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NEXT MEETING:

9 November 2015
CWA Hall Milton NSW

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Thank you to all the members that came to our AGM on the 12th October. It was very well attended with 23 members and 2 visitors. We also gained two new members. To date, we have gained ten (10) new members in 2015.

All the Officials and Committee were returned unopposed with a new Committee member, Ron Cox. Thank you very much everyone for running again and welcome to Ron who made our Committee numbers complete. We are very pleased to welcome our new Secretary, Bruce McIntosh. It's many years since we had a male Secretary and we were delighted when he offered to fill the gap, especially myself as I have been Acting Secretary for quite a while and can now concentrate on other matters. See you all on the 9th November 2015. Sylvia Hawkins, President.

Raffle winners

Elizabeth Karacsonyi voucher, Helen Bamford 3, Ron Cox, Margaret Petersen, Sam Burton 4, Ann Cernec, Chris Petersen 2, Sylvia Hawkins, Charlie Weir, Doreen Cambourn, Rod Thomas, Eugene Cernec 2



The Sapphire Coast Orchid Club is hosting a Workshop on Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th MARCH 2016 at Merimbula RSL (ground floor). Registration Forms can be obtained from lesanntud@netspace.net.au or see me at the next Meeting. Guest speakers are Ray Clement, David Gynn and David Banks. As seats are limited it's best to register now to make sure you don't miss out. This event is well worth attending with excellent speakers and a must for both Open and Novice growers. I have paid and booked my accommodation as I attended the last Workshop and enjoyed the company and expert advice received. A very enjoyable weekend so don't miss out. Sylvia



Sylvia will have a list for us to put our names down as to what we are bringing to the Christmas Party so please make sure that you fill it in at the next meeting. If you are unable to attend the next meeting and are coming to the Christmas party please ring Michelle on 44541220 to put your name down.



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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 Stan: Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
 Cym Int: Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
 Paphiopedilum: Frank Bowyer
 Dendrobium: Elizabeth Karacsonyi
 Native Hybrid: Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube



Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube



Sylvia Hawkins

Onc Alliance: Elizabeth Karacsonyi
 Miscellaneous: Elizabeth Karacsonyi
 Species: Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
 Vandaceous: Elizabeth Karacsonyi
 Phalaenopsis: Sylvia Hawkins
 Seedling: Michelle McIntosh
 Fern: Doreen Cambourn
 Foliage: Elizabeth Karacsonyi



Wayne Hamilton



Popular Vote Novice:

Novice:

Dendrobium: Wayne Hamilton
 Native Hybrid: Wayne Hamilton
 Onc. Alliance: Wayne Hamilton
 Phalaenopsis: Ron Cox



Elizabeth Karacsonyi



Wayne Hamilton

Popular Vote:

OPEN: five equal first
 Elizabeth Karacsonyi x 3
 Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube
 Michelle McIntosh



Elizabeth Karacsonyi



Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube

NOVICE: Ron Cox

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

We would like to welcome Audrey Fox and Liezi Moritz.



Presentation to the Spring Show Winners



CHAMPION OF Show
Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube



Reserve Champion:
Michelle McIntosh



Champion Novice:
Doreen Cambourn



Champion Paphiopedilum
Frank Bowyer



Champion Species
Michelle McIntosh



Champion Cymbidium
Frank Bowyer



Champion Laeliinae Hybrid
Michelle McIntosh



Champion any Other Orchid
Liz Cleaver & Tony Groube



Best Specimen Species or Hybrid
Frank Bowyer

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GROWING SLIPPER ORCHIS

by Wal Rhodes, Camira Orchids

Paphiopedilum Plants (Slipper Orchids) have been grown by orchid enthusiasts in places far from their country of origin since the early years of their discovery. The first plants were introduced to England in the year 1819 and by 1860 at least 15 new species were discovered and cultivated by enthusiasts. By the year 1900 more than 400 Paphiopedilum hybrids had flowered and been registered.

Species Paphiopedilum are sought by collectors in the areas from New Guinea to as far as mainland China, including the Malayasian Islands, Thailand and India. In China, heavy penalties exist for collecting their protected species, like having your head chopped off, so smuggling of these plants is quit common. The International CITES Rules now apply to limit the movement of these plants around the world so as to protect the species.

Most Slipper Orchids purchased at Orchid Society and nursery stalls are many generations down the breeding lines established by early collectors and are referred to as 'Complex Hybrids'.

Housing Requirements: Slipper Orchids easily adapt to difficult conditions and continue to flower under some very harsh conditions. Naturally, if you give them that extra bit of attention they will reward you with long lasting flowers up to 3 months and attractive lush foliage.

On the east coast of Australia and west to the Blue Mountains, they will grow in shaded areas protected from winds and draughts. If they grow in shaded rockeries they should remain in their pots as every two years they should be lifted and re-potted into new compost.

In summer they should never be allowed to dry out and misting at night is beneficial with more concentrated watering early mornings.

It is sometimes difficult to provide all these conditions, but it is important to try to achieve a balance at high humidity, even temperature, air movement and shaded condition with frequent applications of liquid fertilisers, ie Aquasol, Campbell's Blue and Yellow, Thrive etc., at half strength fortnightly in the summer months and monthly in winter. Slipper Orchids do not seem to respond to the beads or pelletised slow release fertilisers, so for this genus they should be avoided.

They will grow in many different types of compost that contain pieces of chunky not flake bark, graded to approximately 10mm in size with the addition of charcoal, slightly smaller pieces, add approximately 15% with the addition of polystyrene pieces approximately the same size as the bark, add approximately 15%. You can also add small gravel pieces, broken shell etc. but not exceeding 10% of the total amount of compost. Mix all the ingredients together, dampen down and store in a plastic bag or garbage bin for approximately 1 week prior to using. It is important to remove some toxins that are in the bark by soaking for approximately 1 week in water, with the addition of a sprinkling of iron chelates or garden lime or dolomite. Strain off the bark and rinse with a hose prior to mixing with the other ingredients.

Containers-Pots: Plastic pots are used as containers for Slipper Orchids today, as they are cheap, easy to obtain, do not break and are light to handle and do not dry out like the terracotta pots used years ago.

Plastic pots are non-porous so the compost dries out slowly, mainly to top of compost.

Do Not use pots too large or too deep as Slipper Orchids are sometimes lazy and they prefer to be slightly pot bound, so when repotting, remove any dead roots and re-pot into a pot that the roots just fit into. Sometimes the top of the plant (the leaves) look to large for the pot, but the roots like to wind around the inside edges of the pot.