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Photo Diana. Bird

Spring Show display

October's meeting is on **Wednesday 15th October**

November's meeting is on **Wednesday 19th November**

In the Plympton CommunityCentre, Long St., Plympton, at 8pm.

Hall opens for set-up from 7.30pm

Carpark and entry is from the rear.

At the above address

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*Denotes deceased member

Researched K. Gurney..

GUEST SPEAKER

October's Guest Speaker:- Discussion on Sarcocylus and other topics as required
Volunteers for kitchen duties this month are Diana Bird and Janice Whibley.

November's Guest Speakers:- Potting & Mounting Orchids;

Volunteers for kitchen duties this month are Sarka Laznicka and Janice Whibley
Happy Birthday to these members, who are celebrating their birthdays this and next month.

Birthdays for October 2025

Vicky Cooper, Helen Haltis, Kevin Gurney, Alan Jeffries, Anne Steer,
Barbara Thompson, Kevin Trevan.

Birthdays for November 2025

Don Higgs, Raymond Huddleston, M. Vassallo
Congratulations.

Next Committee Meeting: *Monday 20 th October at Western Link Church Findon.*
Next Judges Meeting | *To be advised by Registrar*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello members it was good to see so many orchids benched at our September meeting.

Congratulations to the winners and I encourage you all to bring your plants to our October meeting. Don't forget our October meeting is our normal display as well as our *Sarcochilus* night.

Our Orchid opportunities day was held last Saturday 11th of October at the Western Link Uniting Church Hall. We had five members who put plants on the sales tables but unfortunately the day clashed with the Festival of Flowers, this contributed to the lack of public attending our Show, very disappointing.

Our November meeting is our A.G.M. where all committee positions become vacant so have a think of who you can nominate. I urge everyone to nominate to join the committee or nominate a suitable member, the club cannot run without a committee. Nomination slips will be available at the October meeting.

Nominations close at 4.00pm.

Cheers

Joe Cassar, President

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subs for 2025 are now well overdue. As Treasurer, I am more than happy to take your payment in cash, by credit card or by direct deposit.

If making a payment by direct deposit, please remember to give your name.

Our bank details are:

The South Australian

Orchidaceous Society Inc.,

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WANTED

Editor for this newsletter.

Please see Diana Bird if interested.

NO Editor, NO newsletter.

Thanks John for sending the photos of the winning blooms.

My apology, I just could not copy and paste them. Maybe the new editor can include them in the next issue

SHOW DATES

South Australian Orchid Fair on the King's Birthday Weekend Friday 5th June 9am setup, Sat 6th June 9am to 4pm, and Sunday 7th June 10am to 3pm open to public at the Campbelltown Council Function Centre, 172 Montacute Road, as in previous years.

This interclub exhibition will be followed by our **WINTER SHOW** at Crittenden Rd, Findon Friday 31st July setup from 4pm followed by judging, then Sat. 1st August 9am to 4pm and Sunday 2nd August 12noon to 4pm. open to public.

Then we have our **Spring Show**, also at Crittenden Rd Findon Friday 28th August put in displays from 4pm followed by judging, then Saturday 29th August 9am to 4pm and Sunday 30th August from 12noon to 4pm open to public.

Our **Plant Sales Day** is scheduled for Saturday 10th October at the Crittenden Rd Findon Church hall from 8am setup for your sales items, Open to public 9.30am until 4pm. You can sell all sorts of plants, pots, potting mix etc

LAST MONTH'S PLANTS.

We have some very good growers of the cattleya a type orchids which have long, skinny canes which are topped by clumpy leaves which grow in pairs (bi-foliate growth habit). You can grow these with confidence outside in lightly shaded conditions from Spring through Summer and in late Autumn.



This one is called *Ctt Meadii* and again grows well if given light and air in warmer months. It has been a good flowering season for the South American Zygopetalums and their more colourful variants introduced by breeding with types which allow a wide range of colours to come through, although the purple lipped types with green and brown blooms are dramatic in their own right. Blues and purples are not comm on colours with many orchids, and those which do show the set ones are in high demand when shown locally.

