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(The FRIENDLY Society)

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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Maribyrnong Orchid Society will be held at the Maribyrnong Community Centre, Randall Street, Maribyrnong on Tuesday the 13th February, 2007.

The Early 'new growers' group start at 7.15pm and is conducted by the informative Steve Stebbing. This group runs for approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the monthly meeting. We also have 'Pots and Ferts' and plants sales tables operating at every meeting. Members may bring 10 orchids to be sold on the sales table each month. The Society deducts 15% commission on the sale of all plants. Please note that all plants must be labeled correctly and state whether they are hot/cold growing and expected floral colour, if not in flower. Plants are also to be listed on a sales form, available from members on the Sales table, to be filled out by the selling member.

Welcome

Welcome to all members new and old to the 2007 Orchid year. Hope every one had a wonderful and safe festive season. Look forward to seeing you all at the Club meetings.

Guest Speaker this month

The guest speaker this month will be Mr Max Akam and he will be talking about Pleione Orchids.

Supper Roster

Thank you to all those who provided and helped prepare the supper at monthly meetings through out last year. I forgot to bring the new Supper Roster to the Xmas Meeting to be filled in for 2007, so I will bring it to the February meeting. Meanwhile the Club needs two members to help with the supper duties for this meeting. If you can help it will be much appreciated. Any members who can bring in a plate for supper for the evening, will be certainly appreciated.

DECEMBER 2006 COMPETITION RESULTS

As per judges sheets

OPEN SECTION

Small Cymbidium

1st Cricket S Panagiotou

Australian Native Species

1st Den lichenastrum B Duncan

Sarcochilus Species/Hybrid

1st Plect tridentata A Wild

2nd Plect Kilgra A Wild

Phalaenopsis - Novelty

1st Pulsar x Grand monarch O & R Carter

2nd Venustum O & R Carter

Phalaenopsis - Hybrid

1st Cygnus J & M Lattimore

2nd Cygnus J & M Lattimore

Cattleya Novelty

1st SL Mem Ellen Littman x C Walkerania
J & M Lattimore

2nd SLC Hazel Boyd Olympia Torch O & R Carter

Vanda

1st Ascda Udom Wai Korat J & M Lattimore

2nd Vasd Pine Rivers Essan J & M Lattimore

Masdevallia Hybrid

1st Red Wing T P Nguyen

2nd Rainbow Ember Glow N & J Walsh

Any Other Hybrid

1st Phrag Wallissii x Candatum O & R Carter

2nd Prom Dinah Albright x Rollissonii J & M Lattimore

Species Any Genera

1st Oncidium onustum M Breuer

Best in Section

Phal Cygnus J & M Lattimore

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

No Entries

ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION

Medium Cymbidium

1st Fifi 'Harry' H Milburn

Sarcochilus Species

1st cecilia x cecilia 'Purple Passion' H Milburn

Any Other Hybrid

1st Ctna Why Not 'Roundabout' D McAuslan

2nd SL Orpettii D McAuslan

Best in Section

Ctna Why Not 'Roundabout' D McAuslan

NON SECTIONAL

Seedling Flowering for 1st time

Angraecum Scottianum T P Nguyen

Best Cultivated

Plect tridentata A Wild

Judges Vote

Ctna Why Not Roundabout D McAuslan

Monthly Competition Winners for 2006

Open: Jim and Margo Lattimore

Intermediate: Frank and Bev Mar

Adv Novice: Joe Beggs

Junior: Jessica McLeod-Ray

Congratulations to these members. The winners of Intermediate and Advance Novice now go up a section for competition in 2007.

Seedling Competition Winners

Our members who bought back their seedlings at each meeting were eligible to be entered into the final seedling competition draw. The winners were drawn at the Christmas function and the prizes went to: Brian Yob, Joanne Hastewell and Judy Marshall.

