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YOUR PRESIDENT'S VIEWS

The Spring Show:

At the time of writing these views, day 5 of the Show has been completed. Four days of wet weather have occurred so our country side has had an excellent soaking, if one looks at the people from the land, they have a justifiable spring in their step with prospects of potential for a good harvest.



The efforts of your show exhibits are credible in the display you have provided once again for the general public to admire. The colder than usual winter has had us all on edge wondering if we would be able to fill the display areas provided. The couple of warmer day just prior to the put in day did the trick; resulting in a colourful variety of orchids being arranged to their best advantage for all to see and admire.

My personal thanks for the support given to our Spring Show by the associated clubs namely Gawler, NEDOS and Murray Bridge; their club displays were a credit to them. Congratulation to Andrew Koch; Andrew from the Gawler Club grew the Associated Clubs Champion.

For the second year, the horticultural orchid exhibits are combined in our display area and it is commendable to note Champion Horticultural Orchid was grown, tended and presented by a student from Urbræ High School.

To our members who presented exhibits creditable to gain Champions in their respective classes. Well done, you deserve your results. A special thanks to all members who contributed in the displays because if your orchids were not there the Champions would have been very lonely.

Unfortunately sales on our trading table are down this year but what can one expect when the attendance at the event is also down.

To the members of our club and the associated clubs who have provided services to your Club in the form of sales area attendees and plant security, thank you very much for your efforts and participation.

To the future:

Our interstate guest speaker Clive Halls will be at the club for the October meeting

"Socialising with Sarcs" is but a short while away, i.e. later part of October and should anybody wish to participate, a call to a Committee Member will reserve a seat.

As the year progresses, I ask members to give serious consideration to nominating for Committee 2011, this will enable a balanced share of the work load to be arranged.

My personal thoughts to all members who are not in the best of health at present I hope that you recover quickly and can join in once again. Good growing and showing in the future.

Murray Baulderstone
President

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



As the Show season draws to a close you the members can be congratulated for the support that you have given to the Committee during this season without it the Committee would have found it difficult to conduct it's business in the way that it needs too. The support either with security, kitchen duties or supplying show plants for the club to provide the general public with a quality show that we all can be proud of and a spectacle for them to admire.

October has some special treats in store for the members attending either the October Meeting with Clive Halls or the "Socializing with Sarcs" night with Neville Roper at the end of the month both functions are a must attend for the keen orchid enthusiast. Both of these guys will have quality plants for sale at these nights.

For the members that were not able to attend the "Official Opening" of the Spring Show; I draw your attention to an incentive to increase the membership of our club. The Committee has decided to offer to any member that nominates an entirely new person for membership of our club, the nominator will receive a 50% reduction when they renew their own membership. Please note that past members rejoining doesn't qualify, it must be an entirely new member for anyone to receive this bonus.

It was pleasing to see one of our newest members in Helen O'Connell down from the country to view the Spring Show and of course increase her collection as well. Helen braved some of the most inclement weather and drove back home after the evening session concluded, well done. It is great to see new members and be able to help them with info and fellowship which I feel is what our hobby is all about.

I suppose you don't need reminding this is really the start of the toil part of our hobby as we prepare to make the important decisions like, what orchids do I pot on or break up and if I break up have I got sufficient room to keep the required spacing between the plants. Then there are the other decisions do I keep using the tried compost or do I break out and change all to the newer potting mediums does one just try a few just to gauge which suits our particular type of culture. I suppose one can say orchid growing is never boring with all of these options that keep presenting to us.

I wish you one and all good health and of course good growing and good showing.

Graham J. Zerbe
Editor

Thought for the Month
A well chosen word can
Speak volumes

REED STEM EPIDENDRUMS

With their vivid long-lasting flowers, vigorous growth and forgiving nature, it would be difficult to name an orchid more ideal for the novice grower than a reed-stem *Epidendrum*. They have sometimes been called the poor man's orchid for several reasons: they were affordable and widely available during times when most orchids could be cultivated only by the wealthy; they are easily propagated, yielding many plants from one stem; and they are tolerant of a wide range of growing conditions, including outdoors. They also have the advantage of being relatively free of insects and flowering reliably throughout the year. If you are new to orchid growing, with reed-stem Epidendrums you can enjoy a riot of colourful orchid blooms all year with minimal care.

Epidendrums in Nature

Plants of the diverse genus *Epidendrum* are native to the tropical Americas, from South Carolina (*Epidendrum conopseum*) south through Mexico and Central America to Argentina. These orchids are extremely variable in habitat requirements. They can be found at elevations from sea level to 3,657metres, growing in climates ranging from seasonally dry tropical forests to grassy slopes in full sun to hot steamy jungles to cool, damp cloud forests. Most are epiphytic, many are lithophytic and still others are terrestrial. They are now worldwide in distribution introduced and naturalized in most subtropical and tropical countries, including well-watered yards in Southern California and in South Florida. Often people have been growing these orchids in their yards for years without realizing it.

