

Upcoming Events

2017

26- 28 May - EPOS Orchid Display

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

MAY 2017

Meeting: 28TH May 2017

TOPIC: The 2017 Chelsea Flower Show

SPEAKER: Andre van Wyk

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 May are:

Sheila Davis
Cherie & Stuart Smith

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 **Oncidopsis Bartley Schwarz** was **Julian Balcomb**



13th Paphiopedilum Symposium

17th May 2017 : Arena Centre

1217 Stanza Bopape Street, (previously Church Street East),
Hatfield, Pretoria

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THE PLANT TABLE – APRIL 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 28 orchids belonging to 8 members. The plants on the Table were brought by the following members;

Erhard Schmid

Pleione praecox
Masd. Crystal Follansbee
Van. Thai Sky
Masd Machu Picchu
Restrepia contorta
Masd Snow Cone
Masd ampullaceal
Masd exquisite

Bill Mincher

Alcra. Peggy Ruth Carpenter
Rlc Simon
Lc. Hsin Buu Lady
Mediocalcar decoratum
Cym unknown hybrid
Rhipidoglossum rutilum
Den Specio-kingianum

Mandy & Marinus Kort

Cym Golden Elf 'Sundust' HCC/AOS
Cym *iridioides* (?)
Lc. Fiesta Days 'Solo Flight' AM/AOS

David Eastman

Zygo Artur Elle 'Artur Elle'

Chris Steckner

Cattleya brevipedunculata
Mediocalcar decoratum
Paph tonsum
Paph venustum var alba
Paph sukhakulii
Oeoniella polystachys

Eugene Briel

Cym Lamplighter

Rose Schmid

Paph insigne

Mishi Rieckhoff

Paph Maudiae

The favourite orchids, as selected by the members, were

BEST AFRICAN / MASCARENE



Rhipidoglossum rutilum
owned by Bill Mincher

BEST HYBRID



Lc Fiesta Days 'Solar Flight' owned by Mandy & Marinus Kort

BEST SPECIES

BEST NOVICE - NIL



Cattleya brevipedunculata
owned by Chris Steckner

Natural remedies for snail and slug infestations

(These are suggestions and have not been tested by the Editor.)

Ash

Snails and slugs also dislike sand, lime, and ashes, so the next time you have a wood braai, apply ash to the base of plants that are under threat.

Diatomaceous earth

Available at your local nursery or garden centre, diatomaceous earth consists of fossilised remains of diatoms, single-cell organisms.

The glass-like nature of diatomaceous earth makes it one of the oldest forms of insecticide. The sharp surfaces cut through the insect cuticle and the insect dies of dehydration.

Diatomaceous earth kills slugs, snails and ants, and should only be applied to problem areas to avoid killing worms and similar garden-healthy occupants.

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