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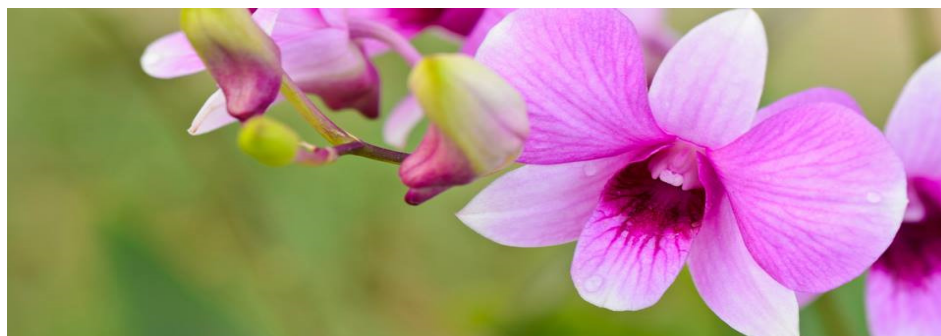
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**NEXT MEMBER'S
MEETING**
**Thursday 27th April
2017 at 8pm Cromer
Community Centre,
Fisher Road North,
Cromer.**

**NEXT COMMITTEE
MEETING**
Thursday 4th May,
2017 at the DYRSL
7.30pm.

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BULLETIN

GUEST SPEAKER. This month we have **Jody Cutajar**. Jody will be doing a presentation of 'An Orchid Road Trip in Brazil'. He regularly visits Brazil to look for orchids, especially Laelias, of which he has a very good collection.

SUPPER ROSTER. This month our volunteers are **Phil Gardiner** for sandwiches and **Li Shan Fan** for something sweet. Thank you to those who brought in something for the supper table last month.

NEW MEMBER. Alexander Kallis from Kingsgrove has joined our Society. We welcome you and hope you enjoy your time with us.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Many thanks to everyone that came to the auction and helped; again this time it was another enjoyable and successful day.

I hope everyone has had a great Easter long weekend, and made the most of the beautiful weather to shun their various family activities and get out in the sun to eat plenty of chocolate whilst potting up orchids. I'm sure as we head into Autumn we will start seeing a lot more plants coming into flower. This is a good time for novices to start thinking about which plants will be flowering for the shows later in the year and to start asking questions about readying their plants so they will be at the best for show judging.

As always, I look forward to seeing you all soon.
Dylan

WINTER SHOW BY GRAND JUNE 15,16,17. An early reminder that our first show is just 2 months away so start grooming those plants so we can put on a good display.

LIBRARY. The library still operates so please make use of this facility as we have some very good books.

SALES TABLE. Honest Gary has pots in all sizes and also plant labels. Please bring in your excess plants for sale.

Bulletin Articles – The Ed is always on the lookout for news articles so if you have anything to buy, sell or tell please contact Tinka.

DIARY DATES 2017

April 27th Member's Meeting
May 25th Member's Meeting
May 26 – 28 Orchids Out West, Hawkesbury.
June 1 -3 North Shore OS Winter Show, St. Ives Shopping Village.
June 15,16,17 Winter Show
June 22nd Member's Meeting
June 24 – 24 Mingara Orchid Fair
July 27th Member's Meeting
August 4,5,6 ORCHIDS BY THE SEA
August 18,19,20 St. Ives Orchid Fair
September 14,15,16 DY Grand Spring Show
September 28th AGM/Member's Meeting
October 26th Member's Meeting
November 12th AUCTION
November 23rd Member's Meeting
December 3rd Christmas Party
December 21st Member's Meeting

Our growing band of Novice growers have asked for more culture classes so we intend to have a small session during the judging at the meeting. Novices are asked to also bring in any plants they are having problems with or plants that need repotting/dividing (please bring in your own growing media and pots).

Members are requested to please leave plants on the bench till the supper break is finished.

We will be trialling Member's Choice again to get members more involved with the meetings. You will be handed a small piece of paper on which to write your choice of plant. These will then be placed in a container on the top table for counting.

