

## 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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**MARCH 2017**

**Meeting: 26<sup>TH</sup> March 2017**

TOPIC: **The History of Botanical Art**

SPEAKER: **Chris Hammond**

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:

**Dave Eastman & Heleen Griessel**

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

## RAFFLE

The winner of the Oncidiopsis Nelly Isler was Eugene Briel

## 2017 Membership Fees: DUE 1 January

If outstanding fees are not paid by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017, your membership will lapse and you will not be entitled to any of the benefits that membership carries.

## March is Autumn Show month !

Read further on for more details

**If you can help in any way possible, please contact the Show Organiser, Deon Barnes, on 083 469 6188 / 011 842 2151 or email [deon.barnes@angloamerican.com](mailto:deon.barnes@angloamerican.com)**



## THE PLANT TABLE – FEBRUARY 2017

By Allan Abel

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

**Please put your name on the cards. I cannot mention your plant if I don't know who it belongs to.**

This month, the plant table consisted of 32 orchids belonging to 8 members.

The African / Mascarene section comprised 7 plants. Bill Mincher showed his **Aerangis Mire** (*ellisii* x *verdickii*) and Karsten Wodrich and Erhard Schmid brought examples of *Aerangis* **mystacidii**. Chris Steckner tabled a **Stenoglottis fimbriate** and Jan & Ancabeth Grobler tabled their first flowering seedling of **Stenoglottis longifolia**. The other two plants on display were Chris' **Cyrtorchis chailluana** and Erhard's specimen **Microcoelia exilis**.

The Oncidiinae alliance comprised 8 plants, 4 species and 4 hybrids. Erhard exhibited **Miltonia spectabilis** "Rosalie" and Chris brought his **Miltonia morelliana** 'Nathalie' AM/SAOC. Mandy & Marinus Kort showed a pretty miniature **Haraella retrocalla** and the popular **Aliceara Winter Wonderland**. Bill Mincher displayed **Ctt. Acker's Madison** 'Kyle' (Ctt. Portia x C. Madison Green), **Alcra. Marfitch** (Brat. Charles M. Fitch x Onc. Fremar) and **Miltonia candida**. David Eastman tabled a **Onc. Sharry Baby** (Jamie Sutton x Honolulu).

There were 8 Pleurothallidinae on the table this month, all belonging to Erhard. Amongst the plants on display were **Restrepia cupra**, **Speckliana producta**, **Zootrophion atropurpureus**, **Restrepia cymbula** and **Masdevallia aurea**.

The Vandaceous group had 3 plants tabled this month. Erhard exhibited a **Vanda (cristata x Miami Snowdrop)** and **Vanda (testacea x garayi)**, and Allan displayed a **Vanda coerulea**.

There were 2 Slipper Orchids and they were Erhard's **Paph Maudiae** (*callosum* x *lawrenceanum*) and Allan's **Paph henryanum** with 4 flowers.

The Other Hybrids section contained 3 plants, being Chris' **Bulbophyllum Elizabeth Ann** 'Buckleberry' FCC/AOS, Mandy & Marinus' **Cymbidium Lilliput** 'Beauty' and David's **Rlc. Plinlimmon** (C. Glad Tidings x Rlc. Mount Anderson).

The favourite orchids, as selected by the members, were

### BEST AFRICAN / MASCARENE



**Microcoelia exilis** owned by Erhard & Rose Schmid

**BEST SPECIES**



*Paph henryanum* owned by Allan Abel

**BEST HYBRID**



*Bulb Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'* FCC/AOS  
owned by Chris Steckner



*Stenoglottis longifolia* owned by Ancabeth & Jan  
Grobler



# Autumn 2017 show The Floreum Jhb Botanic Gardens



## 29<sup>th</sup> March

2pm – 6pm - Pant acceptance  
7pm – Judging

## 30<sup>th</sup> March

9am – Show set-up

## 31<sup>st</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr

Show Open  
9am – 4pm daily

Talks  
11am & 2pm daily

## 2<sup>nd</sup> April – 4pm

Show breakdown & Cleaning up

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