30pm. Yvonne Arthur kindly brought in a small steel orchid bench made locally for members to view with information on where they are made and relevant costs. The meeting closed and members all enjoyed some fellowship and a 'cuppa'

Pat Harmer Day Group Co-ordinator

RECOGNITION FROM THE HORTICULTURE COMMITTEE.

The R.A. & H.S. are delighted to be a sponsor of a club that has assisted us for 27 years and have made such a valuable contribution to our Royal Adelaide Shows. Again this year your efforts were outstanding and a credit to all who were involved. It was pleasing to see

how well you are organized and to be able to provide such high standards for orchid culture, displays, judging, supervision of your orchids and culture tips for the public. The fact that four orchid clubs in Adelaide were involved to provide such an eye catching display and the feed back from the public who admired the spectacle is a credit to all the orchid clubs involved. Your official opening in the Mezzanine where Mrs. Scarce, your patron attended and officially opened the show and presented major prizes, indicates the credibility of your organization. Congratulations again to all the prize winners and all orchid growers who took part in a very successful 2011 Royal Adelaide Show.

Report provided by Richard Fishlock on behalf of the Horticulture Committee R.A.&H.S.

BUS TRIP REPORT

On Saturday 20th August a busload of happy OCSA members and friends travelled with our very capable driver Bruce to the Noarlunga Leisure Centre. This was the venue of the National Cymbidium Show which was enjoyed by the cym lovers in particular. The next stop was the Fern and Forest Nursery at McLaren Vale where we found alternative plants like palms, bamboos, ferns and all types of decorative foliage plants. The well established garden was a joy to wander through with seats to ponder the birdlife and vegetation. The camellias and clivias were in bloom and the many patterns of greenery were a spectacular setting for morning tea. Lunch was provided by the OCSA sausage sizzlers at the Willunga Recreation Park where we had a welcome tucker box picnic. Thanks to Shirley Pursche for the yummy bickies and lollies.



Our final stop was at Nico de Jong's Nursery at Mt. Compass. This was our second visit for some members, and we were made very welcome by Nico and his family. There were beautiful, healthy plants on view and for sale so several flowering gems were selected to go home with us. Nico explained the secrets of happy *Phalaenopsis* culture and successful flowering conditions. We thanked Nico for making time in his busy weekend schedule to give us such a wonderful, friendly reception. Thanks to participating members for supporting our annual bus trip and making it a

successful and fun day.

Edda Viskic, Social Events Coordinator.

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A Master Chef Seen at Bus Trip Luncheon

The bus trip group was surprised with a visit at the Willunga Recreation Park from well known Chef 'snag presenter' Reg who expertly gave those crowded around the barbecue excellent pointers on the art of cooking 'Aussie Snags' on an electric hotplate. I believe the added quality and excellent flavour of the sausages resulted in many of the group backing up for 'seconds'. Thanks Reg for your informative instructional presentation.



CHAMPION SOCIETIES GROWER'S ORCHID

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Max & Ellen Hume

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THE FOLLOWING ORCHIDS HAVE BEEN REGISTERED

<u>Grower</u>	<u>Crossing</u>	<u>Registered Name</u>
69	<i>Cym.</i> (Wallacia x Warona)	<i>Cym.</i> Cinnamon Wall
125	<i>Cym.</i> (Flaming Vulcan x Blazing Fury)	<i>Cym.</i> Radiant Vulcan
842	<i>Blc.</i> Dream Trader x Lc. Drumbeat	<i>Rlc.</i> Sak's Triumph
226	<i>Zga.</i> (Artur Elle x Titanic)	Z. Redvale
308	<i>Den.</i> (Tie-dye x Rutherford Sunspot)	<i>Den.</i> Warragul
240	<i>Cym.</i> (Sarah Jean x Sleeping Dream)	<i>Cym.</i> Mini Dream
236	<i>Cym.</i> (Vibrant Bliss x Lunakira)	<i>Cym.</i> Kalahari Wilderness
10	<i>Paph.</i> (Atlantis x Hellas)	<i>Paph.</i> Sally Ann Dulin

PLEASE CHANGE YOUR LABELS TO THE REGISTERED and or NAME CHANGE, thank you.

