

Upcoming Events

2018:

26 – 28 Oct - TOG Spring Show

25 Nov – WOS year-end Function, Walter Sisulu Botanical Gardens



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Fun & Friendship Through Orchids

OCTOBER 2018

Meeting: SUNDAY, 28TH OCTOBER 2018

TOPIC: Catasetums – an increasingly popular genus
HOST: Stuart Smith
TIME: 13h00 – Tea and snacks
14h00 – General Meeting
VENUE: The Floreum, Joburg Botanical Gardens,
Oliphants Rd, Emmerentia

TEA DUTY

The members doing tea duty in October are;

Mark & Margaret Peters

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

RAFFLE

No raffle last month

MEMBER NEWS

Chris Steckner recently spent a few days in ICU at the Sunninghill Clinic.

He is now at home and much better. We wish him a swift and complete return to his normal self.



Phalaenopsis lobbii

WOS YEAR-END FUNCTION

It is almost year-end once again and your committee has decided to do something different this year.

We have managed to get the Eagle's Fare restaurant in the Walter Sisulu Botanical Gardens to grant us use of a major part of one of their buffet room for a special Sunday lunch buffet from 13h00 to 15h00 on Sunday 25 November.

The buffet menu is superb with many choices

The Society will cover the buffet and park entrance costs – over R200 per person

Since we will have to declare a final number of members (and spouses) attending in advance and will be charged on those numbers,

The society will however ask members to contribute R50 per person in advance as commitment to their attendance. This money will be used to provide wine and juices on the tables.

Kindly RSVP soonest possible and before the month end general meeting on Sunday 28 November in order we finalise the booking to what is bound to be a great time socialising.

Due to the limitations of the venue and the difficulty of getting plants there, we have decided to not have a plant table, but we are arranging for us to hear more about the gardens as well as the well-known eagles and the fast becoming famous Albertina Sisulu Orchid, its endangerment and the threatening development that is being planned right upon their location by a speaker with a wealth of knowledge to share with us between courses during lunch.

Please email Marinus at wos@thekorts.co.za

Or SMS Marinus on 082 447 5081

Or WhatsApp Marinus on the same number

CROWDFUNDING & THE ALBERTINA SISULU ORCHID

The Albertina Sisulu Orchid is an incredibly beautiful and very rare orchid which occurs on public and private land adjoining the Walter Sisulu National Botanical Gardens. It is Critically Endangered and protected by law, only about 150 of these rare orchids still remain on earth. The Sugarbush Ridge Ecosystem is home to about 130 individuals, the last known place on earth where they still comprise a viable population. Despite this, authorization has been given for a high-density housing development inside this sensitive area, which is likely to destroy the orchid and significantly reduce the hunting territory for the Black Eagles, placing them and other wildlife under even more severe urban pressure.

The housing development is currently being challenged in the high court by the PCA. In order to obtain funds to continue the legal battles required to protect the Albertina Sisulu Orchid, the organisations involved have engaged **Thundafund** to obtain **CrowdFunding**.

Please support if able, but also please spread it wide and far via family, friends & colleagues

To save the Black Eagles of Roodekrans and the unique Albertina Sisulu Orchid, we need to regulate our collective human footprint on the Sugarbush Ridge Ecosystem. To achieve this is in such a highly urbanized and densely populated area we all have to work together as a community, so that we can enjoy and appreciate this valuable natural asset without destroying it in the process.

Who are we?

The Sugarbush Ridges Coalition was formed by several non-profit organisations joining forces with the main objective of conserving the Sugarbush Ridges and surrounding area in as natural a state as possible.

Proteadal Conservation Association (PCA),
Wild Orchids Southern Africa (WOSA),
Black Eagle Project Roodekrans (BEPR),
Bankenveld Branch of the Botanical Society of SA (Botsoc)
Walter Sisulu National Botanical Gardens (WSNGB)

What is CrowdFunding?

Crowdfunding is an online way of raising capital (and a crowd) to realise exceptional ideas.

Thundafund allows a large number of people to each pledge small amounts of money into a project or idea. They are paid back with a project related reward produced through the project itself. These small amounts soon add up to the capital required, simply due to the crowd factor.

