



Milton - Ulladulla

ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

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November 2016



CHRISTMAS PARTY

If you were unable to attend the last meeting and you wish to come to the Christmas party please phone Michelle on 44541220 to put your name on the list. Remember partners are welcome at a cost of \$10. The club will provide the ham, chicken and bread rolls, bring along your own cold drinks of whatever persuasion.

Please don't come too early as the committee needs to set up the hall and we can't get in until 12 so arrive around 12.50-1pm

Raffle Winners:

Chris Petersen 3, Elizabeth Sek 3, Rod Thomas 4, Annette Neilsen 6, Sam Burton 6, Michelle McIntosh, Barbara Williams, Sylvia Hawkins 2, Helen Bamford2, Maurice Gabriel 2, Susan Virgo, Jean Virgo, Rhonda Spry 3, Jo Church 3, Ann-Marie Cernec 2, Bill Maxwell 2, Liz Cleaver, Marilyn McDougall 2, Frank Bowyer, Ron Cox, Barbara Rutledge 2 Linda Gabriel

Coming Event

Annual Orchid Workshop will be put on by the Orchid Society of Canberra on 18-19 March 2017 at the Raiders Belconnen Club 155 Hardwick Crescent, Holt ACT.

Featuring guest speakers Bill and Jan Miles from Orchid Species Plus, specialist in orchid species and Stephen Stebbings from Orchids on Newbold, specialist in Australian native orchids, cymbidiums and other genera.

Learn about Species orchids from around the world, trends in hybridising Australian native orchids and orchid culture methods.

Plants will be for sale from Orchid Species Plus and Orchids on Newbold.



No Plants are to be benched at the December meeting as it is our Christmas Party.

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NEXT MEETING:

12 December 2016
CWA Hall Milton NSW
Plants to be benched between
1pm and 1.30 pm



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A special mention must be made here of the tremendous support the Club receives from Eddie & Karen at Mogo Orchid and Fern Nursery. They provide assistance in the way of prizes and provide our members with a high level of service.

CLUB WINNERS from our monthly meeting:

OPEN:

- Cym Mini: Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
- Cattleya t0 70: Rod Thomas
- Dendrobium: Sylvia Hawkins
- Native Hybrid: Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
- 2nd Elizabeth Karacsonyi
- Onc Alliance: Elizabeth Karacsonyi
- Species: Marilyn Higgins
- Miscellaneous: Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
- Phalaenopsis: Elizabeth Karacsonyi
- Fern: Elizabeth Karacsonyi
- Foliage: Elizabeth Karacsonyi



Popular Vote Open:
Sylvia Hawkins



Popular Vote Novice
Bob & Barb Williams

NOVICE:

- Cattleya: to 70: Annette Neilsen
- Native Hybrid: Wayne Hamilton
- Onc Alliance: Wayne Hamilton
- Species: Wayne Hamilton
- Phalaenopsis: Bob & Barb Williams



Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube



Annette Neilsen

GROW COMP:

- 1st Elizabeth Karacsonyi
- 2nd Tony Karacsonyi



Marilyn Higgins



Elizabeth Karacsonyi
2nd Popular Vote

Popular Vote:

- Open: 1st Sylvia Hawkins
2nd Elizabeth Karacsonyi
- Novice: 1st Bob & Barb Williams
2nd Wayne Hamilton



Wayne Hamilton
2nd Novice Popular
Vote



Liz Cleaver & Tony
Groube



Extract from Alan & Miriam's November Newsletter 2016

Your repotting should be well under control not like mine. My stint in hospital certainly put me behind this year! Try and do your repotting on cool days, not 30 degrees plus. After your days repotting, give plants a good soak and a spray with AUXINONE® then spray the plants with ENVY® to keep respiration levels down to stop bulb shrinking! If you put some MERRI COTE in with your compost you will not need to use a liquid fertiliser for some time. In the old days growers would feed their freshly repotted plants with a brew make up with Potassium nitrate. This is to build up the potash levels to allow the plant to combat summer heat.

During summer an application of magnesium sulphate monthly to help combat heat + spiking etc. Remember to mist your plants in the cool of the evening, not in the heat of the day!

If you top dress with OSMOCOTE®, NITROPHOSKA® or MERRI COTE remove all weeds old husks and old racemes. This is the time to check for scale, two spotted mites and fungus spotting and of course the dreaded lurgy – virus! Now you can think of repotting your Cattleya alliance plants. New roots have just started to move. Be careful not to injure those new roots. It is a good idea to dampen all of the roots before dividing etc. Wet roots are easier to repot than dry hard roots. After repotting water plants well and drench with AUXINONE®. Watch your shading after repotting. After the winter season, fertilise with a good organic fertiliser such as a fish or seaweed brew. Now is a good time to spray with MANCOZEB mixed with ECO OIL®. You may have to water every five or six days depending on the weather and of course depending on where you live!

Have you check the pH of your potting mix lately? Over the last few weeks a few growers have been around with growth problems, i.e. no roots, poor growth. As I run through the usual checking procedures eventually it comes up as low pH and high salt content. Now is the time to check your new compost before using and check plants if they have been repotted over 12 months. Usually the E.C. goes up and the pH goes down. A top dress with GYPSUM is very useful this time of the year. Use about a table-spoon full per 8 inch (200mm) pot.

This year we were in Batemans Bay during October and got to see their SARC show. It is a small show but you will see some great sarcs. It is held in the Soldiers Club. There were some very good orchids there and the club has good food. In fact all of the South Coast of NSW has some wonderful orchid societies. Finding out when their shows are on is no problem but where and when their meetings are held and what date is a problem! Maybe we should work on it for next year.

