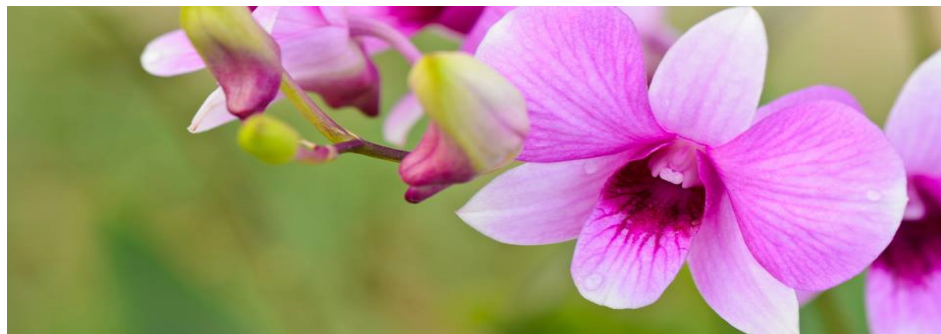


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**NEXT MEMBER'S
MEETING**

Thursday 22nd June
2017 at 8pm Cromer
Community Centre,
Fisher Road North,
Cromer.

**NEXT COMMITTEE
MEETING**

Thursday 6th July, 2017
at the DYRSL 7.30pm.

GUEST SPEAKER. This month there is no guest speaker. We will have a cultural session so please get those questions ready and bring in any plants you may have a problem with.

SUPPER ROSTER. This month our volunteers are **John Portelli** for sandwiches and **Ros Mathews** for something sweet. Thank you to those who brought in something for the supper table last month.

WINTER SHOW BY GRAND JUNE 15,16,17. Set up will be from 5pm on Wednesday 14th with judging from 7pm. Help will be needed over the next three days with sales and raffle. Also we need 2 volunteers on Wednesday from approx. 9.30pm and Thursday and Friday to do the 'graveyard' shift from 6pm to 12pm. Please support this show by bringing in your plants to exhibit, healthy and clean sale plants and your help. More champions have been added to tempt you to participate.

**GROWING COMPETITION – PLEASE BRING IN
YOUR PLANTS AT THE MEETING SO WE CAN
SEE HOW THEY ARE PROGRESSING.**

**DON'T FORGET MINGARA ORCHID FAIR AND SHOW ON 24TH AND
25TH JUNE.**

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

June 15,16,17 Winter Show
June 22nd Member's Meeting
June 24 – 25 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). This month Dylan will be doing a potting demo. Apologies for not happening last month as Dylan was ill.

2018 Australian Orchid Council Conference and Show, to be held on 19-22nd July 2018 at Hawkesbury Indoor Stadium, 16 Stewart St, South Windsor Sydney

Join in this celebration of the magnificent diversity of orchids, by viewing the sensational collection of hundreds of exotic species, by sharing knowledge at a comprehensive 2-day lecture program or by enjoying the captivating social highlights, which provide an ideal opportunity to catch up with old friends over a delicious meal. There will be thousands of exceptional blooming plants on display and fierce competition in many judging categories will prove very exciting. Many of the unique orchids being showcased feature exotic characteristics and colours not often seen by the public.

Hundreds of strikingly beautiful species and hybrids will be offered for sale, accompanied by a range of complementary products and materials suitable for the orchid hobbyist.

Eminent speakers will share their scientific expertise, international experts will provide insights into the art of orchid growing and culture, and there will be special topics targeting orchid hobbyists.

The unique characteristics of orchids from around the world will be a feast for the eyes and mind.

The glamorous social program includes an Opening Ceremony on Thursday 19th July at the Hawkesbury Indoor Stadium, 16 Stewart St, South Windsor, and a

*Conference Dinner on Saturday 21st July at the Windsor Function Centre, 2 Dight St, Windsor.
Earlybird Registrations close on 31 December 2017.*

Show Marshal Report For May 2017 Hybrid of the Month : Phalaenopsis Champion Lightning 'Flash'

Grown by: Angie Sulfaro

This is a beautiful Phalaenopsis grown by Angie and she has had this plant for quite a long time, and grows them inside her home. It has nine species in its back ground and was registered in Taiwan 2007. This plant was a show piece and I



had a close look at what a well grown plant it is, the spike on the left was a secondary spike grown off the top of the old spike, the larger spike was a full spike of the plant, and to my surprise there was another new spike on the way up about 20 mm long. I believe we will see this plant in flower for quite a while. This type of

orchid are quite often seen as they are being imported in from Taiwan in very large quantiles, never with names and sold everywhere as flowering gift plants. To grow they need a bit of warmth and that's what makes them a great house plant. They will not take our winter outside so don't put them out when finished flowering but ok during summer months. If in spag moss put them into coarse bark as ones I have seen in spag moss too long loose their roots. During winter water sparingly and just watch the leaves don't go limp. After it drops it flowers cut the spike off just above the top node hopefully it will then send out a new branch of flowers or a new plant and when it gets roots cut off and pot.

