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Lycaste Club Emblem

Next Meeting: Friday – 20 December 2024

Meeting begins at 7.00pm

Venue: Parkmore Primary School

38/54 Jolimont Rd, Forest Hill VIC 3131

ITEM OF THE EVENING: Christmas Dinner

Venue: Parkmore Primary School.

Arrival Time: 6.30pm.

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

Kris Kringle: Bring a gift to the value of \$10 and mark His, Hers or Either.

Special Effort: Will be Christmas Hampers.

There will be no Sales Table but every membership 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

We have a new home!

Our move to Parkmore Primary School happened on Saturday November 23rd.

Of course it had to occur on the hottest day since March and, after a small hiccup (a missing key), we were able to move all our equipment into the new storage area.

I want to thank the Committee and general members who selflessly gave up their Saturday morning to make the move run smoothly.

Our final meeting at St Timothy's included the annual Sarcophilus Show and we were treated to some beautifully presented plants. Congratulations to the Show's winners.

We'll round out the year with our Christmas Dinner on December 20th at Parkmore Primary School. As always, there'll be hamper prizes, a Special Effort and plants on which to cast a popular vote.

To all our members and your families, enjoy the time with your loved ones and I am looking forward to seeing you at our Club meetings in 2025.

Michael Chivell

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Interesting Plants From the November Meeting

		
<p>C. Ng's Cymbidium Cricket</p>	<p>T, Pham's Cymbidium Kuranda</p>	<p>C. Luth's Cattleya intermedia var semi- alba 'Irorata'</p>
		
<p>S. Kappl's Vanda Ampullaceal</p>	<p>J. Wong's Dendrobium thrysiflorum</p>	<p>R. Kasman's Masdevallia Deep Cense</p>
		
<p>R. & H. Coleman's Paphiopedilum Rosy Dawn</p>	<p>D. Cannon's Cymbidium Devon Stump</p>	<p>T. Pham's Dendrobium hancockii</p>

Interesting Sarcs at November Meeting



G. McCully's Melba 'Barbara'



Close up of G. McCully's Melba 'Barbara'



D. Cannon's
Judith



H. Truong's Kulnura Whomping x
Kulnura Fireball



K. Balogh's Kulnura Festival x
Sweetheart 'Speckles'



G. McCully's Kulnura Dreamer x
Maria Purple Star



K. Balogh's
falcata 'Albos'



G. Chivell's Kulnura Duet
'Golden Spark' x
Kulnura Taser 'Bethany'



G. Chivell's Kulnura Need '7 Spikes' x
Kulnura Coral Reef

BENCH COMPETITION November 2024

JUDGES VOTE	Cymbidium Cricket	c	C. Ng
BEST IN SECTION			
Open	Cymbidium Cricket	c	C. Ng
Intermediate	Cymbidium Cricket	c	R. & H. Coleman
Novice	Dendrobium hancokii	c	T. Pham
	Open Section		
Intermediate Cymbidium	1 st madidum x lowianum	c	L. Orland
Miniature Cymbidium	1 st Dorothy Stockstill 'Rosalie'	c	L. Orland
	2 nd Mad Magic 'Amber'	c	L. Orland
Cymbidium Micro Mini	1 st Cricket	c	C. Ng
	2 nd Kuranda	c	H. Truong
	3 rd Black Stump	c	L. Orland

Cymbidium Species	1 st suave	c	S. Kappl
	2 nd tigrinum	c	C. Luth
Masdevallia Hybrid	1 st Falcata x Myra	c	J. Foster-Johnson
	2 nd Cuzco Bold	c	J. Foster-Johnson
	3 rd Prince Charming	c	J. Foster-Johnson
Masdevallia Species	1 st infracta	c	S. Kappl
Dendrobium	1 st Miyuki	c	C. Gunawan
	2 nd Winifred Fortesque	c	C. Luth
	3 rd Star Sapphire	c	L. Orland
Miltonia	1 st Odontonia Futuresque 'Gloria'	c	C. Luth
Australian Native Dendrobium Species	1 st Den. monophyllum	c	C. Gunawan
	2 nd Den. fleckeri	c	C. Luth
	3 rd Den. fleckeri	c	S. Kappl