A little bird has whispered in my ear the ROGAR 40® could be available in small containers soon. SUPRACIDE® could be in the same category. At the moment it is registered for use on orchids for scale insects but only in 5 litre containers. This work was carried out at Cecil Park Orchids back in the 70's by the Late Frank Hampshire at Ciba Geirgy. So lets see what happens!

I have received an email from James Gardner of O.C.P. regarding mildew spotting. He suggests spraying plants with ECO-CARB® as a curative for mildew on orchid leaves and flowers. This is a curative fungicide rather than a preventative fungicide. Years ago Cecil Park Orchids used it in its spray programme. This controlled most of the leaf spots and helped control flower spotting, in cold wet weather conditions in winter.



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome Linda and Maurice Gabriel and Elizabeth Sek. We hope that you enjoy being part of this club.



From the Committee of Milton-Ulladulla Orchid Society

We wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a

Happy New year for 2017



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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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Lynne's talk on laelia/cattleyas

Quite a while ago Lynne decided she would like to specialise in species Cymbidiums and species laelia. At that stage laelias were a separate category. However the Taxonomists decided to change laelia to sophronitis. Lyn then changed her laelia labels over to sophronitis. Recently the Taxonomists decided there is no such genus as sophronitis so the labels were changed to Cattleya. Now it is recognised that the only true species laelia are those that come from Mexico – rupicoluous. These little gems are small but tough and grow in quite harsh conditions. They have a channel on their leaves which collect moisture from the nightly mists. At this point we were shown slides of these lovely, little plants which have multiple blossoms per stem and brilliant colours.

Cattleyas – Lynne's main points:-

Only repot when the new roots just start to show. There are 2 types of growing patterns, those that make the roots before the new growth flowers and those that make up the new pseudobulb which flowers and then the new roots appear. It's important to repot just as the new roots appear as you only get one flush of new roots each year, so if they are damaged during repotting, the plant is set back for a whole year until it makes a new pseudobulb/roots. Lynne showed us photos of the new roots appearing both before flowering and after flowering which made it easier to understand the difference and importance of perhaps, separating our Cattleyas into two divisions when we find out which is which. Only close observation will tell you that.

Give your Cattleyas plenty of light but not direct sunlight. The majority require a drier winter rest and this applies especially to the rupicoluous ones. There are no more sophronitis, they have all been reclassified as cattleyas. Use an open, free-draining mix but make sure the plant is firmly anchored (staking/tying after repotting so it doesn't move around and damage the growing tips of the new roots. Lynne prefers squat pots and try to repot annually. (notes taken by Sylvia Hawkins)

Lynne very kindly donated one of her orchids to our raffle table. We all hoped to win it but it was snapped up by, I think, the first winner. Many thanks Lynne for a very comprehensive and interesting talk.

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Brian kindly offered to answer any questions relating to the growing of Odontoglossums which he grows very successfully. Brian answered questions to everyone's satisfaction but advised anyone with a spike now in flower to cut it off before the heat of Summer. If the flower is left on the plant for too long, you may debilitate your plant and you may lose it. If the flower is removed it should start getting new growth which should give you a blossom for one of the Shows next year if grown to their cultural requirements.

Thank you Brian for giving us some of your time at what is now a very busy time for orchid growers and once again, sharing your knowledge with us. Sylvia



Help for Members

If you have an orchid on your wish list, let me know and I will put it in the Newsletter. Likewise if there is anything related to orchids that you wish to sell let me know and I will try and get it in the next Newsletter for you.

In your orchid house:

Repotting, fertilizing and watering and watching for bugs seem to be the order of the day at present, particularly during such changeable weather. There is a relatively new product available called Confidor pills or initiator tablets. It is a marble sized ball which offers a systemic plant fertilizer and insecticide. Suggested usage is one ball per 7 or 8 inch pot. It can be cut in half for smaller pots. Several of the commercial orchid nurseries are using it and claiming good insecticide control however please note that the manufacturers do not specifically recommend it for orchids. (with thanks to EOC Newsletter)



Hi everyone,

I would like to know how many of you are interested in the above trip. When they tried to put on a bus this year, fifteen of our members were eager to go but unfortunately it didn't get enough support from the Clubs invited.

It is a good Show to go to and would benefit our Novices, giving them a chance to buy some good orchids. Also, a pleasant day out as a raffle is held on the bus, usually going there and coming home. You should all get home living in the Ulladulla and Milton area at a reasonable time.

At the moment, their Committee will discuss the cost at their next Committee Meeting. I have pointed out that our members will be getting on at a much later stage to those starting at Moruya and this should be taken into consideration when deciding cost. I pointed out this will be a big factor and will probably affect the numbers from MUOS if not reasonable. I was told that your entry fee will be paid for by the Club. We shall see. At the moment the subsidised cost to BB members is suggested to be \$25 which is very cheap. Now they must agree on cost to non-members.

I hope those members that either go by car or are thinking of going by their own transport will support the bus this time. There is loads of room under the bus for orchids etc., and you don't have to worry about parking. A stress free trip. This will give members that are elderly, or not able to drive long distances because of a health problem, a chance to enjoy a day out with their Club companions. You can, if you wish to buy a certain orchid, phone up the Nurseries that will be there (this information will be given before the trip) and place an order with them. They will have your order waiting for you at the Show if they have what you want, and will look after them for you until we are all ready to go home.

Looking forward to your full support.

Sylvia,

President



Oncidium sphacelatum

I called into Wayne Hamilton's place today and as you can see he grows big plants it is taller than him and will have over 150 flowers when they are all out.