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WARRINGAL ORCHID SOCIETY MARCH MEETING

Finally, the Covid-19 restrictions have been eased and at this stage we are able to proceed with our monthly meeting for March at the Senior Citizens Hall in Hawdon Street Heidelberg as per usual time – so we can commence the meeting at 8.00 p.m. All attendees are required to follow instructions attached at the end of this Bulletin. Please arrive earlier as usual to prepare the benching.

The next Committee meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5th May, 2021 via Zoom.

Speaker at the March meeting (Wednesday, 21/04/2021): Murray Harding.

The presentation will start @08:00 PM,

Beginners' Corner:

Jason Khoo will run session @07:30 PM prior meeting start. Topic: Hanging basket

Judging plants:

All members are welcome to bring their plants for display (Judging) and for sale.

Open Section		Intermediate	
M. Coker	39	M. Bastecky	17
M, Bisri & B O'Reilly	24	A. Magnano	4
J. Crawford	12	M. Volodina	4
G & C. Dimech	10		
J & L Karbownik	6		
J. Khoo	5	Advance Novice	
M. Harding & D. Lesley	4	J. Jenkins	9
M. Mally	4		
D. Wain	4	Novice	
N. Chase	3	P & D Kennedy	14
E&D Baxter	2	F. Williams	4
A. Fernandez	1	K. Ridgway	3
S. Pantelejenko	1	G. Tetis	3

Presidents update:

Dear WOS Members,

After a year without our monthly Warringal orchid society meetings because of Covid -19 . We had our first meeting for this year in March 2021. It was great seeing the members in person and also seeing all the orchid that the member display. We also had a great speaker in Hendrik Ventor.

This month we will be having Murray Harding speaking the Kempsey Speciosum Spectacular. This Year will be the last time the Orchid show will be Run. So, it will be great to see the pics from the show and Displays from the past.

See you all At the April Meeting.

Thanks

Andrew Fernandez

Monthly Judging Result

**Best in section:
Novice section**



Encyclia brassavola. Grown by P. Kennedy

Found in Mexico to Nicaragua and Costa Rica at altitudes of 900 to 2500 meters in wet pine oak and evergreen forest on larger branches and tree trunks as a medium sized, warm to cold growing epiphyte and occasional lithophyte with elongate, ovoid, bifoliate pseudobulbs with papery, basal bracts and a elliptic-oblong, obtuse, becoming loosely conduplicate

below into the base leaf that blooms in the summer and fall on an apical, erect, to 1 1/2' [45 cm] long, few to many [6 to 9] flowered, racemose inflorescence arising on a newly matured pseudobulb subtended by a large brown sheath and carrying faintly fragrant, fleshy flowers.

(ref: <http://nv-os.org/index.php/the-potting-bench/orchids-cared-for-by-nvos-members/item/445-prosthechea-brassavolae>)

Advance Novice Section



C. Unknown. Grown by J. Jenkins

Intermediate Section



Lycaste libra x xanthocelea. Griwn by A. Magnano.

Judges Vote



Miltonia moreliana. Grown by M. Coker

Found in Venezuela and southeastern Bahia, Espirito Santo, Rio de Janiero and Sao Paulo states of Brazil as a medium sized, hot to cool growing epiphyte with ovate, very light green, laterally compressed, smooth, ancipitous pseudobulbs carrying 2, apical, light green, spatulate, apically asymeric, gradually narrowing below into the conduplicate base leaves that blooms in the summer on a basal, 4 to 6" [10 to 15 cm] long, single flowered inflorescence enveloped completely by imbricating, flat, thin bracts and carrying rose to spicy scented flowers.

(reff: <http://www.orchidspecies.com/miltmoreliana.htm>)

Presidents Choice

M. Coker



Schomburgkia lyonsii. Grown by M. Coker

Found in Cuba and Jamaica at elevations of sealevel to 800 meters in forest of drier upland valleys with southern exposures on rocks or in trees in exposed locations as a large sized, hot to warm growing lithophyte with tapering cylindrical-elongate pseudobulbs carrying 2 apical, erect, linear leaves that blooms in the later summer through fall on a 60" [1.5 meter] long, 10 to 25 flowered racemose inflorescence and carrying rather waxy, fragrant, long-lasting flowers.