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BARBECUE AT BUNNINGS



Wow! What a busy day we had working the B.B.Q at Bunnings on Sunday 4th September. We had 18 members working throughout the day some staying the whole day. I do not like to praise one member more than another but I must say a sincere thanks to Trevor Camac, James Argent and David Harmer who worked all day. Thank you to everyone else who worked tirelessly during their

shifts; your help was greatly appreciated. The day was a huge success with our club benefiting by \$1471.00. I passed on the message to a few members that our profit was \$1771.00 but when I passed the money over to our Treasurer who reminded me that I had forgotten to deduct the \$300.00 float he had given me, I apologise to everyone for this oversight.

We set up a large table to present the orchids which members brought in to help promote the club and I must say the public were in awe looking at all the beautiful flowers representing many different genera. There were many questions asked from people who had problems with their own orchids and they went



CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM Under 60mm

Cym. (Minneken x Flaming Vulcan) Colin & Nan Grigg

BEST CYMBIDIUM - Advertiser Tray

Cym. Ruby Valley 'Box of Chocolates' Elmore & Pam Leske

CHAMPION DENDROBIUM (Other than Aust. Native)

Den. (Australian Ginger x *leptophyton*) David & Pat Harmer

BEST DENDROBIUM other than Aust Native - Hills Family Trophy

Den. (Australian Ginger x *leptophyton*) David & Pat Harmer

G. Hermon Slade Mem. Nomination – Hybrid

Den. (Australian Ginger x *leptophyton*) David & Pat Harmer

Nomination for McFarlane Complex Hybrid Award

Den. (Australian Ginger x *leptophyton*) David & Pat Harmer

CHAMPION LAELIINAE

Lc. Adelaide Ablaze 'Fiery Gold' Robert & Heather Rice

BEST LAELIINAE for FRANK De ROSE MEMORIAL TROPHY

Lc. Adelaide Ablaze 'Fiery Gold' Robert & Heather Rice

CHAMPION PAPHIOPEDILUM

Paph. Jan Giles Kel & Gwen Staples

BEST SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUM - Max Clayton Trophy

Paph. wardii Kel & Gwen Staples

CHAMPION ONCIDIINAE

Colm. Massi 'Splash' Clyde & Cynthia Dally

CHAMPION PHALAEENOPSIS

Phal. Tigerling Richard & Heather Fishlock

CHAMPION VANDEAE

Angcm. Veitchii Noel Oliver

CHAMPION ZYGOPETALINAE

Fsh. Bill Fisher Garard Bros Orchids

CHAMPION OTHER GENERA - not listed elsewhere

Masd. coccinea Ron & Irene Parish

CHAMPION SPECIES

Den. speciosum [(National White x Daylight Moon)
x Dave's Choice] David & Pat Harmer

CHAMPION SEEDLING

Den. speciosum [(National White x Daylight Moon)
x Dave's Choice] David & Pat Harmer

BEST SEEDLING - G & S Zerbe Trophy

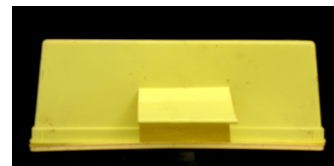
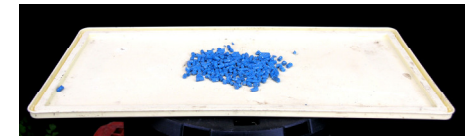
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CHAMPION SPECIMEN

Srps lingua Nesbitt Orchids

CULTURAL OBSERVATIONS FOR OCTOBER

It's been a very odd year for our hobby with weather conditions not all that good for many genera but seems to suit others. The plants and flowers displayed at the Royal was a credit to the growers with plants presented in excellent condition and the variety presented was exciting to say the least. Do not forget to re-water your plants from the show with the molasses mix to give them a sugar burst before putting them away for another year. Now is the time to also keep up the attack on slug and snails. With the ground starting to warm up they will be arriving in their hundreds so you will need to keep up with fresh pellets and lettuce leaves. Keep putting your cotton wool barriers on the late flowerers to keep the 'chewers' away from your new buds. If you have some now is also the time to water MesuroTM into your pots to kill off the garlic snails and the younger slugs that are just starting to hatch. You can also buy this in smaller quantities as Bayer Slug Snail & Bird RepellentTM. Place your snail bate in the centre of the lid of an ice cream container. Make sure that the edges are level with the ground under you benches. Cut four veranda holes in the sides of the base of the container and bend up at an angle and push the base upside down onto the lid. This will protect the bait from rain and watering your plants either by sprinklers or hose and the bait lasts much longer. You can now place several of these