The number of species in the genus varies depending on which taxonomist you ask. At one time, the genus *Epidendrum* included those plants now classified as the genus *Encyclia* (around 250 species), *Osterdella* (40 to 70 species, many in isolated areas and perhaps extinct in the wild), *Psychilus* (15 species) and *Nanodes* (30 species), which includes the species *Epidendrum porpax* and *Epidendrum medusae*. Current estimates place the number of *Epidendrum* species at around 900.

How to Choose an *Epidendrum*

Look for strong, healthy, well-established plants with little or no spotting and no color distortion on the stems or leaves. A vigorous root system with actively growing root tips at the surface of the potting mix and down through the drainage holes is ideal. Many reed-stem Epidendrums are susceptible to a leaf spotting fungus that causes round brown spots on the undersides of the leaves, but which does not seem to adversely affect the health or flowering of the plant.

Choosing a plant with new plantlets attached to the stem brings a bonus. Many Epidendrums develop keikis (Hawaiian term for "babies"), which are new vegetative growths produced on old stems and flower spikes. Once these keikis develop their own 50 to 100mm long roots, they can easily be detached from the stem and planted individually in pots.

Before acquiring any orchid, it is essential that you understand your own growing conditions, and then compare those with the plant's requirements. Carefully consider what temperature range, light level, humidity and water quality you can provide. Determine if the plant will be grown indoors or outside and how much growing space you have available. Know how many times a week you will be able to water.

Have your water analyzed to determine if it has a high level of dissolved salts and minerals, which are detrimental to the health of some plants. (Salt buildup appears as a crusty white residue on the pot, roots and the leaves.) True reed-stem Epidendrums are tolerant of poor water quality. Some Epidendrums, however, are sensitive to damaging salts and other minerals such as iron, and need rainwater or deionized water to thrive. As a general rule, warmer-growing plants found at lower elevations are more salt-tolerant than high-elevation, cooler-growing species that generally receive pure rainwater in their native habitats. If your local water supply is high in salts, you may want to consider a reverse-osmosis (RO) system or collect rainwater for those plants sensitive to water quality. If you are unsure about your water, you may want to contact your local water department for an analysis.

Growing Conditions

Reed-stem Epidendrums grow readily in almost any setting, whether in a pot, mounted on a cork slab, or in raised flowerbeds outdoors, as climate permits. Some volunteer plants have even sprouted on the roof of the greenhouse.

Fertilizer: These orchids require copious amounts of fertilizer. When fertilized regularly they respond immediately with denser flower spikes, greener, stronger leaves and more robust roots. Use any balanced fertilizer according to manufacturers' recommendations. Plants grown in lower light (such as inside in northern climates) need less nitrogen; high nitrogen fertilizer in low light will result in long, leggy, straggling growths.

Light: Reed-stem Epidendrums need bright light, even full sun, for strong, sturdy growths.

Watering: These orchids are generally forgiving of water frequency and quality. Be sure to water copiously, letting water drain out of the bottom of the vessel, to prevent mineral buildup in the mix. Keep the roots moist year round, but, as for most orchids, do not let the plant sit in water.

Temperature: They can tolerate a wide range of temperatures and most can handle near-freezing conditions. As a rule, provide day temperatures of 16 to 32 °C (and -1 to 21°C at night). In northern latitudes, move the plant outside after the threat of frost has passed, being careful to avoid sun burning the leaves when moving plants outside in the spring. At the first hint of frost in the autumn, bring the plants indoors, but be sure to check for and remove any insects. Note that *Epidendrum cinnabarinum* and many of its primary hybrids are not tolerant of low temperatures (below 13°C) for extended periods.

To keep your reed-stem plant tidy, remove old flower spikes and stems down to the base by snapping them clean with your fingers or cutting with sterile clippers. This makes room for strong, new basal growths, while discouraging keikis from forming that produce shorter, smaller spikes and turn into messy, tangled plants if left untended. Plants grown in low light will need to be staked, while those growing in full sun are usually self-supporting.

When growing outdoors in raised beds, you can mix many color forms of the same species, if desired. However, combining several species in one bed or tub often leads to competition and overgrowth of one species to the detriment of others.

In subtropical and tropical climates, reed-stem Epidendrums make handsome container plants for patios and pool areas.

Potting, Repotting and Planting Outdoors

For *Epidendrum secundum*, *Epidendrum radicans* and *Epidendrum ibaguense*, almost any planting mix will do, because these are extremely tolerant of soil conditions. These three species make a spectacular display in raised planter beds or in tubs or pots. You can use old potting mix from your other orchids for potting these Epidendrums, but it should be sterilized. Otherwise, use a potting mix, or make your own mix or large or small bark amended with any combination of perlite, moss, charcoal, sand or gravel. Either a plastic or clay pot is fine (clay needs watering more often). Repotting or replacing raised beds is generally not necessary, although plants do need to be top-dressed with additional mix as the mix decomposes or is washed away during watering. For *Epi. cinnabarinum*, and Oerstedellas and their hybrids, it is best to choose a fast draining mix of one part medium bark, one part fine bark, and one part perlite and replace the medium every 12 to 18 months.

