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Next Meeting is on Wednesday 1st February commencing at 8pm, at the Forestville Memorial Hall, 3 Starkey St, Forestville. Members may enter the hall and bench plants from 7.00pm.

This month the culture class will be given by Gloria Cushway who will be showing us how she pots up her large and very beautiful exhibition cattleyas. This is a great opportunity to learn from the expert.

The guest speaker will be Bailey Wong who will take us through how she grows her amazing orchids. Bailey's orchids are grown completely inside with temperature, humidity and light all artificially controlled. This is sure to be a fascinating talk.

Reminder – Members, please make sure you sign in on arrival as this is an insurance requirement of the society. We still prefer members to be double vaccinated and while masks are not mandatory, they are recommended.

New Member - a warm welcome to our newest member, Jie Zhang. We hope you enjoy your membership of the Society. For any advice, just ask one of the committee or any member wearing a name badge and they will point out a committee member to help you.

Tea Roster – This month the supper table helpers will be Susie Butler, Elizabeth Blackwell and Clover Bradley. Thank you, ladies, for volunteering. Please remember to bring in your own cups as Styrofoam cups are no longer available.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

Annual subscriptions are due on 1st January. The fees are \$16.00 per single member and \$18.00 per couple or family membership. Fees may be paid to the Treasurer at our monthly meeting, or by mailing to our Post Office Box 212, Forestville, 2087 or by direct credit straight into North Shore Orchid Society's account BSB 082 201 Account No. 509021920, using your name as the reference. If you use internet banking please send an email to the Treasurer Anthony Mobbs at anthonymobbs@yahoo.co.uk confirming your payment. Members who joined last year do not have to pay the annual subscription this year as it is included with their fees already paid. If you are not sure whether you are up to date, please contact Anthony.

A final reminder to all those who benched plants last year to pick up their prize plant at the February meeting. The Point Score Competition results were printed in the January bulletin. If you will not be at the meeting, please arrange for someone to pick it up for you.

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JUDGING RESULTS JANUARY 2023

ORCHID OF THE MONTH
BEST OF EVENING
 (50% culture, 50% flower)

Judge's Choice
 Open
 Nov/Inter

Coelogyne marmorata
Vanda falcata
Phalaenopsis Unknown

Cary Polis
 Bailey Wong
 S Theresianto & M Magee

OPEN SECTION

1 EXHIBITION LAELINAE

1. *Blc.* Karen's Sunrise 'Waianae' G & A Cushway
2. *Blc.* Marcella Koss x C. Angel Walker Ian Tanner

2 BIFOLIATE & CLUSTER LAELIINAE min. 5 flowers

1. *Epc.* Burdekin Honey 'Shona' L & G Bromley
2. *Epi.* Comet Valley 'Red' Cary Polis
3. *Epi.* Unknown Dora Law

3 MID-SIZE LAELIINAE 71mm-119mm

1. *Rlc.* Gloria's Charm G & A Cushway
2. *Rlc.* Gloria's Charm G & A Cushway
3. *Gct.* Distant Drums 'Supreme' L & G Bromley

4 MINIATURE LAELIINAE 70mm and under

1. *Epc.* Burdekin Honey Ela Kielich

5 LAELIINAE SPECIES

1. *C. guttata* var *albina* 'Centro de Esmeralda' L & G Bromley
2. *C. leopoldii* L & G Bromley
3. *L. purpurata* (Tipo x Striata) Bill Hart

6 STANDARD PHALAENOPSIS

1. *Phal.* Tai Lin Queen G & A Cushway

7 INTERMEDIATE PHALAENOPSIS

1. *Phal.* Dragon's Dazzler G & A Cushway
2. *Phal.* Unknown Lina Huang
3. *Phal.* Unknown Lina Huang

8 MINIATURE PHALAENOPSIS

1. *Dtps.* Liu's Berry 'Trinity' G & A Cushway
2. *Dtps.* Yu Pin Natsume 'Minho' G & A Cushway
3. *Dtps.* Liu's Berry 'Trinity' G & A Cushway

9 SPECIMEN PLANT

No entries

10 ONCIDIINAE SPECIES

1. *Lockhartia* sp L & G Bromley
2. *Lockhartia oerstedii* Lee Payne
3. *Onc. pulvinatum* Li Shan

11 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS up to 35mm

1. *Brassidium* Hawaii Ian Tanner
2. *Onc.* Golden Showers Lina Huang
3. *Onc.* Splinter G & A Cushway

12 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS 35 to 60mm

1. *Wils.* Pacific Passage 'Peach Cobbler' Bill Hart
2. *Onc.* Catatante 'Kilauea Karma' L & G Bromley
3. *Onc.* Artur Elle G & A Cushway

13 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS over 60mm

1. *Brassidium* Gilded Urchin 'Ontario' Bill Hart
2. *Ons.* Wildcat 'Bloodshot' L & G Bromley
3. *Mps.* Kelly 'Spangled Banner' L & G Bromley