Show Marshal Report For March 2017 **Hybrid of the Month : Dendrobium [Den.] Hibiki**

Grown by: Angie Sulfaro

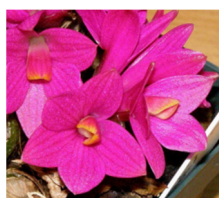
A very interesting cross of two Dendrobiums laevifolium and bracteosum making this hybrid,



both come from the New Guinea and Pacific Island area, this plant can as it gets larger in size produce a very showy plant. It was bred and registered in 2009 by Fumitaka Oomura, Tokai-city, Japan. By Orchidwiz it indicates it could be a warm grower, Angie is in a location where it would not get over cold during

the winter, and should be ok. Below are the two species.

Dendrobiums laevifolium *Widespread on islands of the southwest Pacific. Plants grow Bougainville, Guadalcanal, Santa Isabel, the Santa Cruz Islands, Vanuatu, and in Papua New Guinea on Rossel and Misima Islands in the Louisiade Archipelago. On Misima, plants grow on moss-covered branches, twigs, and rocks in areas with a dense groundcover of mosses, begonias, ferns, and small creepers. Collections were made on the steep ridge of a*



forested gully at about 3100 ft. (950 m). Reports from other parts of the habitat indicate that plants grow at 1200-7700 ft. (360-2340 m). They usually grow in thick moss near the base of trees, on moss covered saplings, or in deep lichen and moss on the trunks of elfin forest trees in areas normally saturated with cold mist or light rain with brief bursts of very hot sunshine.

Dendrobium [Den.] bracteosum New Guinea. In Papua, plants were found near Port Praslin and Punam on New Ireland (New Mecklenburg) Island

at about 1650 ft. (500 m), on Rossel Island, in the Sepik River region near Aitape (Eitape) at 50-1300 ft. (20-400 m), and along the coast of northwestern Papua New Guinea at about 50 ft. (20 m). In Irian Jaya (western New Guinea), the plants grow in swamps along the Noord River. They usually grow on forest trees or close to the ground on mangroves in lowland rainforests from sea level to 2300 ft. (0-700 m), but they have been reported as high as 3950 ft. (1200 m). From Orchidwiz

Specie Plant of the Month : "Sarcochilus dilatatus"

F.Muell., Fragm. 1: 191 (1859).

Grown by: L & B Dobson



A great big congratulations to Loraine and Bill on this great plant as The NSW ANOS panel judged it and gave it a FCC only the 2nd ever given by this group I have been told. Then it was also judged by the NSW judging panel and judged FCC, (see Bill's story below). It was the best I have ever seen.

A miniature sized, warm to cool growing epiphytic species occurring in Queensland and New South Wales at elevations of sea level to 400 meters.

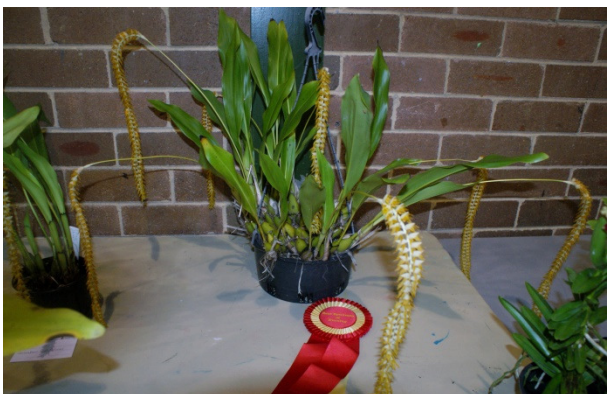
Specimen Plant of the Month :

Dendrochilum latifolium var. macranthum

Lindl.,

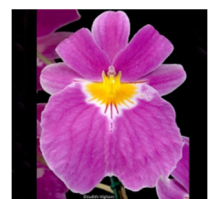
Edwards's Bot. Reg. 29(Misc.): 56 (1843).

Grown by: Peter Cristie



This plant had nice long spikes spread around the plant. These are not hard to grow and can grow into massive plants as we have seen other species shown. This one is *Found only in the Philippines in forests on trees at elevations above 300 to 2200 meters. from Orchidwiz*. They say in their records that there are 400 named species and that some are hot growers so this is something that you need to work out when growing this species. Some are only miniature in growth but all interesting.

