

Upcoming Events

2020

May – ZOS Autumn Show, Richards Bay

8-10 May - Wolkberg OS Autumn Show, Tzaneen

27-28 July - Orchid Lovers' Fair - Walter Sisulu Botanic Garden

29-30 August – HOS Spring Show, Kloof

4-6 September - ZOS Spring Show, Richards Bay

4-6 September – Plantae OC, Pietermaritzburg

11-13 September - Wolkberg Spring Show, Tzaneen

24-27 September – COS Spring Show, Kirstenbosch

2-4 October – GOS, Gonubie

10 – 11 October – WOS Spring Show, Joburg

[We can no longer guarantee that these shows will take place. Please contact the relevant Society to get up-to-date information](#)



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Fun & Friendship Through Orchids

JUNE & JULY 2020

Meeting:

Please note that all meetings have been cancelled until further notice

VENUE:

The Education Centre, next to Rose Garden, Johannesburg Botanical Gardens, off Thomas Bowler Rd, Roosevelt Park.

TEA DUTY

RAFFLE

NEW MONTHLY MEETING VENUE

The Floreum is undergoing a long-awaited renovation which will take approx. 6-7 months.

The new venue is the Education Centre, Johannesburg Botanical Gardens. The directions to this venue are:

- Follow the yellow signs off Thomas Bowler Rd, opposite the Roosevelt Park High School Sports fields (**NOT** the Main Entrance)
- The signposts will show-



WOS

- The Education Centre is about 25m inside
- All other details for the meeting remain the same.

Jane Kratz



Laelia anceps – plant



Laelia anceps – spikes

Johann Scholtz



Cattleya NOID hybrid

Allan Abel



Rlc Burdekin Wonder 'Lakeland' HCC/AOS

FROM A TO Z – Part 1
(An alphabetical selection of natural Orchid Genera)

This is a repeat of an article published in 2017

Aa

A genus of 28 high Andean, grassland terrestrials that grow cold and are not normally found in cultivation. Original described in 1816 as an *Ophrys* by Kunth but separated into a new genus in 1854 by Reichenbach. It is thought that the name is a botanical “joke” to ensure this genus is always first on a list of orchid genera.



Aa maderoii



Bartholina burmanniana

Bartholina

There are two species in this terrestrial genus endemic to the Western Cape Province of South Africa and grows in perfectly drained, sandy compost and moist, cool temperatures. Described by Linnaeus in 1760 as an *Orchis* but moved to a new genus in 1818 by Thunberg.

Catasetum

There are 176 species and 21 natural hybrids, spread from Mexico to Argentina and the West Indies, of this deciduous leaved genus, that has two forms of flowers, both male and female. The genus was established in 1822 by Richard. This genus has developed amazing pollination strategies which separate and different males and female flowers, and the male flower has the ability to eject the pollinia up to 2m from the plant. The photo shows a male and a female flower



Catasetum callosum



Dracula bangeri

Dracula

The genus is made up of 141 or so species that spread through through-out Andean America including the cordillera in Central America. They are epiphytes and are found at higher elevations, so most are cool or cold growers. Most produce pendent flower spikes and the lip imitates fungus both by appearance and smell.

Elythranthera

This terrestrial genus comprises 3 species and is found in the south-eastern parts of West Australia. They are cool growing and are referred to as Enamel Orchids, due to the glossy appearance of the flowers.



Elythranthera emarginata



Galearis rotundifolia

Galearis

This terrestrial genus is found in eastern North and America, and in Asia from the Himalayas to Japan. There are 8 species in the genus and the scientific name refers to the dorsal sepal and petals forming a hood over the column



REVAMPED W.O.S. WEBSITE

The Society's website is in the process of going through a complete, major revamp with news pages and links, restructuring of the information and easier access to all information. In addition, a **Facebook Group for the WOS is being developed**

A great deal of work has already been done by Kaitlin and Marinus has asked that members go have a close look at the Website and the Facebook Group, as it currently is.

Please let him know if you spot any errors or if you have any suggestions of additions or improvements that would make it better.

The purpose of this Facebook Group is to provide members with details of the Society's operations, keep them up to date with future activities and to make the general public aware of our existence. It is not a how-to-do or a plant identification tool – there are other information websites that cater to these needs. In also gives members an extra means of communicating quickly with each other regarding information and pictures of their plants and growing conditions.

The link to our new WOS Facebook Group page is

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1046276635731859/about/>



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