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GUEST SPEAKER – JANE WRIGHT on Catasetum orchids.

Jane is an orchid judge who grows many different types of orchids. Catasetum are rarely seen on the benches in our area so it will be very interesting for us to learn more about them and to see whether we have the conditions that suit them.

SOCIETY INFORMATION

VENUE: BOMADERRY COMMUNITY CENTRE
19 BIRRILEY STREET, BOMADERRY.

NEXT MEETING Monday 15 April

Meeting room is open at 6.30pm for setting up *
Benching to be finished by 7.00pm
Novice Corner 7.00 — 7.15pm
Popular Vote 7.15—7.30pm
Meeting commences 7.30pm
* Many hands make for a quick set up/pack up.



NOVICE CORNER Committee member, **John Clancy**, is the co-ordinator and members who have a cultural problem or any questions about their orchids are invited to speak to John during Novice Corner. If it is not within John's area he will refer you to another grower who may be able to help. If there is a particular topic you would like to have covered in Novice Corner please feel free to contact John on 44439072 or email john.clancy50@me.com.

THE SHOALHAVEN ORCHID SOCIETY MEETS ON THE **THIRD MONDAY** OF THE MONTH- at **7.00 PM** IN THE BOMADERRY COMMUNITY CENTRE, 19 BIRRILEY STREET, BOMADERRY.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Everyone,

I hope you all had a nice Easter break.

I mentioned at the March General Meeting how successful the South/West Regional Workshop was. There were 62 attendees who listened to 5 interesting Guest Speakers with topics ranging from Cymbidiums, Miltoniopsis, Paphiopedilums, Cattleya (sophronitis) to Phalaenopsis. The feedback from those attending was extremely positive. Well done committee and members who helped throughout the 1 ½ days.

Thank you to member Kerrie Carter, who has volunteered to be our new Treasurer. We look forward to working with you on committee.

We need at least 2 members to volunteer to run the Bunnings BBQ through the year. There are more not-for-profit organisations now who vie for the opportunity to hold a fund raiser. So, we may be fortunate to have one or two a year.

After a successful get-together with MUOS last year at the Phelan's home another get-together has been planned for the Saturday 27th April to be held at Michelle and Bruce McIntosh's home at 27 Jubilee Ave. Ulladulla, starting at 10.30am. The Guest Speaker for the day is Gordon Marion from Eurobodalla O/S who will be talking about how he treats bark and also, how he mixes his own fertilizer. There will be a BBQ afterwards catered for by MUOS. Members are asked to bring their preferred drink and a chair. Please let Françoise know by our next meeting on the 15th April, if you would like to attend.

Our April Meeting Guest Speaker will be Dr. Jane Wright from Canberra O/S. Jane will be talking about the Catasetinae orchid family which includes 8 genera. They are naturally found in the tropical lowland areas of Central and South America. If you are able, Google 'Catasetinae' before the meeting and you will see they include some interesting orchids.

See you at the next meeting,
Warm regards,
Louise

IMPORTANT NOTICE

about your Bishop's discount card
A new discount card will be issued when you renew your membership. Please bring your old card to the meeting to exchange for the new card. Secretary Françoise has the new cards.

Workshop Novices Corner

Between 7pm and 7.15pm newer growers can speak to experienced grower.

April: Topic to be announced.

Any problem orchid for advice on?
(Please bring it in plastic bag if you suspect it has a disease or pest problem.) Remember, there's no such thing as a '*dumb orchid question*'!

Attendance Book

Members and guests must sign the attendance book. This is required for insurance purposes.

If you don't sign, you're not covered.

Please sign beside your number given by the society.



Books! Books! Books!

**Our society has many great books for
Speak to Robin Gunter who would be
delighted to help you.**



**SHOALHAVEN ORCHID SOCIETY AND
MILTON/ULLADULLA
GET-TOGETHER**

How enjoyable was the last get-together with SOS and MUOS members at Lynne and Brian Phelan's home at Woollamia last year.

Another get-together has now been planned for Saturday, 27th April at Michelle and Bruce McIntosh's home, 27 Jubilee Avenue, Ulladulla, starting at 10.30am.

The guest speaker for the day will be Gordon Marion, a member from the Eurobodalla Orchid Society. Gordon will be speaking on "how he treats his bark" and also 'mixing his own fertiliser'.

Michelle and Bruce will be inviting those attending to have a look through their orchid growing areas. A BBQ has been planned by MUOS. Our SOS members need only bring a bottle of drink and a chair.

I hope you can make this social day and enjoy the company of members from both societies.

Numbers are needed for catering. Please advise Françoise or Louise if you will be attending. Contact details on the first page.

INVITATION

Milton/Ulladulla Orchid Society has kindly invited Shoalhaven members to their May meeting to be held on Monday, May 13th. The meeting starts at 12.00pm and the Guest Speaker will be Craig Miles from Orchids of Distinction, Victoria.

