



Parramatta & District Orchid Society News February/March 2011



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Best Plants Jan 2011-

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Next Meetings – 22nd February 2011 22nd March 2011 - AGM

7.00pm @ Banksia Room,
Wentworthville
Community Centre
2 Lane Street Wentworthville

There are some changes to the meeting nights and the newsletter.

1. The hall will be open at 7pm for benching plants and the meeting will start at 7.30pm – there is no longer any green growers group
2. The newsletter will now be bi-monthly

Visit the PDOS website:

www.parramattaorchidsociety.org

See all the photographs from the January meeting
<http://picasaweb.google.com/parraorchids/1Jan2011>

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Parramatta and District Orchid Society
Founded in 1950, PDOS is one of the strongest, friendliest and most pro-active independent orchid societies in New South Wales. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month (except December) in the Banksia Room, Wentworthville Community Centre on the corner of Dunmore and Lane Sts., Wentworthville NSW. Free parking. A wide variety of quality Australian and exotic species and hybrid orchids are displayed at each meeting, with inspiring guest speakers. Learn from the experts. Visitors most welcome.

SHOWS FOR 2011 at WINSTON HILLS MALL
PDOS WINTER ORCHID SHOW (during shopping hours)
Thursday 16th June to Sunday 19th June 2011

PDOS SPRING CLIVIA & ORCHID SHOW
Thursday 22nd September to Saturday 24th September 2011

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January Meeting

Meeting at Banksia Room, Wentworthville Community Centre, on Tuesday 25/01/2011, at 8.00 p.m.
The President welcomed all members and visitors to our first meeting for 2011.

APOLOGIES: John Keenan, Robert Bakker, Eulie & Bandu Herat, Ana Fuentes.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January meeting were confirmed by Sandra Crosby.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

Various Newsletters

CORRESPONDENCE OUT: Nil

TREASURERS REPORT

Bal as at 1/1/2011 \$ 2,485.74
Payments for January 2011 \$390.10
Income for January 2011 \$718.00
Bal as at 1/2/2011 \$2,813.64
Seconded by – Jim Ponton

SUPPER - Thanks to Tony Costa and Jim Ponton for doing our supper in January.
February Meeting – thanks for volunteering, Rita and Lorna!

GREEN GROWERS – was run by Norm Shipway, in Terry's absence. Thanks, Norm!
Thanks also to Jane Oakes for the Dracena cuttings she offered to members!

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From the President's Desk

Next Meeting – Tuesday 22nd February 2011 (7.30pm start)

As you would have noted from the front page, we now have an earlier start time to our meetings. This was discussed by the members at the last meeting and ratified by Committee. The hall will now be opened around 7.00pm, so the tables and chairs can be set up - and the display plants benched and (hopefully) placed in the correct classes. The main meeting will now start at 7.30pm, with us aiming to finish no later than 10.00pm. (We must vacate the premises by 10.15pm in any case.)

I will be showing a PowerPoint Presentation of our recent (January 2011) trip to the North Island of New Zealand. The talk will feature some of the summer-flowering orchid species and hybrid orchids grown by the locals and displayed at the Taranaki Orchid Society's Summer Show and Workshop which was an outstanding event. I will also show a few of the NZ native orchids.

Benching Classes at Meetings

Most of the plants exhibited at our meetings are placed in the correct classes. Many are fairly obvious, whilst others can sometimes be confusing. If unsure, see me or any of the committee members who should be able to point you in the right direction. The area where most uncertainty exists seems to be the species and miscellaneous classes, as well as the Australian native sections. I aim to do a quick check 5 or so minutes before the meeting starts, so all is ready for the judges.

Please also ensure that all details (Plant name, class number, owner's name) are completed on the benching slips, so to make it easier when collating the results that go towards our annual point-score competition.

Last Meeting

I did a PowerPoint Presentation on "North Queensland Orchid Adventures" at the last meeting that focused on my most recent trip in October 2010 to the wet tropics. Sadly, many of the areas visited have been subsequently severely damaged by Cyclone Yasi. Keith was a happy treasurer after telling members that 2010 was the first year that PDOS has made a profit in over a decade!

