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Pauline Hockey gave the feature talk last meeting, demonstrating the de-flasking and potting seedling cattleyas into community pots.

June meeting is on 21st June at our hall at Long St, Plympton ---access available from 7.30 pm.

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LIFE MEMBERS

1970	Spiro Drikas*	2005	Alan Davies, Iris Davies
1975	Elva Shawyer*, Gordon Shawyer*	2013	Margaret Jacob
	Edith Halliday*, Mervyn Green*	2014	Brian Brand, Shirley Brand
1976	Trevor Jacob	2018	Lesley Gunn, Robert Gunn
1977	Jack Moore*, Harold Luckhurst*, Ken Wynes*		Don Higgs, Jane Higgs Jill Taylor*
1986	Kelvin Staples*, Stan Johnston*	2021	Dr. Tony Bourne
1992	Peter Speer*, Deane Johnston, Frank Neighbour*, Nancy Neighbour*	2022	Pauline Simcock, Garry Simcock
1996	Kevin Gurney, Noel Oliver*		

*Denotes deceased member

Researched K.Gurney. .

2023 PROGRAMME Wednesday June 21st 2023.

Andrew Bird is home from Latrobe University this month. He will tell us of his last 12 months studies for an Honors Degree .in Conservation Biology .An interesting meeting is assured,

Photos from the recent successful June Orchid Fair will be shown.

Birthdays for June . 2023

Best wishes to these members, who are celebrating birthdays this month..

Brian Brand, John Carman, Vanda Rounsefell, Andrew Bird, Jim Cuming.

Next Committee Meeting: Monday June 26th 2023 at Findon.

Next Judges Meeting to be advised At Findon Uniting..hall

Next SA Regional Judging Panel Meeting As advised for 2023 by Reg. Judging Pane.l

Orchid Judging Systems Around the World. T. Jacob.

These notes are from the preamble to articles from acknowledged international leaders on the Judging systems used worldwide, and which were published in 'Modern Orchid Growing' produced by the Orchid Club of SA for the 1986 Australian Orchid Conference held in Adelaide.

Articles featured Mr John Miller of California on the American Orchid Society Judging System, a Points based system, the British Royal Horticultural Society System based on Appreciation by Mr Ray Bilton, from McBean's Orchids, a New Zealander's Perspective on Judging by Mr. Andy Easton, then of Rotorua, New Zealand, and Observations of Australian Orchid judging by Mr Geoff . Browning, of Peninsula Orchids in Melbourne.

The two Systems, Points vs. Appreciation have evolved since then, but the Principles still apply. The Australian system introduced by the Aust Orchid Council in the early 1960's was originally Points based, but breeding advances in intergeneric crossings resulted in an Appreciation system being adopted here, which requires judges to recognise the characteristics of more widely divergent genera and species used in crossings nowadays, and adjudicate the worth of the many new introductions. Thank goodness for the internet in providing the information we now have available to research the more recent crossings and newly introduced species.

This is what I wrote then. ---

To the great consternation of conservative botanists, Mr John Dominy, head gardener for Messrs. Veitch in England, in 1856 flowered the first orchid hybrid, *Calanthe Dominyi*. The race had begun.

New and more desirable forms of species and hybrids became available and so began that process of perception and judgement which today has evolved and been incorporated into our national judging system.

Firstly, the '**Appreciation System**', which requires judges to have an expert knowledge of the background species and hybrid development of the types of orchids being judged.

Secondly, the '**Points System**', in which percentage points are allocated to certain specific attributes of the plant, such as shape, colour, size, etc.

Each system has its relative strengths, and it matters little which system of evaluation is used, provided that fair and equal consideration is given to the blooms being judged.

The ever diverging pathways which hybridisers are now following make it imperative for judges to be able to work within a framework of rules which can reward desirable new crossings and forms. This recognition should not be confined to the 'traditional' genera, but must extend to recognising and evaluating distinctive new forms and worthwhile breeding trends.

In a future article , I propose to tell of judging in SA in the early 1960's, and how it affected the beginning of our Society in 1966.

PRESIDENT'S Report

Hello once again, members.

Although I was unable to attend last month, my thoughts were with you. Alan Davies ably chaired the meeting. Thank you, Alan.

We heard with great sadness of the passing of Judith Gardner, Margaret Jacob's sister, following illness, and will remember fondly her cheery smile and welcome at the raffle table each meeting. Our condolences are extended to Margaret and Trevor, and their families.

I was away last month, and missed out on Pauline's birthday cake which she shared with members, marking her significant birthday. Congratulations, Pauline..

