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Next Meeting is on Wednesday 7th February 2024 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's Culture Class will be given by Jan Robinson who will describe the various types of water-well pots available and how best to use them.

Guest Speaker: This will be Jan Robinson again. This time she will be talking about "Orchid Experiments during Covid19—Then and Now". Now doesn't that sound interesting!

Reminder - Members need to sign in on arrival as an insurance requirement of the society. We still prefer members to be double vaccinated and while masks are not mandatory, they are recommended.

Tea Roster – The supper table helpers this month will be Li Shan and Jie Zhang. Thank you very much for volunteering. Contributions to the supper table are welcomed. Remember to bring in your own cup as Styrofoam cups are no longer available.

We are still looking for volunteers to help with the supper table for June, July, October, November and December. Everyone enjoys their cuppa and some nibbles at supper time but we can't provide this without some help from members. Please let Lee Payne know if you are available to help.

Many congratulations to Clover Dawn Bradley who has just been awarded an Order of Australia Medal for Services to the Community. We are thrilled and very proud of you. Very few people realise how tirelessly you have worked over many years for a number of voluntary organisations including our own orchid society.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

Annual subscriptions are due on 1st January 2024. 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. They may also be paid 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 amobbs8@gmail.com confirming your payment. Members who joined after September 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.

JUDGING RESULTS JANUARY 2024

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

Judge's Choice
Open
Nov/Intermediate

Paph. Magic Lantern 'Lockerbie'
Rynchostylis retusa
Phal. Unknown

Rod Nurthen
Susie Butler
Mary Chappel

OPEN SECTION

1 EXHIBITION LAELINAE

1. *Rlc. Chief Journey 'First Choice'* G Serhan
2. *C. Mini Song x Bc. Dal's Charm* G & A Cushway
3. *Bc. Island Charm 'Yoshie'* G & A Cushway

2 BIFOLIATE & CLUSTER LAELIINAE min. 5 flowers

1. *Epi. (Magenta x Royale)* Cary Polis
2. *C. Penny Kuroda 'Spots'* Li Shan
3. *C. Fitz 'Eugene Dixon'* G & A Cushway

3 MID-SIZE LAELIINAE 71mm-119mm

1. *C. Unknown* Lina Huang
2. *C. Hawaiian Heatwave 'Nicole'* L & G Bromley
3. *C. Cherry Song 'Nicole'* L & G Bromley

4 MINIATURE LAELIINAE 70mm and under

1. *C. Ioha Case x C. Dal's Beau* G Serhan
2. *Epi. Burdekin Honey 'Shona'* A Mobbs
3. *Procatavola Golden Peacock* Ela Kielich

5 LAELIINAE SPECIES

1. *Euchile mariae* C Scott-Harden
2. *Prosthechea prismatocarpa* Li Shan
3. *C. guttata var. leopoldii* L & G Bromley

6 STANDARD PHALAENOPSIS 76mm & over

1. *Phal. Butterfly* M Drummond
2. *Phal. Unknown* Dora Law
3. *Phal. Unknown* Dora Law

7 INTERMEDIATE PHALAENOPSIS 51-75mm

1. *Phal. Sogo Lawrence* Jie Zhang
2. *Phal. Bedford Golden Taylor* L & G Bromley
3. *Phal. Unknown* Lina Huang

8 MINIATURE PHALAENOPSIS up to 50mm

1. *Phal. Unknown* Lina Huang
2. *Phal. Lius's Berry 'Trinity'* G & A Cushway
3. *Phal. Chingruey's Goldstaff* Lina Huang

9 SPECIMEN PLANT

1. *Max. tenuifolia* Dora Law

10 ONCIDIINAE SPECIES

1. *Gomesa imperatoris-maximiliani* L & G Bromley

11 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS up to 35mm

1. *Ons. Succubus 'Night Shift'* Lina Huang
2. *Onc. Sharry Baby* Mary Drummond
3. *Onc. Pacific Sunrise 'Hakalau'* Jie Zhang

12 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS 36 to 60mm

1. *Ons. Wildcat 'Yellow King'* Jie Zhang
2. *Ons. Wildcat 'Bloodshot'* G Serhan
3. *Onc. Speckled Spire 'Snowflake'* Jie Zhang

13 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS over 60mm

1. *Brsdm. Golden Gamine 'White Knight'* E Blackwell
2. *Brsdm. Tigerlily 'Tinonee'* E Blackwell
3. *Alcra. Tahoma Glacier 'Green'* M Drummond

14 PLEUROTHALLIDINAE SPECIES

No entries

15 PLEUROTHALLIDINAE HYBRIDS

1. *Masd. Henrica Jansen* Susie Butler

16 DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS

1. *Den. Blue Foxtail* L & G Bromley
2. *Den. Airy Crimson* Ela Kielich
3. *Den. Hsinying Chryopense* Ela Kielich

17 DENDROBIUM SPECIES

1. *Den. chryseum* Clover Bradley
2. *Den. crystallinum* Li Shan

18 MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES AMERICA & AFRICA

1. *Max. luteograndiflora* Cary Polis
2. *Stanhopea tigrina* Lina Huang
3. *Lycaste bradeorum* Li Shan

