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MARCH MEETING

At our March meeting, we will be participating in a deflasking exercise, breaking into small groups to develop our skills. There will be help available. On page 3, there is a series of step by step pictures to help us. This will be an interesting and valuable experience. :) AM



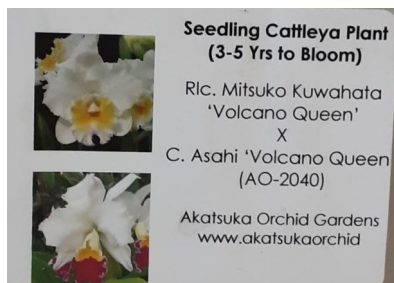
Helpers potting up the baby cattleyas.

February Raffle Winners

G. McConnell 5, L. Bonzer 4, J. Verdino 4, M. Higgins 3, C. Weir 2, L. Phelan 2, B. McIntosh 2, P. Owen 2, P. Callaghan 2, J. Virgo 2, G. Callaghan 1, S. Gallant 1, M. Martin 1 and J. Church 1.

Well done to all who regularly buy tickets.

A big thank you, to those who bring in items for the monthly meeting raffle or auctions.



February's deflasked cattleya.

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FEBRUARY 2020

NEXT MEETING: Monday, 9 th March 2020



This month is a deflasking experience for us all, to participate in.

Should be great fun. :)

CWA Hall 55 Wason Street, Milton NSW

Plants are benched when the area is ready- please fill out your benching cards carefully.

N.S.W. ORCHID SOCIETY MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Last month Liz Cleaver and Tony Groube were honoured with the N.S.W. Orchid Society Meritorious Service Award badge, for their outstanding, continued help to our society, over many, many years. Unfortunately Tony couldn't be with us, but I am hoping to catch up with him soon, to take a picture of him wearing his badge. AM :)



FEBRUARY 2020 BENCHING WINNERS

Open

Cattleya less than 70mm	1st	1	L. & B. Phelan
Native Hybrid	1st	2	G. & P. Callaghan
Native Species	1st	4	L. & B. Phelan
Oncid. Alliance	1st	5	L. & B. Phelan
Oncid. SPECIES	1st	6	L. & B. Phelan
Miscellaneous	1st	8	L. Cleaver & T. Groube
Species	1st	9	B. & L. Phelan



Intermediate

Cattleya less than 70mm	1st	14	J. Church
Cattleya greater than 70mm	1st	15	J. Church
Oncid. Alliance	1st	17	J. Church
Phalaenopsis	1st	18	J. Church



Novice

Miscellaneous	1st	20	M. Martin
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Popular Vote

Open 1st 9 B. & L. Phelan

Intermediate 1st 17 J. Church

Novice 1st 20 M. Martin

Well done to those who benched & the best of luck to everyone with your flowering & benching in 2020 :)



OPEN 9



<- NOVICE 20

INTERMEDIATE 17



GROW COMPETITION RESULTS— FEBRUARY 2020

1st Marie Martin

2nd Don Hogan

3rd N/A

FEBRUARY DEFLASKING DEMONSTRATION

At our February meeting, Bob Harper, our Vice President, deflasked a Hawaiian import - Rlc. Mitsuko Kuwahata 'Volcano Queen' X C. Asahi 'Volcano Queen' . It was a very interesting display. We were then told, at the March meeting, we would be breaking up into groups and deflasking ourselves. Now that is going to be fun. :) Here are a few pictures and comments, to jog your memory, on how it is done. AM :)



This is a flask, it can be different shapes. It will need to be opened & scissors worked on this plastic one.



Release the agar & baby orchids. Separate all with care, using fingers & a bowl of water. Then add potassium permanganate [a few grains to colour the water, a weak purple -a fungus preventer] to fresh water & rinse.



Use a combination of small pre-soaked bark & perlite, to pot up the seedlings. Tap down gently.

2020 Dates for your diary.

- 9th. March **General Meeting** – Deflasking
- 21st March Orchid Workshop [Moruya]
- 29th March **President's B.B.Q.** at 27 Jubilee Ave.,
Ulladulla, at 12.00 pm.
- 13th. April **General Meeting** - guest speaker, Ron Boyd
- May **Roving Day.** T.B.A.
- 11th. May **General Meeting** – T.B.A.
- 6th June **Bunnings Display & Promotion,**
9.00am-3.00pm.
- 8th. June **General Meeting** – guest speaker Dennis Dempsey
- 27th. June T.B.C. **Woolworths Promotion** 9.00am to 3.00pm
- 4/5th. July **MUOS Winter Show**
- 10/11th. July Eurobodalla Orchid Club, Winter Show, CWA Hall
Moruya
- 13th. July **General Meeting** – guest speaker Mitch Karnaghan
- 17/18/19th July Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society,
Winter show.
- 10th. August **General Meeting, Winter Show presentation.**
- 22/23rd. August Eurobodalla Orchid Club, Spring show at
Narooma.
- 29th. August T.B.C. **Woolworths Promotion,**
9.00am to 3.00pm
- 4/5/6th. September Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society,
Spring show.
- 12/13th. September **MUOS Spring Show**
- 14th. September **General Meeting, Member's orchid auction,**
10% of proceeds to Club.
- September T.B.A. **Graham Jackson's Workshop.**
- 12th. October **AGM/General Meeting, Spring show**
presentation of trophies.
- 16/17/18th. October Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society,
Native Orchid Show.
- 9th. November **General Meeting**—guest speaker, Gary Hodder
[T.B.C.]
- 14th. December **Christmas Party & end of year Presentation.**



NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Welcome to our club.