Orchid Culture Notes for October

With the shows almost over, we return back to our orchid enclosures and commence one of the most important periods in the orchid calendar. It is called maintenance and whether we like it or not, it is an important factor in the upkeep of our collections. Repotting, potting on, dividing and feeding marks what I call the busiest time of the year. After flowering many of our plants commence a new season growth. This growth can be retarded somewhat if the flowers are left on too long, especially with orchids that hold their flowers for a long time. So, the decision is do we cut them off after displays etc? This is a personal choice. Some will say in nature they don't get cut off. True. But how many grow here and how many are so far removed from their original parentage that they don't know what they are anymore. My preference is that short lived flowers such as the natives stay on until they drop but those that stay on longer such as the Cymbidiums get about four weeks before I cut them and bring them inside. Other even longer lasting orchids like the Paphiopedilums seem to do okay regardless of how long they stay in flower. Only experience with your orchid in your environment will answer this question correctly. Other factors to consider are the size of your plants. A large and well grown plant can support large or multiple racemes but what of a small first flowering seedling or a plant stressed from the previous year division, flowering in a last effort to reproduce and survive. It is best to remove these flower spikes early rather than subject the plant to too much added stress. Some Oncidium seedlings come to mind here, literally flowering them-selves to

death as a first flowering plant. What about those plants stressed after being in a shopping centre or the show for days on end. I find it best to give these plants a rest and remove the inflorescences. Again, I stress, this is my personal choice and it is up to the in-dividual to do what they wish with their plants. Native Dendrobiums should have flowers cut once they start to droop and lose sub-stance. Spent flowers that drop onto leaves and new growths etc soon go mouldy and attract fungal problems. One little insect bite or a damaged leaf will provide the perfect entry point for fungus and in the warmth and moisture of October this spreads rapidly. Now is also a good time to pot on and divide native dendrobiums as they commence new growth and re-establish quickly. Look for the commencement of new root growth with the new canes. Don't over pot natives and allow enough for two years growth. This is a good rule of thumb. Always inspect the roots to see how your culture has been. The pots should have roots growing round and round the inside edge of the pot. They should be white and firm with many growing tips. The centre of the plant has fewer roots and most of these will be previous roots, brown and dead looking. If your roots are sparse all through the mix or rot-ted then you have a cultural problem. There could be many reasons for this. Too much water, the mix has broken down and become acidic, over fertilising or feeding when the plant is dormant or the plant being cold and wet when it should be cold and dry. This applies especially to the hot/colds. For the newer growers, a hot/cold Dendrobium is a hybrid where a cool grower such as Den.

speciosum is crossed with a warmer grower such as Den. bigibbum. It gives you a plant that often flowers earlier or later than most natives. The flowers last longer are usually larger and more colourful than the cooler growers. These are rapidly gaining in popularity. Treat them the same as the normal cool growers during the growing season but keep a little drier in winter and provide them with more light by hanging them above the collection.

Zygopetalums should just about be finished flowering now and large plants can be split. As with most orchids it pays to keep your divisions to a good size of three or four growths as a minimum to ensure flowering next season. Keep an eye out for the Spring looper caterpillars under the leaves from now. They are fond of the soft new leaves of your Zygos and one or two loopers will make a mess of new growths overnight. Spray with Mancozeb every two months to keep fungal problems to a minimum. Keep water and fertiliser out of the new growths. With fungal problems rife in October your Zygopetalum will be the first to lose growths through rot. At worst it will keep 2 or 3 leaves and will be severely set back, so much so, it may not even produce a worthwhile back bulb, let alone anything strong enough to support a strong growth next year with a flower spike.

Native terrestrials start to look a little sick from now as they begin to yellow and enter summer dormancy. Reduce the watering as they enter dormancy.

New growths on the Cattleyas and Oncidiums start to move now and many will show new roots starting to appear. This tells you they are becoming more receptive to feeding and watering. Aquasol, Thrive and

any feed with a high nitrogen component will suffice at this time. With the new roots forming tells you it is also a good time to divide and repot these two genera. The new roots continue to grow to support the division, often with very little set back. Do this at the wrong time and watch your plant wither and struggle.