14 PLEUROTHALLIDINAE SPECIES

No Entries

15 PLEUROTHALLIDINAE HYBRIDS

1. *Masd.* Kimballiana x Chaparana x Midas Touch Susie Butler
2. *Masd.* Marguerite 'Fire Walker' Susie Butler

16A DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS

1. *Den.* Masako Taki 'Blue' L & G Bromley
2. *Den.* Mem. Myra Chalmers 'Roy's Surprise' L & G Bromley
3. *Den.* Pop Eye John Chang

17 DENDROBIUM SPECIES

1. *Den. crystallinum* C Scott-Harden
2. *Den. crepidiferum* Ela Kielich

3. *Den. hercoglossum* Susie Butler

18 MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES

1. *Bulb. mastersianum* C Scott-Harden
2. *Stan. tigrina* N & H Gill
3. *Coel. usitana* Cary Polis

19 MINIATURE SPECIES

1. *Bulb. electrinum* var *clavatum* C Scott-Harden
2. *Vanda falcata* Bailey Wong
3. *Neofinetia hisui* John Chang

20 MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS

1. *Lyc.* Groganii L & G Bromley
2. *Coel.* Bird in Flight Cary Polis
3. *Bulb.* J M Guilloty C Scott Harden

21 VANDACEOUS SPECIES

1. *Phal. cornu-cervi* 'Bailey' Bailey Wong
2. *Vanda garayi* John Chang
3. *V. tessellata* L & G Bromley

22 VANDACEOUS HYBRIDS 50mm and under

1. *V.* Brighton Gold 'Magnifica' L & G Bromley
2. *Ascofinetia* Cherry Blossom P Yeung/J Keenan
3. *V.* Cherry Blossom John Chang

23 VANDACEOUS HYBRIDS Over 50mm

1. *V.* Somsri Glory 'Blue' Li Shan
2. *V.* Fuchs Delight x Tokyo Blue Li Shan
3. *V.* Fuchs Delight x Tokyo Blue Dora Law

24 STANDARD CYMBIDIUM

No entries

25 INTERMEDIATE CYMBIDIUMS

No entries

26 MINIATURE CYMBIDIUMS

No entries

27 CYPRIDEDIOIDEAE SPECIES

1. *Paph. superbiens* var *curtisii* Bailey Wong

28 PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS

No entries

29 MAUDIAE TYPE PAPHIOPEDILUM

No entries

30 NOVELTY CYPRIPEIDIOIDEAE

1. *Paph.* Satin Smoke Lina Huang

31 SEEDLING ANY GENUS

1. *V.* Pakchong Smile L & G Bromley
2. *Phal.* Allura Dracary's x Tian Nong Purple Rose G & A Cushway
3. *Sobralia xantholeuca* x *veitchii* Bill Hart

32 ALL TERRESTRIALS SPECIES & HYBRIDS

No Entries

33 AUSTRALIAN SARCANTHINAE SPECIES

No Entries

34 AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE SPECIES

1. *Den. taylori* Cary Polis

35A AUSTRALASIAN SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS White

No entries

35B AUSTRALASIAN SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS Colour

No entries

36A AUSTRALASIAN TERETE LEAF DEN. Sp/Hybrid

No entries

36B AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS

1. *Den.* Frazer's Canary Twister L & G Bromley
1. *Den.* Little Atro Ela Kielich
2. *Den. aberrans* x *Den. polysema* Lee Payne

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

37 AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE SPECIES & HYBRIDS

No entries

38 PAPHIOPEDILUM SPECIES & HYBRIDS

No entries

39 CYMBIDIUM & MISCELLANEOUS ORCHIDS

No entries

40 ONCIDIINAE SPECIES & HYBRIDS

No entries

41 LAELIINAE SPECIES & HYBRIDS

No entries

42 DENDROBIUM SPECIES & HYBRIDS

No entries

43 MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES & HYBRIDS

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| 1. <i>Phal.</i> Unknown | S Theresianto & M Magee |
| 2. <i>Stan. tigrina</i> | Mary Chappel |
| 3. <i>Stan. tigrina</i> | Mary Chappel |

NOVICE

44 CYMBIDIUM & MISCELLANEOUS ORCHIDS

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| 1. <i>Phal.</i> Mituo King | Jenny Do |
| 2. <i>Phal.</i> Unknown | Loretta & Paul Au |
| 3. <i>Max.</i> Unknown | Katherine Hsiao |

45 DENDROBIUM, ONCIDIINAE & PAPHIOPEDILUM

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|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. <i>Paph.</i> Susan Booth | Jenny Do |
| 2. <i>Mps.</i> Breathless Beauty | Loretta & Paul Au |
| 3. <i>Onc.</i> Wildcat Bloodshot | Katherine Hsiao |

46 LAELIINAE

No entries

47 AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE ORCHIDS

No entries

JANUARY SPECIAL PRIZES



Orchid of the Month Judge's Choice

Coeloglyne marmorata
Owned by Cary Polis



Best of the Evening Open

(50% culture/50% flower)

Vanda falcata

Owned by Bailey Wong



Best of the Evening Novice

(50% culture/50% flower)

Phal. Unknown

Owned by S Theresianto & M Magee

MARCH MEETING

The Society's AGM will be held at the March meeting. If you would like to help your Society, you are invited to do so by joining the very active Committee. A nomination form is included with this bulletin. Just fill it in and send it to the Secretary, Clover Bradley.