Shaaron W. & Lynne K.

NEW MEMBERS are always welcome.

WISH LIST

- Bob Harper—Sarc. George Coulthorpe X Bessie
- Sam Burton—yellow Psychopsis
- Michelle McIntosh— Oncidium cheirophorum.
- Liz Karacsonyi— Dock. Aust. Ginger
- Doreen Cambourn— Dendrochilum Cobbianum
- Teresa Bourke—Cym. Death Wish 'Speckled Spectre'
- Cym. insigne 'Alice' or 'Atlantis' or 'Best Pink'
- Dianne Slye—[Zygoneria Adelaide Meadows X Zygonopabista Beenak Jester] X Zygote Arthur Elle
'Essendon' AM-AD/AOC
- Anne-Marie Collins- Ming fern, foxtail fern, aspidistra [variegated and normal] [for posies], also an alba stanhoepa.
- Marie Martin - an alba or white stanhoepa
- Rod Thomas—Den. Enobi Purple 'splash'

—FOR SALE—

Do you have an orchid for sale?

Let Anne-Marie know and it will be put here.

Society Polo Shirts

Society Polo Shirts can be ordered from the Secretary. These are coloured purple with a white logo and are available in the following sizes.

See the Secretary if interested in one.

Ladies 8-24

Mens to 5xL

NOVICE CORNER BY A.M. & J.C.

This month we are looking at *Odontoglossum* [oh-don-toh-GLOS-sum].



These high-altitude orchids from the New World Tropics flourish where cool temperatures prevail year round. *Odontoglossums* are known for their striking sprays of flowers. Culture is similar for hybrids in this group, some being *Odontonia*, *Odontioda* and *Vuylstekeara*.

GROW Orchids TIPS FOR BEGINNERS

Light should be bright. In a greenhouse, levels from 2,000 to 5,000 foot-candles are acceptable as long as heat levels can be kept down. If summer day temperatures are high, light levels can be reduced to cool the growing area. While these are not generally considered to be good houseplants, they may succeed at an east window or a shaded south window; western exposures are usually too warm in most climates.



Temperatures must be exacting for these plants. Day temperatures below 24 to 27 C are almost essential year round. Night temperatures of 13 to 15 C are best. Short periods of warmer day temperatures may be tolerated, especially if humidity and air movement are at optimal levels, nights are cool and the plants have healthy root systems.

Water should be plentiful, coupled with perfect drainage. The potting medium should just begin to dry before watering. This may mean watering every two to seven days, depending on weather, pot size and material, and type of potting medium. Accordion-pleating on leaves is a symptom of insufficient water or humidity. As with other orchids from high-rainfall areas, *odontoglossums* are particularly sensitive to poor-quality water, which will give poor roots and leaf-tip burn.

Humidity, coupled with moving air, should be ideally 40 to 80 percent. Evaporative cooling in a greenhouse increases humidity while cooling the air and is highly recommended for these orchids in most climates. Fogging the air or dampening the floor with water also helps cool and humidify. In the home, set the plants on trays above moist pebbles, with the pots resting above the water.

Fertilize regularly with a dilute solution while plants are actively growing. Applications of 30-10-10 formulations twice a month are ideal for plants in a bark-based potting medium. A 20-20-20 formulation should be used on other media. If weather is overcast, applications once a month are sufficient. Some growers use a high-phosphorus 10-30-20 blossom-booster formulation as plants approach flowering to increase flower count and substance.

Potting should be done as new growth becomes about half mature, which is usually in the spring or autumn. These plants need to be underpotted, so when repotting leave only enough room for one to two years of new growth. Underpotting also enables the grower to provide the more frequent watering these plants need as the smaller pots dry more quickly and evenly when filled with roots. A fine-grade potting medium with excellent drainage is required; because the medium is kept moist, annual or biannual repotting is normal. Spread the roots over a cone of potting medium and fill in around the roots with more medium. Firm the potting mix around the roots. Keep humidity high and the pot dry until new roots form.



All novices need help.

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-REMEMBER -

Please do not water your plants before benching them, at our meetings or shows, as it makes quite a mess. Thank you. :)



The committee would like to thank those generous members that provide the goodies for afternoon tea and also the members who bring in plants etc. for our monthly raffles. Also we thank the people who help set up and clean up the hall as with many hands it doesn't take very long.



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