

Upcoming Events

2017

31 Mar – 2 Apr – WOS Autumn Show

7-9 April - COS Autumn Show,

17 Jun - 13th *Paphiopedilum* Symposium, Pretoria

13-21 Sep - COS Spring Show

29 Sept - 1 Oct - WOS Spring Show

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



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Fun & Friendship Through Orchids

FEBRUARY 2017

Meeting: 26TH February 2017

TOPIC: TBA

SPEAKER: TBA

TIME: **13h00: Tea, coffee and eats**
14H00: Main Meeting

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

TEA DUTY

The members on Tea Duty in February are:

Jan & Ancabeth Grobler

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

RAFFLE

There were two plants for the raffle. The winners were;

Oncidiopsis Nelly Isler – Debbie Wright
Miltassia Amazon – Ancabeth Grobler

2017 Membership Fees: DUE 1 January

Full membership - R310.00 – single member

Family membership - R360.00 – two members

Associate membership - R130.00 – where SAOC fee is paid to another Society.

Please donate to the **Schelte Colour Fund** by adding the amount to your payment and advise accordingly.

IN MEMORIUM

It is with deep sorrow that we heard of the recent deaths of two stalwarts of the South African orchid world. They were;

Carmen Coll

Ann Duckworth

They were influential in developing the orchid scene in KZN and nationally, via the SAOC, WOC held in Durban and National Shows in KZN

They will be sorely missed and our condolences go out to their families.

MONSTER FLOWERS ?

As we all know the appearance and characteristics of an orchid is determined by the genes of that plant. All plants belonging to the same species have the same genes, and thus they all look alike. However, there is a mix of different genes in man-made hybrids, and this mix of genes can result in differences in individuals within the same cross.

On very rare occasions the genes can be arranged differently from what they should normally be, and this can result in aberrations such as this Cattleya hybrid's flowers. The picture was posted on Facebook and the plant belongs to Greg (Snuff) Singleton in Durban . I have enhanced the picture slightly to emphasize the pattern. Note that not all the flowers are affected, some have their normal coloration. In addition, there is no way to predict when and if they will re-occur.

This mutation is known as a Chimera or Chimaera



THE PLANT TABLE – JANUARY 2017

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 35 orchids belonging to 10 members. The plants on the Table were brought by the following members;

Allan Abel

Phrag. Don Wimber 'Orange Glory' AM-FCC/SAOC
Phrag. Cape Sunset
Phrag. Jason Fischer
Bulbophyllum echinolabium
Eulophia Michael Tibbs

Bill Mincher

C. Star Kissed
C. Chian-Tzy Mildcompton
C. Mariko Takamatsu

Chris Steckner

Gastrochilus japonicas
Cycnoches cooperi
Dendrobium laevifolium
Paph Transvaal
Gastrochilus francoisii
Polystachya lawrenceana

David Eastman

C. Dream Cloud
C. Canhamiana
C. forbesii
C. dowiana

Duncan McFarlane

Habenaria filicornis
Habenaria galpinii
Habenaria tridens

Erhard Schmid

Ceratostylis retisquama
Schoenorchis fragrans
Rhyntonleya Pink Delight
Paph superbiens
Masdevallia Tangerine Dragon
Aeranthus ramosa
Aerangis mystacidii
Cyrtorchis arcuata
Bonatea Emerald Spider

Frikkie Marais (our speaker)

Calanthe triplicata (pink form)
Epidendrum juncifolium
Dendrobium sanderae var *luzonica*

Marinus & Mandy Kort

Phal Liu's Berry 'M'

Mishi Reickoff

Masdevallia Angel Heart 'Toetie' AM/SAOC

The favourite orchids, as selected by the members, were

BEST AFRICAN / MASCARENE

BEST HYBRID



Gastrorchis francoisii owned by Chris Steckner

BEST SPECIES



Paph Transvaal owned by Chris Steckner

BEST NOVICE



Cynoches cooperi owned by Chris Steckner



L ostermeyerii x C aclandiae owned by Sheila Davis

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. This system uses the American ‘a’ as in (*in-trih-KAY-tah*) as opposed to the South African ‘a’ of (*in-trih-KAR-tah*).

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.

aloifolium	(al-oh-i-FOL-ee-um)
Angraecum	(an-GRAY-kum <u>or</u> an-GRYE-kum)
bicolor	(Bye-kol-or)
Cattlianthe	(kat-lee-AN-thee)
coccinea	(kok-SIN-ee-ah)
cucullatum	(kew-kew-LAY-tum)
Disa	(DYE-sah) in RSA (Dee-sah)
guttata	(gut-TAY-tah)
herrenhausana	(hair-en-who-SAY-nah)
intricata	(in-trih-KAY-tah)
Laeliocattleya	(lay-lee-oh-KAT-lee-ah)
lawrenceana	(law-rence-AY-nah)
loddigessii	(lod-dih-GEEZ-ee-eye)
mossiae	(MOSS-ee-eye)
Phragmipedium	(frag-mih-PEE-dee-um)
Pleurothallis	(plur-oh-THAL-liss)
Rhyncholaeliocattleya	(rink-oh-lay-lee-oh-KAT-lee-ah)

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