Pest and Diseases

Reed-stem Epidendrums grown outdoors are relatively free of insects. Occasional encounters with aphids can be treated by spraying with an insecticidal soap or Natria Soap®, Micro Fine® and Confidor® thoroughly covering flower heads and new growths. Follow the directions for repeat applications.

A slug or snail can make a meal of several flower heads in a single night. The new, nontoxic iron-phosphate-based slug and snail bait, Baysol Snail & Slug® (or any other brand that you prefer which appears to be effective slug and snail killers and kind to humans and other inhabitants of a yard taking the necessary precautions). It is safer and longer lasting than other snail and slug killers, such as metaldehyde, and equally efficient.

Ant colonies in the potting mix or nearby will often lead to scale infestations that can be difficult to eradicate. Sprinkle Diazinon® around the perimeter of the plant, carefully following the manufacturer's instructions and safety recommendations.

In a greenhouse, mealy bugs can be problematic on new growths and developing flower spikes. Treat the entire plant by drenching the pot and thoroughly spraying the new growths with insecticidal soap or any of the ones listed earlier, being sure to follow the application schedule recommended by the manufacturer.

Reddish, shriveled foliage indicates poor root health, most likely due to the root fungus *Rhizoctonia*. Infection can be controlled using Fongarid®, Mancozeb® or Mancozeb Plus®, the disease is best prevented in the first place by regular repotting in fresh mix.

Foliage that is distorted or streaked in irregular patterns, in checkerboard shades of green becoming black squares with age, could indicate the plant is infected with a pathogen such as Tobacco Mosaic Virus (TMV). Irregular color and streaking patterns on the sepals or the petals of the flowers could be a sign of Colour-break Virus. If you suspect a plant is infected with virus, I recommend destroying it, or at least isolating it from the rest of your plants. Plant viruses are spread by fingernails, aphids and other sucking insects, as well as by using non-sterilized cutting tools or pots. You can use

disposable latex gloves when handling and repotting your plants to minimize the risk of cross-contamination. There is currently no treatment for these plant viruses.

How to Encourage Plants to Flower

Reed-stem Epidendrums are floriferous. In the rare instance of a reluctant bloomer, the most common cause is not enough light. Relocating the plant to a spot where it receives as much sunlight as possible and fertilizing regularly should remedy the problem.

Epidendrums to Grow

Epidendrum secundum (Andes of South America) has an upright, clumping growth habit with roots emerging from the base of the stems, at or below soil level. It readily forms keikis on old flower spikes. The leafy stems range from 25mm to 305mm, producing a ball of 30 to 40 brilliantly colored 25mm flowers on 455mm terminal spikes. Colors range from white to yellow, pink, orange and purple, and all shades in between. A well-grown plant produces abundant spikes throughout the year. It benefits from fertilizer, and thrives when grown in full sun, in a rich, fast-draining humus mix. It will tolerate temperatures down to freezing for brief periods, but not below.

Epidendrum radicans (Mexico to Panama) possesses a low-lying, freely branching growth habit, producing roots along the length of the stem. Stems range from 100mm to 610mm in length, producing upright terminal 150mm to 375mm tall spikes with up to 10 vivid, reddish-orange, 25mm flowers that are open at any one time. The flowers open in succession over several months, with up to 40 flowers per inflorescence. It does well in full sun to partial shade. This species is tolerant of temperatures down to freezing.

Epidendrum ibaguense (Colombia and Venezuela) grows like *Epi. radicans*, but clumps more, with roots emerging on the lower half of the cane. Arching branches up to 455mm, with flower spikes another 455mm, end in a dense head of 25-32mm reddish-yellow to purple flowers with a yellow lip. There can be up to 50 flowers on a stem, with 20 open at a time. The species has an especially attractive growth habit and grows quickly, filling containers rapidly. It takes full sun to partial sun in hot climates, and can tolerate temperatures down to freezing, but not below.

Epidendrum cinnabarinum (Brazil) is a robust, erect and clumping plant, resembling a large *Epi. secundum*, often reaching up to 1,200mm. The 755mm tall flower spikes produce dense heads of up to 40 flowers, with as many as 10 open at one time. Flowers are large, up to 50mm, coloured orange to red to pink with a yellow lip. Ideally, this plant is grown outdoors in full sun in South Florida and Hawaii. Snap back stems to base after flowering. This species is particularly susceptible to root fungus (*Rhizictonia*) when stressed by cool temperatures. It is tolerant of only short periods of cold (night temperatures below 13°C).

