

## Upcoming Events

2018:

17 - 18 Mar - NOS Autumn Show  
23 - 25 Mar – WOS Autumn Show,  
6 - 8 Apr – COS Show, Autumn Show  
27 Apr - 1 May – GOS Autumn Show  
4 - 6 May – NGOS Autumn Show,  
4 - 6 May – ZOS Autumn Show,  
28 - 29 Jul - Orchid Lovers' Fair, Walter Sisulu Botanic Gardens,  
1 - 2 Sep – QOC Spring Show,  
7 - 9 Sep - Plantae Orchid Club Spring Show  
21 - 23 Sept – EPOS Spring Show,  
28 - 30 Sept – COS Spring Show,  
28 - 30 Sept – WOS Spring Show,  
13 - 14 Oct – NOS Spring Show,



# WITWATERSRAND ORCHID SOCIETY

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*Fun & Friendship Through Orchids*

**FEBRUARY 2018**

**Meeting: 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

TOPIC:	<b>World Orchid Conference (WOC22)</b>
HOST:	<b>Bill Mincher</b>
TIME:	<b>13h00 – Tea and snacks 14h00 – Meeting starts</b>
VENUE:	<b>The Floreum, Joburg Botanical Gardens, Oliphants Rd, Emmerentia</b>

## TEA DUTY

### **The Peters**

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

## RAFFLE

There were 2 raffle prizes in January and the winners were:

**Oncidopsis Nelly Isler won by Melanie Lewis**

**Cym (Zumma Boyd x Babylon) won by Ancebeth Grobler**

## 2018 Subscriptions

**These were due on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017**. Invoices were sent out to members during December and if you did not receive one, please contact Marinus for a copy.

Please note that subscription rates for the various classes of membership have remained the same as those for 2017.

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*Disa graminifolia*  
by Mahendran Moodley

## THE PLANT TABLE – JANUARY 2018

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 32 orchids belonging to 8 members. The plants on display belonged to the following members;

#### Chris Steckner

*Spathoglottis* Burleigh Gold  
*Lanidium avicol*  
*Den bracteosum*  
*Polystachya lawrenceanum*

#### Dave Eastman

*Aerides* Korat Koki  
*Paph* (*charlesworthii* x Black Velvet)  
*Phrag* Grande  
C unknown hybrid

#### Mandy & Marinus Kort

*Vanda ampullacea* var *aurantiacum*  
*Stanhopea nigroviolacea*  
*Den cumulatum*  
*Angraecum* Shooting Star

#### Melanie Lewis

*Bratonia* Shelob 'Tolkien' AM/AOS

#### Karsten Wodrich

*Liparis remota*  
*Neobolusia tysonii*  
*Liparis bowkeri*

#### Eugene Briel

C unknown hybrid  
C unknown hybrid  
C Nitsi

#### Bill Mincher

Rlc Kathryn Elizabeth Brooker  
*Coelia macrostachya*

#### Erhard Schmid

*Masdevallia* Highland Monarch  
*Schoenorchis fragrans*  
*Paph superbiens*  
*Phrag dalessandroi*  
C (*Persepolis* x ?)  
*Aerangis mystacidii*  
*Polystachya concreta*

#### Allan Abel

*Phrag* Don Wimber 'Orange Glory' FCC/SAOC  
*Phrag* Living Fire 'Glowing Embers' HCC/SAOC  
*Phrag* Cape Sunset  
*Phrag* Jason Fischer  
*Calanthe sylvatica*  
*Stenoglottis macloughlinii*

The favourite orchids, as selected by the members, were

**BEST AFRICAN / MASCARENE**



*Stenoglottis macloughlinii* owned by Allan Abel

**BEST HYBRID**



*Phrag Don Wimber 'Orange Glory'*  
FCC/SAOC owned by Allan Abel

**BEST NOVICE**



*Bratonia Shalob 'Tolkien'* AM/AOS  
owned by Melanie Lewis

**BEST SPECIES**



*Schoenorchis fragrans* owned by  
Erhard Schmid

## PLANT TABLE LABELS

At the end of every Plant Table discussion, I collect them all to prepare the Plant Table article in the Newsletter. I check every label for correct syntax, spelling and name and this takes time. I would ask everyone filling out labels to make sure that the information on the label is correct and agrees with the label in the pot.

On many occasions I have found errors due to inattention or guessing and these label, especially if is a plant or hybrid that I not familiar with, create problems as I try to find the correct name and spelling.

The following is a case in point of a label that was on the table at the last meeting. All the highlighted sections were incorrect.

WITWATERSRAND ORCHID SOCIETY  
Plant Details for General Meeting Plant Table  
Name of Plant Blc KATHRIN ELIZABETH BROOKER  
Parents X KING GEORGE SOUTHERN CROSS  
Geographic Home (Species) Blc ATOSHIE OAKI POKAI

All three names are linked by X which means they are crossed with each other. This can be read as any of the following hybrids and all are different;

- Blc Kathrin Elizabeth Brooker x Blc George King
- Blc Kathrin Elizabeth Brooker x Blc Atoshie Oaki
- Blc George King x Blc Atoshie Oaki
- (Blc Kathrin Elizabeth Brooker x Blc George King) x Blc Atoshie Oaki
- (Blc George King x Blc Atoshie Oaki) x Blc Kathrin Elizabeth Brooker

In addition, each plant's name was misspelt.

The actual plant's name must be shown as per the following label

Plant Table Entry  
Name Rlc Kathryn Elizabeth Brooker  
Parents Rlc George King X Rlc Toshi Aoki  
Geographical area

Written in a document, the correct way to write this is;

- Rlc Kathryn Elizabeth Brooker (Rlc George King x Rlc Toshie Aoki)

**This took me nearly 10 minutes to sort out.**

**PLEASE help me by paying more attention to your label. Thanks.**

## 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.

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.

<i>nobilis</i>	NOH-bill-iss	<i>lowii</i>	LOW-ee-eye
<i>pachyrachis</i>	pak-ee-RAK-iss	<i>macrophylla</i>	mak-roh-FILL-ah
<i>parviflora</i>	par-vee-FLOR-ah	<i>lindenii</i>	lin-DEN-ee-eye
<i>rufescens</i>	roo-FESS-enz	<i>coccinea</i>	kok-SIN-ee-ah
<i>schlimii</i>	SHUM-ee-eye	<i>cyanea</i>	sy-AN-ee-ah
<i>sinense</i>	sih-NEN-see	<i>dayi</i>	DAY-eye
<i>suavis</i>	SWAH-viss	<i>ensifolium</i>	en-sih-FOL-ee-um
<i>tenerrima</i>	ten-ER-ree-mah	<i>holochila</i>	hoe-loh-KYE-lah

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