

Upcoming Events

2016

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

JULY 2016

July Meeting: 31th July 2016

TOPIC: **Greenhouses – Panel Discussion**

SPEAKER: **Panel of Experts**

TIME: **12h00:** Tea, coffee and eats
13h00: General Meeting.

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

NOTE THE AMENDED STARTING TIME DUE TO THE SAOC ORCHID FAIR

TEA DUTY

The members on Tea Duty at the July meeting are:

Gladys & Brian Simms

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

RAFFLE

A Miltonidium Mellisa Brianne was won by David Eastman.

FLASKS FOR SALE

There are 3 flasks remaining and these will be sold at the July 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}

SAOC ORCHID FAIR

30 – 31 July 2016

Walter Sisulu Botanical Gardens

Neil McCormick

We have recently heard the sad news that Neil had died. Neil was a member of the Transvaal Orchid Society (now Witwatersrand Orchid Society) in the 1970's and 1980's and very seldom missed a meeting. Although Neil never really grew orchids, he was a Chartered Accountant and was very involved in the administrative side of the Society, being the Treasurer for many years. He was also a member of the South African Orchid Society and, there too, was the Treasurer for many years.

Neil was a member of Orchid Specifics cc with Doug McMurtry and Shane Burns, and Doug named an orchid in his honour in 1984 – *Mystacidium* Neil McCormick (*capense* x *braybonae*).

When Neil retired from the University of the Witwatersrand, he joined Doug and Shane at Whyte Thorne just outside of Mbombela and devoted his time to his other interest – Birdlife and birdwatching.

Our condolences go his family and friends.



Rlc Duh's Fantasy 'Mellow' FCC/AOS

THE PLANT TABLE – JUNE 2016

By Allan Abel

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

This month, the plant table consisted of 41 orchids belonging to 10 members

The African/Mascarene section comprised only 2 plants, both *Angraecums*. Chris Steckner show the ever-popular *Angraecum sesquipedale* and Erhard Schmid brought along an *Angraecum elephantinum*.

The Laeliinae alliance consisted of 12 orchids this month. The three species were *Cattleya iricolor* belonging to Bill Mincher and Erhard's *Laelia anceps* and *Laelia gloriosa*. The other plants were a *Caulaelia Mizoguchi* owned by Rosalie Schmid, *Rlc Husky Boy 'Romeo' HCC/AOS* from Mandy & Marinus Kort, Bill's *Rlc Môreson* and *C labiata x C Atalanta*. David Eastman tabled *C Purang* and *Rlc Dream Cloud* and Brian Simms exhibited a *Rhyncattleanthe Martha Clarke*. Paul Eloff, a new member (welcome Paul) brought a plant with the name (*Ctt Trick or Treat x Lc Scarlet Imperial x C coccinea x Ctt Chitchat*). Please note that the two parents must be included in separate brackets otherwise it is impossible to tell the correct parentage – this last name could be any one of three different hybrids.

The Cymbidium flowering season is starting as indicated by 6 plants on the table. Mandy & Marinus showed *Cym Ruby Brook*, *Cym without Peer 'Soft Touch'* and *Cym Ruby Eyes*. Paul displayed *Cym Nikita 'Fire on Ice'* and Brian his nicely flowered *Cym Memoria Alice Hatfield 'Sauvior'*.

There were also 6 Slipper orchids on display this month. Mandy & Marinus showed *Paph (Hellas 'Westonbirt' x Michael Stewart 'Golden Perfect)* and David an old hybrid, *Paph Harrisianum*, registered in 1869! Chris showed *Paph Macabre* and three species – the normal *Paph venustum* and an albanistic clone of the same species, and *Paph tonsum*.

The Pleurothallidinae comprised 5 plants. David brought *Masdevallia towarensis* and Mandy & Marinus tabled a *Pleurothallis cephtifolia* (?). Allan Abel displayed a *Restrepia elegans* and a *Pleurothallis palliolata*.

Unusually there were only 2 Oncioidinae plants this month. Erhard exhibited an *Ada peruviana* and Mandy & Marinus showed their *Oncostele Wildcat*.

There were 5 Other Species this month. Erhard tabled a *Calanthe vestita* and *Maxillaria variabilis*, Bill brought along a *Bulbophyllum echinolabium* and Chris had another *Calanthe vestita* and a *Dendrochilum anfractum*.

The Other Hybrids comprised 3 orchids. Stewart Smith showed a *Dendrobium Formidible* and Chris had two calanthes – *Calanthe William Murray* and *Calanthe Saint Aubin 'Rage's Red Rag'*

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

BEST AFRICAN / MASCARENE



Angraecum sesquipedale owned by Chris Steckner

BEST SPECIES



Pleurothallis cephtifolia owned by Mandy & Marinus Kort

BEST HYBRID



Cym Memoria Alice Hatfield owned by Brian Simms

BEST NOVICE



Ctt Trick or Treat x *Lc Scarlet Imperial* x *C. coccinea* x *Ctt Chitchat* owned by Paul Eloff

Home Remedies for Treating Pest & Diseases.

NOTE: these remedies are not guaranteed to work in your conditions with your plants. Test them out on a sample before using on all your plants.

There are commercial pesticides, fungicides and algacides which will get rid of pests and diseases. Unfortunately many of them contain dangerous chemicals which can harm mammals and other living things. Luckily there are homemade, organic remedies which are effective but have to be applied regularly to prevent further attacks as they are not usually systemic.

Oil Soap Pesticide Spray

1 tsp liquid dishwashing liquid
2 tsp vegetable oil or wetting agent as directed

- Add oil/wetting agent and soap to a spray bottle and fill with water.
- Shake well before each use.
- Spray the oil soap directly on unwanted pests. The spray smothers them so they need to be coated completely.

Spray as required and make sure to cover all surfaces of the plant. Avoid spraying in the heat of the day and in direct sun.

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