Also at the March meeting we will be holding the first of our twice a year Members' Auction. You may bring in up to four plants per membership for auction. The form required to be submitted will be included with the March bulletin.

Handy hint – fill in your benching cards at home before you come to a meeting. If you are not sure of the class number, it is then just a quick job to fill it in at the meeting.

A SELECTION OF ORCHIDS FROM OUR JANUARY MEETING



Gct. Distant Drums 'Supreme'
L & G Bromley



Barkeria spectabilis
Cary Polis



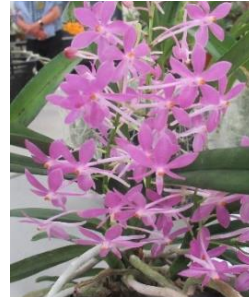
Den. aberrans x Den. polysema
Lee Payne



Epc. Burdekin Honey 'Shona' L & G Bromley



V. Somsri Glory 'Blue'
Li Shan



Vanda Cherry Blossom
John Chang



Masd. Kimballiana
x *Chaparana*
x *Midas Touch*
Susie Butler



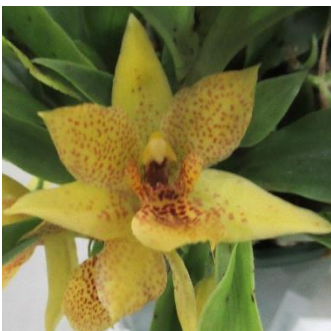
Dtps. Luis Berry 'Trinity'
G & A Cushway



Lyc. Groganii
L & G Bromley



Rlc. Gloria's Charm
G & A Cushway



Promenaea williamsonii
Dora Law



Paph. Satin Smoke
Lina Huang



Onc. Wildcat Bloodshot
Katherine Hsiao



Phal. cornu-cervi 'Bailey'
Bailey Wong



Bulb. J M Guilloty
C Scott- Harden



Miltoniopsis Unknown
Katherine Hsiao



Stanhopea tigrina
Mary Chappel



Den. normanbyense
x *Wonder Nishii* John Chang

Orchid of the month – the Stanhopea (*the upside-down orchid*)



Many members have reported that the summer season this year has seen exceptional flowering of this very popular orchid. Why this is so may have something to do with the very wet conditions that were experienced for much of 2022. Whatever the reason, Stanhopeas are filling our gardens now with their very strong perfume of vanilla and chocolate. In the coastal areas of much of NSW a number of these orchids can be grown outside in the garden, hung on a tree which gives them light shade for much of the year.

There are estimated to be around 55-60 different species (the number differs according to which reference you consult) and they are native to Mexico, Central America and south to Venezuela. There are different species that grow from sea level to about 4000m elevation and about 20 of these are cool growing and suitable for growing outside in our area.

Stanhopeas in their natural setting are epiphytes and live on trees and rocky slopes so although they are easy to grow, they have some very specific requirements. Because the flowers force their way downwards from the surface pseudobulb, they need an orchid mix that will allow this movement. A popular mix is medium pine bark to which can be added some large perlite or shredded sphagnum moss for extra moisture retention. Because the flowers will emerge from the base of the container, they must be able to get through. The ideal container is therefore a wire basket that is shallow rather than deep and which can be lined with substances that can be easily penetrated by the flower such as sheets of paperbark, coconut fibre or sphagnum moss. (Beware of the commercial coconut fibre liners as they contain a plastic coating.) Once filled, this basket can be hung either outside in a tree or fairly high in an orchid house.



The care of your Stanhopea is much the same as for most of your orchids – keep it well watered in the warmer months and ease off during winter. It can be fertilised with a suitable orchid liquid feed or some of the pelleted fertilisers that you use in the garden can be lightly sprinkled on during the spring and summer growing season. Splitting up and repotting should ideally take place soon after flowering. It is important not to split up the pseudobulbs too much as the plant will take much longer to reflower in subsequent years.



There are some disadvantages to growing this orchid. The first is that each flower only lasts approximately three days before it fades and dies. The second is that to get that 'wow' factor, your plant needs to be grown to quite a large size. Both these factors are reasons why we do not often see on the Show Bench some of the spectacular flowering that this orchid is capable of.



If this has sparked your interest, plants can be obtained at orchid fairs, auctions, club sales bench or even garage sales.

Ref: *The Astonishing Stanhopeas* by Barney Greer.

Photos sourced from the gardens of Alan and Jill Collins and Christine Rethers