If you decide to break up an Oncidium or Cattleya/Laeliinae do this before the roots get too long and are easily broken. Secondly if they grow long they become accustomed to an aerial existence and will rot off when placed into the damp confines of a potting mix. Make sure your division is securely positioned in the pot until it establishes.

Sarcochilus will rapidly be showing their flower spikes now as well and it won't be long before we see plenty of flowers. These are one orchid that likes a very weak fertiliser as the roots are highly sensitive. If you see them lose their green tips shortly after a feed then that's the sign that says oops...too strong or I have some micro slugs in the mix. Don't worry, they'll find your flowers sooner or later if you don't bait them now! Keep them moist also as they do not have any pseudobulbs to fall back upon in times of dryness.

Rainwater is best if you can provide it and look at increasing the shade levels as well as the sun's intensity rapidly increases this month.

For those that fancy growing orchids on mounts, spring is a good time to start them off as they readily establish when new roots become evident. A good lesson here is to observe the roots. If they touch the mount and die or brown off then they are saying that host is unsuitable. Orchids are wonderful plants. They tell you when

something is not to their liking. Learn to observe these signs and you are well on your way to mastering them. Overlook them and your plant will struggle and even die. Other chores this month involve moving your plants around as the seasons change. I love moving my plants around as I strive to find the sweet spots in my shade house. I provide high light for those that like it, cool shady spots for those that hate the heat and the harsh Adelaide sun. I observe the changing microclimates and most of all make sure I don't grow the orchid that didn't flower this year in the same spot with the same treatment. Plants hung high should be lowered a little as the sun's intensity increases dramatically this month and temperatures rise. Remember these exposed plants will need water more often. With November nearly on our doorstep we need little reminding that a hot and stressful summer is just around the corner.

Steve Howard

SLAVES DAY

Dividing and repotting cymbidiums , with or without guidance.

The committee has looked at some possible dates and decided on 23 November. As this is a Sunday, some Slaves will be given the opportunity to sleep in, work will begin about 11.00 a.m. If you cannot make it at this time, later arrival is acceptable but you may get to clean up before lunch. Water (rainwater) will be supplied, cold, or hot, with additives, tea, coffee, milk, sugar. You are

welcome to bring anything else you wish to drink.

Gruel does not sound appealing for hard working slaves, nor the cook, so you will have to settle for some form of barbecue. If you wish to bring a plate of something to share, it would be appreciated.

Partners are welcome, if they do not want to learn, they can discuss other topics with other like minded people, or look for kangaroos or koalas.

Wearing of Sunday Best will be a definite disadvantage, but you are encouraged to bring your favourite dividing tools. All other needs will be supplied.

PLAN OF ATTACK

Remove plants from ceramic pots, preferably without destroying the pot (save to sell).

Divide plant and repot, including backbulbs.

Write the number of the plant on each pot with a paint pen.

Have lunch and enjoy yourself until you are ready to leave.

Address, mudmap, directions will be available at the meeting, or contact Garry by Friday night to record your attendance. 0419837761

COMPETITION RESULTS

OPEN DIVISION

CYMBIDIUMS 59mm and Under

1st Cym Vincent Pride
M Willoughby & Oui Ju

LAELIINAE STANDARD 80mm and Over

1st C. Royal Beau 'Dend'
M Willoughby & Oui Ju

LAELIINAE NONSTANDARD

Ctt Tutankamen "Pop" M. Willoughby & Oui Ju

PAPH STANDARD

Paph Hamann Jewell x Millenium Dream
J. Seidel

PAPH NONSTANDARD

Paph Hsinying Leopard x Doya Yo-Beautiful
J. Seidel

Paph Chouvetii 'Van Dyke'
Paph Qvercitran 'Bacon & Eggs'
both from M. Willoughby & Oui Ju

PAPH SPECIES

Paph Malipoense
Paph Villasum
both from M. Willoughby & Oui Ju
Paph Villasum var boxallii J. Seidel