(reff: <http://www.orchidspecies.com/schomlyonsii.htm>)

Some other exhibits



Coelogyne Linda Buckley. Grown by G& C Dimech



Paph. dollgoldi. Grown by M. Coker



Paph. Bellatulum. Grown by M. Coker



Phrag. Wannakee Sunset x Mem. Eric Young. Grown by J. Crawford



Dend. cruentum. Grown by M. Coker

Found in Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam as a small to medium sized, hot to warm growing, epiphytic species from elevations below 1000 meters in open forests where it is found on smaller trees. The plant has erect pseudobulbs that are swollen basally and has leaf sheaths with black hairs carrying many, deciduous, elliptic-oblong, leathery leaves that are hairy on the underside and are spaced all along the stem. The bloom season is in the spring through fall on an axillary, short, 1 to 2 flowered, inflorescence with faintly fragrant, longlasting flowers that arise from the nodes on the stem in between leaves at the upper apex of the leafed pseudobulb, and needs a definite rest from water and fertilizer in the winter months.



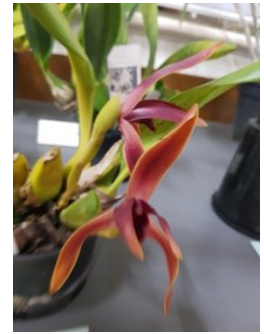
Ornithophora radicans. Grown by J & L. Karbownik

Found in Espirito Santo, Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Parana, Santa Catarina and Rio Grande do Sul states of Brazil near the coast at elevations around 400 meters as a miniature sized, warm to hot growing epiphyte with thin, narrow, oblong-ligulate, compressed, ancipitous pseudobulbs subtended basally by several, distichous, leaf-bearing sheaths and carrying 2 apical, grasslike, cuneate, linear-ligulate, acute, membranous leaves that blooms in the summer and fall on an arching, slender, 7" [18 cm] long, loosely several flowered inflorescence carrying tiny fragrant honey scented flowers.

(reff: <http://www.orchidspecies.com/ornithophoradicans.htm>)



Denrochilum cobbianum. Grown by M. Bisri & B. O'Reilly



Maxxilaria nigrescens. Grown by P. Kennedy



Coelogyne usitana. Grown by M. Coker

This sp first found in southeast Mindanao, Philippines, only in 1999 and officially described in only 2001, this is a very 'new' Coelogyne species in the cultivation world. It is named after collector Vimoor Usita who found it growing on trees and rocks at around 800 metres, i.e. quite low in a tropical country. My plants are very intolerant of cold temperatures and will drop flowers and leaves if the temperature drops below 10 degrees.

The flower lip grabs instant attention with its dark, heavy colouring contrasting with the open, whitish sepals and petals. Depending on the light angle, it can be described dark brown, black,

purple or dark orange. The flower opens with very dark lip colours and then it fades to lighter colours in the orange, rusty red/orange. The petals and sepals range from a very light green to almost white. The spike generally produces one flower at a time but every three weeks or so it produces another flower on the same spike. on of the spike the plant above has been flowering for more than a year.

(reff: <http://coelogyne.com/Species%20Coelogyne%20usitanta.html>)



Zygonisia Cynosure 'Blue Birds'. Grown by M. Bisri & B. O'Reilly

Zygonisia Cynosure 'Blue Birds' is also one of the few orchids we grow that has a patent on it, so you'll see on the tag US 12/942,793 which refers to the US patent.

Due to the parentage of Aganisia cyanea this orchid loves water and good moisture. The description in Orchidwiz states that visitors to it's native region in the upper Amazon Basin near the confluence of the Amazon and Rio Negro have found Blue Orchids almost submerged during the seasonal floods, but still growing and flowering out of the water.

This parent also gives Blue Birds it's heat loving growth. For growers live in cooler regions of Australia it's best to move Blue Birds in the warmest part of your growing area during winter. To keep the moisture up to Blue Birds we use Anova pots that have a centrally located drainage hole with a raised ring around it, so that a small amount of water is retained in the bottom of the pot to keep the

potting mix moist. If you grow Blue Birds in a normal pot with plenty of drainage holes, best to keep a shallow saucer underneath it during the warmer months.

