

MARIBYRNONG ORCHID SOCIETY

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HOST 18TH AOC CONFERENCE AND SHOW

Werribee –Victoria 8th – 13th Sept. 2009

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The Conference Speakers Program

Thursday 10th & Friday 11th Sept

The Conference Speakers Program is beginning to firm up as we are notified of their intended topic. We will include them to this notice as we are advised of others.

Our Keynote speaker for the Conference is **Mr George Hatfield**. His topics, both on cymbidiums are:

The Cymbidium Industry in the USA, and, Cymbidiums- Past and Future

George is of course a well known West Coast USA cymbidium hybridiser, commercial grower, an AOS Judge and ex CSA president.

More can be learned of George from his web site:

www.hatfieldorchids.com

The other speakers being featured at the Conference include:

Mr Clive Hayman and Ms Rita Cusack: The Phragmipedium Story

Clive and Rita have been growing this interesting genus for many years, and growing them very well. Refer to the AOC records of awards over the past 10 years, their names are most prominent. It has been their devotion to this genus that has helped make them so popular in Australia.

Mr Neville Roper: The Proliferation of Sarcophilus Hybrids in Australia

Neville is relatively a young man, that has devoted his time to the hybridising of this genus. I am sure he is going to present a very passionate paper on Sarcophilus. Again, if you wish to know more about Neville, in your search of the awards list for phrags, also look for sarcs. I can't wait for these papers.

Mr Gary Jong Gee: Oncidium and it's Relatives

Gary, is well know by most serious orchid growers/people, a marvellous photographer, so very well travelled. An author of many papers on a wide range of genera.. I have been enthralled by all of his work.

Mr Clive Halls: Masdevallias for the New Millennium

Clive is a well known, professional Orchid nurseryman from Victoria. An apprentice nurseryman to Sander's Orchids (UK) (many years ago). His knowledge of Masdevallias is legendary and he grows them to perfection.

Mr Dennis Diehm: Modern Mid and Mini Cattleya in Cultivation

Dennis is a semi professional hybridist operating out of Southern New South Wales, well known for his work in the smaller types of Cattleyas. He is also doing great work with his phalaenopsis.

Mr Kevin Hipkins: The Beauty of Specimen Orchids- Growing and Showing

Who will forget the beautiful species cymbidium specimen that Kevin bought to Port Macquarie? Where does he get the inspiration to produce these plants? Always, for every show? Perhaps Kevin can inspire others to produce plants of this calibre for the next and subsequent AOC Conferences.

Mr Grant Garrett: Why the Champions Received the Accolades they did

A synopsis of the Orchid Show and its rewards, or should I say (hopefully) its awards.

Mr Wayne Turville: Australian Native Orchid breeding

Wayne has a nursery at Tyabb, south of Melbourne where he grows our native orchids to perfection. To see is to believe.

Mr Gary Backhouse: Bush Gems - The Native Terrestrial Orchids of Victoria.

Mr Graham McKay: The Phalaenopsis Revelation - New varieties and culture.

So the speaking program is looking good, aimed at Orchid growers and enthusiasts.

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