Try Oerstedellas

Some species of *Epidendrum* have been transferred by taxonomists to the genus *Oerstedella*, although they are still widely known and sold as Epidendrums. They are distinguished from other Epidendrums by their unique flower structure and growth habit, thin leaves and warty leaf sheaths that cover the stems. They range in height from 150mm to 4.3metres. These thick rooted plants are generally epiphytic, with the larger species being terrestrials.

Brightly colored, 13mm to 38mm flowers in many colors typically last up to several months. Most of these are intermediate to cool growing (16 to 29°C during the day and 9 to 18°C at night). A 3 to 7°C drop at night is beneficial. They require frequent watering because of their thin leaves and narrow stems, and can desiccate quickly in hot climates if not well-rooted. They thrive with high humidity and air circulation, and are sensitive to water quality. Oerstedellas in pots are highly susceptible to *Rhizictonia* root fungus, which can be best prevented by repotting every 12 to 18 months.

Oerstedella pseudowallisii (Panama and Costa Rica) is free-flowering year round. Plants are up to 610mm tall, flowers appear on short spikes, are well rounded with heavy substance, in shades of pale, creamy yellow with red spotting and a white lip, and last for two to three months. This is a warm to intermediate grower.

Oerstedella centradenia (Costa Rica) is compact and vigorous, but can also be a rangy grower, with stems 200mm on average, although some reach 455mm. It flowers from late winter to early spring, bearing dense heads of 25mm lilac flowers on short spikes that last two months. It grows well potted or mounted, and yields keikis freely. It is tolerant of heat and cold.

Oerstedella schweinfurthiana (El Salvador) is an aggressive terrestrial, reaching 4.58 metres. It flowers from midsummer to autumn on spikes with more than 100 rounded flowers that last up to three months. The sepals and petals are suffused with orange-purple inside, purple outside, yellow-tipped sepals, lavender lip. Easy to grow, it thrives in full sun. This species is frost hardy to a least -2°C.

More Epidendrums for the Beginner

These Epidendrums are easy to grow and make a spectacular sight.

Epidendrum raniferum (Mexico to Central America) and *Epidendrum pfavii* (Costa Rica and Panama) are two species that produce upright canes to 1.22 metres, with pendulous heads of flowers that emerge on the same canes year after year (so do not cut them). *Epidendrum raniferum*'s 50mm flowers are light green, finely spotted red with a white, four-lobed lip, and last all summer. *Epidendrum pfavii sports* 38mm hot-pink flowers.

Epidendrum pseudepidendrum (Costa Rica and Panama) is free-flowering year round. Its upright canes can reach 1.52 metres. This warm growing species is not cold tolerant, and is extremely susceptible to leaf-spotting. The astonishing long-lasting flowers have apple-green sepals and petals, and a waxy orange lip that feels like molded plastic. Do not remove spikes after flowering as they will re-bloom year after year.

Epidendrum parkinsonianum (Mexico and Central America) and *Epidendrum falcatum* (Mexico) have unusual pendent freely-branching growth habits with falcate, succulent leaves up to 500mm. These plants tolerate both heat and cold, and will grow in bright light to shade. Mount them for best results. *Epidendrum parkinsonianum* produces up to eight 125mm star-shaped green flowers with a white, three-lobed lip. *Epidendrum falcatum* bears 75mm flowers that are white with a slight blush. Both are fragrant at night and bloom in the late spring.

Reed-stem Epidendrums pay many dividends in the garden or greenhouse; they are easy to care for, affordable, widely available, and tolerant of diverse growing conditions

and are robust growers with many flowers in every color of the rainbow. Epidendrums can reward the orchid grower with a wealth of brilliant flowers all year long.

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SPRING SHOW - REGISTRAR'S REFLECTIONS



Thanks to Richard Fishlock and Trevor Camac the displays for this year's show were easily accessible and the judges had little difficulty finding the nominated plants. As a consequence the judges completed their task before lunch! The final results reflected the high quality of the orchids despite the adverse weather conditions which prevailed prior to the

show. The **Grand Champion** grown by Dave and Pat Harmer was *Paphiopedilum malipoense* 'Dee Pee'. This little beauty made judging rather simple since it automatically became the **Champion of Open Division, the Champion Species and the Champion Seedling**. At the completion of championship judging the panel saw fit to award this orchid an **HCC**. (Highly Commended Certificate) scoring 78.7 points. Dave & Pat are shown holding their prize winning orchid above. The smiles tell it all, well done Dave & Pat.

The **Official Opening** of the show by Richard was well attended, the venue of the mezzanine is extremely comfortable and we are very fortunate to be offered this facility. I wish to make special mention of **Kel Staples** who has been showing his orchids at the Royal Show now for 50 years! What an effort well done Kel, the club thanks you for your dedication.