(reff: <http://www.leafandlimb.biz/zygonisia-cynosure-blue-birds/>)



Dend. chrysanthum. Grown by D. Wain

This large sized, warm to cold growing epiphyte, lithophyte on limestone cliffs in narrow crevasses and terrestrial species is widespread through the Himalayan foothills of the western Himalayas, Assam India, China, Nepal, Bhutan, Sikkim, Myanmar, Thailand, Laos and Vietnam in humid, mossy, mixed and coniferous forests and primary, broadleaved, evergreen, lowland forests at elevations of 350 to 2200 meters with pendulous, many noded, sulcate, to 5' [150 cm] long stems carrying ovate-lanceolate, acuminate, bright shiny green leaves that blooms from April till November on an axillary, very short, opposite of leaves, few to several flowered, racemose inflorescence that arise on the nodes on the upper portion of an immature leafed pseudobulb. The inflorescence arises opposite of the leaves with 1 to 3 fragrant, fleshy flowers and needs a drier winter rest to set the blooms for the following spring.

This species is best placed in a wire basket with well draining media to accommodate their pendant growth habit.

(reff: <http://www.orchidspecies.com/denchrysanthum.htm>)

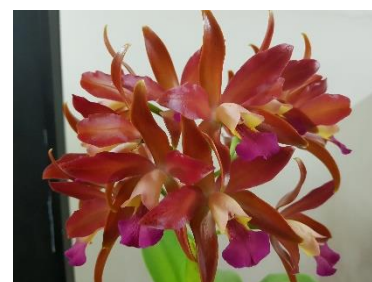


Habenaria regnierii. Grown by M. Coker.

A (natural hybrid) warm and shady growing, miniature terrestrial from Southeast Asia. These plants have beautiful leaves colored in a bluish green with white checks and spots. The hot pink flowers emerge in the summer to fall and last 6-8 weeks. This plant is terrestrial and has elongated tubers with roots that have fine root hairs.

This species likes intermediate warm temperatures and somewhat shady conditions. The leaves will begin to yellow and fall after flowering and there will be no hint that there is anything alive in the pot. The tuber will still be there and during this dormant period (late fall and winter) one should continue to water the mix but only as it dries out. Once the new growths emerge in the spring, then water more frequently, allowing the mix to approach dryness. Many customers find this plant easy to grow just at a windowsill in the home.

(reff: <https://www.orchidweb.com/orchids/other-orchids/species/habenaria-regnierii>)



Cattleya intermedia X Chocolate Drop 'Kodama'. Grown by M. Bisri & B. O'Reilly



Cattleya Hawaian Chic X C. Free Spirit. Grown by J. Jenkins



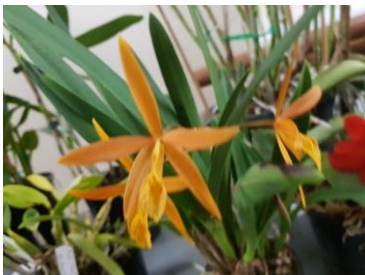
BLC Kinza Southern Cross by G & C Dimech



SLC Bright Angel by M. Bisri & B. O'Reilly



Dals Girl 'Arcadia' by M. Coker



Golden Peacock. Grown by M. Bisri & B. O'Reilly



LC Mary ellen X Penny Caroda. Grown by M. Volodina



Oncidium unknown by K. Ridgway



Meltonidium. Grown by J. Crawford



Oncidium Nelly Isler by M. Bastecky



Vanda Fuschia x tesseleria. Grown by M. Harding & D. Lester

COVID SAFE

Please read instructions prior attending the meeting.

Covid-19 Compliance Summary

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions please follow the following guidelines when entering our meetings:

1. If you are unwell please do not attend our meetings
 - Please follow all DHHS recommendations in this matter
2. Mask must be worn in the hall and at all points during our meeting, please bring a mask with you as we will not be providing them at the meetings
3. Entry will only be granted from the front entrance all other doors will not be in use
4. When entering you must register your attendance by using the provided QR code at the door or signing in manually at the door
 - We recommend you sign in before bringing in your plants from your car
5. Please use the hand sanitizer provided at the front door upon entering and leaving the building
6. Social distancing of 1.5 metres must be maintained whilst in the hall
7. At the conclusion of the meeting all tables and chairs must be sanitised
 - The committee would appreciate the help of the attendees in this



Stay safe everyone

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