Paphiopedilum	1 st Rosie Dawn	c	C. Gunawan
Paphiopedilum Species	1 st hirsatissimum	c	S. Kappl
	2 nd venustum	c	C. Gunawan
Oncidiinae Large	1 st Wils Hilda Plumbree 'Purple Wings'	c	C. Luth
	2 nd Damra Winter Wonderland 'White Farm'		
Laelinae Cluster & Novelty	1 st SL Aussie Sunset x Pot Dal's Emperor 'Arcadia'	c	J. Foster-Johnson
Any Other Hybrid	1 st Dendrobium chrysloxum x thrysiflorum	c	J. Foster-Johnson
Species Any Genera – The America's	1 st Phrag. caudatum	c	D. Weise
	2 nd Lycaste tricolor	c	D. Weise
	3 rd Maxillaria lepidota	c	C. Luth
Species Any Genera – Asia	1 st Vanda ampullacea	c	S. Kappl
	2 nd Holcoglossum ruestre	c	C. Gunawan
	3 rd Dendrobium atrovioleaceum	c	J. Foster-Johnson
Laeliinae Species	1 st Catt. intermedia var. Semi Alba 'Irorata'	c	C. Luth
	2 nd Catt. intermedia var Alba	c	J. Foster-Johnson

	3 rd Catt. intermedia var Aimee	c	C. Luth
	Intermediate Section		
Immediate Cymbidium	1 st Valya Craig x caniculatum var sparkesii	c	R. & H. Coleman
Mini Cymbidium	1 st Cricket #1	c	R. & H. Coleman
	2 nd Cricket	c	R. & H. Coleman
Paphiopedilum	1 st Rosy Dawn	c	R. & H. Coleman
Laeliinae Cluster & Novelty	1 st L.S. Gold Digger 'Loins Den'	c	J. Harnetty
Species Any Genera - Asia	1 st Dendrobium thrysiflorum	c	J. Wong
	2 nd Dendrobium nobile virginallis	c	T. Le
	Novice Section		
Intermediate Cymbidium	1 st Canned Magic	c	R. Kasman
Miniature Cymbidium	1 st Black Stump	c	R. Kasman
Masdevallia Species	1 st coccinea 'Deep Cerise'	c	R. Kasman
Species Any Genera - Asia	1 st Dendrobium hancockii	c	T. Pham

Seedling Flowering For The First Time			
Open	1 st Cymbidium Devon Stump	c	D. Cannon
	2 nd Vanda Barrita Cuteness	c	S. Kappl

Club Cultural Awards

Cymbidium Cricket	C. Ng
Cymbidium Kuranda	H. Truong

Sarcochilus Night Show Results

Champion Sarcochilus of the Night	Melba 'Barbara'	c	G. McCully
Open			
Best Classic Shape - White	1 st Melba 'Barbara'	c	G. McCully
	2 nd Judith	c	D. Cannon
	3 rd Melba	c	D. Cannon
Best Classic Shape – Red/Pink	1 st Kulnura x Fireball	c	H. Truong
	2 nd Kulnura Flood x Kulnura Jancinny	c	H. Truong

	3 rd Kulnura Dazzel x Maria Purple	c	K. Balogh
Best Classic Shape – Any Other Colour/Combination of Colours	1 st Kulnura Festival x Sweetheart Speckles	c	K. Balogh
	2 nd Mimmin x Fitzhart	c	G. McCully
	3 rd Maria x Kulnura Secure	c	H. Truong
Best Novelty Shape – Open Shaped Plants (e.g. Australis etc.)	1 st Perist Olive Grace	c	S. Kappl
	2 nd (Yvette x Cherie) x Patricia Abel	c	G. McCully
	3 rd hartmanii x Red Snow	c	Leo Orland
Best Species	1 st falcatus ‘Albos’	c	K. Balogh
	2 nd hartmanii Blue Knob x self	c	G. McCully
	3 rd ceciliae	c	S. Kappl
Best Speciman (Hybrid/Species)	1 st Kulnura Whomping x Kulnura Fireball	c	H. Truong
	2 nd Melba	c	D. Cannon
	3 rd Kulnura Flood x Kulnura Sanctuary	c	H. Truong

Other Than Open Section			
Best Classic Shape – Red/Pink	1 st Kulnura Need '7 Spikes' x Kulnura Coral Reef 'Wtr'	c	G. Chivell
Best Classic Shape – Any Other Colour/Combination of Colours	1 st Iris 'Mt Beenak' x Allora 'LP'	c	G. Chivell
Seedling Flowering For The First Time			
Open	1 st Kulnura Dream x Maria Purple	c	G. McCully
	2 nd Maria Purple Dot x Sweetheart	c	G.& M. Moffat
	3 rd Kulnura Taser x Kulnura Opus Vision	c	G. & M. Moffat
Other Than Open	1 st Kulnura 'Golden Spark' x Kulnura Taser 'Bethany'	c	G. Chivell

