



NEWSLETTER of the HOWICK ORCHID SOCIETY Inc.

Sept 2014

NEXT meeting Sun 19th Oct. 2014

NEXT MEETING: This is our annual Prize Giving meeting where our Patron Leonard Cobb will give us a short talk followed by the awarding of trophies. HOS members who exhibited at the show will receive a small gift but you must be present at the meeting to receive this. (There are no rain checks or others permitted to take gifts on behalf of others).



LAST MEETING: Although I was not at the meeting to hear and see Phil's presentation I did see an earlier version at a judge's meeting and was impressed by the research and detail Phil had gone to preparing this. Coelogynes are a genus which comes from Asia so can vary quite dramatically in cultural requirements. There are some that are particularly suited to our climate and these can grow into very large specimens. Many of the species do not offer a large range of colours and that is possibly why they are not so easy to find or are popular among growers. As orchid club members and hobby growers I do feel we have a duty to keep the rarer species growing as they will gradually become unavailable to growers because of import restrictions.

*Den. Emma Christina at WOC show (Grower Bill Liddy)
A hybrid of two species (primary hybrid) - schoeninum x
contextum*

EDITOR'S COMMENT

Our show was yet again a resounding success with very good numbers through the door, a lot of interest in the display and favourable comments about the new hall layout. The number of orchids exhibited was possibly down a little on last year but the quality of flowers was high. With the unusual weather conditions this year we did not see many of the usual genera in flower as would have been expected but others filled the gap. Sales were frantic (possibly a record) with the whole of the back wall of Cymy sold by lunchtime! The Phallies were slow to start but when the public realized the bargain prices they were being offered at, they soon disappeared. It was good to see most abiding by the new rules with sales not opening until 4pm on the Friday allowing the check in staff plenty of space and no interruptions to get their work done. We also never had any plants left behind at the close of the show! Six new memberships were completed at the show and more hopefully at the next meeting. Anton will give a more detailed show report next meeting.

CULTURE

Despite the wild and unpredictable weather experienced lately spring is still evident with trees blossoming and new growths appearing in most of the garden. Now is the time to complete repotting and tidying up of orchids so they can grow uninterrupted over the next few months. For quicker growth flowers should be **cut** triggering the plant to send out new growths. Many orchid flowers last for a long period in a vase. Flowers left on the plant too long will use up valuable energy needed for new growths. Fertiliser should now be resumed using a 'grow' formula, one that is higher in Nitrogen than the other elements. Be careful not to overdo it as some orchids may put out weak growths which will collapse or rot easily. Watering can be increased as the weather warms up but ensure plants dry out before re-watering. I'm always asked the question by new growers 'how often do I water?' This is dependent on the mix, size of pot, weather and other factors. Lifting the pot to judge how heavy it is will give an indication of how much water it is holding as long as you know what media is in the pot. Orchids are usually fairly drought tolerant but will not survive cold wet roots for too long.



Two more Aussie orchids, Den. linguiforme above and Sarco. Burgandy on Ice below.

RESULTS of HOS Show will be published next newsletter.

WE WELCOME ALL NEW MEMBERS TO THE NEXT MEETING. Our usual format will follow the presentation of trophies. Afternoon tea will then be served where you can interact with other members. Orchids will be on display as usual and these are discussed during the plant commentary. There may be some plants for sale near the entry. Our raffle is always very good and tickets cost \$2 for 3 tickets. **Entry** for all financial members to our meetings is FREE. Non member entry fee is \$2. Parking restrictions apply in all areas on Sundays so please check the signs. Parking at the rear of the hall is **not** permitted at all times.



New members please collect your OCNZ Year Book at the next meeting.

*Grand Champion at WOC show
Angraecum sesquipedale
An excellent example of a species from Madagascar
Grown by Ada Booth of Bay of Islands OS.*

HOS Club meeting Dates for 2014

Meetings start at 1.30pm at the Fencible Lounge, Uxbridge Rd. Howick. (Next to library)

PLEASE NOTE these dates in your diary or calendar.