scattered around your shade house and thus cover a greater area to control. With these you can get up to 2 to 3 months use before having to renew the pellets. Regular applications of a sanitiser (Hy-san) with your watering and or fertilizing will help to eliminate those other pests residing in your pots such as fungus gnats (mosquito like) and their maggots together with aiding to reduce various strains of algae, bacteria, fungi and virus pathogens. If you have run out of Hy-sanTM the trading table is negotiating with the manufacturer to purchase a large quantity and decant it into smaller containers. These 1 litre bottles will be available shortly. As we come to the end of spring flowering when cutting off your old flower spikes make sure you use a clean sanitised pair of cutters and treat the severed section with Steri-pruneTM or a paste of Mancozeb PlusTM to eliminate the possibility of pseudo-bulb rot.

Most 'soft-cane' *Dendrobiums* now in bud are a little later this year because of the colder overcast weather but still continue to turn your plant regularly so that what sun we do get it is able to penetrate all of the plant. Regular applications of ConfidorTM will keep the Mealy Bug away as they continue in their breeding cycles. With the weather warming up you will see those white 'cabbage moths' flitting about so beware of those little green caterpillars eating your new leads and buds. With the cold nights and the relative humidity being up around the 100% *botrytis* becomes a problem spotting the flowers of the late bloomers. Keep an eye on your *Sarcochilus*. We want you to bring yours along to Socializing with Sarc's night to make a great array of this great genus. We now need to repot a few of those early flowerers so I suppose we better get on with the job. Good growing

David & Pat Harmer

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Dendrobium kingianum is a delightful little orchid, easily grown and flowered. It is a very variable species both in vegetative form and colour ranging from almost pure white through shades of pink to deep solid red. It is a very widespread species commonly called 'The Pink Rock Lily'. It was originally referred to as 'Captain King's Orchid'. The species was discovered by John Carne Bidwell in 1839 near Gloucester NSW, who named it after a close friend Captain Phillip Parker King. He was born in 1791 at Norfolk Island, the son of Governor Philip Gidley King. Phillip Parker King was a Captain in the Royal Navy and commanded many expeditions that surveyed the coast of Australia. He has the distinction of being the first, and for many years, the only Australian recognized as one of the important people across the world. He died in 1856 and is buried in St Mary Magdalene church, St Mary's Sydney.

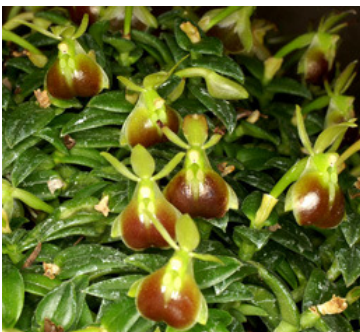


Reg Shooter

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Epidendrum porpax

Another small and interesting species often purchased as *Neolehmannia porpax*. It comes from Mexico through to Columbia, Brazil, Costa Rica and Nicaragua and is located growing as an epiphyte on pine and oak trees at high altitudes to 7,000 feet and has small reed-like stems branching in all directions. The single flower 8 to 10mm across yellow/green with an eye catching dark red shiny labellum arises from the apex of the 5mm stems. This species grows well here in a shallow pan or on a mount. The succulent small



leaves turn purple if grown in high light conditions. It does not take long to become a specimen with dozens of flowers covering the whole of the pan or mount. An ideal species to grow in a cold type protected growing area placed on a tray of wet gravel to maintain a good level of humidity with a minimum of around 6°C to a maximum around 34°C plus in summer. Well drained small material compost in a shallow pan is ideal with very weak applications of fertilizer every two weeks and flushing with fresh water in between is essential for this species. Regular misting in hot weather helps to keep down the leaf temperature. A very attractive appealing species and is easy to grow with the right conditions.