Specimen Plant of the Month :

Dendrobium [Den.] Pearl Vera

(Den Topaz Dream x D. bigibbum 'Compactum')

Grown by: Angie Sulfaro



Last month this plant was a winner, just shows how long a plant can go, I did not see it last month but it filled all for a specimen and I did notice a flower or two

just starting to show age. This is a good example what a plant can do. I wrote it up last month and for other information remember keep this type of orchid on the dry side for the cold weather to get them through.

Khasia Hills and Manipur. In Thailand, plants are found in the northwest mountains of on Doi



Inthanond and Doi Suthep. In Vietnam, plants have been found near Dalat, and they are said to be common from

Finnom to Bao Lac. In China, plants grow on trees and rocks in forests at 1650-5750 ft. (500-1750 m) in the provinces of Yunnan, Tibet, Guangxi, Guangdong, and Jiangxi. from Orchidwiz As you see it has quite a range from where it comes, sometimes with species with such a wide range there can be slightly different growing habits In Orchidwiz there is 55 photos and you could see quite a difference in the flowers. Which is a good example as when you get a plant like this you do not now where it has come from and this goes for a lot of species

Specie Plant of the Month : "Barkeria

lindleyana" Bateman ex Lindl.,

Edwards's Bot. Reg. 28: t. 2 (1842).

Grown by: Angie Sulfaro



This was a very well grown plant by Angie, she had another plant there which looked like a like a division and it had only a quarter of the flowers.. When you have a plant like this you grow it the same spot all the time. It comes from *Costa Rica and Mexico. Barkeria lindleyana ssp. lindleyana grows in trees and shrubs at 2600-5250 ft. (800-1600 m).*

Barkeria lindleyana ssp. vanneriana grows mostly on rocks in the Mexican States of Michoacan, Guerrero, Oaxaca and Puebla at elevations of 3300-6550 ft. (1000-2000 m).from Orchidwiz It just stand out plant colour and attractive.

Novice Plant of the Month: "Coelogyne fimbriata"

Grown by: Mark Asbury

This was a beautifully grown plant and well flowered with all in good condition. This is a cool grower and when you see a plant like this it is well worth having. It comes from *Northeast India, northern Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, southwest China. In India, plants are found in the*

Ian Nelson Show Marshal/Patron

MAY BENCHING POINT SCORE 2017 OPEN DIVISION

- | | |
|---|-----------------|
| 1. Sarcophilus Hybrid | 0 Plant |
| 2. Australian Native Hybrid | 4 Plants |
| 1. Den. Topaz Dream x bigibbum compactum | A. Sulfaro |
| 2. Den. Fantasyland Princess | A. Sulfaro |
| 3. Den. Fantasyland Princess | A. Sulfaro |
| 3. Australasian | 1 Plant |
| 1. Den. Hibiki | A. Sulfaro |
| 4. Dockrillia Hybrid | 0 Plants |
| 5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) >120mm | 4 Plants |
| 1. Blc. Tanya | G&A Cushway |
| 2. Blc. Pastoral | G&A Cushway |
| 3. Catt. Bonanza Queen Panamint | S. Torrisi |
| 6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) <120mm | 3 Plants |
| 1. Lc. Pink Spice 'Foe' | A. Sulfaro |
| 2. C. Rolf Coconut Ice 'DJ' | A. Sulfaro |
| 3. Bc. Donna Kimura x intermedia | T. Riddell |
| 7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty) | 6 Plants |
| 1. C. Little Suzie Orchid Hill | A. Sulfaro |
| 2. C. Little Suzie Orchid Hill | A. Sulfaro |
| 3. C. Little Suzie 'Joy' | G&A Cushway |
| 7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type) Hybrid | 2 Plants |
| 1. C. Interglossa | A. Sulfaro |
| 2. Blc. Waianae Leopard x Slc. Jungle Treasure | C. Polis |
| 8. Laeliinae Hybrid (Miniature) | 3Plants |
| 1. Ctna. Splash of Port Yellow Face | A. Sulfaro |
| 2. Pot. Rubesience x Slc. Cosmic Delite | C. Polis |
| 3. Rth Chief Butterfly 'Drsgon' | C. Polis |
| 8A.Laeliinae Epidendrum | 0 Plants |
| 9. Cymbidium Standard | 0 Plants |
| 10. Cymbidium Intermediate | 0 Plants |
| 11. Cymbidium Minature | 1 Plant |
| 1. Cym. Artistic Impression 'Snowdrops' | S. Torrisi |
| 12.Dendrobium | 4 Plants |
| 1. Den. Burana Stripe | A. Sulfaro |
| 2. Den. unknown | C. Polis |
| 13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less | 5 Plants |
| 1. Onc. Python Woolf | A. Sulfaro |

2. Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'
 3. Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'
14. Oncidiiae 30mm - 60mm
 1. Odcdm. Dorothy Wisnon 'Golden Gate'
 2. Colm. Wildcat 'Bloodshot'
 3. Odcdm. Bittersweet

Cushway 15. Oncidiiae 60mm and above

1. Onc. Wildcat Petite Sirah
 2. Psychopsis Kahini

16. Paphiopedilum Exhibition

17. Paphiopedilum Novelty

18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition

1. Phal. Champion Lightening Splash
 2. Phalk. unknown

19. Phalaenopsis Novelty

1. Phal. unknown
 2. Phal. Medarland Goldsmith 'Fong Ping'
 2. Phal. Eiderstedt

20. Vandaceous >51mm

1. Chtra. Permaisuri Bainum
 2. V. Fuch's Delight 'Purple Black'
 3. Ascda. Princess Sotoan

21. Vandaceous/Ascocendas

1. Ascda. (Miang Thong x Peggy Foo)

22. Other Orchid Hybrid

1. Zygo. Kiwi Choice 'Eileen'
 2. Coel. Janine Banks
 3. Cirr. Elizabeth Ane Buckleberry

SPECIES

38. Sarcophilus Species

39. Australian Epiphyte Species

1. Den. bigibbum
 2. Bulbo. mcphersoni
 3. Den. bigibbum

40. Australasian Epiphyte Species

1. Mediocalcar decoratum

41. Dockrillia

1. Dock. rigida

42. Australasian Terrestrial

43. Laeliinae Alliance (cattleya & laelia)

1. Catt. Percivalliana 'Summit'
 2. L. Anceps
 3. L. anceps var compacta

44. Laeliinae Alliance

1. Baikeria lindleyana
 2. Neolehmania porpax 'Jack'
 3. Epi. ciliare

45. Oncidiiae Alliance Species

1. Onc. sotoanum
 12. Onc. pardothyrsus
 3. Onc. ornithothynchum

46. Other Species 'The Americas'

1. Max. cucullata
 2. Max. schykena
 3. Zygo. mackayii

47. Dendrobium Species

1. D. sulawesiense
 2. Den. ceraula

48. Paphiopedilum Species

1. Paph. spicerianum
 2. Paph. spicerianum
 3. Paph. spicerianum

49. Phalaenopsis Species

1. Phal. equestris
 2. Phal. fasciata

50. Vandaceous species

1. Aerides lawrenceae

51. Dendrochilum Species

1. Ddc. cootesii
 2. Ddc. saccolabium
 3. Ddc. saccolabium

52. Other Species 'Asia & Rest of World'

A. Sulfaro

A. Sulfaro

3 Plants

A. Sulfaro

G&A Cushway

G&A

2Plants

A. Sulfaro

C. Polis

0 Plant

0 Plant

2 Plants

A. Sulfaro

A. Sulfaro

2 Plants

A. Sulfaro

A. Sulfaro

C. Polis

5 Plants

C. Polis

C. Polis

I. Nelson

1 Plants

C. Polis

3 Plants

S. Torrisi

A. Sulfaro

T. Riddell

0 Plant

3 Plants

A. Sulfaro

C. Polis

C. Polis

1 Plants

T. Riddell

1 Plants

C. Polis

0 Plants

15 Plants

P. McDonough

G. Cantor

T. Riddell

5 Plants

A. Sulfaro

C. Polis

F&M Lee

6 Plants

G&A Cushway

T. Riddell

A. Sulfaro

7 Plants

C. Polis

C. Polis

G. Cantor

2 Plants

T. Riddell

P. McDonough

5 Plants

T. Riddell

P. McDonough

P. McDonough

2 Plants

T. Riddell

C. Polis

1 Plant

C. Polis

4 Plants

P. McDonough

P. McDonough

T. Riddell

9 Plants

1. Coel. punctulata

2. Coel. rochussennii

3. Liparis viridiflora

53. Miniature max. 150mm

54. Miniature Species min. 150mm

1. Ddc. cobbianun

2. Ddc. saccolabium

3. Ddc. saccolabium

55. First Flowering Species

56. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid

1. Pot. Dal's Emperor 'Allan' x Tainen Gold

Siskan

NOVICE

23. Australasian Species

24. Laeliinae Species

1. Laelia anceps

2. Laelia anceps

25. Oncidiiae Species

1. Onc. ornithothynchum

26. Any other Species of Americas

1. Myoxanthus serripetalus

2. Pleurothallis navicularis

3. Pleurothallis allenii

27. Species Rest of the World

1. Coelogyne fimbriata

2. Dendrochilum cobbianum

3. Coelogyne ?

28. Australasian Hybrids

29. Cymbidium Standard

30. Cymbidium Intermediate & Miniature

31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid

32. Dendrobium Hybrid other than Australasian