Novice Plant of the Month: Miltoniopsis (Mps.) Up Country Puna 'Keaa Star'
Grown by: M & S Howard



This was a nice Miltoniopsis, I had a problem with the name and found it was not complete it had "UP" in front of the name on card, and is right, there was a photo of the plant. It is great to see a white like this. This has four species in its back ground, being Miltoniopsis [Mps.] unknown (9.0% roezlii 57% vexillaria (33.1%) phalaenopsis (0.9%). Notice 9.00% unknown this happens from time to time with breeders. As a point of interest this at least 11 generations from the start, and to get the color it can depend what variety color of the species used. To grow these orchids well you need the right conditions. I lost a number of plants in one night after a frost. I have a friend grows them to perfection under his benches in a cool type glass house, but could also be in a frost free area where he is. They are very attractive, another thing they do not keep if cut as are pot plant only.

Ian Nelson
Show Marshal/Patron

Thanks Bill for your article below.

I obtained this plant from Queensland in 2009 where its family grows in vine thickets which get heaps of rain in the summer months and is a lot drier in the winter months when the temperature can drop down to single figures at night.

I grow this hanging about 2.0m above the ground in my bush-house under 2 layers of 50% woven green shade-cloth. It gets fertilised with Peters Excel Finisher at 1.5gm/l every week as all my plants do. I have been watering my small epiphytes and *Den. tetragonum* plants nightly, except when it has rained, and this year it started flowering early February. Since then more inflorescences pushed out and flowers opened to have 27 fully opened flowers that were pretty much all even in size, there are still another 25 buds to come. What a little surprise packet considering the whole plant is only 70mm high and 90mm wide

In previous years it has produced 3 or 4 inflorescences but this year with a very hot (not by Qld standards though) summer followed by what seems like weeks of rain. Since Christmas, 2-1/2 month ago,

With the rain we have had in Sydney I almost cancelled going to ANOS Sydney Group's meeting but wanted other members to see it, and I couldn't pass up a presentation on *Sarcophilus* from David Banks which was one of the most informative and entertaining evenings I have had in the last 30 years.

The icing on the cake was to have the plant awarded, so my wife and I are pleased to say the least, as we received a FCC from ANOS and a Cultural certificate and the following Monday night we received a FCC from OSNSW/AOC.



MARCH BENCHING POINT SCORE 2017 OPEN DIVISION

1. Sarcophilus Hybrid	3 Plants
1. S. Fitzgeraldii x Riverdene 'Red speckles' G&H Williams	
2. S. hartmanii 'Gold Drop' x Velvet Cool DudeG&HWilliams	
3. S. Melody x Velvet G&H Williams	
2. Australian Native Hybrid	2Plants
1. Den. Topaz Dream Ben x Sweet	A. Sulfaro
2. Den. Hybrioy	M. Korda
3. Australasian	1 Plant
1. Den. Hibriki	A. Sulfaro
4. Dockrillia Hybrid	0 Plants
5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) >120mm	2 Plants
1. Cat. Pink Spice Rainbow x Lucy's Joy	S. Torrisi
2. Blc. Mem. Crispin Rosales 'RK No.1'	F&M Lee
6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) <120mm	4 Plants
1. Bc. Island Charm 'Carmella'	G&A Cushway
2. Blc. CRB's Reward 'Fancy Flare'	A. Sulfaro
3. C. Elusive Dream x Aloha Case	A. Sulfaro
7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty)	3 Plants
1. Otr. Hawaiian Queen 'Bette'	G&A Cushway
2. Unknown	M. Korda
3. Cat. Splash of Port 'Yellow Face'	A. Sulfaro
7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type) Hybrid	5Plants
1. Sc. Island Charm 'Carmella'	G&A Cushway
2. C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'	G&ACushway
3. C. Penny Kuroda x C. Orchida Leopard	I. Nelson
8. Laeliinae Hybrid (Miniature)<75mm	2 Plants
1. Ctna. Why Not	A. Sulfaro
2. Ctna. Dark Horse	A. Sulfaro

