

Upcoming Events

2016

27-30 Oct – TOG Show

2017

17 Jun - 13th *Paphiopedilum*
Symposium, Pretoria

19-22 Nov – 22nd World
Orchid Conference, Guayaquil,
Ecuador



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Fun & Friendship Through Orchids

OCTOBER 2016

Meeting: 30TH October 2016

TOPIC: ***Angraecum stella-africae* – truly the Star of Africa**

SPEAKER: **Tinus Olberholzer**

TIME: **13h00:** Tea, coffee and eats

14H00: SAOC AGM

General Meeting follows SAOC AGM

VENUE: The Floreum, Johannesburg Botanical Gardens, Oliphants Road,
Emmerentia Dam

TEA DUTY

The members on Tea Duty at the October meeting are:

Mandy & Marinus Kort

Please volunteer for Tea Duty (2 members per month). It is very social and no skill is needed for this duty.

RAFFLE

There were 2 prizes this month and the lucky winners were:

Sheila Davis

Hamza Hendricks

Congratulations!

November Meeting

Our November Meeting is traditionally the Year-end Function, and this year it is being held at Bill Mincher's home on 27th November 2016. This will be a lunch-time function.

More details will be advised once everything has been finalised.



THE PLANT TABLE – SEPTEMBER 2016

By Allan Abel

(PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORMS WITH AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE - Thanks.)

Please check that the names of your plants are spelt correctly. Wrong names mean I have to spend extra time looking up the correct spelling / names

This month, the plant table consisted of 33 orchids belonging to 8 members.

The African/Mascarene section contained 9 plants, most of which were terrestrials. Christ Steckner brought two of the 4 epiphytes, namely ***Jumellea arachnantha*** and ***Ansellia africana***. The others were Bill Mincher's ***Polystachya Green Mamba*** (*galeata x bennettiana*) and Karsten Wodrich's ***Polystachya pubescens***. Erhard Schmid displayed a ***Eulophia tuberculata*** as did Karsten – his clone ***Eul tuberculata*** 'Red Baron'. Karsten's other two plants were ***Eul hereroensis*** and ***Eul streptopetala*** 'Starke Ayres'

The Dendrobium flowering season is in full swing with 7 plants on the table. Erhard tabled two similar looking species; ***Den lindleyi*** and ***Den jenkinsii***. Hamza Hendricks exhibited ***Den Lucky Girl*** and Chris showed a ***Den discolor***. Bill brought along ***Den. Ella Victoria Leaney*** (*kingianum x jonesii*), Karsten a very well flowered ***Den. Stardust*** 'Dreamboat' (unicum x Ukon) and Brian Simms his ***Den nobile var cooksonianum***.

There were 5 plants in the Laeliinae section this month. Mandy & Marinus Kort exhibited a ***Cattlianthe Trick or Treat*** (*C. Icarus x Ctt. Chit Chat*) and ***Rlc*** (***Rlc Duckitt Beauty x Ctt Trick or Treat***). Bill showed a ***Ctt. Rojo*** 'Barbara' HCC/AOS (*Gur. aurantiaca x C. milleri*); Erhard his ***Cattleya lawrenceana*** and Chris had a nicely flowered ***Barkeria spectabilis***.

Cymbidium flowering season is tapering off and only 3 plants were on display this month. Erhard tabled a ***Cymbidium aloifolium*** and Mandy & Marinus brought their ***Cym Dancing Mother*** 'Kotone' (*Tiny Tiger x madidum*).

There were 2 Slipper Orchids on the table and these were Erhard's ***Paphiopedilum delenatii*** and Chris' ***Phragmipedium Eric Young*** (*besseae x longifolium*)

There were 4 Other Species tabled. Julian brought his ***Ludisia discolor*** and Mandy & Marinus showed their ***Vanda ampullacea var aurantiacum***. Bill had **two unknown orchids**.

There were 3 Other Hybrids on display. Erhard exhibited a ***Zygoneria Dynamite*** (*Zga. Dynamo x Z. crinitum*), whilst Hazma had his ***Oncidopsis Cambria*** 'Lensing's Favourite' AM/AOS (*Oip. Rudra x Onc. Clonius*). Julian had the only phalaenopsis at the meeting, a ***Phalaenopsis Sakura Hime*** (*Tinny Sakura x amabilis*)

The favourite orchids, as selected by the members, were

BEST AFRICAN / MASCARENE



Angraecum arachnantha owned by Chris Steckner

BEST SPECIES



***Barkeria spectabilis* owned by Chris Steckner**

BEST HYBRID



***Dendrobium* Stardust 'Dreamboat' owned by Karsten Wodrich**

BEST NOVICE



***Dendrobium* Lucky Girl owned by Hamza Hendricks**

WITWATERSRAND ORCHID SOCIETY SPRING 2016 SHOW

The Show was held at the Floreum from Friday 7th October to Sunday 9th October. Plant acceptance was on Wednesday afternoon and 16 exhibitors entered 148 beautiful orchids for display and judging by the SAOC judges. By 9pm, all the judging was complete with the Section winners, Champion and Reserve Champion having been selected. The full list of winners and pictures of the Champion and Reserve Champion are attached to this Newsletter in a separate file.

There was a steady flow of visitors through the doors on all 3 days and the Commercial Sellers did a brisk trade, and bags full of orchids were seen being carried to the carpark. The Floreum was riot of colour with an unusually large variety of different orchids being shown this year. WOSA set up a display of indigenous orchids to publicise their work and attract more interest from the public.

The Society would like to give a whole-hearted and big **Thank You** to the Show Chairman, Deon Barnes, and his dedicated team of organisers and helpers who were involved behind the scenes and doing duties at the Show.

Here are some of the plants which made impressions at the Show.



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13th PAPHIOPEDILUM SYMPOSIUM



To be hosted by the North Gauteng Orchid Society (NGOS) on 17th June 2017 in Pretoria, to coincide with the 50th birthday of the Society

They invite you to come and join in the festivities. To receive further notifications, please let them know by sending an email with the following details to:

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WHAT IS IN A NAME?

(With acknowledgment to “ORCHIDS”, the official publication of the American Orchid Society { AOS})

This pronunciation guide has been prepared by representing each syllable through easily recognisable sounds, to enable members to correctly pronounce the scientific names of our orchids. The emphasis in the pronunciation is indicated by Capital letters.

Not all scientific names are in Latin. Some use Greek words, others use the names of localities where they were discovered and others are “latinised” names of people. The correct pronunciation depends on the original “root”. – e.g. the genus *Cattleya* is named after Mr Cattley and the genus *Clowesia* is named after Mr Clowes.

Over the next few newsletters, I will list the accepted pronunciations of various Genera and then Specific names.

TO BE CONTINUED IN NOVEMBER 2016

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