The recent Orchid Fair was a resounding success, and I thank all our wonderful members who helped with the running of the kitchen, and all from the other member Clubs who worked to make such a wonderful display we all enjoyed in such a lovely, cooperative manner. Thank you all. It made a wonderful atmosphere, and of course, our congratulations to everyone who brought in their lovely blooms and staged them so successfully.

A number of visitors voiced their delight on the quality, variety and numbers of orchids which were displayed, and indicated they would return with friends next time.

Andrew Bird will feature in this month's meeting, telling us what he has been doing at Latrobe University last year for his Honors degree in his field of Conservation Biology. It will be great to have him back, even if only for a short time.

We hope to see many of you at the June meeting.

With my very best wishes.

Diana Bird.

CHEERIOS.

We have heard Kevin Western is making good progress in hospital, and we look forward to his speedy recovery to good health and to his return home

Lucy Spear is now home again with Geoff and that will be a very good thing. Our very best wishes to you both.

Phil. Steer is at home again, and we all send Phil our best wishes, too.

.SA ORCHID FAIR

The King's Birthday weekend show proved very successful this year, with a spirit of cooperation and goodwill evident from the

smiles on faces of the participants and visitors alike. The layout was improved with the benefit of experience this year, and the clubs did themselves proud with the quality of flowers and displays. Thank you to all who helped. Our Society's efforts in managing the kitchen were again evident, right from the Judges' dinner Friday evening, through the cheerful management of the kitchen over the weekend.



Congratulations to all who made it such a success, not forgetting the judges, and recorders efforts late into Friday night, and those who helped pack up at the end of the show. Well done, everyone.

VALE.

We sadly advise members of the passing of our long time friend and member, Judith Gardner, on 21st May 2023.

For as long as Judith was able, she was a willing worker at Society functions, assisting in the kitchen, and generally helping. Judith was

good fun to work with – she was a true ambassador for orchid growing in this State.

Judith was one of those people who had a welcoming smile for all. She had spent most of the past six months in and out of hospital; prior to the deterioration of her health, she was active in the community, and was a member of a number of organisations.

To Margaret & Trevor, and to Judith's family, we extend our sympathy.

Rest in peace, Judith; your work is complete.

Pauline Simcock.

Thank you, Pauline *Ed.*

LAST MEETING --

Pauline Hockey demonstrated the de-flasking and planting out of a number of sturdy cattleya seedlings which she expertly removed from the glass flask. She explained their treatment, and they obviously thrive in her environment, as I saw the results in the way her plants are growing at her nursery when I accompanied Garry Simcock to collect some plants recently. Her sarcochilus were particularly sturdy, happily thriving at ground level in her shadehouses.

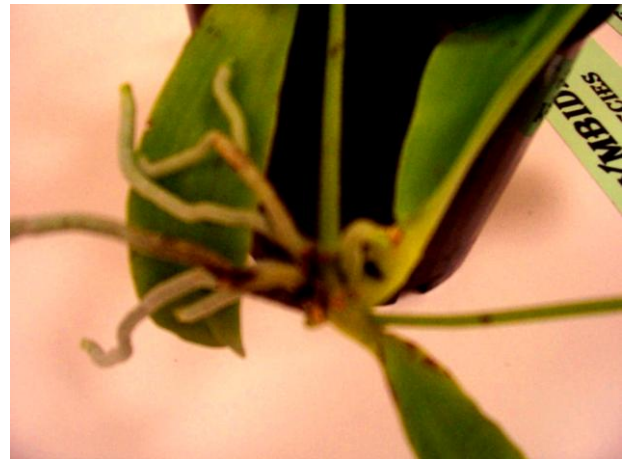
Trevor Jacob also spoke of the early days of judging (1960's) when a Points system was in use different to the AOC system eventually adopted here in South Australia.. We even had a category for Export type cymbidiums, when exporting to USA and Japan was rapidly expanding.

LAST MONTH'S PLANTS.

.Open Division Plant of the evening was J Seidel's well grown *Potinara* Little Magician x C Lulu



John has adopted a strategy to allow this plant to grow undisturbed by potting the plant into a larger container without disturbing the roots. This has allowed the newer growths to develop unhindered, producing a really strong couple of forward growths.



The above two pictures are of the diminutive yellow species *Phal. fasciata*, showing its habit of forming adventitious growths on growth eyes along the flower stem.

John Seidel must be enjoying watch his paphiopedilums flower this season. He has had some *Paph charlesworthii* hybrids flowering with two seedlings tabled last meeting and another lovely albino coloured flowering of *Paph charlesworthii* as well.



Two seedlings of the cross Paph Spicy Henry
x *Paph. charlesworthii*.



The albino form is particularly attractive, with lovely, clear coloured segments.