Terry Davis

Sadly, Terry Davis has expressed his desire to relinquish the many jobs he does for the Society (many behind the scenes that often go unnoticed) and will not be nominating for Committee at the Annual General Meeting in March 2011. It seems the Bromeliad Bug has taken a bigger bite. Sadly, the Green Growers Group will no longer continue, but we will be incorporating a practical cultural session at each meeting to somewhat replace this. Novices (and more experienced growers) will be encouraged to ask general orchid-related questions or discuss some of the wide variety of quality orchids benched at our meetings.

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At this stage, Ken Massingham will take over facilitating the Annual Point Score, I plan to take the orchid photos for the newsletter/website, and check the benching classes before the meeting starts. Bev & Jim have offered to open and close the hall each meeting. However, we really need a reliable Show Marshall at our monthly meetings (I will probably take on that role at our Shows at Winston Hills Mall), and someone to collect the benching slips off the plants after the supper break.

I am hugely appreciative of the effort and commitment Terry has put into PDOS over many, many years and trust we will continue to see him at our monthly meetings.

Orchid Shows, Fairs and Open Days

The orchid fair season is about to start. Make sure you take enough cash with you to these events, as some vendors do not have credit card facilities, and often it's a bit of a drive to the nearest ATM. Best not to ask for credit, regardless of how "good" a customer you consider yourself. Vendors serve a lot of customers over the course of these events, and it is unfair to hit them for IOU's. Sadly some people abuse this privilege that often leads to both parties feeling unnecessarily uncomfortable.

Hills District Orchids Autumn Open Day - @ 183 Windsor Rd Northmead (park in Mary St or Windermere Ave) Sunday 27th February 2011, starting at 9am. Tinonee Orchid Nursery, Macquarie Native Orchids and Melanquin Bromeliads will also be attending.

Sydney International Orchid Fair (SIOF) – 8th to 10th April 2011, back at the Harvey Lowe Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground. Free entry and parking. Over 20 vendors from NSW and interstate.

Collector's Plant Fair – Bilpin – 16-17 April 2011. Outstanding event with over 40 eclectic vendors with amazing plants.

Tinonee Orchids Weekend plus Open Day & Show – Show is on Sunday 10th July 2011, with the bushwalk held the day before. Members of PDOS plus ANOS Sydney Group have been again invited to participate in this wonderful weekend, held three and a half hours drive north of Sydney. An informal meal and get-together is again planned for the Friday evening at the home of Ray & Lorraine Clement. Bushwalk on the Saturday will take in Tapin Tops National Park (Dingo Tops) with a further excursion to Rowley's Rock to take in the amazing view and see some different (and rare) orchids. The Orchid Show is on the Sunday, and you have the opportunity of purchasing some really special plants. Now is the time to start considering your accommodation options in either Taree or Wingham.

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PDOS Newsletter

Starting with this issue, our newsletter will now be bi-monthly. We are producing a calendar that you can keep on your fridge to remind you of meeting nights and other special events. There will be an emailed reminder (to those on our distribution list) before each meeting. Please let Bev or Jim know your email address (or any changes to existing ones) so that you can receive these advices.

60th Birthday Dinner

We had an excellent banquet at the Baulkham Palace Chinese Restaurant before Christmas to celebrate the 60th Birthday of PDOS. Over 40 members and their partners attended the Sunday luncheon, which was also partially subsidised by PDOS. It has been suggested that we make a social lunch an annual event, so will give your more details and options on this soon.

Murray Shergold (Easy Orchids)

We were very upset to hear that Murray had suffered a major stroke a couple of weeks ago. He is recovering in a Brisbane Hospital and is already making slow progress which is a great sign. PDOS has sent a card passing on our best wishes to Murray and wife Jean.

PDOS Winter Show – Thursday 16th to Sunday 19th June 2011

This will be held at Winston Hills Mall during shopping hours, with the set-up at 5pm on the Wednesday afternoon. By now you should have most of your sales plants organised – as well as potential showbench orchids.

PDOS Spring Orchid & Clivia Show – Thursday 22nd to Saturday 24th Sept. 2011

This new concept will again be held at Winston Hills Mall during shopping hours, with the set-up at 5pm on the Wednesday afternoon. I believe this will be the first time a clivia show has been held in a shopping centre in NSW. More details in future newsletters.