33. Laeliinea Hybrid

1. C. Chocolate Drop 'Kodama'

2. C. Rosales 'Roman'

3. Cat. unknown

34. Oncidiiae Allied Genera Intergeneric Hybrid

1. Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'

2. Bellara Marfitch 'Howard's Dream'

3. Zygo. unknown

35. Hybrid of Americas All Others

1. Masdevalia Angel Glow 'Anna'

36. Other Orchid Hybrid

1. Bulbo. Elizabeth Ann Buckleberry

2. Bulbo. ornatisimum x putidum

3. Phal. unknown

P. McDonough

G. Cantor

G. Cantor

0 Plants

3 Plants

G. McDougall

G. McDougall

A. Sulfaro

0 Plants

1 Plant

A. Sulfaro

0 Plants

2 Plants

M&S Howard

M&S Howard

1 Plant

M&S Howard

4 Plants

M&S Howard

M&S Howard

M&S Howard

3 Plants

M. Asbury

M&S Howard

T. Chernishov

0 Plants

0 Plants

0 Plant

0 Plant

6 Plants

T. Chernishov

T. Chernishov

T. Chernishov

T. Chernishov

3 Plants

L. Foley

C. Sinclair

T. Chernishov

1 Plant

M&S Howard

3 Plants

M&S Howard

L. Foley

??

A REQUEST FROM GUY CANTOR

I am looking to get more jars for my flasking so I am going to ask if members could save used jars and lids for me. The type of jar are those with metal lids which have pasta, curry and other sauces. A typical picture is below.



ALAN & MIRIAM'S NEWSLETTER ALAN'S COLUMN JUNE 2017

June has now started and our plants are letting us know. I have missed out on a few newsletters this year. This has been caused by doctors visits and a short stint in Broken Hill. Cool nights and warm sunny days. Car decided it needed glow plugs to start on the frosty mornings!

Now I am back to sunny Glenbrook to look after some plants. So what shall we do! Those of us who grow cymbidiums are now seeing some very nice earlyies. It was nice to see Cym. Trigo Royale 'C-1' in flower. I had not seen it in bloom for sometime. You can easily see why Joe Rudwalis hybridized with it for many years. Its sister 'C-6' as well as Trigo Royale C-Cream! There must be thousands of Cym Trigo Royale hybrids living around the place! The only problem was that most of the crosses were triploids!

So far I have flowered a few nice flowers, but nothing like two years ago! Make sure you get those stakes in early, or use millers elastic. When placing the plants on the benches make sure the flower spikes face north. Once there do not move the plant! Keep just moist. In the old days we always placed a handful of chook pellets to keep the spikes moving. Back in the 60's in the famous Parramatta Club we had a member called "pop" Heizie. He owned a turkey farm on a hill at Kurmond, when the spikes were 1/2 grown, he

would sit down at the show at Parramatta Town Hall taking orders for pieces of his Cym DORCHESTER 'JEANETE'. He would tell everyone it was the best in the country. Now many growers top dress with chook pellets e.g. DINAFERT®.

Watch for scale when moving and staking plants. Once seen mark with stake as there is very little you can do this time of the year. MUNNS® BEETLE GRUB AND SLATER KILLER would be worth a try. Just sprinkle around the top of the pot, every two or three weeks you could spray your plants with CAMPBELL FERTILISER 'A' In 20 litres of water mix in 40 grams of 'A' or you could use MERRI FERT at 1ml per litre of water. Apply fertiliser early in the morning. Watch out for *botrytis* spotting. The very best is IPPON 500 AQUAFLO® Use at 100ml per 100lt of water. DO NOT USE IF Ph is 7 or higher. Check spraying water before mixing. If using to control flower spotting spray up into the roof area not directly onto the blooms. For more particulars contact me. Watch for snails, rats and mice.

