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Bulletin Editor

We need a new Editor to take over the reins. If you would like to volunteer to do the job, please contact the Secretary George Dimech. Basic computer skills required and help with layout is available.

The next Committee meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 3rd. April 2024
Venue to be decided.

**The Warringal Orchid Society meets at the Watsonia Community Hall
35 Lambourn Road Watsonia**

The next Meeting will be on Wednesday 20th. MARCH

Hall will be open from 7.00pm you are welcome to bench plants for judging and to socialise with other members. A sales table operates with pots and other orchid accessories available. Members are able to submit up to 6 orchid plants for sale, plants to be well established in pots and in a clean condition. The society deducts a 10% commission on sales. Plants to be listed on sales form available at sales table.

Please be seated on time for meeting to commence at 8.00pm.

This month's speaker will be: Alf magnano
I am sure that his talk will be entertaining for both old and new members.





An invitation from your society

**What we need are volunteers to
take up the positions of
President, Bulletin editor or to
join our committee.**

New members mean new ideas!

WE NEED YOU

**Don't leave it to the same group
who have been doing it for years.**

NOTICES

New growers Group

New members wishing to get some extra instruction are welcome to join the New Growers Group conducted by Jason Khoo. This group runs for approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the monthly meeting.

Monthly meeting Supper

All members are invited to bring a plate of supper to share at the end of our meeting. We all enjoy this time, so do not leave it to the same ones every month. Help pack up prior to having supper.

Set- up

Help is needed to set the hall up for our meeting. Hall is open from 6.00pm, Come early and help set-up.

Committee

Due to several resignations from committee and to maintain our stability we are asking for members to join the committee. This is your society, support it and have a go.

The position of President is still vacant. Please think about Volunteering

VALE: Our condolences go out to Life Members David and Elizabeth Baxter on the recent loss of their grand- daughter; our thoughts are with you and your family.

JUDGING RESULTS – FEBUARY 2024

OPEN

Novelty Paphiopedilum

1st. Paph. Bengal Lancers G & C Dimech

Lycaste

1st. Deppei x Cliffotonii G & C Dimech

Australian Native Hybrid

1st. Den Sarfield J. Khoo

2nd. Den. Colonial kim A. Rogers

Vanda

1st. Vandachostylis Lou Sneary K. Lam

2nd. V. Rothchildiana G & C. Dimech

Any Other Hybrid

1st. Grammatocymbidium Pakkret Adv. A. Rogers

2nd. Prom. Florafest x Norman Gaunt G & C Dimech

Species- Any Genera

1st. Bulb. Lindleyanum A. Rogers

2nd. Gomesa Flexuosa 'Newbold' A. Rogers

3rd. Lyc. Skinnerii S. Pantelejenko

BEST IN SECTION

Vandachostylis Lou Sneary K. Lam

INTERMEDIATE

Novelty Cattleya

1st. Unknown L & A Shepherd

2nd. Lc. Raise Surprise x Lc. Mist L & A Shepherd

Masdevallia Hybrid

Heathii x Hede L & A Shepherd

Any Other Hybrid

1st. Zyg. Artur Elle Essendon M. Volodina

Species- Any Genera

1st. Gomesa Radikans L & A Shepherd

BEST IN SECTION

Zyg. Artur Elle Essendon M. Volodina

ADVANCED NOVICE

Any Other Hybrid

1st. Bulb. Elizabeth Ann A. La Rocca

Species- Any Genera

1st. Gongora Galeata F. Verlaan

BEST IN SECTION

Bulb. Elizabeth Ann A. La Rocca

NOVICE

Any Other Hybrid

1st. Epi. Pacific Sparkler K. Sloane

2nd. Rhyn. Crowfield Mendenhall J. Wong

3rd. C. Rlc. Rosella x Hawaiian Wedding F. Walton

Species- Any Genera

1st. Pros. Radiata J. Wong

BEST IN SECTION

Pros. Radiata J. Wong

PROGRESSIVE POINT SCORE

OPEN

A Rogers	16
G & C. Dimech	15
K. Lam	5
J. Khoo	4
S. Pantelejenko	2
L & J Karbownik	1

INTERMEDIATE

L & A Shepherd	15
M. Volodina	4

ADVANCED NOVICE

A. La Rocca	4
F. Verlaan	4

NOVICE

J. Wong	8
K. Sloane	4
F. Walten	2

Best in Section - Open



Vandachostylis Lou Sneary

Grown by Kim Lam

Best in section – Int.



Zygo. Artur Elle Essendon

Grown by Mila Volodina

Best in Section – Adv. Nov.