Reference OrchidWiz

BRIGHT IDEAS SCALE



Remember those 500ml spray bottles we saved from the Kitchen cupboard, well here is one of the ways we will use one of these. Place a teaspoon of dishwashing liquid into your salvaged bottle together with a tablespoon of Pest Oil, Eco Oil or Spraying Oil. Fill the container with water usually around 500 ml. When you find scale, usually on a plant in a corner or against a wall where it does not get too much air movement, spray the underside of the leaves where the scale has 'sucked on', shaking the container regularly to keep the brew mixed. This mixture will not harm you but it forms a film over the scale and helps to suffocate them. If you use 'Morning Fresh' Dish Washing Liquid it smells real nice as well as.

David & Pat Harmer

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WHAT HAPPENED AT THE ROYAL ROYAL SHOW CHAMPIONS



GRAND CHAMPION

Colm. Massi 'Splash'

Clyde & Cynthia Dally

CHAMPION OPEN DIVISION

Colm. Massi 'Splash'

Clyde & Cynthia Dally

CHAMPION FIRST DIVISION

Lc. Adelaide Ablaze 'Fiery Gold'

Robert & Heather Rice

CHAMPION SECOND DIVISION

Den. Yondi Extra 'Caramel Peach'

Trevor & Margaret Noble

CHAMPION AUSTRALIAN NATIVE

Den. Sun Drop

John & Bev Gay

Ira Butler Trophy Nomination - Hybrid

Den. Sun Drop

John & Bev Gay

Reg Shooter Trophy Nomination - Hybrid

Den. Sun Drop

John & Bev Gay

Les Nesbitt Trophy Nomination - Species

Den. speciosum [(National White x Daylight Moon) x Dave's Choice]

David & Pat Harmer

Roy Hargreaves Memorial Sash

Ptst. curta

Ron Yates

CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM Over 90mm

Cym. (Flaming Vulcan x Blazing Fury)

Cuming Orchids

CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM 60 - 90mm

Cym. Ruby Valley 'Box of Chocolates'

Elmore & Pam Leske

come flying and marching over to your place at certain times of the year. The immature smaller ones are crawlers and are very mobile and spread more slowly. So do not ever think that you have got rid of them all in your growing area because they just keep on coming back. You can import them from the trading table, interstate from your favourite nursery or even a division or present of a plant given to you by a well-meaning orchid friend.



They take up residence on leaves everywhere and particularly on a weakened or stressed plant. Heavy regularly spraying often must be done to penetrate their fortresses and to smother them but care needs to be taken so as not to smother the plant also and kill it at the same time.

When they camp on the underside of the leaves where you do not see or discover them they insert their straw like mouth-part into the cells of the leaf and suck out the sap or plant's juices and go unnoticed until you see those yellow sunken spots and signs of the damage on the top side of the leaf. The soft scale starts off as a light white/green spot and as it matures appears as a bark coloured bump and there can be odd ones here and there or quite densely populated areas particularly in the fold of a leaf or the new green leaf bracts down around the pseudobulb; or anywhere else for that matter where they have some protection. The ordinary mealy bug, whitish in colour produces cottony egg masses and the two tailed one reproduce by giving birth to live young ones.

Once the colony becomes large enough you will notice the formation of the black sooty mould, which grows on the sugary excrement that is produced, this is usually found on the leaf or leaves underneath the pests where it has 'dripped' down its secretion and this is the material that the sugar feeding ants are attracted to on those warm sunny days in spring and summer. You can also get root mealy bug which is more difficult to notice as they are hiding just under the bark in the root ball mass. Pull some bark away from the base of a Cattleya and you may find them under or around the rhizome of the plant.

There are several commercially made controls for both scale and mealy bug. We find Confidor™ the most successful product for mealy bug and about 10% spray oil and water with 2ml of Malathion in a 500ml. hand sprayer the best for scale but you need to keep at it. Some growers have success with systemic products where the bugs get killed when they feed on the plants but these chemicals are dangerous to spray with. You sometimes think that you have got on top of them and then you locate a few more, it is a matter of being alert all the time and pick up each individual plant and inspect it carefully, they always seem to be where the plant is in low air movement and particularly those leaves that are close to the wall or in the corner of the growing area. Over crowding of your plants is providing them with the right conditions to operate and expand.