CATTLEYAS are moving along very well The late winter and spring plants will be resting at the moment, ready for their Spring burst! If possible keep night temperatures around 12-14 degrees C. Plenty of air during the day. The other day I wanted a fan to put in the catt. House, but Bunnings could not supply me with a good 10 inch fan for the winter. They told me it was not summer yet. They do not know that you can use fans in winter as well as summer to move the air. Should Cattleyas be fertilised during winter? Some time ago the A.O.S ran an article on Cattleya nutrients applied during the growing – flowering season. Using mixes with a high content of potassium gave more colours to the flowers but size about equal. Urea gave size but skinny growth, those plants that had a small amount of all nutrients were the best but only a slight difference to plants with no extra nutrients. For best results the plants with nutrients applied every month of the year. This could be MERRI FERT – CAMPBELLS FERTILISER 'B' this is fact is a very good general purpose nutrient. Apply every 7 to 14 days all year round. One measures as supplied in pack in 5 litres of water every 7 – 14 days. MERRI FERT 1 gram in 1 litre of water every 10 days. Once every six weeks 1 gram of magnesium sulphate in 1 litre of water CAMPBELLS 'A' has a N-P-K of 11+13+16 except no Calcium, this maybe used separately at 1.0 gram Calcium Nitrate in 1.0 litre of water. Use on own or BIO MIN CALCIUM 1.0g per litre of water every second month.

Now is the time to start sorting out the keep or no keep plants to divide and throw out etc. Mix should be ready to repot etc. Some growers will

start to repot once the weather warms a little – soil temperature starts to warm.. In other words, the thermometer starts to move up. After repotting AUXINONE® applied at 1ml per litre will give plants a boost. Apply monthly for a few months.

NATIVE DENDS: are sure having problems this year. Watch out for all root diseases. This includes RHIZOCTONIA, BACTERIAL ROTS, PYTHIUM, PHYTOPHTHORA, CERCOSPORA. Many dendes have been attacked by CERCOSPORA, roots and leaves – marks on leaves – obvious plus roots hard to eliminate. All of the above can be controlled by the use of a fungal and bacterial programme. Some of the products listed :- T.M.T.D. –CAPTAN – ZINEB – MANCOZEB – PHOS. ACID. Rust can also attack many of our native and exotic dendes. Most of our dendes need very little nutrient during the winter months! Remember the BEETLE will soon be around! Most of the exotic genera like to be kept out of the cold and kept warm at night if possible. If you live in a frosty area apply ENVY® usually 2 applications will be required to keep plants clean, i.e no frost burn marks. The rate of use is on the container.

Don't forget the W.A ORCHID SPECTACULAR CONFERENCE AND SHOW to be held at Scarborough. Western Australia.5th – 6th August 2017 PLEASE NOTE If you do not have a computer get one of your friends to contact. Tony Watkinson (WAOS@IINET.NET.AU) Then you will be up to date regarding registering for the Conference.

The most advanced wound sealant now available in Australia. It is will be available from Alan soon. Costs etc will be known by the next newsletter. We will keep you all informed!

MERRI FERT and MERRI COTE are still available. The German made Max – Min Thermometers are now available. Years ago we all had one hanging in our green houses. DEBCO BARK, plenty in stock at \$20 per 25litre bag. Port Pots always available, ORCHID GROWING GUIDE by Stefan Mager. This is a must for all orchid growers, young and old, new and experienced growers for only \$12 each. Alan's Fertiliser Handbook also Alan's Pest and Disease has now been reprinted. The C.D ORCHID WORKSHOP with Alan Merriman will be available soon. Ring 02 4739 5141 or email mirannorchids@pnc.com.au to order you copy now! Auxinone® and other hormone additives available. Plenty of free information

ORCHID GROWERS CLASSES.

Yes after many years they still go! These are held on the second Saturday afternoon at 2pm to 4pm All welcome – Free. The next one will be held next Saturday afternoon 10th June at 2pm

and again on 8th July at 2pm at 89 Levy Street Glenbrook , See you there. Bring a small plate of goodies for afternoon tea – If you have a sick plant, bring it along for all to see, and they hopefully we may be able to cure it.

TILL NEXT TIME

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