AUST NATIVE EPIPHYTE HYBRID

Den. (Brimbank Gold x Lochiel)
Den Brimbank Cosmic Parade
both from M. Willoughby & Oui Ju
Den Tyabb 'Young Splendour' P. & H. Haltis

AUST NATIVE EPIPHYTE SPECIES

Den speciosum var curvicaule x speciosum
Desert Wind
Den speciosum 'windemere'
both from P. & H. Haltis

SEEDLING (all genera)

Cym Vincent Pride
Den (Brimbank Gold x Lochiel)
Den (New Bold Beauty x Issy Pride)
all from M. Willoughby & Oui Ju

POPULAR VOTE

Paph Chouvetii 'Van Dyke'
M. Willoughby & Oui Ju
Paph Hamann Jewell x Millenium Dream
J. Seidel
Den Tyabb 'Young Splendour' P. & H. Haltis

BEST in DIVISION & REGISTRAR'S CHOICE

Paph Hsinying Leopard x Doya Yo-Beautiful
J. Seidel

FIRST DIVISION

CYMBIDIUMS over 90 mm

Cym Burgundian 'cha teau' Ralph Edwards
Cym unknown J&DCassar

CYMBIDIUMS 60 - 90mm

Cym Heartbreak Doctor 'Lips of Wings'
Sarka Lazniska
Cym unknown Ralph Edwards

LAELIINAE STANDARD under 80mm

C (Precious Jewel x Royal Beau) R. Edwards

PAPH NONSTANDARD

Paph Chouvetii 'van Duke' J. & D. Cassar

AUST NATIVE EPIPHYTE HYBRID

Den Tyabb 'Elle' Sarka Lazniska
Den unknown No1 J. Dunn
Den Gracillinaum A & P Steer

AUST NATIVE EPIPHYTE SPECIES

Den stttrialatum var chrysantha J. Dunn
Den gracillicaule R Edwards
Den speciosum 'Ackland Hill' A & P Steer

AUST NATIVE TERRESTRIAL HYBRID

Ptst Dusky Duke
Ptst Aussie Spirit both from J. Dunn

AUST NATIVE TERRESTRIAL SPECIES

Ptst perdunculata
Ptst curta
Ptst nutans all from J. Dunn

ONCIDIINAE HYBRID

Brsdm Spiderman 'Teflon 2' A & P Steer
Onc. Turinlcb 'Oro'
Onc Gower Ramsey
both from J. & D. Cassar

ZYGOPETALINAE HYBRID (no first)

Zga Happy Bay x Npp Beverley Lou
Sarka Lazniska
Zga (Iron Knob x Pine Road) x Zygonisa
Cynosure J. Dunn

OTHER SPECIES not listed

Max porphystele A & P Steer

SEEDLING (all genera)

Zga (Iron Knob x Pine Road) x Zygonisa
cynosure J. Dunn

POPULAR VOTE

Den Tyabb 'Elle' Sarka Lazniska
Den stttrialatum var chrysantha J. Dunn
Paph Chouvetii 'van Duke' J. & D. Cassar

BEST in DIVISION also REGISTRAR'S CHOICE

Den Tyabb 'Elle' Sarka Lazniska

SECOND DIVISION

CYMBIDIUMS over 90 mm

Cym. Unknown Marlene Henschke

CYMBIDIUMS 60 - 90mm

Cym Volanic Flash 'Tim Tan'
Marlene Henschke

CYMBIDIUMS 59 mm and Under

Cym Mimi
Cym Mary Green 'Rini'
both from M Henschke
Cym New satuary Century Rosie
G.&P.Simcock

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OPEN

CYMBIDIUMS 60 - 90mm

Cym Canned Magic
Cym Tommy Amy -
both from J. & D. Higgs

LAELIINAE NONSTANDARD

Epy Cabeza J. Seidel
Eny Magic Wand M. Willoughby & Oui Ju

PAPH STANDARD

Paph Ronez Point 'West Richmond'
Paph Coca Powbella 'Zodiac'
both from J. Seidel

PAPH NONSTANDARD

Paph Billy Cardalino
Paph Hung Sheng Dream & Hung Sheng
incantation
Paph Cyber Web
all from M. Willoughby & Oui Ju