Photos from the November Meeting



Points tally – 2024

Open	Points
J Foster-Johnson	118
S. Kappl	116
C Luth	63
D. Cannon	15
G. Moffat	15
L. Orland	59
L. Le	17
C. Ng	9
C. Gunawan	50
K. Lam	7
I. Baker	6
D. Weise	23
K. Balogh	31
G. McCully	19
S. & M. Early	3
P. Hince	5
J. Truong	8
Intermediate	Points
Tu Le	26
J. Harnetty	47
J. Wong	15
R. & H. Coleman	36
S. Lim	1
Novice	Points

G. Chivell	40
T. Pham	18
R. Kasman	29
W. Han	4
P. & Y. Lock	3
S. Liu	15

ORCHIDS for CHRISTMAS: FIVE SPECIES for the SHADE-HOUSE

by Brian Milligan

The summer months are generally regarded as the least rewarding in an orchid grower's calendar, with fewer flowers than during winter and spring. This statement applies particularly to hybrids of the more commonly grown genera. Fortunately, there are many species orchids that flower during summer, and on occasion there are sometimes as many species as hybrids on our show benches between December and March. I grow the following species under shade-house conditions throughout the year, together with my cymbidiums, and find that they usually flower during December and January.

Coelogyne mooreana is one of a number of coelogyne species that will happily grow and flower in a 'cosy' shade house in Melbourne. Once uncommon in cultivation in Melbourne, it has become more widely grown over the last decade. Its crystalline white flowers are held on erect inflorescences that emerge from the new growths. They are less prone to mark when wet than are those of *C. cristata*, but even so it is best to avoid wetting them when watering. They usually last for at least a month. *C. mooreana* may flower several times each year, as each new growth develops but blooms most profusely in November and December.

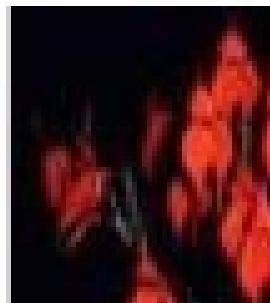
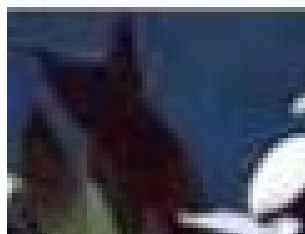
Thunia marshalliana is an Asian terrestrial orchid that resembles a small bamboo plant at maturity (in late summer). It is found growing on the ground, on rocks or in tree forks at altitudes of 1000-2300 m. A cluster of white cattleya-like flowers develops at the top of the cane by Christmas, up to ten flowers opening sequentially,

