



Sarcochilus australis

MARIBYRNONG ORCHID SOCIETY

(The FRIENDLY Society)

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BULLETIN CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE – 3rd Thursday of the month

Next Meeting - 8th June

The next meeting of the Maribyrnong Orchid Society will be held at the Maribyrnong Community Centre, Randall Street, Maribyrnong, on **Tuesday the 8th June, 2010**. The hall opens at 7.00 pm and the Meeting begins at 8.00 pm.

The Early 'New Growers' Group starts 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. The topic for this month is **Sarcochilus, Growing and Dividing**.

We also have 'Pots and Ferts' and plants sales tables operating at every meeting. Members may bring up to 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 labelled 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.

Guest Speaker This Month

The guest speaker this month will be Mr Grant Garrett who will be giving a presentation on Awarded Orchids of 2009.

Thank you to Ms. Helen Lovel from Neutrog Australia who spoke last month on fertilisers.

May Meeting Plant of the Night



Masdevallia Gertrude Puttock x Harlequin was grown by Anita Evans. This plant received Best in Open Section and Judge's Vote. Congratulations Anita.

Supper Roster

For the June meeting we have Doris Walker and Barry Harrison on Supper Duties. All members are welcome to bring a plate of goodies to be enjoyed after the evening's speaker has finished.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT
JUNE 2010**

Hello there all orchid growers. I hope that you are now seeing spikes on some of your wonderful plants. I have had natives in flower and also some paphs coming into bud. Not sure if I will have anything out in flower for the show but I might be lucky if we have some warm days. Of course, when you read this the show will be over.

Our bus trip was a great day. The weather was lovely and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Once again the cooks did a great job and the ladies who bought the salads made the meal delicious. Thanks to everyone who helped out on the day.

As I mentioned last month, we have a great library, and I will try to feature some of the books each month. For the newer members I recommend that you have a browse through. There is sure to be something of interest there for you. If you are not sure what you want to grow, then a little research needs to be done so that you will be able to grow your orchids successfully. There is nothing more disheartening than having a cherished orchid pass away.

I have also been told that we used to have a "Wanted to Buy" section in our bulletin and could we bring it back again? I know that there is a new member who is looking for a standard cym. pure colour white. If you have one or know where there is one for sale please let me know and I will pass along the information. Well that's all for now.

Elizabeth Walker
President

Tea and Coffee Before the Meeting

Early Birds wishing to have that early cup of coffee or tea are very welcome **BUT**, please don't "help yourself" to the milk in the fridge - it is not ours. Our milk will arrive in due time. So, if it is not out on the bench, it hasn't arrived yet. Thanks everyone.

June Bus Trip

Our next trip will be held on the 27th of June. This trip will travel to Castle Creek Orchids, at Merrigum then on to Ardmona at Shepparton.

The bus will leave from outside the Maribyrnong Community Centre, Randall Street, Maribyrnong at 8am and will return at approximately 5pm. Members are reminded to please wear their name badges. It is recommended that you bring your own chairs.

Guest Speakers for 2010

13 th July	Mr John Varigos Orchids of Sicily and Crete
10 th August	Mr John Sharam Club Champion Cymbidium Orchids
14 th Sept	Mr Mark Finnigan Using chemicals with Orchids
12 th October	Mrs Frances Wilde Sarcophilus
9 th November	Jim & Margot Lattimore Phalaenopsis Orchids

**MARIBYRNONG WINTER SHOW 2010
July 10th & 11th**

Our Winter Show is happening next month! Sales tickets, entry forms and tickets, etc, for the Winter show can be picked up at the June meeting, or phone 9689 1142 and they will be posted out to you.

New members please note: you may exhibit as many orchids in flower as you want in the show, but they must have been grown and owned by you for a minimum of 6 months. Orchids that have been owned by you for a lesser time may be exhibited in the Non-competitive section.

At the Autumn and Winter show, members may also exhibit other plants, cacti, bromeliad, fern, etc. They too must have been grown and owned by you for a minimum of 6 months. Awards for plants other than orchids come under a single section, meaning it is not divided up into Open, Intermediate and Novice.

If any members would like to offer their help during the show it will be greatly appreciated. Please let Anthony know, and he will allocate you a designated duty. Those members who help all day are given a lunch voucher, in appreciation. Those helping with the set up should be there by 12.30pm.

Orchid entry times are from 1.30pm - 6.00pm. Entries after this time will not be accepted, unless prior arrangements are made.

Members are asked not to bring their plants into the hall on the set up day for shows until the tables and chairs have all been reorganised, or until the Show Coordinator declares it is safe to do so.

