

## Upcoming Events

### 2017

**17 Jun - 13<sup>th</sup> Paphiopedilum**  
Symposium, Pretoria

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



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*Fun & Friendship Through Orchids*

**NOVEMBER 2016**

**Meeting: 27<sup>TH</sup> November 2016**

TOPIC: **YEAR-END FUNCTION**  
SPEAKER:  
TIME: **12h00**  
VENUE: **Bill Mincher's home**  
**2 Eden Road, Bramley**

### TEA DUTY

The members on Tea Duty at the October meeting are:

#### **Not applicable**

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

### RAFFLE

The *Oncidium sphacelatum* donated by Chris Steckner, was won by Mandy & Marinus Kort

Congratulations!



**The Committee would like to wish you all a peaceful and joyous Christmas, and hope everyone has a happy, peaceful and healthy**

## YEAR END FUNCTION

Our Year-end Function is being held at Bill Mincher's home on 27<sup>th</sup> November at 12.00pm (lunch time).

All members and their spouses/partners are very welcome. The Society will be supplying the following;

- Light snacks
- Wine
- Beer
- Cooldrinks

Should you like to bring other eats and drinks, you are most welcome to do so

There will be a Plant Table, so please bring your orchids to beautify the function.

**RSPV to Marinus Kort if you are attending so that we can sort out the catering.**

Looking forward to seeing you all at the party!!



## 2017 SUBSCRIPTIONS

The South African Orchid Council has increased their annual subscriptions by R10 for 2017. The committee has decided not to increase your Society's subscriptions, thus the increase for 2017 WOS subscriptions is only R10.

The new subscriptions, for the various categories, are:

- Ordinary membership           R310
- Family membership           R360
- Associate membership       R130

Membership fees for 2017 become due for payment on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017.

## WILD ORCHIDS SOUTHERN AFRICA (WOSA)

### Verloren Valei Nature Reserve Guided Tours

WOSA have started their guided tours to Verloren Valei, in Dullstroom, to see the indigenous orchids in bloom in the Reserve.

For more information about these guided tours e.g. dates, costs etc, please look at their website [www.wildorchids.co.za](http://www.wildorchids.co.za) or look at their Facebook page (Wild Orchids Southern Africa) or contact the Chairman, Bill Mincher on 082 871 3152.

These are well worth it to be able to spend the day out in the country amongst the flowering orchids and many other plants such as gladiolus, nerine, protea, watsonia, eucomis etc. There is a very useful field guide entitled *Flowers of Verloren Valei* which can be purchased from WOSA.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Wild Orchids Southern Africa Conference

**Reminder:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> WOSA Conference will be held from 20-22 January 2017 at Dunkeld Country Estate in Dullstroom. The first one was a great success and this is a must for everyone interested in our South African indigenous orchids.

For more information use the above contact information.

### MEMBERS' NEWS

Bill Mincher recently had a nasty fall and injured himself. He is recovering in a wheel chair, but should be back to his normal self within six weeks or so.

Our best wishes to Bill for a speedy and complete recovery.

By the way, there is no truth to the rumour that he was trying out for the South African Gymnastics Team for the 2020 Olympics.

## THE PLANT TABLE – OCTOBER 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 must spend extra time looking up the correct spelling / names**

This month, the plant table consisted of 18 orchids belonging to 4 members and I can't think of any reason why the Plant Table was so small this month. However, thanks to the 4 members who went to the trouble to bring plants for all to enjoy.

The African/Mascarene section contained only 2 *Polystachya* hybrids and they were Bill Mincher's *Polystachya (rhodochila x galeata)* and Julian Balcomb's *Polystachya White Hot*.

The Oncidiinae comprised 4 plants. Mandy & Marinus Kort brought their *Ionopsis utricularioides*, a seldom seen plant on the Plant table. Chris Steckner tabled *Miltoniopsis Marie Riopelle 'McElderry'* AM/AOS and *Miltoniopsis Playgirl*. He also had a *Rhynchostele cordata Carmen'* AM/SAOC which is also rare on the Table.

The Laelinae were another small group with only 3 orchids on display, all belonging to Bill. These were **Blc Greenwich Elmhurst**, **Blc Trade Wind Star** and **Blc (Katherine Elizabeth Brooker x Toshi Aoki 'Pokai')**.

The *Dendrobiums* were also represented by 2 plants, also brought by Bill. These comprised *Dendrobium chrysotoxum* and *Dendrobium lindleyii*.

There were 2 *Masdevallias* in show, both from Chris. They were *Masdevallia Stripendous* and the most unusual *Masdevallia caesia*.

The Other Species section contained 4 orchids. Mandy & Marinus exhibited their *Phalaenopsis cornu-cervi fma chattaladae*, *Vanda tricolor var suavis* and *Bifrenaria harrisoniae*, whilst Chris showed *Paphiopedilum barbatum var nigratum*.

The only Other Hybrid was Chris' *Paphiopedilum Bel Royal Carmen'* AM/SAOC.

The favourite orchids, as selected by the members, were

### BEST AFRICAN / MASCARENE



*Polystachya (rhodochila x galeata)* owned by Bill Mincher

**BEST SPECIES**



*Masdevallia caesia* owned by Chris Steckner

**BEST NOVICE**



*Polystachya White Hot* owned by Julian Balcomb

**BEST HYBRID**



*Miltoniopsis Playgirl* owned by Chris Steckner

## 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 JANUARY 2017**

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