19th Oct (Prize giving); 9th Nov; 14th Dec. (Social event)

(There is no auction this year)



*Two attractive Paphiopedilums at WOC
Hsinying Rujo left and Maudiae x Grand Illusions.*

This month there are another couple of questions **to answer** (at the meeting) referring to the photos below so study them carefully.



CLUE: Both photos taken in Thailand recently by Manee!

Plants On Display (September meeting)Compiled by **Michelle Tung**

(Plant names in bold type denote label changes are recommended - either incorrect spelling or a new name of a registered hybrid)

*(Use of italics denotes that the plant is a species)***Open Section**

Carol Brown	1 Paphiopedilum unknown, and 2 x Odontoglossum unknown	SECOND equal
Alf Day	<i>Brassidium</i> (<i>Brsdm.</i>) Pagan Love Song, and a basket of <i>Oncidium</i> Alliance	
Mick Hughes	<i>Cymbidium</i> (<i>Cym.</i>) (Red Planet x <i>devonianum</i>) x Square Dancer	
Grahame Leafberg	<i>Cymbidium</i> (<i>Cym.</i>) Miss Muffet x Mighty Mouse = Topo Gigio	PLANT OF THE MONTH
Warren Mullins	<i>Dendrobium</i> (<i>Den.</i>) Bardo Rose , and <i>Den. falcorostrum</i>	
Frances Henrich/ Ros Mackay	<i>Cattleya</i> (<i>C.</i>) Final Touch x <i>Brassolaeliocattleya</i> (<i>Blc.</i>) Love Sound	
William & Man Lo	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> (<i>Phal.</i>) Appalachian Sunset, <i>Paphiopedilum</i> (<i>Paph.</i>) Hamana Surf x Surf Vista, <i>Paph.</i> Voodoo Magic x Wood Wonder, and <i>Paph.</i> Potree	
Ron Reeves	<i>Arpophyllum</i> (<i>Arpo.</i>) <i>giganteum</i> , <i>Oncidium</i> (<i>Onc.</i>) sphacelatum , <i>Masdevallia</i> (<i>Masd.</i>) <i>falcata</i> , <i>Ada aurantiaca</i> and 1 unknown plant	SECOND equal
Kathy Rimmer	<i>Dendrochilum</i> (<i>Ddc.</i>) <i>glumaceum</i> , and <i>Dockrillia</i> (<i>Doc.</i>) Virginia Jupp	
Ken & Chui Tse	<i>Dendrobium</i> (<i>Den.</i>) King Wong, <i>Brassolaeliocattleya</i> (<i>Blc.</i>) Orange Glow, <i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> (<i>Rth.</i>) Lee's Ruby , and <i>Laeliocattleya</i> (<i>Lc.</i>) Memoria Francis Takakura	
Michelle Tung	<i>Lmc.</i> A. Alcorn, and <i>Pleione</i> (<i>Pln.</i>) <i>formosana</i>	FIRST
Anton & Janet Wehman	<i>Pleione</i> (<i>Pln.</i>) Loulan, <i>Laeliocattleya</i> (<i>Lc.</i>) Trick or Treat, <i>Cattleya</i> (<i>C.</i>) Picasso x Lynn Spencer, <i>Phalaenopsis</i> (<i>Phal.</i>) Kahurangi G x Funky Girl, <i>Dendrobium</i> (<i>Den.</i>) King Wong, and 2x <i>Den.</i> Bright Surprise	
Kitty & Kevin Yong	<i>Cattleya</i> (<i>C.</i>) Magestic (?) x <i>Lc.</i> Bonanza	

Novice

Barry & Penelope Gasson	<i>Cattleya</i> (<i>C.</i>) Rio Orato (?) x Coronado, <i>Dendrobium</i> unknown	FIRST THIRD
Lea Jooste	<i>Dendrobium</i> (<i>Den.</i>) Jonathan's Glory	SECOND

Novelty

Warren Mullins	<i>Ddc. tenellum</i> 'Caribou Whiskers'	FIRST
Kathy Rimmer	<i>Ddc. tenellum</i> 'Caribou Whiskers'	SECOND
Michelle Tung	<i>Ddc. tenellum</i> 'Caribou Whiskers'	

Commentary was given by Phil Funnel.