Craig will be doing 3 talks, "Making the most of your growing environment", "Growing Paphiopedilums", and "Growing and flowering Miltoniopsis" and bringing items for sale.

There will be morning tea and light lunch served. Cost for MUOS members will be \$5 and non-members \$10 to help cover the cost of catering.

The meeting will be held upstairs at the Ulladulla Civic Centre (Tourist Information Centre, parking at rear).

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Benching Results –MARCH 2024

BENCHING RESULTS		Month	March	Year 2024
Class	Orchid Name	Name of Grower		
NOVICE				
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Blc.</i> (Burdekin Delight x Narooma) x Ray Maidment	R. Bristow		
Species	<i>Paph. spicerianum</i> 'Tinonee' x <i>Paph. spicerianum</i> 'Goliath'	J. Cameron		
Novice Orchid of the Night	<i>Paph. spicerianum</i> 'Tinonee' x <i>Paph. spicerianum</i> 'Goliath'	J. Cameron		
INTERMEDIATE				
Species orchid	<i>Coelogyne macranthum</i>	S. Ellis		
Oncidiinae Alliance	<i>Onc.</i> Sharry Baby	B. Smythe		
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Laelia</i> Unknown	R. Wraight		
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Milt.</i> Anne Warne	W. Lee		
Intermediate Orchid of the Night	<i>Coelogyne macranthum</i>	S. Ellis		
OPEN				
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. dianthum</i>	M & S Montebello		
Dendrobium	<i>Den.</i> Green Apple <i>Den.</i> Jade Junior #1	R. Findlater M & S Montebello		
Laeliinae Alliance	<i>Blc.</i> California Girl	K & S Wynn		
Vandaceous Hybrid	<i>Phal.</i> Kirei Pink	M & S Montebello		
Species	<i>Vanda</i> Rothschildiana	R. Hahn		
Australian native species	<i>Den. bigibbum</i> var. <i>compactum</i>	R. Korber		
Miscellaneous orchid	<i>Catasetum</i> Manks Red x <i>Hermosa</i> Manks 'Jungle Girls'	L. Watkins		
Open Orchid of the Night	<i>Paph. dianthum</i>	M & S Montebello		
Species of the Night	<i>Paph. dianthum</i>	M & S Montebello		
Hybrid of the Night	<i>Rlc.</i> Golden Reign 'Southern Lime' x <i>C.</i> Caudebec 'Southern Cross'	L. Gannon		
Assistant Benching Marshal's Choice	<i>Coelogyne macranthum</i>	S. Ellis		
Growing Competition	1 st M. Montebello, 2 nd R. Findlater, 1 point to: R. Korber, S. Montebello, F. Sikora, K Wynn, S. Wynn			



Regional workshop speakers
L to R: Steve Dunston,
Martin Montebello, Brian
Phelan, David Brooks, Craig
Miles and far right President
Louise Gannon.

NOTE The Sales Table will no longer stock the hard, white plant labels as they are available from Bishops. Soft and coloured tags will still be stocked.

2024 South and West Regional Orchid Workshop

The regional workshop was hosted by the Shoalhaven Orchid Society this year. The workshop attracted 60 participants with members from at least 12 different societies joining us at the Nowra Golf Club for a weekend of interesting and informative talks, some serious orchid shopping and lots of friendly interaction.

Guest speaker, David Brooks, gave two very informative talks on *sarcochilus* and *cymbidiums*. Steve Dunstan spoke on Australian native *cymbidiums* with particular reference to *Cym. canaliculatum*. He also gave a talk on the *Dendrobium* Section *Latouria* - a group of plants that many attendees knew little about but were keen to find some after Steve's talk. Craig Miles' talks had lots of interesting information about setting up orchid growing areas as well as detailing cultural information for both *paphiopedilum* and *miltoniopsis*. Shoalhaven club member, Martin Montebello, gave an interesting presentation on growing *phalaenopsis* as an indoor plant and Brian Phelan demonstrated how he grows *Cattleya (Sophronitis) coccinea* in sphagnum. A wealth of information was shared over the one and a half days and those who attended were fortunate indeed to be able to learn from these experienced and knowledgeable speakers.

The vendors: David Brooks, Craig Miles, Martin Montebello and the Society sales team were kept busy during all of the breaks between talks and the Plant Creche was overflowing with new 'babies' delivered during the workshop. It was a great opportunity to see a huge variety of different genera, both flowering size and seedling size and everything in between. The added bonus was being able to talk to the experts about cultural requirements before making purchases.

Participants were able to enjoy endless cuppas and very tasty morning and afternoon teas as well as a delicious lunch courtesy of our caterers, Diane Slye and Allison Lerch, and the members who prepared the salads. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to socialise, to catch up with old orchid friends and make new ones. Socialising continued on Saturday evening when a large group of participants met for dinner at the Bomaderry Bowling Club.