I would like to thank all those who made the judging achievable, the judges, the scribes and the computer operators with special thanks to Dave Harmer, Graham Hein and Wendy Lodge; whom I depend on so heavily. Of course we would not have any show without the orchids that the members display so well to the public. Although it is the mass of colour that is the essential element of the display, it is pleasing to see miniature 'Botanicals' in glass jars for diversity and added interest.

Let's hope we can do it all again next year.

Ron Yates
Registrar of Judges

GUEST SPEAKER FOR OCTOBER



Below is a little bit about our interstate Guest Speaker, Clive Halls, Clive and his wife Agi are the proprietors of Mt Beenak nursery situated at Three Bridge Victoria. Take it away Clive.

"We have been trading now as Mt. Beenak Orchids for 31 years, so we are probably one of Aussies oldest Orchid Nurseries currently running. I began my career back in 1963 at Sanders Orchid as an apprentice. Later I worked in the Dutch cut flower business before emigrating to Australia in 1973 I had by chance found out McBeans Orchids Australia needed a grower so I was in the orchid game again and stayed there for a very excellent 7 years getting a footing in the country and so forth. Agi also worked there in the laboratory for sometime before resuming nursing.

In the last couple of years there I began to import flasks from Keith Andrew in the UK for the nucleus of our own nursery.

When we moved out to Three Bridges I worked part time at McBeans for a short time but the travelling was too much so I left and we went out on our own. I worked for a while with a local fencing contractor but soon the demands for the pendulous type Cyms we were bringing in grew big enough for a full time operation. By this time I had the agency for Geyserland Orchids & we began a long & profitable association with Andy Easton.

Later we branched out into various other genera, first *Odontoglossum* then *Masdevallia Sarcophilus* & *Zygopetalum*. We breed most of the stock we sell in these genera & Agi does all the laboratory work so we are very self sufficient. Our Odont. alliance mericlones are all imported from Floriculture in the Netherland, the leading producer of this type of Orchid in the world. We now have the agency for Neville Roper *Sarcophilus*. As for the future who knows, more flasks & less plant production probably, as our overseas market increases.

None of our children seem interested in the nursery so in due course Mt. Beenak Orchids like many before it will become just a name in the Orchid History books.

Hopefully some of our hybrids will stand the test of time & the Mt. Beenak name will be remembered for some of its contribution to new hybrids."

Cheers *Clive*

Thank you Clive & Agi for the thumb nail sketch of your life in orchids. Members Clive will be bringing a number of plants for sale, they will bare root, labelled and wrapped in news paper. I can report that I have purchased a number of Mt. Beenak plants and they have all adapted well to our climate, grown and flowered.

I can tell you first hand that Clive is an exceptionally interesting speaker, come along and hear what Clive has to say, and maybe even buy a plant or three.

Graham J. Zerbe
Guest Speaker Coordinator

GUEST SPEAKER OCTOBER DAY GROUP



Our next day group meeting will be held on October 8th at the Enfield Community Centre, 540 Regency Road, Enfield from 2.00 to 4.00pm. This will be our Auction Day so please come along and bring a little something for the Auction Table. Also please raid the



'Piggy Bank' to purchase any of the 'treasures' that may be available. This is a way we can help raise a few funds to support our club as well as being a fun day. Please come along everyone is welcome.

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SEPTEMBER DAY GROUP

What a fun day we had at our September Meeting. We welcomed 22 members and 3 guests. David Harmer gave us a very comprehensive talk on the Genus *Bulbophyllum*. He advised that this genus is the largest of the orchidaceous families having over 1800 species. The different shapes and colours were amazing as were the different growth habits. David advised that a lot of these beautiful plants are tropical growers but a lot of them can be grown here in our climate; Thank you David for a very interesting program.

Our Door Prize segment was very entertaining as so many members brought in gifts that there was a 'prize for every player' so to speak. Thank you to everyone who gave these gifts, it is really appreciated. Despite the Royal Show being on at the present time, we still had a lovely lot of plants benched and Reg Shooter gave us his usual excellent commentary.

After the meeting closed everyone enjoyed viewing the plants and a 'cuppa' together with some good fellowship.

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An Amendment: Last month I inadvertently wrote that Maureen & Graeme Hazledine water their Epidendrums every 10 to 14 days – this should have been fertilizing every 10 to 14 days so if you are following this regime. Will you please take note and I apologize for the error.

It was lovely to see some of our country members at the Royal Show especially Sandra McCullum from Tumbay Bay. Hi Sandra, hope you managed to get all your orchid purchases home safely on the plane.

Pat Harmer
Day Group Coordinator

CULTURAL OBSERVATIONS FOR OCTOBER



The members of the Club need to be congratulated for the magnificent display of flowers at this years Spring Show. The quality of the flowers and presentation of the plants was exceptional. It has been a strange year with many genera that would normally be in flower still to come and others that have flowered earlier than normal.