8A.Laeliinae Epidendrum

1. Eplc. Volcano Trick
2. Eplc. Volcano Trick

9. Cymbidium Standard**10. Cymbidium Intermediate**

1. Cym. Golden Elf 'Sundust'

11. Cymbidium Minature**12.Dendrobium**

1. Den. (Ron Furley x Ram Misra x Barrabvis Dark Night)

2. Den. Jade Junior Sowadee

3. Den. Ise x moniliforme

13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less

1. Tolumnia Golden Sunset x Maggie
2. Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'

14. Oncidiinae 30mm - 60mm

1. Colm. Wildcat 'Bobcat'
2. Brussole Blanche
3. Onc. Unknown

15. Oncidiinae 60mm and above

1. Psychopsis Kromerianum
2. Miltassia Aztec 'Toni'
3. Dgmra. Skywalker 'Red Star'

16. Paphiopedilum Exhibition**17. Paphiopedilum Novelty****18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition**

1. Phal unknown
2. Phal unknown
3. Phal. unknown

19. Phalaenopsis Novelty

1. Phal. unknown
2. Phal. Spica
3. Phal. unknown

20. Vandaceous >51mm

1. V. hybrid unknown
2. Ascd. (Muang x Peggy Foo)

21.Vandaceous/Ascocendas

1. Aeianthegrandiose x Aeranthes Ramosa

22. Other Orchid Hybrid**SPECIES****38. Sarcochilus Species**

1. Sarcochilus dilatatus

39. Australian Epiphyte Species

1. Den. monophyllum
2. Den. bigibbum var superbum 'Kezza's Find'
3. Cadetia taylori

40. Australasian EpiphyteSpecies

1. Den. forbesii

41. Dockrillia

1. Dock. cucumerina

42. Australasian Terrestrial**43. Laeliinae Alliance (cattleya & laelia)**

1. C. bowringiana var coerulea
2. C. labiata
3. C. forbesii var aurea

44. Laeliinae Alliance

1. Encyclia cochleara 'Tinonee' x Enc. cochleata Alba
2. Epi. viviparum
3. Enc. glumaceum

45. Oncidiinae Alliance Species

1. Pyp.. papilio
2. Pyp. papilio
3. Gomesa Crispa

46. Other Species 'The Americas'

1. Gongora rufescens
2. Lycaste jamesionum
3. Lycaste schilleriana

47. Dendrobium Species

1. D. cumulatum
2. Den. sp.

2Plants

A. Sulfaro

A. Sulfaro

0 Plants**1 Plant**

F&MLee

0 Plants**4 Plants**

C. Polis

A.Sulfaro

F&M Lee

2 Plants

G&HWilliams

A.Sulfaro

3 Plants

A. Sulfaro

S. Torrisi

P. Christie

8 Plants

A.Sulfaro

M. Korda

Li Shan Fan

0 Plant**0Plant****2Plants**

A. Sulfaro

A. Sulfaro

A. Sulfaro

4Plants

A. Sulfaro

C. Polis

A. Sulfaro

2 Plants

C. Polis

C. Polis

Plants

A. Sulfaro

0 Plant**1 Plant**

L&B Dobson

3 Plants

G&H Williams

C.Polis

G&H Williams

1Plants

P. Christie

1 Plants

I&B Dobson

0Plants**3 Plants**

C. Polis

P. McDonough

C. Polis

4 Plants

S. Torrisi

P. McDonough

P.McDonough

5 Plants

G&A Cushway

G&A Cushway

S.Torrisi

3 Plants

P. McDonough

P. McDonough

P. McDonough

3 Plants

G. Cantor

C. Polis

3. D. chrysanthum

48. Paphiopedilum Species**49. Phalaenopsis Species****50. Vandaceous species**

1. V. merrillii 'Kirkwood'

2. V. coerulea

51. Dendrochilum Species

1. Ddc. latifolium var micranthum

2. Ddc. sp.

3. Ddc. latifolia var micranthum

52. Other Species 'Asia & Rest of World'

1. Coel. usitana

2. Phal. cornu-cervi

3. Coel. usitana

53. Miniature max. 150mm**54. Miniature Species min. 150mm****55. First Flowering Species****56. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid**