If you wish to sell plants at our shows you must exhibit on the show-bench - the ratio is 8 plants to one exhibit. Members selling plants at our shows may bring them in after 3.30pm on the Friday preceding the show.

The Show closes at 4pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Please Note: The Sales area closes at 3.30pm on Sunday to enable members in this area to start the clean up. You are therefore required to collect your unsold plants at 3.30pm. Sales tickets must be removed and checked off on your sales sheet before taking plants away.

The Show area stays open till 4pm. The show area is cleaned up after that time.

Show Schedules

The schedules for Maribyrnong Shows will now also be available on the website before each show.

The download link will be at:

www.mosorchid.org.au/downloads/nextshowschedule2010.php

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Maribyrnong 2010 Orchid Shows

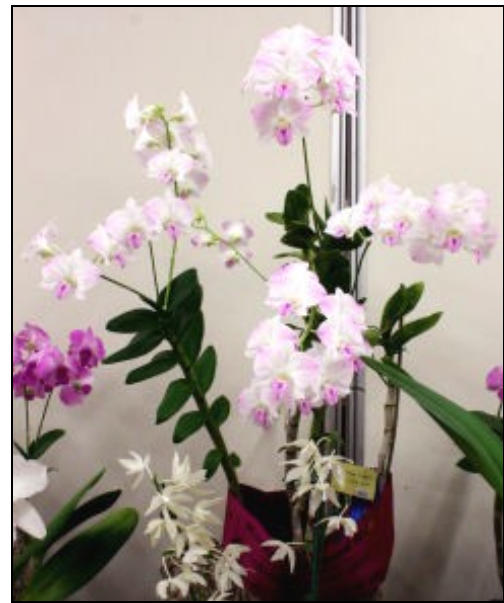
Spring Show: 4th & 5th September
Sarcophilus Festival: 13th & 14th November

All Maribyrnong Orchid Society Shows are conducted at our club rooms, which are located at Maribyrnong Community Centre in Randall Street, Maribyrnong. Check further bulletins for opening times.

Autumn Show May 2010 Awards

Major Awards

Grand Champion Orchid of the Show
Den Marie Paleface x Den White Tower
J & M Lattimore



Reserve Champion Orchid of the Show

Paph mastersianum x Gothic Garden M Pearce

Champion Cymbidium

Cym tracyanum M Pearce

Champion Australian Native Orchid

Den Hilda Poxon G Pezzin

Champion Laeliinae Orchid

Blc Dal's Girl J & M Lattimore

Reserve Champion Laeliinea Orchid

Sc Dal's Tradition "Wow" J & M Lattimore

Champion Paphiopedilum Orchid

Paph mastersianum x Gothic Garden M Pearce

Champion Masdevallia Orchid

Masd Midas Touch #12 M Pearce

Champion Hybrid Orchid

Den Marie Paleface x Den White Tower
 J & M Lattimore

Champion Species Orchid: Gerald McCraith Award

Paph henryanum John Martin

Champion exhibit by an Intermediate Grower

Colm Wildcat R Austin

Champion exhibit by a Novice Grower

Laelia anceps T & J Dark

Champion Specimen Orchid

Den racemosum x linguiforme B Duncan

Champion Stand (Predominately Orchids)

S & H Randall

Champion Basket of Orchids J & D Sharam

Champion Cacti/Succulent D Colquhoun

Champion Bromeliad A Scerri

Champion Plant (Non orchid) excluding above T Vu

Best Intermediate Floral Art A. Scerri

Best Novice Floral Art H Caly

Best Wired Work M Lattimore

Minor Awards

Best Cultivated Orchid

Den Marie Paleface x Den White Tower
 J & M Lattimore

Best Seedling Orchid – 1st Flowering

Paph mastersianum x Gothic Garden M Pearce

Best Fern Exhibit B Carey

Best Foliage Exhibit J & M Marshall

Best Flowering Exhibit (Non orchid)
 D Colquhoun

May Bus Trip Report

Our first bus trip for 2010 was off to a foggy start but soon cleared to give us a wonderful sunny drive through the magnificent Dandenong Ranges to Silvan. Mark, Jane and the team at B & T Ferns and Orchids made us feel very welcome and we soon had the smell of sausages wafting through the nursery. We all enjoyed our bbq lunch and the birthday celebrations for Bob and Ken.

On the drive to Mt Beenak Orchid Nursery we again enjoyed glorious weather and it was wonderful to see everything looking green and lush. Clive and Agi Halls were helpful and informative as always, and their nursery was a joy to visit. After a refreshing afternoon tea and chat in the nursery gardens, all too soon it was time to load all the goodies in the bus and head back home.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the trip and a special thanks to those who supplied and cooked lunch, those who donated plants for the raffles and all other organisers.



