

MAROONDAH ORCHID SOCIETY INCORPORATED

MONTHLY NEWS LETTER

Lycastes are orchids of the
New World Tropics and Subtropics



Lycaste Club Emblem

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Next Meeting: Friday – 20 December 2019

**Venue: St. Timothy's Catholic
Community School Hall
21 Stevens Road, Vermont.
(Melway, Map 62 Ref.G3)**

ITEM OF THE EVENING: Christmas Dinner.

Venue: The top hall at St Timothy's.

Arrival Time: 6.30pm.

What to bring: BYO drinks and glasses (food provided).

Kris Kringle: Bring a gift to the value of \$5 and mark His, Hers or Either.

Special Effort: Will be Christmas Hampers.

There will be no Sales Table but every member will receive a gift.

Bench Competition: There will be no judging but there will be a popular vote under two categories open and intermediate/novice.

Yearly prize winners will be announced.

President's Report

Our November combined Sarcophilus show meeting with ANOS Melbourne Suburbs was one of the most spectacular displays of Sarcophilus flowering plants that we ever have had on display. It certainly was the best displays of flowering Sarcophilus for many years.

Members from both clubs are to be Congratulated for their culture and flowering for the show.

In addition, the general benching had great flowering plants over many genera. The judges from both clubs certainly had an enormous task. Well done to all exhibitors. Unfortunately, due to the large range of plants on display, no bench commentary was possible.

With our driest spring and cold start for summer, take care with watering as new growths certainly are happening.

As another year draws to a close we can be proud of our Society for its achievements plus the many wonderful friendships over many years.

To new members, special thanks for joining our Society and I trust that you enjoy all our events and make new friendships over the joy of Orchid growing.

For members who are not feeling well please take care and get well soon.

My wish for you, and your families, is the very best for the Festive Season, good health and prosperity for the year ahead.

I look forward to seeing you at our December Christmas meeting

Festive wishes,

David

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Warm Welcome to Two New Members

Lian-Ying Yap

Yok-Ian Soo

Upgrade

Sylvia Kappl to Open Section

Important Message about Facebook

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Interesting Plants at November Meeting



Kong and Fun Yong's Masd.
Rubicaon 'Hackett Creek'