1. Cat. Pink Spice Mystery x RLC. Burdekin

G.Cantor

0Plants**0Plants****2 Plants**

C. Polis

P. Christie

4Plants

P. Christie

G. McDougall

G&H Williams

5 Plants

G. Cantor

C.Polis

P. McDonough

0Plants**0Plants****0Plants****1Plant**

Bells May

A. Sulfaro

NOVICE**23. Australasian Species**

1. Den. prenticei

2. Liparis reflexa

24. Laeliinae Species**25. Oncidiinae Species****26. Any other Species of Americas****27. Species Rest of the World**

1. Dendrochilum magnum

28. Australasian Hybrids**29. Cymbidium Standard****30. Cymbidium Intermediate & Miniature****31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid****32. Dendrobium Hybrid other than Australasian**

1. Den. Ise

33. Laeliinea Hybrid

1. Lc. Intercepts var ceorula

2. Slc. Yellow Bird

2 Plants

M&S Howard

M&S Howard

0 Plant**0 Plants****0Plants****1 Plant**

M&S Howard

0 Plants**0 Plants****0 Plant****0Plant****1 Plants**

M&S Howard

2 Plants

M&SHoward

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ALAN & MIRIAM'S NEWSLETTER

ALAN'S COLUMN APRIL 2017

This year our orchids have had a tough time. During summer in Sydney we had a month of abnormal heat conditions then wet conditions for a couple of weeks. Growers were hit with cyclone conditions for a few weeks. Here in Sydney many growers lost a lot of plants through the heat. Watering became a problem of too much water during the heat. After a couple of days the rain set in. Many plants then became over saturated unless the plants were grown under cover! It is now April and still raining. Don't water even if plants are under cover. Wait until the mix starts to dry out, Then drench with a good organic fertiliser. Two applications ten days apart. Growers up Queensland way with their plants under water. Once the plants have had a good watering to get the flood debris off a couple of good drenches with a good organic the plants should be on their way. Watch fungal diseases in your plants such as bulb and root rot problems. There are many problems after all of these problems of bulb problems and leaf spot

problems. Maintenance sprays such as MANCOZEB, PHOS ACID, ZINEB etc. This should keep a lot of the fungi at bay! Watch for insect problems such as mealy bug – scale insects – dendrobium beetle – loopers – broad mite etc. It is a good idea to inspect plants weekly to if any critters around your plants. You can now start to repot some of your over grown plants. Rule one, if repotting during autumn is never over pot your plants especially cool growers such as Miltonias, Paphs etc. After potting spray with a good hormone mix, give plants a good soak with ANTI ROT®, remember ANTI ROT® does not control root rot. Remember most fungicides will not control RHIZOCTONIA. FUSARIUM is another fungus that is very hard to control. ERWINIA is another bacteria a very hard especially if you grow seedlings, paphs and phals. Bi card of soda at 3g per litre mixed in 5ml Eco oil can help to clean up a lot of diseases. DO NOT USE ON HOT DAYS. Potassium permanganate has been used to control rots of all types back in the old days at 3.125g per 100 litres of water. A lot of work was done on the use of VIBREX® out on the Cecil Park Orchid Farm in the 1980's. It worked on *botrytis* on seedlings and flowering plants with no marked blooms. The use of VIBREX was to mix it with a activator. To control air born pathogens mix 667ml VIBREX with 667ml C 10 which is CITRIC ACID . Growing media sanitation, 1700ml VIBREX in 1700ml P6. There is a lot of literature on the use of VIBREX. As time goes on I will make out a table. For flowers we used 167ml of VIBREX in 167ml of C10 which is citric acid. ZINEB 2 1.59 + Copper Oxy in one litre of water. Stand mixture for 3 hours, agitate thoroughly before use. Mix with a good sticker – not oil. This mix will help control Pseudomonas, bacterial blights etc. Not much time at the moment so a bit on the short side. NOTE Paper Bark impossible to purchase at the moment. Next class: will be held on Saturday afternoon 8th April at 2pm. This month we will be having an old friend of mine who was a fantastic Paph grower. So come along All welcome, learn all about paphs from seedlings to flowering. The May class should be on the 13th May . Supplies of Bark, Merri Cote, Merri Fert available. This is all for now
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26th - 28th May, 2017

9.00 am - 4.00 pm Friday and Saturday
9.00 am - 3.00 pm Sunday

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lighting and is new and well appointed, with
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