Clive Halls in discussion with some of our members.

Supper Roster

Please check this list to see when it is your turn. The list is now full. Thanks everyone! We all appreciate the help on meeting nights and the plates of supper that are donated each month are wonderful.

July	Peter Caly	Hilda Caly
August	Alex Wild	Hubert Nyssen
September	Alma Bevan	Joyce Spiteri
October	Rita Grima	Tien Nguyen
November	Judith Cave	Mary Williams

Other 2010 Orchid Club Show Dates

Geelong Orchid & Indoor Plant Club Winter Show

Sat June 26th/Sun June 27th 10am – 4pm
Christ Church Hall
cnr Moorabool & McKillop Sts, Geelong

2010 Victorian Country Orchid Club Challenge

Stawell Orchid Society, 3rd & 4th July
The Stawell Entertainment Centre
Main St, Stawell, Victoria.

Werribee Orchid Club Winter Show & Sales

Sat 21st August 2010 9am - 4pm,
Sun 22nd August 2010 9am - 3pm
Admission \$3.00
Senior Citizen's Centre, Kelly Park, Synott Street,
Werribee, 3030 (Mel.Ref. 205 K9)

Melbourne Orchid Spectacular & International Orchid Fair

Fri 20th August – Sun 22nd August
Springers Leisure Centre, 400 Cheltenham Road,
Keysborough (Mel. Ref. 89 A10)

The Presidents Award

Recently we stopped the "Popular Vote" for the benched plants on meeting nights and replaced it with the "Presidents Award". At the committee meeting in May, it was decided to revert to the Popular Vote. All of the requirements for the Popular Vote will be in place for the June meeting.

Seeding Competition

Please don't forget to bring your Cattleya seedling along to the meeting each month. It's interesting to compare the progress of the seedlings under lots of different growing conditions and by bringing your seedling to all of the meetings, you will be eligible to win a prize at the end of the year.

Respect for our Guest Speakers

It has been noticed that some of our members have been leaving the meeting early. Can we please request that members remain in their seats until the meeting has closed?

As a courtesy to other members, and a mark of respect to our guest speakers, we should at least listen to the end of their talk. After all, they give up their time, and sometimes travel a considerable distance, to share their expertise with us.

After speaker question time, there are just a couple of minutes more items of business to attend to before the meeting has officially ended. Thank you in anticipation.

30 Years Next Year

Next year the Maribyrnong Orchid Society celebrates its **30th Anniversary**. What a wonderful time to do something special and celebrate the achievements of the society and its members!

I think we should all put our thinking caps on and see if we can come up with some ideas on how we can make next year a "**year to remember**".

What do you think?

May 2010 Competition Results As per judges sheets

OPEN SECTION

Australian Native Hybrid Dendrobium

1st Den Ellen x Aussie Victory J W Crawford

Australian Native Terrestrials

1st Corybas hispidus E & F Wilde
2nd Acianthus pusillus E & F Wilde

Sarcochilus Species/Hybrid

1st Sarc Bonanza E & F Wilde

Paphiopedilum – Maudiae Type

1st Maudiae Dawn x Maudiae Red Lava J W Crawford

Paphiopedilum – Novelty Type

1st P Lady Light 'Camberwick' J W Crawford

Paphiopedilum – Species

1st P charlesworthii B Duncan
2nd P insigne var sanderae x insigne var albomarginata
B Duncan

Cattleya – Exhibition Type

1st Dal's Grace D McAuslan
2nd Blc Burdekin Bells x Burdekin Delight D McAuslan

Cattleya – Novelty Type

1st Slc Dancing Daffodil J & Y McIntyre
2nd Slc Red Elf J & Y McIntyre

Miltonia Hybrid

1st Milt spectabilis x clowesii J W Crawford

Oncidium Hybrid

1st Easy Gold x Glowing Gold E & F Wilde

Masdevallia Hybrid

1st Masd Gertrude Puttock x Harlequin A Evans
2nd Masd Rubicon x ignea G Garrett

Any Other Hybrid

1st Phrag Noirmont J W Crawford
2nd Lyc Aquila Detente A Evans

Species Any Genera

1st Onc waluewa B Duncan
2nd Stenoglottis longifoliai A Evans

Best in Section

Masd Gertrude Puttock x Harlequin A Evans

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

Australian Native Hybrid Dendrobium

1st Den Pink Ice x Ellen R Austin

Miltonia Hybrid

1st Milt Spectabilis Gunabarra R Austin

Oncidium Hybrid

1st Onc Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' R Austin
2nd Colmanara Wildcat R Austin