Note: we have only 60 days from 15th October 2018 to raise the required amount of R250 000 to be successful

For more information on the Crowdfunding project and the Thundafund, the Project Managers, please go to;

<https://www.thundafund.com/project/eagles>

WITWATERSRAND ORCHID SOCIETY
2018 SPRING SHOW RESULTS

GRAND CHAMPION



Cymbidium Cricket 'Cleo'
Chris Hammond

RESERVE CHAMPION



Miltonia spectabilis
Chris Steckner

CLASS WINNERS

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>OWNER</u>
<u>Paphiopedilum</u> Best hybrid species	<i>Paph</i> Saint Swithin <i>Paph hirsutissimum</i>	Erhard Schmid Erhard Schmid
<u>Phragmipedium</u> Best hybrid Best species	Not awarded Not awarded	
<u>Cattleya</u> Best hybrid Best species	Rlc Hsinying Mitsuo Dancer <i>Encyclia cordigera</i>	Plantae Erhard Schmid
<u>Oncidiinae</u> Best hybrid Best species	Ons Eye Candy <i>Miltonia spectabilis</i>	Paul Roos Chris Steckner
<u>Vandaceous</u> Best hybrid Best species	Not awarded <i>Trichoglottis rosea</i>	Bill Mincher
<u>Phalaenopsis</u> Best hybrid Best species	Not awarded <i>Phal lobbii</i>	Chris Steckner
<u>Dendrobium</u> Best hybrid Best species	Not awarded <i>Den nobile var virginalis</i>	Paul Roos
<u>Exotic Orchids</u> Best hybrid Best species	Angcst. Olympus 'Constantia' <i>Maxillaria cucullata</i>	Erhard Schmid Catharina Wilfinger
<u>Pleurothallidinae</u> Best hybrid Best species	Not awarded <i>Masdevallia ignea</i>	Chris Steckner
<u>Cymbidium</u> Best hybrid Best species	<i>Cymbidium</i> Cricket 'Cleo' <i>Cym eburneum</i>	Chris Hammond Chris Hammond
<u>Best African/Mascarene</u> Best hybrid Best species	Not awarded <i>Ansellia africana</i> 'Herman'	Chris Steckner
<u>1st Flowering Seedling</u>	Cattleya Fennell	Plantae

THE PLANT TABLE – SEPTEMBER 2018

By Allan Abel

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 only 16 orchids belonging to 7 members as it seems good plants were being kept for the Spring Show the next weekend.

There were 3 African/Mascarene plant tabled this month. Erhard Schmid showed his *Eulophia parviflora*. Chris Steckner brought along a *Jumellea arachnantha* and an *Angraecum leonis*.

The Laeliinae family was the largest group this month with 3 plants. Bill Mincher and Keith Palmer both exhibited species – *Guarianthe skinneri* and *Cattleya intermedia* respectively.

The Slipper Orchids only 2 plants representing them. Erhard exhibited *Paph hirsutissimum*, whilst Chris showed his Paph **Macabre** (*sukhakulii* x Voodoo Magic).

The Other Hybrids comprised a wide variety of genera. Chris tabled a *Zygonasia Marasakikomachi* which was from a flask the Society had bought at the WOC several years ago. This is the first one to appear on the plant table – I wonder where all the others are? Chris also has *Dendrobium Momozono* 'Princess'. Kaitlin McNally displayed a *Phalaenopsis* NOID Hybrid, Sheila Davis displayed a *Zygopetalum Everspring* (Necessity x Skippy Ku) whilst Erhard tabled a *Gastrophaius Micro Burst*.

The Other Species had only 2 plants, both belonging to Chris Steckner viz. *Gomesa lietzei* and *Phalaenopsis lobbii*

The favourite orchids, as selected by the members, were;

BEST HYBRID



Zygonasia Marasakikomachi owned
By Chris Steckner

BEST AFRICAN / MASCARENE



Jumellea arachnantha owned by
Chris Steckner

BEST NOVICE



***Zygotetulum Everspring* owned
by Sheila Davis**

BEST SPECIES



***Paph hirsutissimum* owned
by Erhard Schmid**

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