

## Upcoming Events

### 2016

**27-29 May** - EPOS Show  
**9-10 July** - ACOS Show  
**23-24 July** - Queensburgh  
Orchid Society Show  
**30-31 July** - S.A.O.C. Orchid  
Lover's Fair  
**1-4 Sept** - GOS Show  
**2-4 Sept** - ZOS Show  
**2-4 Sept** - Rustenburg Orchid  
Society Show,  
**3 Sept** - ACOS Day Display  
**9-11 Sept** - National  
Conference & Show,  
Pietermaritzburg  
**3-4 Sept** - EROS Show  
**17-18 Sept** - NOS Show  
**17-18 Sept** - COS Show,  
**30 Sep & 1 Oct** - WBOS Show  
**30 Sep - 2 Oct** - EPOS Show,  
**7-9 Oct** - WOS Show  
**27-30 Oct** - TOG Show

### 2017

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



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*Fun & Friendship Through Orchids*

**MAY 2016**

**May Meeting: 29<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

**TOPIC:** Curtis Botanical Magazine – a magazine that has been in continuous publication since 1787

**SPEAKER:** Bill Mincher

**TIME:** 13h00: Tea, coffee and eats  
14h00: General Meeting.

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

### TEA DUTY

The members on Tea Duty at the May meeting are:

Mishi Rieckhoff  
Stuart Smith

Please volunteer for Tea Duty (2 members per month). It is not difficult and no skill is needed for this duty.

### RAFFLE

The *Phragmipedium schlimii*, donated by Chris Steckner, was won by Brian Simms.

### FLASKS FOR SALE

Allan Abel donated R775 to the Society, being the proceeds from the sale of 11 flasks. These flasks were produced from seed received as a gift from Andy Easton of New Horizon Orchids in California.

There are 3 flasks remaining and these will be sold at the May meeting. They are all the *Cymbidium* cross as described in the email sent out before the April meeting. The price per flask is R120

*Cymbidium* {(*pumilum* x *sanderiae*) x Red Sox}

## THE PLANT TABLE – April 2016

By Allan Abel

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

This month, the plant table consisted of 20 orchids belonging to 7 members, one of the smallest Plant Tables we have had for many months.

The African/Mascarene section comprised only 1 plant, a ***Mystacidium venosum*** belonging to Chris Steckner.

There were 7 Laeliinae orchids on display. Chris tabled an excellently flowered ***Cattleya brevipedunculata*** and Erhard Schmid had a typical, classic, purple ***Cattleya hybrid***. He also showed two plants of ***Cattleya maxima*** - a typical form and a coerulea form. Eugene Briel brought along a ***Cattleya June Bug*** 'Venice Sunshine' AM/AOS (*C. bicolor* x *C. Beaufort*) and ***Cattleya Purple Cascade*** 'Fragrant Beauty' (*C. Interglossa* x *C. Tokyo Magic*). Lastly there was a ***Laelia anceps*** from Rose Schmid.

The Pleurothallidinae were represented by 3 plants. Erhard tabled a ***Masdevallia aurea*** and Chris showed ***Masdevallia amabilis*** and ***Masdevallia strobilii***.

There were also 3 Slipper Orchids on the table this month. Brian Simms showed his ***Paphiopedilum Huddle*** (Hellas x F C Puddle) and Chris exhibited a species, ***Paphiopedilum sukhakulii***. Chris also had the only Phragmipedium, ***Phrag Bel Royal*** (Memoria Dick Clements x Sorcerer's Apprentice).

There was only 1 Other Species on the table. Erhard brought along a ***Pleione praecox***, a seldom seen species.

There were 5 Other Hybrids this month, all from different genera. Chris tabled an ***Oncidesa Sweet Sugar*** (*Oncsa. Aloha Iwanaga* x *Gomesa varicosa*) and Irene Mann brought her pure-color ***Cymbidium unknown hybrid***. Karsten Wodrich exhibited a ***Phalaenopsis Diamond Sky*** and Mishi Rieckhoff showed her ***Vanda tessellata***.

The favourite orchids, as selected by the members, were;

### BEST AFRICAN / MASCARENE



*Mystacidium venosum* owned by Chris Steckner

### BEST SPECIES



*Cattleya brevipedunculata* owned by Chris Steckner

**BEST HYBRID**



Unknown *Cattleya* hybrid belonging to Erhard Schmid

**BEST NOVICE**



*Cattleya* Purple Cascade 'Fragrant Beauty' owned by Eugene Briel

*Paphiopedilum sukhakulii*



*Pleione praecox*

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