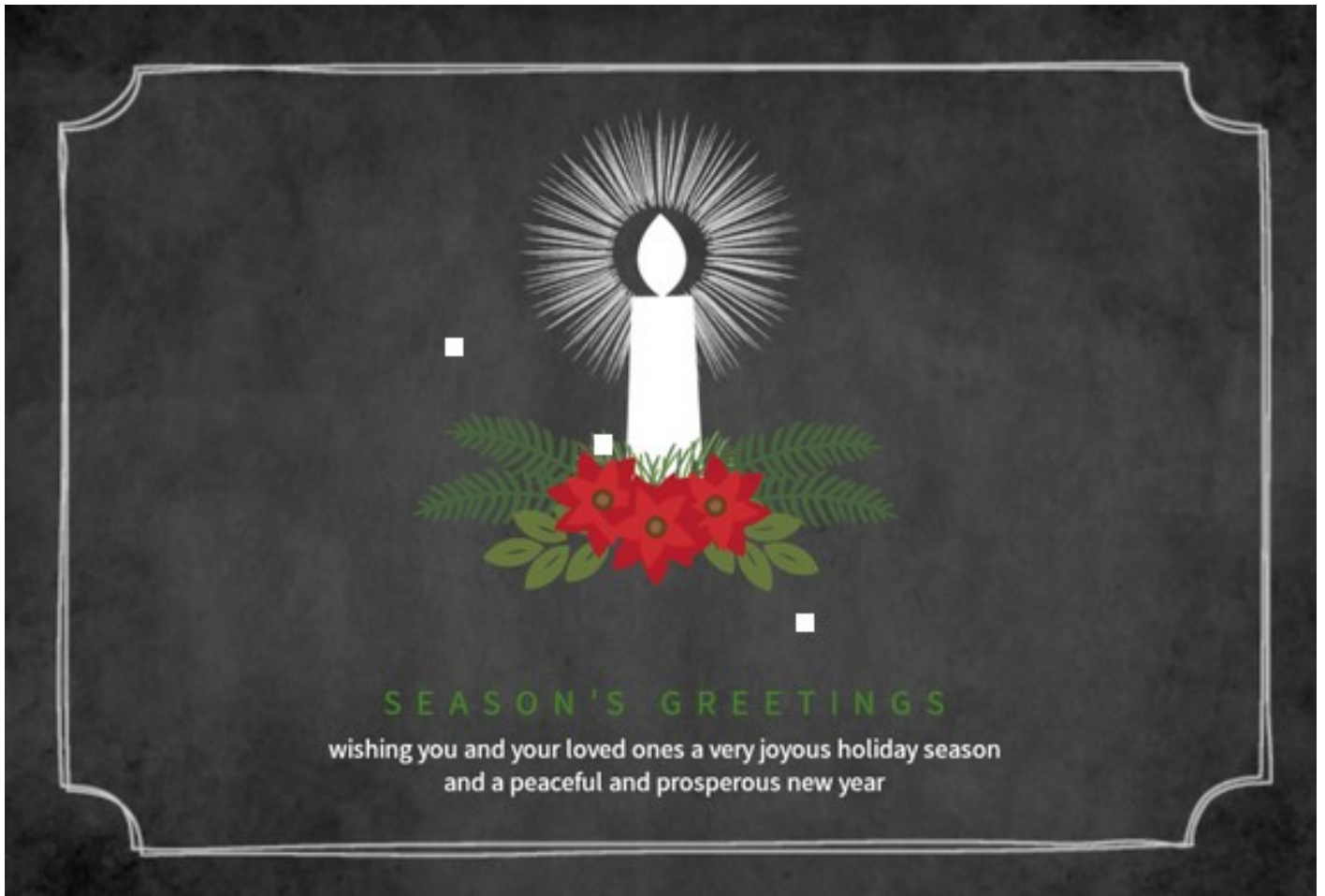
although only three or four are open at the one time. The leaves turn brown and fall in autumn, and the plant remains dormant throughout winter and early spring. Then new growth begins to develop from the base of the dormant cane, reaching a height of 600-750 mm by Christmas. It needs a rich mix of garden loam and coarse sand, and benefits from regular watering and frequent applications of liquid fertiliser while in active growth.

Stenoglottis woodii is a terrestrial orchid from South Africa. Its white (sometimes pink) flowers begin to open at Christmas time, and continue to do so sequentially over the next month or two. Most members are probably more familiar with *Stenoglottis longifolia*, which has a tall inflorescence bearing up to fifty pink flowers in autumn. *S. woodii* grows equally well in either a terrestrial mix or in a bark-based potting mix.

Pholidota chinensis is a native of China and Burma, where it grows on damp rocks on stream banks, or as an epiphyte over a wide altitudinal range (300-2500 m). In cultivation it may be grown under either cool or intermediate conditions. If grown in the shade-house, the inflorescences develop in early summer. The inflorescences soon become pendant, providing an attractive display if the pot is suspended from the shade-house roof. Each inflorescence is said to bear as many as 35 green/buff-coloured flowers but my plants bear fewer flowers when grown without heat. The new growths appear in late winter but take many months to develop. Small plants take only a few years to develop into attractive specimens.

Masdevallia veitchiana was introduced to cultivation in Europe in 1867. Its large red flowers and vigorous growth habit make it one of the most popular masdevallia species in cultivation today, at least among those orchid enthusiasts living in cool or temperate areas. Like most other masdevallia species, it needs cool, moist conditions, and is better suited to cultivation in southern Victoria and Tasmania than to the warmer northern states. Although *Masdevallia veitchiana* may flower at any time, most flowers are produced in early summer.





LAST THOUGHTS

How much did Santa pay for his sleigh?

Nothing – it was on the house.

How did the bauble know that she was addicted to Christmas?

She'd been hooked on Christmas trees all her life.

What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?

Tinsilitis.

What do you call a blind reindeer?

No-eye deer.

Why was the snowman embarrassed when he was spotted rummaging through a bag of carrots?

He was caught picking his nose.

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