J. Foster-Johnson's Lael. Royal Beau
'Alex'



S.Kappl's
Cym. Suave



T. Le's Masd. veitchiana



H. Truong's Den. Miyuki



J. Stanley's Cym. Olive Street



C. Luth's
Cat. Tropical Treat



D. Luth's Cat. Intermedia
'Aimee'



E. Tung's Phar Lap
'Geyserland'

Interesting Sarcs at November Meeting



J. Foster-Johnson's Hartmanii 780



K. Balogh's Dove x Hartmanii
'Ginger Snow'



K. Balogh's
(Rebecca x Topaz) x
Kolnura Kaliedescope



S. Kappl's Amber



E. Yu-Chan's Heidi



S. Kappl's Patricia Abel
'Marbel Bar'



S. Kappl's Plectochilus Kilgara



J. Foster-Johnson's
Rhinochillus Colonial Zeal



D. Cannon's
Verolica

Bench Competition - November - 2019

JUDGE'S VOTE	Masdevallia Rubicon 'Hackett Creek'	c	Kong & Fun Yong
POPULAR VOTE	Masdevallia Rubicon 'Hackett Creek'	c	Kong & Fun Yong
BEST IN SECTION			
Open	Masdevallia Rubicon 'Hackett Creek'	c	Kong & Fun Yong
Intermediate	Cymbidium Suave	c	S. Kappl
Novice	Masdevallia veitchiana	c	T. Le
Open			
Intermediate Cymbidium	1 st Parish Song x devonianum	c	G. & M. Moffat
	2 nd Devon Oro 'Robyn'	c	P. Hince
Miniature Cymbidium	1 st Phar Lap	c	D. Tung
	2 nd Miss Muffet	c	G. & M. Moffat
Masdevallia Hybrid	1 st Rubicon 'Hackett Creek'	c	K. & F. Yong
	2 nd Rubicon 'Hackett Creek'	c	J. Foster-Johnson
	3 rd Stipendous x Midas Touch	c	K. Balogh
Masdevallia Species	1 st veitchiana	c	K. Balogh
	2 nd veitchiana	c	L. Le
	3 rd coccinea	c	L. Le
Dendrobium	1 st Miyuki	c	H. Truong
	2 nd Tancho	c	J. Foster-Johnson
	3 rd Gorgeous Smile	c	L. Le
Oncidiinae Large	1 st Tahoma Glacier	c	C. Luth
	2 nd unknown	c	B. Clemson
Laelinae Intermediate	1 st Royal Beau 'Alex'	c	J. Foster-Johnson
Laelinae Cluster & Novelty	1 st Tropical Treat	c	C. Luth
Ant Other Hybrid	1 st Sartylis 'Blue Knob'	c	J. Foster-Johnson
Species Any Genera – The America's	1 st Cat. Intermedia 'Aimee'	c	C. Luth
Species Any Genera – Asia	1 st Dend. farmeri	c	H. Truong
	2 nd Den. nobile	c	C. Luth
	3 rd Coel. speciosa	c	A. Baker
Intermediate			
Intermediate Cymbidium	1 st Cym. Olive Street	c	J. Stanley
Miniature Cymbidium	1 st Cricket	c	C. Ng
Masdevallia Hybrid	1 st Cuzco Gold	c	S. Kappl
Masdevallia Species	1 st infracta	c	S. Kappl
Dendrobium	1 st Unknown	c	C. Ng
	2 nd Tikidaruna	c	J. Stanley
Australian Native – Cymbidium	1 st Suave	c	S. Kappl
Species Any Genera – Asia	1st Vand ampullacea	c	S. Kappl

Novice			
Masdevallia Species	1 st veitchiana	c	T. Le
Seedling Flowering For The First Time			
Open	1 st Cat. intermedia	c	L. Le

Sarcochilus Night Show Results

Champion Sarcochilus of the Night	Plectochilus Kilgara	c	S. Kappl
Open			
Best Classic Shape - White	1 st Dove x hartmanii 'Ginger Snow'	c	K. Balogh
	2 nd Fitzhart x Cherie	c	K. Balogh
	3 rd Melba	c	D, Cannon
Best Classic Shape – Red/Pink	1 st Allure 'Harry'	c	D. Tung
	2 nd Dunno x Maria	c	C. Luth
	3 rd Dunno x Elegance	c	C. Luth
Best Classic Shape – Any Other Colour/Combination of Colours	1 st Gabriella	c	C. Luth
	2 nd Sunray x Kunama	c	L. Orland
	3 rd Woolamia	c	D. Cannon
Best Novelty Shape – Open Shaped Plants (e.g. Australis etc.)	1 st Rhinocillus Colonial Zeal	c	J. Foster-Johnson
	2 nd Plectochilus Runrill x Australis	c	Kong & Fun Yong
	3 rd Verolica	c	D. Cannon
Best Species	1 st hartmanii Roberta x Red Snow	c	D. Tung
	2 nd hartmanii 192 x Jo Pinner	c	K. Balogh
	3 rd hartmanii TB	c	C. Luth
Best Speciman (Hybrid/Species)	1 st hartmanii 780	c	J. Foster-Johnson
	2 nd Woolamia	c	D. Cannon
	3 rd Plectocilus Rumrill x Australis	c	Kong & Fun Yong
Other Than Open Section			
Best Classic Shape - White	1 st Dove 'Big Bird'	c	S. Kappl
	2 nd Fitzhart	c	S. and J. Tse
Best Classic Shape – Red/Pink	1 st Cherie Dawn	c	T. Pham
	2 nd Patricia Abel	c	S. Kappl