Don't forget to water those plants that you bring from the Show with molasses to give them a boost. The unusual atmosphere there does stress many plants so use the mix of a tablespoon of molasses mixed in a cup of hot water and then add this to about 9 litres of water and then give your plants a thorough drenching.

The continuous spring rains are really good for the garden but it also is great for those slugs and snails with their trails all over the garden and entering your growing area so keep up the attack on these with your favourite bait. The lettuce leaves are still a great way to harvest them and also helps to keep them away from your plants.

The 'cotton wool barriers' keep them away from your flower buds.

You may also have 'garlic snails, residing in your pots a watering with Bayer Slug Snail & Bird Repellent™ will eliminate these or the same chemical as this is in the product Mesuro™ which is a wettable powder but is rather expensive.

Regular watering with a good sanitizer will help to eliminate all those other 'gremlins' residing in your pots such as Fungus Gnats and their maggots although very small they chew your new root tips. Sanitizer also aids in reducing and eliminating other Bacteria, Virus Pathogens and Fungi.

As your flowers deteriorate use a fresh sanitized cutting tool for every cut when removing flower stems and don't forget to treat the cut with Steri-Prune™, Mancozeb™ or similar to reduce the chance of rot entering the bulbs.

Zygopetalums usually produce a flower stem the same time as the new growth so when the flowers have reached their use by date you can replot at this time. The new lead is producing new roots so this is a good time to catch up with this chore.

Soft Cane Dendrobiums are now in bud and are dragging the chain because of the cold overcast weather but still continue to turn these facing to the north to get as much light as possible on the canes. Mealy Bug is always about as it breeds in its cycles so continue with regular applications of Confidor™ to control them. As the weather warms and sunny days approach keep an eye out for Butterfly's flitting about because in a matter of a few days you will have caterpillars green and furry ones chewing away on all new delicious growths.

There are still many Paphiopedilums, Cattleyas and others still flowering so staking those flowers for the best presentation still needs to be done. Because of the cold nights with 100% humidity *botrytis* is a pest which will spot your flowers so you will need to

spray with fungicide or bring your plant inside to avoid this problem. The old enemy scale is always about the place so keep up the battle with this pest.

It appears our jobs are never done but if you want to have Show winners then you will need to keep up with these chores. If you keep up the work you will be rewarded with good plants and excellent flowers.

David & Pat Harmer



“SOCIALISING WITH SARCS”



Your Committee has decided to continue with the same format for the “Socialising with Sarcs” evening so that we can all see and admire the beauty of the *Sarcochilus* genus in their peak flowering season, along with a fun night, with three or four small raffles during the evening. Neville Roper from New South Wales will speak during the evening and give a power-point presentation of where he is headed with the genus *Sarcochilus*. I have personally seen this presentation and I would suggest that this is a “must see” and hear presentation, if you don’t come for the dinner try and make it for the guest speaker.

The Committee has chosen a new caterer, with a menu as follows:

Cold Serve with a choice of two meats (chicken &/or ham) bread and butter,
a choice of four salads,

&

a choice of two sweets.

Disposable Plates, but **real** Cutlery Knives, Forks, and Spoons & Serviettes (white).

WHEN: Saturday October 30th Dinner to be served at 6.30pm.

WHERE: Enfield Community Centre 540 Regency Road Enfield, BYO refreshments.

COST: \$20.00 each, payment in full to the Treasurer at the October Meeting; please or ring the Secretary on 83574484.

SOME: assistance with setting up the hall from 4.30pm would be welcome Thank you.

This is the Committees way to say thank you to the members for the loyalty shown over the past year. This night is to be a permanent fixture in the Club’s Calender.

Members: see page 20 for the Show Schedule.

Note that the Judges Choice on the night will be eligible for either the Reg Shooter/Ira Butler (*hybrid*) or Les Nesbitt/Bill Murdoch (*species*) nomination.

Classified Ads

If you have anything to sell, buy or swap

(Excluding plants - put these on the trading table)

Let me know and I’ll see if I can fit it in (space permitting)

A REVIEW OF OUR SPRING SHOW

As part of the Royal Adelaide Show 2010, readers can understand that a lot of thinking and planning continues to go on for these events, even though we have, ‘been there’ now for 27 years. In this time we have utilized 6 different halls and pavilions at the showground.



Receiving Sale Plants,
Saturday 28/08/10

This year most of the issues associated with orchid displays, were well in hand.

Always the unknown is what area do we need for displays? How many orchids are we likely to receive? (The weather has not been great and I know that growers had orchids they had to leave at home as the flowers had not yet come out in time.)



Just prior to judging,
Thursday 1/09/10

The Jenny Gillies show again held centre stage in the planning and we know that it drew thousands of people to the Goyder Pavilion.

The sale plants came in on Saturday from 9.00am to 1.00 pm and the organization went well.

Most orchid displays were in place by 4.00pm on Wednesday and registrations for the judging of plants were well ahead of schedule.