It is fast becoming more popular to introduce predatory insects and a lot of large nurseries have now adopted this practice but these can be expensive for the novice grower. The 'Lady Bug' we used to see a lot of in our gardens years ago loves these pests but unfortunately we have thinned these harmless insects out with garden sprays and poisons on fruit trees, roses etc. Hope this helps you to understand these fellows a little better it certainly helped us, keep at them and don't give up.

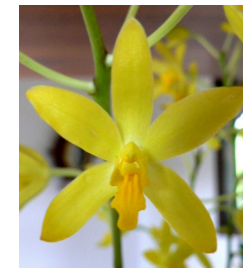
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Ansellia africana



There are around 23 mainly sub-species and varieties of this interesting orchid. It is widespread in Africa, Angola, Cameroon, Ghana and Central Africa and is extremely variable. *Ansellia ibregla* is located in low altitude drier woodland areas under 200 feet and is also found up to 7,000 feet in thicker wetter forests. They are epiphytic orchids and occasionally are located as lithophytes but most are found on tree trunks and branches and in big clumps in the forks of trees. The pseudobulbs can grow up to 1000mm long and are round, thin and cane like with 8 to 10 narrow long pointed leaves near the apex of the pseudobulb. The inflorescence arises from the apex of the



new growth and extends to around 500mm long with branching flower stems and can produce about 20 to 30 flowers per raceme. They also produce smaller flower stems from older deciduated canes produced from nodes at the side near the apex but these are usually short and carry around 4 to 6 flowers.

The flowers are perfumed with an unusual scent and are about 30 to 40mm across with a clean yellow/green background and small to large variable sized maroon/brown spotting or blotching covering the flower. The labellum is usually of a bright yellow, pointed and ribbed.

In Adelaide we grow one *Ansellia africana* in the unheated glasshouse with the *Cattleyas*, this has the dark blotched type flowers; and the other *Ansellia Africana* is grown under an opaque fibreglass roof. This variety has light green/yellow flowers with very fine spotting of red/brown. Both grow vigorously producing several new canes each season and quickly grow into quite large plants. Both get bright light and good air movement and when grown



outside adapt very well to 3-4°C to 35°C temperatures. They need to be kept on the dry side when not in active growth and particularly during the winter months and then as they start to produce new growth water and fertilizer is gradually administered during spring. They are potted in a well drained *Cattleya* type mix of medium bark and marble chips and love to be pot bound.

A very interesting and hardy genus to grow but can be a little shy to flower until you find the right light level without burning the leaves. Try one and add another addition to your collection.

David & Pat Harmer

Reference OrchidWiz

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OCSA Spring Show 1976

The Orchid Club of South Australia Inc. staged its annual Spring Orchid Festival from 20th to 25th September 1976 in the John Martin's Auditorium. The theme was *Orchids in the Amazon*. Backdrops arranged by the John Martin's artists highlighted a magnificent display of plants in full bloom, arranged by many members of the Club. The quality of the flowers was considered the best ever. The winning display was staged by Messrs.

Chenoweth, Clayton and Packard, using a cave as a background to a beautifully arranged group of orchids. A very worthy winning exhibit. The most outstanding bloom of the Festival and Champion *Cymbidium* was *Cym. Noarlunga* 'Enfield' grown and exhibited by Mick Ryan Orchids. This orchid was also awarded an AM by OCSA earlier in the month.. The raceme held 15 flowers on a semi arching 1.25 metre long spike. A green overlay of green over the white flower complementing a red spotted labellum. The most outstanding bloom of the Festival other than a *Cymbidium* was *Paph. Miraleste* grown and flowered by Mr. & Mrs. Auliciens. A glistening flower held well above the foliage, the dorsal a purple colour edged with white, giving the flower a striking appearance. The plant was also awarded an AM by OCSA. Other plants to gain awards were *Cym. Volcano* 'Menuehene' grown and exhibited by Johnson Orchids was granted an AD/OCSA. The raceme has 12 striking brown coloured flowers with a light yellow labellum marked at the distal end with red striping. *Cym. Nickyann* 'Karandra' exhibited by Adelaide Orchids received a HCC/OCSA with 7 flowers on a perfectly erect spike, a striking flower attracting attention. The green coloured flowers with a yellow/green labellum spotted with red was a pleasing effect. The judges Award of Commendation was awarded to *Aerides falcatum* x *Vanda coerulea* grown by Mr. M. Chenoweth. The 450mm arching spike with 24 fully open flowers and three buds, each coloured with light lavender and a darker purple lip, each of very good shape made the award well deserved.

