

Upcoming Events

2017

26-29 Oct – TOG, Tygervalley

8-12 November - 22nd World Orchid Conference, Guayaquil, Ecuador



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Fun & Friendship Through Orchids

OCTOBER 2017

Meeting: 5TH NOVEMBER 2017

TOPIC:	Growing Specimen Plants
SPEAKER:	Lourens Grobler
TIME:	13h00 Tea, coffee and eats
	14H00 Main Meeting
VENUE:	The Floreum, Johannesburg Botanical Gardens, Oliphants Road, Emmerentia Dam

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!

TEA DUTY

The members on Tea Duty in September are:

Ancabeth & Jan Grobler

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

RAFFLE

There was no raffle this month.

Brian Simms

It was with great sadness that we heard that Brian had died after a short illness. He had been responding well to treatment, but suffered unexpected complications from which he didn't recover.

Brian and Gladys joined the WOS in the mid 1990s and Brian's main love was Dendrobiums and Cattleyas, which he grew well. Brian served on the Committee and as Chairman of the WOS.

Our condolences go out to Gladys and their family. He will be sorely missed.



LIBRARY

It has become apparent that some members are not adhering to the Library Rules. Books are not returned on time and extension requests have not been agreed with the Librarian. Keeping books for unauthorized periods means other members cannot use it and it also creates additional admin problems. Many of our books are out of print and cannot be replaced. We request that you look after them and treat them carefully.

The Rules of the Library are:

- Only 2 books may be taken out by a Member at any one time.
- Books may only be taken out for 1 month. (There is a recent example of a book being returned a year later and only after repeated requests).
- If you want to keep a book for more than 1 month, permission must be obtained from the Librarian.
- Certain books are very valuable and these are regarded as Reference Books and cannot be taken out of the Library. However, you are very welcome to use them in the Library.

The Library is a valuable asset and it contains a wealth of knowledge from all corners of the world, and it is right at your fingertips. We encourage all members, from the novice to the experienced, to make use of our Library

PLEASE RETURN ALL YOUR BOOKS AT THE NEXT MEETING, AS WE WISH TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF ALL OUR BOOKS IN DECEMBER.



THE PLANT TABLE – SEPTEMBER 2017

By Allan Abel

Reminder of the rules of the Plant Table

Every member is encouraged to bring and share their flowering orchids with other members. However, for plants to be entered in the prize selection process, they must comply with the following rules

- All plants must have been grown by the owners for at least 6 months.
- Novice section is for those members who are new to growing orchids. A Novice will cease to be a Novice when they;
 - o win a Red Ribbon at a WOS Show or
 - o win the Plant Table Annual Prize.

This month, the plant table consisted of 38 orchids belonging to 6 members. The plants on display belonged to the following members

Erhard Schmid

A tray with 8 different *Masdevallias*

Paph haynaldianum

Paph Saint Swithin

Prosthechea baccus

Angaecum elephantinum

Polystachya ottoniana

Bill Mincher

Cym Black Flame 'Starburst'

Guarianthe skinneri

Ansellia africana

Chris Steckner

Dendrobium aphyllum

Paph delenatii

Paph dayanum

Angraecum leonis

Dave Eastman

Den moschatum

Onc Sharry Baby

Psychopsis Kalihi 'Yellow Bird'

Aerangis modesta

Mandy & Marinus Kort

Leptotis bicolor

Ctt Trick or Treat

Katlin McNally

Encyclia Atropine

The favourite orchids, as selected by the members, were

BEST AFRICAN / MASCARENE



Aerangis modesta owned by Dave Eastman

BEST HYBRID



Paph Saint Swithin owned By Erhard Schmid

BEST NOVICE

Unfortunately, plant removed before photo could be taken

Encyclia Atropine owned by Katlin McNally

BEST SPECIES



Den aphyllum owned by Chris Steckner

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2017 SPRING SHOW RESULTS

GRAND CHAMPION



Dendrobium aphyllum owned by Chris Steckner

RESERVE CHAMPION



Guarianthe skinneri owned by Andre van Wyk

CLASS WINNERS

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>OWNER</u>
<u><i>Paphiopedilum</i></u>		
Best hybrid	<i>Paph</i> (Supanikar x Sunshine Glory)	Stuart Smith
Best species	<i>Paph dayanum</i>	Chris Steckner
<u><i>Cattleya</i></u>		
Best hybrid	Rlc. Burdekin Wonder	Stuart Smith
Best species	<i>Guarianthe skinneri</i>	Andre van Wyk
<u><i>Oncidiinae</i></u>		
Best hybrid	<i>Oncidium</i> Copper Falls	Plantae
Best Species	Nil	
<u><i>Vandaceous</i></u>		
Best hybrid	Vandachostylis Roll on Red	Erhard Schmid
Best species	<i>Vanda miniata</i>	Plantae
<u><i>Phalaenopsis</i></u>		
Best hybrid	Nil	
Best species	<i>Phalaenopsis lobbii</i>	Bill Mincher
<u><i>Dendrobium</i></u>		
Best hybrid	Nil	
Best species	<i>Dendrobium aphyllum</i>	Chris Steckner
<u>Exotic Orchids</u>		
Best hybrid	<i>Bulbophyllum</i> Wilbur Chang	Plantae
Best species	<i>Cym sinense</i> 'Ri Xian'	Chris Hammond
<u>Best Speciman Orchid</u>	<i>Miltonia spectabilis</i>	Chris Steckner
<u><i>Pleurothallidinae</i></u>		
Best hybrid	Dracuvallia (Masd veitchiana x Drac Raven Jet)	Erhard Schmid
Best species	<i>Masdevallia sancta inesae</i>	Erhard Schmid
<u><i>Cymbidium</i></u>		
Best hybrid	<i>Cym</i> Cricket 'Cleo'	Chris Hammond
Best species	<i>Cym floribundum</i>	Chris Hammond
<u>Best African/Mascarene</u>		
Best hybrid	<i>Eulophia (euglossa x guineensis)</i>	Plantae
Best species	<i>Angraecum viguieri</i>	Chris Steckner
<u>Best SA Bred</u>	Rth Ann Duckworth	Doug McMurtry & Shane Burns

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