Australian Orchid Review (AOR)

Not only is this Australia's largest orchid periodical – both in size and distribution, but it is also clearly the best value with a 12 month (6 issue) subscription postpaid still under \$50.00! Check out the PDOS advert (promoting our meetings and shows) on page 52 of the latest February-March 2011 issue.

To subscribe, post your cheque for \$49.60 or credit card details to Australian Orchid Review, GPO Box 5481, Sydney NSW 2001. Or phone 0433-422792, fax 9221-4242 or email aor@daltonhouse.com.au

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Softcane Dendrobiums

Keith showed off the outstanding growth he has with his own softcane Dendrobium seedlings, between two of his best yellow hybrids. He puts a lot of this growth down to three factors, giving the seedlings strong light, watering them frequently – **sometimes** twice a day in warm weather, - and now the secret! Keith was recommended to use the product Clonex by Ray Clement at the rate of 1 ml per litre. It is available through Tinonee Orchids, and Ray will have it at the next HDO Open Day.

Stanhopea wardii “var. aurea”

One of our newer members, Marga Zanetich brought in one of the most splendidly grown and flowered stanhopeas I have seen at an orchid meeting. The leaves were large, dark green and spotless, on top of huge bulbs! There were lots of flowers, with some buds still coming, and a few spike had already finished and been cut off. Amazingly, this was Marga’s first orchid she has benched at PDOS, so she has set an extremely high standard. By the way, this species from Venezuela may be undescribed. It is often seen under the name of Stanhopea wardii var. aurea, however it has a different shape, fragrance and flowering time to the more common species.

Tuesday 22nd March 2011 Meeting – Annual General Meeting: (7.30pm start)

March is our AGM, and we will have at least one vacancy on Committee that will need filling. We will also have David Butler from Green Vista Orchids travelling down from the Central Coast to talk to us about Sarcochilus orchids and some of the hybrids he has developed over the years. I consider David our premier Sarc Breeder. David will be bringing some flasks and plants for sale.

See you all at the next meeting with your flowering plants.