	3 rd Maria 'Floral'	c	C. Ng
Best Classic Shape – Any Other Colour/Combination of Colours	1 st Amber	c	S. Kappl
	2 nd Heidi	c	E. Yu-Chan
	3 rd Gabriela	c	E. Yu-Chan
Best Novelty Shape – Open Shaped Plants (e.g. Australis etc.)	1 st Plectochilus Kilgra	c	S. Kappl
	2 nd Elise x Velvet	c	C. Ng
Best Speciman (Hybrid/Species)	1 st Dove 'Big Bird'	c	S. Kappl
	2 nd Cherie Dawn	c	T. Pham
	3 rd Fitzhart	c	S. and J. Tse
Seedling Flowering For The First Time			
Open	1 st Elegance x Kulnorra Flash	c	K. Balogh
	2 nd Gabriele x Marie	c	J. Doney
	3 rd (Rebecca x Topaz) Kulnura Kaleidescope	c	K. Balogh
Other Than Open Section	1 st Ela's Ruby xx4	c	S. Kappl
	2 nd Ela's Ruby xx5	c	S. Kappl

Photos from the November Meeting



WATERING ORCHIDS IN SUMMER by Brian Milligan



Most orchid growers agree that in winter orchids should be watered in the morning, preferably on sunny days when the temperature is rising, so that the foliage is dry by nightfall. Watering in summer is more controversial. For a typical summer day in Melbourne with a maximum temperature around 25°C, I stick to the winter schedule and water in the morning. Foliage that remains wet overnight is prone to fungal attack, especially if the relative humidity is high. Glasshouses and other enclosed structures are always humid at night when the temperature falls.

Watering in hot weather, when temperatures exceed 30°C, and especially when hot, dry northerly winds are blowing, is another matter. Under these conditions small pots watered in the morning will be dry by midday. Watering in the evening is then much better, as the plants have all night to absorb water through their roots. If the weather is very hot, I water my small pots (up to 50 mm in diameter) both in the morning and at night. The above comments refer to plants, such as Australian native dendrobiums, grown in bark-based mixes. Plants grown in Sphagnum moss retain moisture much longer and seldom need watering more than once every second day, even in the hottest weather. Some orchids, such as dendrobiums and varicosum-type oncidiums, like to dry out between waterings, whereas cymbidiums and paphiopedilums do much better if their potting mix is never allowed to become completely dry.

There is an added benefit to watering cymbidiums at night in summer. The cooling effect produced by watering at that time induces flowering. Temperatures need to fall to 13°C or lower over a succession of nights in December and January for this to happen. The required cooling effect is fairly easy for us to achieve but not for Brisbane growers, who have great trouble in persuading many of their cymbidiums to bloom. One genus that definitely benefits from watering at night is *Pleione*. Max Akam, one of Melbourne's largest *pleione* growers, always waters his plants at night, and believes it is particularly important in hot weather.

Some growers with heated glasshouses water the orchids therein in the evening all year round. Their rationale is that rain falls mainly in the late afternoon or evening in the tropical regions where most of their species orchids grow, and that they are doing only "what comes naturally". However, unless the minimum temperature is about 15°C and there is excellent air circulation, I believe that watering at night throughout the year will ultimately lead to attack by *Botrytis* and other fungal infection.

No orchids should be watered at midday in very hot weather. Soft-leaved orchids, such as *lycastes* and *pleiones*, will suffer from leaf scald, and so may the new growths on soft-cane and Australian native dendrobiums. Also, it's best not to apply liquid fertilisers in hot weather, and preferably not when the roots are dry. Always ensure that the potting mix is damp before applying liquid fertilisers, or you may damage the roots (this advice has been handed down by a long line of expert orchid growers but may not be scientifically based). I prefer to play safe and water one day and fertilise the next. By choosing a cool spell of weather, then it won't be necessary to water for another couple of days. This allows time for the nutrients to be absorbed by the plant before they are flushed away with the next watering.

Whatever your watering technique, the most important thing to your plants is that they are watered. The effort that you put into your cymbidiums during summer will be reflected in how well they flower in winter and spring. So give them a Happy Christmas too, and water them regularly over the holiday season.



LAST THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTMAS:

Q. Why do Dasher and Dancer love coffee?

A. Because they're Santa's star bucks!

Q: What do you call a kid who doesn't believe in Santa?

A: A rebel without a Claus.

Q: Who is Santa's favorite singer?

A: Elf-is Presley.

Q: Why does Santa have 3 gardens?

A: So he can ho-ho-ho.

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