President Murray introducing Richard Fishlock to officially open the Spring Show



This year we were able to have the judges in the pavilion by 7.30am and with such good organization, the whole judging system was completed a couple of hours early.

We are fortunate to have the mezzanine available for our official opening and I was pleased with the number of members who attended. Also pleasing was that we did not have the Jenny Gillies music affecting our ceremony.

Special recognition was given by Richard Fishlock, who opened this year's Show and presented trophies and sashes.

- Trevor Camac, as our new Show Marshal did an excellent job.
- Ron Yates and his team of judges, for a job well done.
- Participating orchid clubs:

Murray Bridge & Districts, Gawler Districts, Northern & Eastern Districts and OCSA.

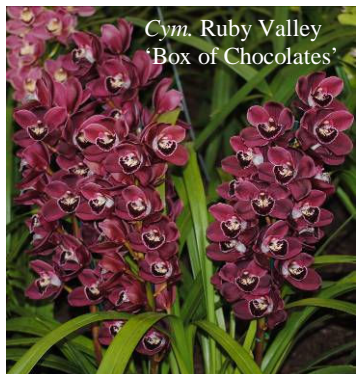
- Kel Staples who celebrated 50 years of putting in an orchid display with us.
- Pat & Dave Harmer who after so many years, had won their first ever Grand Champion at the Spring Show.

Some of the Spring Show Champion results include:

Grand Champion: *Paph. malipoense* 'Dee Pee' owned by Pat and Dave Harmer.

This was a first flowering seedling with one large quality green coloured flower on an upright spike, which displayed a very large pouch. This plant also won **Champion Open Division, Species and Seedling**. It was also judged for and received an OCSA Award.

Australian Native: *Den.* Avril's Gold 'Jilly' No.1. was owned by Reg & Gill Shooter and displayed 6 racemes with many gold coloured flowers with a maroon marking on the lip.



Cymbidium over 90mm: *Cym.* Dorothea Paige 'Red Beret', owned by Graham Hein, produced a strong upright spike, with 11 large pink flowers of good shape.

Cymbidium 60 – 90mm: *Cym.* Ruby Valley 'Box of Chocolates' was owned by Pam & Elmore Leske there were 4 upright racemes with 16 quality red flowers, all well displayed. This Orchid receives the Advertiser Tray for best *Cymbidium*.

Cymbidium under 60mm: *Cym.* Fairy Rouge 'Lavender Falls', presented many decorative cultured racemes, with small pink flowers and attractive lip. It was owned by Graeme & Maureen Hazledine and was also **Champion Specimen**.

Dendrobium: *Den.* Adastras was a hybrid owned by Ted and Marjorie Chance. We saw 5 very long decoratively cultured racemes with many mauve flowers, so long that it needed a tall platform to stand on.

Laeliinae: *Gsl.* Adelaide Ablaze 'Zoe' with 2 upright racemes with many vivid dark orange flowers and a distinctive red lip was owned by Edda Viskic & Russell Job.

Oncidiinae: Clyde & Cynthia Dally owned *Colm.* Massi 'Splash' with its 9 dark flowers and a mauve coloured lip. This plant was also **Champion of First Division**.

Vandae: *Srts.* Bravehart had a decorative raceme with 9 flowers. Due to its breeding we saw very large white flowers with mauve coloured splashes and owned by Graeme & Maureen Hazledine.



Zygopetalum: *Zga.* Adelaide Meadows 'Metro' owned by Clyde and Cynthia Dally produced 2 racemes with 6 green coloured flowers with a distinctive mauve marking on a white lip. The flowers were of good size and shape.



Other Genera: *Srps. lingua* was in a rectangular tub full of well grown plants with 3 light green flowers per raceme, proudly owned by John & Bev Gay.

Champion Second Division: was won by Barbara & John Hall who have outstanding culture with all of their Paphiopedilums. Their *Paphiopedilum* Uncas 'Cymbil No. 1' had a large standard form flower displayed well above the foliage. It had excellent shape and

distinctive colour markings on the dorsal sepal.

In conclusion again, congratulations go to all those involved.

RA&HS Management asked me to pass on to the membership their appreciation for an outstanding display.

The many members of the Public, who visited the Royal Show, also were impressed.

Now we look forward to 2011 and I wish you all the best for the future.