2007 Seedling Competition

The seedlings for the 2007 Seedling competition will be a Promenaea. They can be purchased only by those members who are willing to bring them back each month for viewing. The price of the promenaea will be \$4.

There are rules for purchasing seedlings. Firstly, they will be sold from the front of the hall. Members will be asked to select a number and then they will be given the corresponding seedling that has the same number. Members cannot pick and choose.

Also please have the correct money on hand.

These seedlings will be in a mix of Peat Moss and fine perlite, so it is recommended that you all repot into your usual mix. There will be cultural notes on Promenaeas in your newsletter next month

Plant given out at the Xmas Meeting

Important message: This is a reminder to all members who were given a plant during the Xmas meeting. The little plant needs to be repotted into a bigger size and into a fresh mix. Please do not forget, or you may lose the plant.

Life Membership

At our Xmas meeting, the Maribyrnong Maestro of orchids, Mr. Anthony Scerri was presented with the Life Membership award. Anthony has been a member of the club for 14 years. During this time Anthony has been an active member of the club, eager to ensure that the club is running smoothly and the interest of all members are considered. Some of the feats he has performed for the club include being on the committee for 8 years, which included a 3 year term as President. Anthony is also responsible for co-ordinating the Club Bus trips and procuring Guest speakers to talk at our meetings. Anthony's generosity also extends to hosting many interstate guest speakers at his home. Anthony was also one of our members, along with a team of other members, who put the application to the AOC, to win the 2009 Australian Orchid Conference. We appreciate the work you do for the club and hope that you will continue to serve us in the future.

Social Trip

Anthony has organized the next bus trip for Sunday the 29th April. The bus trip will be traveling to B & T Ferns and Orchids in Silvan, then on to Clive Hall's orchid nursery at Mt Beenak. A Barbecue lunch will be provided.

Anthony will be taking names at the next meeting for those interested in taking part in the Bus trip.

Membership Fees

Membership fees are now due and Eric will be taking renewal fees from members from the next meeting. The fees remain unchanged: Junior \$ 8.00 (under 16 yrs)
Single \$12.00
Family \$15.00

It will be greatly appreciated if members have the correct money on hand.

Orchid Society with new Website

The Sutherland Shire Orchid Society now have a website. Those members who have access to the internet may wish to log on. Their URL is www.ssos.org.au. It is a very nice site for those wanting to browse other orchid sites. Some very nice pictures too.

ORCHID SHOW CALENDAR

Maribyrnong 2007 Orchid Shows

Autumn Show: 26th & 27th May
Winter Show: 14th and 15th July
Spring Show: 8th & 9th September
Sarcochilus Festival: 10th & 11th November

All Maribyrnong Orchid shows are conducted at our club rooms, which are located at Maribyrnong Community Centre in Randall Street.

Other 2007 Orchid Club Show Dates:-

1. Orchid Species Society
18th March - 10a.m. to 3p.m.
City of Whitehorse Horticultural Centre
Jolimont Road, Forest Hill
2. Victorian International Orchid Fair
18th, 19th and 20th May
St Sava Hall, Greensborough
3. Orchid Spectacular 17th – 19th August
Collectors Corner, Springvale

Seedling Competition Co-Ordinator

We are very pleased, in fact we are ecstatic, to announce that Jeff Walker has come forward and offered to co-ordinate the seedling competition. Jeff will be starting in February and we thank him from the bottom of our heart for offering to help the club with the seedling competition.

Committee Nominations

At our April meeting we will be holding our A.G.M. Are there any members who would like to be part of the Maribyrnong Orchid Club Committee? The committee is always looking for new members willing to put in new ideas. Give it a good thought as next months newsletter will include Nomination forms for those interested in becoming part of this committee.

Marriage

A little boy asked his father, "Daddy, how much does it cost to get married?" Father replied, "I don't know, son, I'm still paying."

A young son asked, "Is it true Dad, that in some parts of Africa a man doesn't know his wife until he marries her?" Dad replied, "That happens in every country, son."