K. J. Staples

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"SOCIALISING WITH SARCS"

Once again we have our great social night and show of *Sarcochilus* at the Enfield Community Centre on the 5th November. This is now an official show and the plants judged as **BEST** on the night are eligible for the Ira Butler (Hybrid) and Reg Shooter Nomination and Bill Murdoch (Species) Les Nesbitt Trophy Nominations. Show Schedules are now available on the Information Table at the October meeting. We have a great speaker in Kevin Hipkins who I am sure we all know. Kevin is the proprietor of Orchids Royale so please come along, BYO refreshments and enjoy a great night. We have contracted the same caterer we had last year and the cost this year is \$22.00 so please see the Treasurer to pay at the October meeting. Some help will be required to set up the hall from 4.30pm and assist during the evening. Bookings are essential.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC WORKSHOP

On Saturday October 15th the club will be conducting a Photographic Workshop at the Enfield Community Centre in the Crèche conducted by Ron Parish. Those who do not know, Ron is a professional video producer and also an expert photographer. He has his own species photographs on the WWW. Ron has travelled the world and not only takes scenic shots but also is an expert on underwater photography. He has top of the range camera equipment and specializes in macro photos of small orchid

flowers. Because of the response in numbers to this workshop and the need to be able to have one on one advice on digital photography, we will have two sessions on this day. The first is from 10.00am to 12.00 pm and the second is from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. We would



like those who have placed their name on the list to nominate their preference of which session to attend at the October Monthly Meeting.

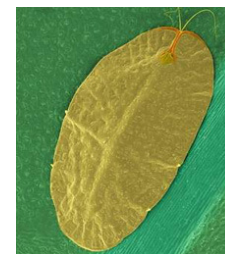
This first workshop will cover the basics of taking images of orchid flowers and we need you to bring along your digital camera so that we can assist you in getting the very best image possible. If there is sufficient interest we will conduct another session at a later date and go further into the art of taking flower images and macro photography.

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SCALE & MEALYBUG



We have been battling with this pest for many years now and did not really understand a lot about them. Sometimes you wonder where they come from. How did they get on our plants? Why didn't we see them before they did so much damage and look at those leaves with their yellow spots and brown marks? These marks can also be confused with virus. Someone said the ants bring them. I do not think so because we haven't got any ants in the Glasshouse and the scale is still there so we decided to do some research and this is what was discovered. Scale and mealy bug including aphids are all from the same group called Homoptera, you would not think that a scale would have anything to do with one of those 'Woolly' things now would you. These scale of which there are many types can be classed into the three categories we mainly see in our growing area and they are the soft scale (White) of which we see heavy thick patches on leaf tips, in leaf axils and down in the compost on the rhizome, then, brown/red scale usually scattered over the leaves and lastly we have the armoured scale of which we do not often see, this is a smaller pest and buries itself into the leaf making it impossible to wipe off. Lastly of course and certainly not least our old enemies the mealy bug or you might call them 'Woolly Blokes'?



There are thousands of scale insects around the world and most of them have a very destructive nature causing all sorts of damage and this affects the sale of plants, fruit and vegetables and of course make our orchid plants far from being in Show-bench condition. Most scale are sedentary that is they are just sitting and do not move and are very difficult to control particularly with sprays and you find that most of these pests have a natural talent for survival. The armoured scale is very hard to see and is just a black dot but we do not see him that often but is occasionally on imported plants from interstate NSW & Qld. Firstly, particularly the adults attach themselves to the host and are equipped with a protective coating made from the waxy secretion they produce when feeding and this forms a waxy cover over 'him' or is it 'her' and of course with the 'Woolly Bloke' it is a dense mat of a waxy cotton wool like material covering them. These liquid proof coverings protect them whilst hiding out underneath their covers from most poisonous type sprays. Sometimes you need to look around your garden or even over the fence. A lot of these pests are out there in the garden on the trees and shrubs and even over the fence next door or in the adjacent parklands. Adult males actually have wings and they