Report prepared by *Richard Fishlock*
RA&HS Delegate

SPRING SHOW CHAMPIONS 2010

GRAND CHAMPION

Paph. malipoense 'Dee Pee' David & Pat Harmer

CHAMPION OPEN DIVISION

Paph. malipoense 'Dee Pee' David & Pat Harmer

CHAMPION FIRST DIVISION

Colm. Massi 'Splash' Clyde & Cynthia Dally

CHAMPION SECOND DIVISION

Paph. Uncas 'Cymbil No. 1' John & Barbara Hall

BEST CYMBIDIUM - Advertiser Tray

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

BEST DENDROBIUM - Hills Family Trophy

Den. Adastra Ted & Marjorie Chance

BEST LAELIINAE - Frank De Rose Memorial Trophy

Gsl. [Lc.] Adelaide Ablaze 'Zoe' Russell Job & Edda Viskic

BEST SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUM - Max Clayton Memorial Trophy

Paph. malipoense 'Dee Pee' David & Pat Harmer

CHAMPION AUSTRALIAN NATIVE

Den. Avril's Gold 'Jilly No.1' Reg & Gill Shooter

CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM OVER 90mm

Cym. Dorothea Paige 'Red Beret' Graham Hein

CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM 60 - 90mm

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

CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM UNDER 60mm

Cym. Fairy Rouge 'Lavender Falls' Graeme & Maureen Hazledine

CHAMPION DENDROBIUM (Other than Aust. Native)

Den. Adastra Ted & Marjorie Chance

CHAMPION LAELIINAE

Gsl. [Lc.] Adelaide Ablaze 'Zoe' Russell Job & Edda Viskic

CHAMPION PAPHIOPEDILUM

Paph. malipoense 'Dee Pee' David & Pat Harmer

CHAMPION VANDEAE

Srts. Bravehart Graeme & Maureen Hazledine

CHAMPION ONCIDIINAE

Colm. Massi 'Splash' Clyde & Cynthia Dally

CHAMPION ZYGOPETALUM

Zga. Adelaide Meadows 'Metro' Clyde & Cynthia Dally

CHAMPION OTHER GENERA - not listed elsewhere

Srps. lingua John & Bev Gay

CHAMPION SPECIES

Paph. malipoense 'Dee Pee' David & Pat Harmer

CHAMPION SEEDLING

Paph. malipoense 'Dee Pee' David & Pat Harmer

CHAMPION SPECIMEN

Cym. Fairy Rouge 'Lavender Falls' Graeme & Maureen Hazledine

Ira Butler Trophy Nomination - Hybrid

Den. Avril's Gold 'Jilly No. 1' Reg & Gill Shooter

Bill Murdoch Trophy Nomination - Species

Cbs. diemenicus Nesbitt Orchids

Roy Hargreaves' Memorial Sash

Cbs. diemenicus Nesbitt Orchids

Champion Associated Clubs Orchid (any Genus)

Cym. Sleeping Sharon 'Carolyn' Andrew Koch (*Gawler Club*)

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"SOCIALISINGS WITH SARCS" SHOW SCHEDULE

Put In: Will be from 5.30pm Saturday 30/10/10.

The plants will be benched under the following categories:

Sarcochilus fitzgeraldii Species

Sarcochilus hartmannii Species

Sarcochilus – Any other Species

Sarcochilus – Hybrid Red/Pink

Sarcochilus – Hybrid White/Cream

Sarcochilus – Hybrid other colour or combination.

Sarcochilus – Intergeneric any

Sarcochilus – Seedling

Sarcochilus – Specimen

Best *Sarcochilus* in the Show – Judges Choice – Trophy.

Best *Sarcochilus* in the Show – Popular Vote – Trophy.

This will be an OPEN Show with Judging in the above Sections and a Best overall plant selected as the *Judges Choice*. The Judges Choice will also be eligible for either the Reg Shooter/Ira Butler (hybrid) or Les Nesbitt/Bill Murdoch (species) Nomination.

All plants will be numbered and those present can select the plant by number and place it in the 'Ballot Box'. The plant gaining the most votes will be declared the Best overall *Popular Vote* (the chance for the members to show the Judges what they know). Both plants will receive a suitably engraved Trophy.

Ron Yates
Registrar of Judges

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Next Meeting

**Enfield Community Centre,
540 Regency Road, Enfield**

7th October 8:00pm

2010 PROGRAM

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
7 th October	Clive Halls	Growing <i>Masdevallia</i> in Difficult Conditions
4 th November	Reg Shooter's Team	Club Auction
2 nd December	Les Nesbitt	Terrestrial Orchids

DAY GROUP MEETINGS

Enfield Community Centre,

540 Regency Road, Enfield

(Bus Stop 119 Bus No 100 Circle Line)

8th October 2:00pm to 4:00pm

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
8 th October	Reg Shooter's Team	Club Auction
12 th November	Graham Zerbe	Late Flowering Cymms
3 rd December	Christmas Breakup	Partying

DIARY DATES FOR THE 2010 SEASON

30th October "Socialising with Sarc's" Enfield Community Centre

DIARY DATES FOR THE 2011 SEASON

15th – 17th April Festival of Flowers Enfield Community Centre

8th – 10th July Winter Show Enfield Community Centre

2nd – 10th September Spring Show – Adelaide Showground

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A good many orchid growers think they are improving their culture when they are actually just rearranging their bad habits.

Orchid wise by Roger Rankin