18A MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED

1. *Bulb. affine* Ian Tanner
2. *Bulb. geminatum* C Scott-Harden
3. *Bulb. patens* Cary Polis

19 MINIATURE SPECIES

1. *Max. parahybunensis* Cary Polis
2. *Phymatidium tillandsioides* Mark Asbury
3. *Max. gracilis* Li Shan

20 MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS AMERICA & AFRICA

1. *Clowesetum Jumbo Apolo* L & G Bromley
2. *Lycaste deppei x cruenta* Susie Butler
3. *Z. Debbie de Mello 'Honolulu Bay'* Jie Zhang

20A MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED

1. *Coel. Bird in Flight* Cary Polis
2. *Coel. Mem. W Micholitz* Cary Polis
3. *Coel. Jannine Banks* Cary Polis

21 VANDACEOUS SPECIES

1. *Rhynchostylis retusa* Susie Butler
2. *Phal. cornu-cervi 'Red'* L & G Bromley
3. *Phal. speciosa* L & G Bromley

22 VANDACEOUS HYBRIDS 50mm and under

1. *Van. Pine Rivers 'Pretty n Pink'* L & G Bromley
2. *Van. Thai Noi x Van. Apichart* L & G Bromley
3. *Phal. violacea v. sumatrana* Jie Zhang

23 VANDACEOUS HYBRIDS Over 50mm

1. *V. Tristar Gold 'Adisaks Gold'* L & G Bromley
2. *V. Pakchong Blue* Lina Huang
3. *V. Sansai Blue 'No. 1'* Ian Tanner

24 STANDARD CYMBIDIUM

No entries

25 INTERMEDIATE CYMBIDIUMS

No entries

26 MINIATURE CYMBIDIUMS

No entries

27 CYPRIDEDIOIDEAE SPECIES

No entries

28 PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS

No entries

29 MAUDIAE TYPE PAPHIOPEDILUM

No entries

30 NOVELTY CYPRIPEIDIOIDEAE

1. *Paph. Magic Lantern 'Lockerbie'* Rod Nurthen
2. *Paph. Magic Lantern 'Merlin'* Rod Nurthen
- 31 SEEDLING ANY GENUS**
1. *C. Mari's Song* x *C. Aussie Sunset* G Serhan
- 32 ALL TERRESTRIALS SPECIES & HYBRIDS**
1. *Ponerorchis graminifolia* John Chang
2. *Habenaria radiata* John Chang
3. *Stenoglottis woodii* Dora Law
- 33 AUSTRALASIAN SARCANTHINAE SPECIES**
1. *Sarco. hirticalcar* Clover Bradley
2. *Sarco. hirticalcar* Clover Bradley
- 34 AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE SPECIES**
1. *Vanda hindsii* Cary Polis
2. *Cadetia taylori* Cary Polis
3. *Cadetia taylori* Cary Polis
- 35A AUSTRALASIAN SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS White**
- No entries
- 35B AUSTRALASIAN SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS Colour**
1. *Peristerchilus Cherub* John Chang
- 36A AUSTRALASIAN TERETE LEAF DEN. Sp/Hybrid**
1. *Den. Limestone* Clover Bradley
2. *Den. cucumerina* Judith Barry
3. *Den. cucumerina* Cary Polis
- 36B AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS**
1. *Den. Little Atro* P Yeung/J Keenan
2. *Den. Rubbie Heart 'Choc Mint'* x *Den. convolutum*
3. *Den. Unknown* A Mobbs
Li Shan

- No entries
- 38 PAPHIOPEDILUM SPECIES & HYBRIDS**
- No entries
- 39 CYMBIDIUM SPECIES & HYBRIDS**
- No entries
- 40 ONCIDIINAE SPECIES & HYBRIDS**
- No entries

- 41 LAELIINAE SPECIES & HYBRIDS**
- No entries
- 42 DENDROBIUM SPECIES & HYBRIDS**
- No entries
- 43 MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES & HYBRIDS**
1. *Phal. Unknown* Mary Chappel
 2. *Stanhopea nigroviolacea* Mary Chappel

NOVICE

- 41 CYMBIDIUM & MISCELLANEOUS ORCHIDS**
1. *Dtps Juihbao Fairy* x *Dendi's Yeti* Elita & TC Chan
- 42 DENDROBIUM, ONCIDIINAE & PAPHIOPEDILUM**
- No entries
- 46 LAELIINAE**
- No entries
- 47 AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE ORCHIDS**
- No entries

134 orchids benched

Exhibitors – please note that a species must not be benched in a hybrid class

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

37 AUSTRALASIAN SPECIES & HYBRIDS

JANUARY SPECIAL PRIZES



**Orchid of the Month
Judge's Choice**
Paph. Magic Lantern 'Lockerbie'
Owned by Rod Nurthen



Best of the Evening Open
(50% culture/50% flower)
Rynchosstylis retusa
Owned by Susie Butler



Best of the Evening Novice
(50% culture/50% flower)
Phalaenopsis Unknown
Owned by Mary Chappel

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-yearly 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.