David Banks

PDOS President

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January Point Score 2011

OPEN		January 2011		
4.	Cattleya	1.	A & J Gatt	C. Lyn Spencer x C. walkeriana
	Over 110mm	2.	A & J Gatt	Blc. Erin Kobayashi x C. walkeriana
		3.	Ken Massingham	Lc. Mari's Song 'CTM-217'
5.	Cattleya	1.	Marga Zanetich	C. Mary Elizabeth Bohn 'Royal Flare'
	Cluster	2.	Ken Massingham	Epic. Burdekin Honey 'Christmas'
	5 or > flowers			
6.	Cattleya	1.	A & J Gatt	Lc. Rosella Fire
	70 – 110mm	2.	T Costa & S Crosby	Blc. Milani Rainbow x Blc. Orange Nuggett
		3.	T Costa & S Crosby	Pot. Dal's Emperor 'Yellow'
7.	Cattleya	1.	Ken Massingham	Lc. Love Knot x Slc. Lavender Lace
	Under 70mm	2.	T Costa & S Crosby	Sc. Cherry Bee
		3.	N & V Shipway	Slc. Dal's Buddy
8.	Native	1.	O Maia	<i>Cadetia taylori</i>
	Species -			
	Epiphyte			
9.	Native Species	1.	R Bishop	<i>Malaxis latifolia</i>
	Terrestrial			
10.	Native	1.	A & J Gatt	Den. Hilda Poxon 'AVA'
	Hybrid	2.	O Maia	Sarco. Bierdene x Nicky x Velvet
		3.	T Costa & S Crosby	Sarco. Velvet Ruby x Sarco. Velvet Redheart
11.	Dendrobium	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	Den. Physan Deb
	Hybrid -	2.	C Galea	Den. Jenting Fragrant
	Exotic	3.	Ken Massingham	Den. Post Printing x Den. Gerald McCraith
12.	Oncidium	1.	N & V Shipway	Onc. Sweet Sugar
	Only	2.	N & V Shipway	Onc. Sharry Baby
		3.	Ken Massingham	Onc. Millenium Gold
13.	Oncidium	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	Colmanara Wildcat 'Yellow Butterfly'
	Alliance	2.	T Costa & S Crosby	Colmanara Wildcat 'Carmela'
	Other	3.	T Costa & S Crosby	Oda. Arnette x Oda. Carnette
15.	Paphiopedilum	1.	Ken Massingham	<i>Paph. Jacqueline Hopkins</i>
	Novelty	2.	C Nidagal	<i>Paph. Primechild</i>
	Hybrid	3.	R Bishop	<i>Paph. Deperle</i>
17.	Vandaceous	1.	D Nicholson	Porterara Blue Boy 'Jill'
	Hybrid	2.	R Bishop	Doritis Loo Soo Keow x Doritis pulcherrima var. aquinii
		3.	M & F Ferguson	Vanda Rothchildiana
18.	Phalaenopsis	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	Dtps Chain Xen Pearl
	Hybrid	2.	C Nidagal	Phal. Dragon Dazzler
		3.	C Nidagal	Dtps. Hsing Sonata 'Red Arrow'
18a.	Novelty	1.	K Harris	<i>Rhynchostylis retusa</i> 'Keith'
	Phalaenopsis	2.	C Nidagal	<i>Den. Subclausium</i> var. <i>subclausium</i>
	Hybrid	3.	T Costa & S Crosby	<i>Rhynchostylis retusa</i>
19.	Exotic	1.	M Zanetich	<i>Stanhopea wardii</i>
	Species -	2.	N & V Shipway	<i>Oncidium flexuosum</i>
	Asian	3.	O Maia	<i>Gongora galeata</i>
20.	Exotic	1.	Ken Massingham	<i>Encyclia livida</i>
	Species - Other	2.	R Bishop	<i>Nageliella purpurea</i>
	Hybrid	2.	O Maia	Laelia Kilaka
		3.	O Maia	Epidendum Green Hornet
23.	Seedling Hybrid	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	Blc. Glen Maidment x Blc. George King

January Point Score.2011

NOVICE				
29.	Novice	1.	R Giles	Blc. Hawaiian Wizard x Blc. Blanche Aisaka
	Cattleya	2.	R Giles	Ctna. Rosey Jewel 'Maili'
	Alliance	3.	L Hueston	<i>L. xanthina</i>
30.	Novice	1.	E Heart	<i>Encyclia radiata</i>
	Exotic	2.	E Herat	<i>Neofinetia falcata</i>
	Species			
32.	Novice	1.	R Giles	Mtdm. Hawaiian Sunset 'Pacific Dust'
	Miscellaneous	2.	R Giles	Beallara Tahoma Glacier 'Green'
	Hybrid	3.	R Xerri	Dtps. Hsinying Pink Mount
BEST PLANTS				
	Open		K Harris	<i>Rhynchostylis retusa 'Keith'</i>
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RETARDED GRANDPARENTS

(this was actually reported by a teacher)

After Christmas, a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent their holiday away from school.

One child wrote the following:

We always used to spend the holidays with Grandma and Grandpa.

They used to live in a big brick house but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Bateman's Bay where everyone lives in nice little houses, and so they don't have to mow the grass anymore!

They ride around on their bicycles and scooters and wear name tags because they don't know who they are anymore.

They go to a building called a wreck centre, but they must have got it fixed because it is all okay now.. They do exercises there, but they don't do them very well.

There is a swimming pool too, but they all jump up and down in it with hats on.

At their gate, there is a doll house with a little old man sitting in it.

He watches all day so nobody can escape.

Sometimes they sneak out, and go cruising in their golf carts!

Nobody there cooks, they just eat out, and they eat the same thing every night --- early birds.

Some of the people can't get out past the man in the doll house.

The ones, who do get out, bring food back to the wrecked centre for pot luck.

My Grandma says that Grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and says I should work hard so I can be retarded someday too.

When I earn my retardment, I want to be the man in the doll house. Then I will let people out, so they can visit their grandchildren.

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For the position
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Proposer..... Secondeer.....

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