PAPH SPECIES

Paphprimulinum vav(?) purpurascens

Paphprimulinum

both from M. Willoughby & Oui Ju
Paphvenustum 'Zodiac' J. Seidel

DENDROBIUM (other than Australian Native)

Den Cassiope M. Willoughby & Oui Ju

AUST NATIVE SPECIES TERRESTRIAL

Ptstcurta (2 plants) J. & D. Higgs

AUST NATIVE TERRESTRIAL HYBRID

Divris Earwig J. & D. Higgs

AUST NATIVE SPECIES EPIPHYTE

Den Linguriforme
Den Lichenastrum
both from M. Willoughby & Oui Ju

ONCIDIINAE HYBRID

Ohd Cherry Fudge 'Carmela'
M. Willoughby & Oui Ju

OTHER SPECIES not listed

Serapias neglecta
Serapias vamevacea both from J. & D. Higgs

SEEDING (all genera)

Ene cordigera x Epi robustum
Paph Norito Hasegawa both from J. Seidel
Paph primulinum M. Willoughby & Oui Ju

POPULAR VOTE

Den linguiforme
Den Cassiope
Paph Billy Cardalino
all shown by M. Willoughby & Oui Ju

BEST in DIVISION

Den Cassiope M. Willoughby & Oui Ju

FIRST DIVISION

LAELIINAE CLUSTER

Ctt. Trick or Treat Sarka Lazniska

LAELIINAE SPECIES

C.intermodic var orlatecoorulea
J. & D. Cassar

DENDROBIUM (other than Australian Native)

Den unknown
Den Sea Mary 'Snow King'
both from J. & D Cassar
Den Gattan Monarch 'Grace' Sarka Lazniska

OTHER SPECIES not listed

Den noloile J. & D. Cassar

SEEDING (all genera)

Rth Laura Santora Sarka Lazniska

POPULAR VOTE

Den unknown J. & D Cassar
Den Gattan Monarch 'Grace' Sarka Lazniska
Ctt. Trick or Treat Sarka Lazniska

BEST in DIVISION

Den unknown J. & D Cassar

SECOND DIVISION

CYMBIDIUMS 60 - 90mm

Cym Mini chestnut 'Flame' G & P Simcock

CYMBIDIUMS 59 mm and Under

Cym Wirreanda 'Coconut Ice' Carmel Edwards

PAPH NONSTANDARD

Paph Giant Spice M & M Vasalla

DENDROBIUM (other than Australian Native)

3 X Den Unknown all shown by M & M Vasalla

AUST NATIVE EPIPHYTE HYBRID

Sarco Richard Jost G & P Simcock
Den Delicatum
Den Gracillium Bonsa
both shown by V. Rounsefell

AUST NATIVE EPIPHYTE HYBRID

Den speciosum G & P Simcock
Den langiamm V. Rounsefell

OTHER SPECIES not listed

Mac porphyrostele G & P Simcock

POPULAR VOTE

2 X Den Unknown all shown by M & M Vasalla
Paph Giant Spice M & M Vasalla

BEST in DIVISION

Den Unknown M & M Vasalla

SARCO FEATURE

SARCOCHILUS HYBRIDS

OPEN

ALL SHOWN BY J & D Higgs

Predominantly White/Cream

Sarco (Roberta x Kulnura Glow)

Sarco Bunyip

Predominantly Red/Pink

Sarco [(Sweetheart x Kulnura Fire Dance) x Kurumba]

Sarco (Kulnurc Iridessa x Kulnure Rage)

Any Other Colour

Sarco Jacquiline

Best Overall Sarcanthinae

Sarco [(Sweetheart x Kulnura Fire Dance) x Kurumba]

SECOND DIVISION

Other Sarcanthinae Intergeneric Hybrid and Best overall Sarcanthinae

Sarco Richard Joist G & P Simcock