A SELECTION OF ORCHIDS FROM OUR JANUARY MEETING



Epi. (Magenta x Royale)
Cary Polis



C. Hawaiian Heatwave
L & G Bromley



Max. gracilis
Li Shan



Brsdm. Golden Gamine
E Blackwell



Harbenaria radiata
John Chang



Coel. Bird in Flight
Cary Polis



Clowesetum Jumbo Apollo
L & G Bromley



Neofinetia falcata
'Higashide Miyako'
John Chang



Ons. Wildcat 'Yellow King'
Jie Zhang



Max. parahubenensis
Cary Polis



Ponerorchis graminifolia
John Chang



Onc. Speckled Spire 'Shorty'
Lina Huang



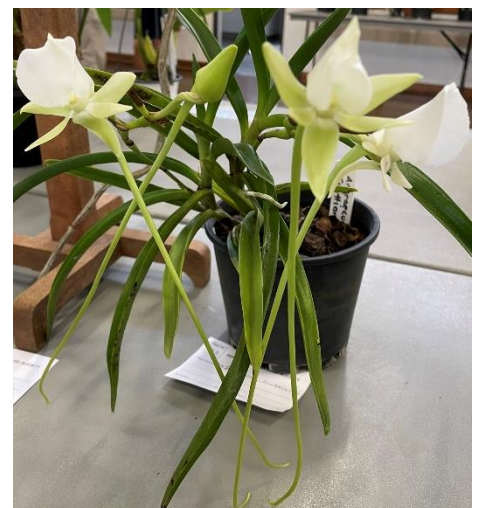
Phymatidium tillandsioides
Mark Asbury



Van. Pine Rivers
'Pretty n Pink'
L & G Bromley



Max. luteograndiflora
Cary Polis



Angraecum scottianum
Li Shan

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

North Shore Orchid Society

Members' Auction

Orchids Out West

North Shore Orchid Society Show

Mingara Orchid Club Fair & Show

St Ives Orchid Fair

North Shore Orchid Society Show

Orchids Central

6th March 2024

17th to 19th May 2024

13th to 15th June 2024 (set up on 12th June)

29th and 30th June 2024

16th to 18th August 2024

12th to 14th September 2024 (set up on 11th Sept)

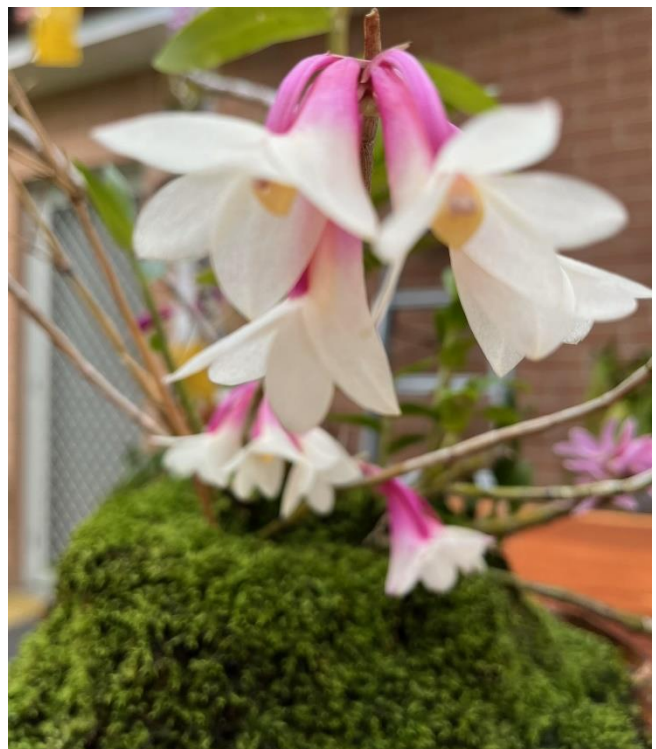
4th to 6th October 2024

A Unique and Charming Way to Grow your Orchids

At the first meeting of 2024, the Show Bench judges were presented with a very novel exhibit – a lovely *Dendrobium victoriae-reginae* hybrid. The exhibit was actually made up of three of these orchids, each with slightly different coloured flowers. While the usual colour of this orchids is a bluish-purple, according to Charles Baker (as quoted in Orchidwiz), clones of both white and pink flowers are sometimes found also.

The exhibit belongs to Li Shan who was kind enough to explain how she grew it. She started with a piece of tree fern which she left soaking in water for about 6 months until it started to grow some moss. She had obtained three seedlings of *Den. victoriae-reginae* hybrid and put them altogether in a hole in her piece of tree fern. Next she put the tree fern complete with the orchids into a shallow container which she then filled with water to about half-way. As the dendrobiums grew, so did the moss on the tree fern until it completely covered the piece of tree fern. Interestingly, this replicates the description given by Charles Baker of this species growing in dense mossy forests in the Phillippines.

Li Shan uses a very dilute amount of fertiliser such a Peter's Excel, seaweed or GoGo juice which she mixes with water. She makes sure that there is always some water in the bottom of the dish but always tips out the old solution before adding the fresh mixture.



***Dendrobium victoriae-reginae* hybrid**

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