Bulb. Elizabeth Anne

Grown by Angela La Rocca

Best in Section - Novice



Prostrechea Radiata

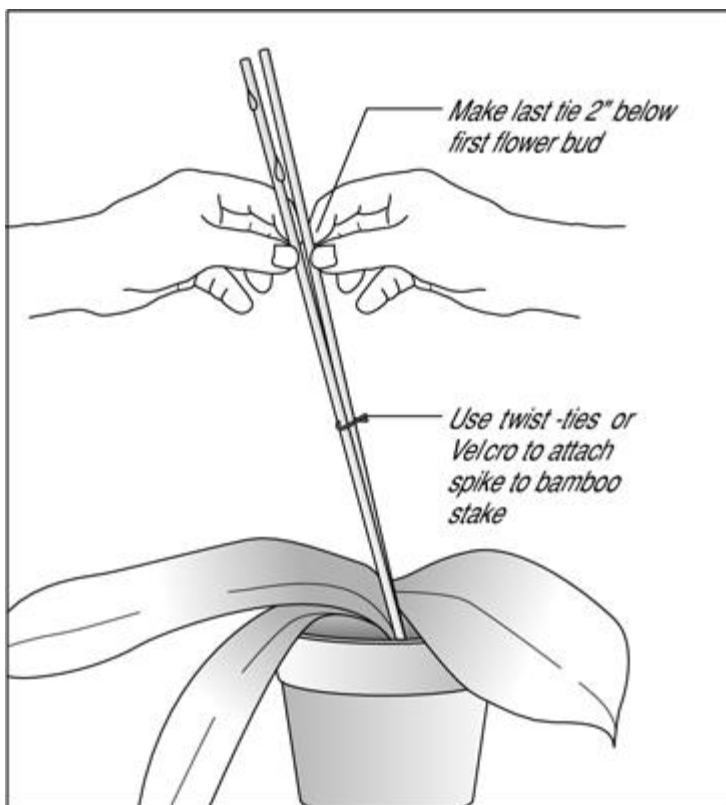
Grown by Jenny Wong

Flowers and spikes of orchid blossoms can be heavy and, if they aren't staked properly, they'll open at an awkward angle. Orchid staking techniques vary somewhat with the type of orchid. The two major types are the spray orchids, like phalaenopsis and oncidiums, or those with single flowers or just a few on one spike, like cattleyas and most paphiopedilums.

Be sure to start this process while the orchid is in bud — that is, *before* these orchids are actually in flower — to ensure that the flowers are oriented correctly when they open.

Here are the steps for staking spray-type orchids:

1. As soon as the flower spike is about 30 centimetres long, insert a vertical bamboo stake close to where the spike originates at the base of the plant.



You can get a green stake, so it blends in better.

2. As you insert the stake, twist it to work it around roots to minimize damage to them.
3. Attach the first tie on the lower part of the spike close to the first *node* (the bump in the flower stem).

Use twist-ties or Velcro, not sharp string or wire, which could damage the stem.

4. Attach another tie 10 centimetres higher on the flower spike.
5. Put additional ties every 10 centimetres as the flower spike grows.

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3. Place the last tie a few centimetres where the first flower buds are forming.

This allows the spike to form a natural arch with the first flower open at the highest point and the others gracefully following suit right below that one.

Flower spikes always grow in the direction of the strongest light. After the flower spike reaches about 30 centimetres tall and the buds are starting to form, *never* change the plant's orientation to the light source. If you do, the spike will try to reorient itself and you'll end up with a twisted, distorted spike with flowers opening in all directions.

When the flowers are fully open, they'll stay that way, so you can then move the plant anywhere you want.

Staking single flowers is simpler. When the bud or buds start to swell on the flower spike, insert a vertical bamboo stake close to where the spike originates at the base of the plant.

Be sure to do this before the flower has opened so that the bud will orient itself to gravity. If the flower spike is at an angle, the flower will adjust itself to open perpendicular to the angle the flower stem is pointing. If you tie the spike up after it has opened, it will keep its original orientation and will look awkward.

Article from Orchids for Dummies



One year, I decided to buy my mother-in law a cemetery plot as a Christmas Gift...The next year, I didn't buy her a gift. When she asked me why, I replied, "Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!"

LIBRARY



We have a well stacked library with books covering all aspects of orchid growing and genera. Members may borrow books on a monthly basis.

If interested see secretary.

SHOW DATES – 2024

Winter Show : Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th August

set-up on Friday 2nd August

Spring show: Saturday 5th And Sunday 6th October

set-up Friday 4th October

At St. Sava Community Hall 212 Diamond Creek Rd. Greensborough

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