Colours do not always come true from photos produced from digital cameras. This photo of Pauline Hockey's *Potinara* Susan Fender came out looking like a colour rendition from one of the old classic books produced many years ago. The varietal name "Cinnamon Stick" is very apt.



This next lavender hybrid from Sarka Laznicka was growing well with blooms which to me seemed a sturdier form of the easily flowered *Ctt. Meadii*. And I think it may have another orchid in the

breeding. If it continues to grow and flower as easily as my *Ctt Meadii* does, it will be a good one to keep.



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Sarka grows her plants, not just orchids, very well and we are sure to see it again as the plant grows larger.

PHOTOS FROM THE 2023 ORCHID FAIR.

Thank you to Diana Bird and Margaret Jacob who gave me photos from the Fair, and to Pauline Simcock who loaned me her camera to take more shots.



Champion Cymbidium in the Show was in the Cym. Club display, a creditable effort seeing it is very early in the cym. season.

Do try to attend their shows, when their best blooms are on display. Cym Club judges were invited to judge all cym. in the Fair this year..



Cym Club display.



Right side



Hardworking kitchen hands.



South Coast O.C. display



Panoramic view our display



Left side



CHAMPION ORCHID
(in S.C. display) approx. 7 ft.tall, 21 spikes av
23 blooms each

COMP. RESULTS May 2023

STANDARD LAELIINAE Over 80mm

Open Div

1st *Pot.* Susan Fender 'Cinnamon Stick'
Pauline Hockey

First Div

1st *R/c* Island Charm x Midnight Delight
J & D Cassar & R Huddleston

NON STANDARD LAELIINAE

Open Div

1st *Pot* Little Magician x C Lulu J Seidel

STANDARD CLUSTER LAELIINAE

First Div

1st C Porcia 'Cannizaro' J & D Cassar
& R Huddleston

NON STANDARD CLUSTER LAELIINAE

First Div

1st *Epi* Pacific Classic J & D Cassar
& R Huddleston

Second Div

1st *Ctt* Meadii hybrid S Laznicka

NON STANDARD shape PAPHS.

Open Div.

1st *Paph* Spicy Henry x *charlesworthii* 3
J Seidel
2nd *Paph* Spicy Henry x *charlesworthii* 2
J Seidel

SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUM

Open Div

1st *Paph* *gratrixianum* J Seidel
2nd *Paph* *gratrixianum* J Seidel
3rd *Paph* *charlesworthii* 'var Alba' J Seidel

AUST. NATIVE EPIPHYTE HYBRID

First Div

1st *Den* Aussie Parade x Stoney Point
P Haltis

AUST NATIVE TERRESTRIAL SPECIES

Open Div

1st *Corybas hispidus* J & D Higgs
2nd *Ptst laxa* J & D Higgs

ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS

First Div

1st *Onc* Aka Baby J & D Cassar &
R Huddleston

OTHER GENERA SPECIES

Open Div

1st *Phal fasciata* D & J Higgs

First Div

1st *Sngl fimbriata* P & H Haltis
2nd *Sngl longifolia* J & D Cassar
& R Huddleston

ZYGOPETALINAE HYBRIDS

Open Div

1st *Npp* Beverley Road x Z Conways Choice
J Seidel
2nd *Zga* Denpasar x Kings Road J Seidel

First Div

1st Z Port Vincent x Kiwi Choice P & H Haltis
2nd *Npp* Beverley Road x Z Conways Choice
P & H Haltis

SEEDLINGS

Open Div

1st *Paph* Spicy Henry x *charlesworthii* 3
J Seidel
2nd *Paph* *charlesworthii* 'var Alba' J Seidel

3rd *Paph* Spicy Henry x *charlesworthii* 2
J Seidel

First Div

1st *Den* Aussie Parade x Stoney Point
P Haltis

2nd Z Port Vincent x Kiwi Choice P & H Haltis

POPULAR VOTE

Open Div

1st *Paph* *gratrixianum* J Seidel
2nd *Pot* Little Magician x c Lulu J Seidel

First Div..

1st C Porcia Cannizaro J & D Cassar
& R Huddleston
2nd *Sngl longifolia* P & H Haltis

Second Div

1st *Ctt* Meadii hybrid S Laznicka.

BEST ORCHID IN DIVISION

Open Division

***Pot* Little Magician x
C Lulu
John Seidel**

First Division

Sngl longifolia

P & H Haltis

Second Division

Ctt . Meadii hybrid

S Laznicka.

REGISTRAR'S CHOICE

Sngl longifolia

P & H Haltis



This specimen size South African terrestrial plant grown by Peter Haltis had 13 spikes of flowers in bloom.



The high quality *Cattleanthe* Porcia 'Cannizaro' is a sought after bifoliate hybrid. grown here by Joe Cassar.

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