Brian Phelan donated a 'large', flowering sized *Cattleya coccinea* for a Lucky Door prize and this was augmented with donations from our vendors and guest speakers as well as some items from our society. The lucky winners were: Tony Tritschler, Jan Robinson, Jacqui Bannerman, Shayron Wynn, Jean Swindley, Marie Bartlett and Ron Findlater.

There was also a raffle with the prizes being vouchers to spend at any of the vendor's tables. These lucky winners were: Louise Gannon (\$60); Margaret Reid (\$40) and Sue Montebello (\$20).

On behalf of attendees our regional co-ordinator, Jane Wright, thanked President, Louise Gannon, the committee and members of Shoalhaven for hosting the workshop and making it such and enjoyable and worthwhile experience. This vote of thanks was carried by enthusiastic applause from all present.

New Treasurer: We send a thank you to Kerrie Carter for joining the Committee and taking on the role of Treasurer.

Bunnings Barbeque Co-ordinator: We are asking members if someone would like to take on the role of Bunnings BBQ co-ordinator. Both Yvonne and Sandra have had to step back from their roles.

Steve Dunstan notes: Our guest speaker at the Workshop has kindly sent us some information on his techniques for repotting *Cymbidium canaliculatum* along with details of where to source the citrus pots that he uses. These notes will be circulated with this newsletter.

JUDGING RESULTS FOR MARCH 2024

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL



Open Popular
Vote and Species
of the Night
Paph. dianthum
Martin & Sue
Montebello



Hybrid of the Night Louise Gannon
Rlc. Golden Reign 'Southern Lime' x *C. Caudebec* 'Southern Cross'



Intermediate Popular Vote Sandra Ellis
Coelogyne macranthum

Thanks to Richard Korber and John Cameron for the photos used in the edition.



Novice Popular Vote John Cameron
Paph. spicerianum 'Tinonee' x *P. spicerianum* 'Goliath'

What's on at a Glance

Committee Meetings 2024

Tuesday 2 APRIL 1.00pm

Society Meetings 2024

15th April – Jane Wright on Catasetum Orchids

20th May -Mini Charity Auction

Saturday Day Meetings 10am – 1pm

15th June Gary Hodder Orchids for New Growers

20th July Jan Robinson Water Well or Not So Well

17th August- TBA **16th Sept** TBA

21st October - TBA

18th November - TBA

16th December - Christmas Party/Presentations

Society Events/Shows

17 April Club get-together with Milton-Ulladulla

13 July Winter Show - 9am -3pm

31 August Spring Show - 9am -3pm

19 October October Orchid Show 9-3

Native Orchid Walk- TBA

Potting Day- TBA

[2024 ORCHID EVENTS](#)

Collectors Plant Fair - 13th - 14th April Hawkesbury Race Club Clarendon

Orchids Out West – 17th-19th May Hawkesbury Showground Clarendon

Mingara Orchid Fair and Show 29th-30th June.

St Ives Orchid Fair – 16-18 August

Paphiopedilum and Cymbidium Show 9-11 August

Orchids Central, Club Condell Park 4-6 October

Australian Native Orchid Show Revesby TBA



Growing Competition 2024

Please try to find and bring your growing competition plant each month. If you keep them grouped together with a distinctive coloured label it makes them easy to find.

April. Zga. Pine Road x Zygo. Kosciuszko x Zga. Clare Fisher 'Amanda'

May. *Catt.* (Rlc.) Brunswick Gem 'Coral' x *Catt.* Dal's Choice 'Rudak'

June. Zga. Pine Road x Zygo. Kosciuszko x Zga. Clare Fisher 'Amanda'

July *Catt.* Dal's Choice 'Rudak'

August. Zga. Pine Road x Zygo. Kosciuszko x Zga. Clare Fisher 'Amanda'

September. *Catt.* (Rlc.) Brunswick Gem 'Coral' x *Catt.* Dal's Choice 'Rudak'

October. Zga. Pine Road x Zygo. Kosciuszko x Zga. Clare Fisher 'Amanda'

November. *Catt.* (Rlc.) Brunswick Gem 'Coral' x *Catt.* Dal's Choice 'Rudak' **LAST BENCHING**

December: Zga. Pine Road x Zygo. Kosciuszko x Zga. Clare Fisher 'Amanda'

Other Society Shows

MUOS

Winter Show 6th – 7th July Spring

Show 7th - 8th September

BBOFS

Winter Show 13th - 14th July

Spring Show 31st August – 1st September

Native Show 19th-20th October

IDOS

Winter Show 6th – 7th July

Spring Show 7-8th September

COVID RESTRICTIONS

Please observe the following:

1. Sanitise your hands with the hand sanitiser provided when you arrive.
2. Wearing a mask is optional.
3. If you are unwell, please do not attend.