Odontoglossum Hybrid

1st Odo Unknown G & A Hardingham

Phalaenopsis Hybrid

1st Unknown R Austin

Species Any Genera

1 st	Brassia bidens	R Austin
2 nd	Zygo mackayii	R Austin

Best in Section

Onc Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	R Austin
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ADVANCED NOVICE SECTION**Cymbidium – Medium**

1 st	Cym Without Fear 'Soft Touch'	B Carey
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Cymbidium – Small

1 st	Cym Morialta 'Morialta Falls'	F & J Spiteri
2 nd	Cym Morialta 'Morialta Falls'	M Mally

Australian Native Hybrid Dendrobium

1 st	Den Ellen Surprise x Aussie Victory	G Ragg
2 nd	Den Fleckeri x Den Ellen	T & J Dark

Sarcochilus Species/Hybrid

1 st	Sarc Elyse 'Plum' x Velvet 'Ruby'	T & J Dark
2 nd	Sarc Fitzhart x Velvet	T & J Dark

Paphiopedilum – Species

1 st	Paph boxalli	M Mally
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Cattleya – Novelty Type

1 st	Lc Marie's Song x Fire Fantasy	J Fletcher
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Miltonia Hybrid

1 st	Maymoir	R Brooks
2 nd	Maymoir	R Brooks

Masdevallia Hybrid

1 st	Masd Margeurite 'Fire Walker'	T & J Dark
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Species Any Genera

1 st	Stenoglottis longifolia	B Carey
2 nd	Stenoglottis longifolia	T & J Dark

Best in Section

Paph boxalli	M Mally
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NON SECTIONAL**Seedling Flowering for 1st time**

1 st	Phrag Sunset Glow x Grande	M Pearce
2 nd	Paph Dragon Knife 'Shapely' x Hsyng Raisin Flame Queen	M Pearce

Best Cultivated

Stenoglottis longifolia	A Evans
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Judges Vote

Masdevallia Gertrude Puttock x Harlequin	A Evans
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Bulletin Contributions

If you have an opinion about the bulletin or suggestions and contributions for the bulletin content please contact jenny.dark@darteks.com.au or phone 9748 7345.

Please note that the BULLETIN contribution deadline is the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Bulletin by Email

Should you like to have your newsletter emailed, please drop a quick line to my email address:

jenny.dark@darteks.com.au

Thanks to all the members who have responded already. We now have just over 15% of our bulletins being sent by email.

AN ARTICLE OF INTEREST

Recently, Margot Lattimore gave me a little booklet that was produced by the Victorian Orchid Club for their Orchid Exhibition held at Preston Motors Showroom, Russell Street, Melbourne, on 7th to 12th September, 1954. It was written by Gerald McCraith, our past club patron. This is an article from that booklet.

WE SAY IT WITH ORCHIDS

The object of the Grand Orchid Exhibition by the Victorian Orchid Club and this booklet is to interest the general public in the growing of Orchid plants, to have a general appreciation of the Orchid flowers, and to give some general knowledge about Orchids.

The usual reaction when Orchids are mentioned is that they are expensive and difficult to manage, and it is from the outset we wish to emphasise the hardiness of these plants, and the great ease of culture that is required for many of them.

Except for the very new modern hybrids, many Orchids can be bought very cheaply in relation to the benefits and pleasure they will give the grower, for not only are they the aristocrats of the flowering kingdom, but also most Orchid flowers have very long lasting qualities.

The knowledge and advice offered within must necessarily be brief, and we strongly recommend persons interested in the Culture of Orchids to become members of an Orchid Society-and, in particular, The Victorian Orchid Club. This Club has a number of amenities available to its members which include a well stocked and free library, monthly competitions, picture nights, cultural talks, a very informative monthly bulletin and most important is the congenial social side of the Club's activities. One of the main objects of the Club is "The advancement of all that pertains to Orchids, and the promotion of good fellowship".

In the past Orchid growing was considered a wealthy man's luxury, but this myth no longer exists, for a moderate purse and a little enthusiasm can begin the basis of a good collection and a large number of new friends.

Well, as you can see, what was written in 1954 still hasn't changed 56 years later. Unfortunately Maribyrnong Orchid Society was not started until 1981, and V.O.C. was the only club around at the time. This little booklet will eventually make it into the library but I would like to share some more of it with you in later bulletins. Thanks to Margot Lattimore for bringing to my attention.
Elizabeth Walker