

## Upcoming Events

2021

Provisional dates, subject to COVID restrictions closer to the time:

17-19 Sept: WOS Spring Show



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**MAY 2021**

**Meeting: Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**TOPIC:** Question & Answer Panel

**SPEAKERS:** Allan, Erhard, Karsten, Chris H.

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**TIME:** 13h00 for 14h00

**VENUE:** **The Floreum, Northern Entrance,  
Johannesburg Botanical Gardens, off  
Oliphants Rd, Emmerentia.**

### TEA DUTY

See Chairman's e-mail regarding Covid-19 Protocols for this. We need volunteers to help please

### RAFFLE

To be advised

### **MONTHLY MEETING VENUE**

### **GOOD NEWS**

The Floreum, which has been undergoing a long-awaited renovation, is finally ready for our use. Although there are still some renovations to finalise, it is a huge improvement and we look forward to moving in.



## “NEW NORMAL” MONTHLY MEETINGS

The May meeting is the first meeting we will be having since February 2020, but under very different circumstances. All public meetings must now be conducted under the specific stages of Covid-19 Protocols.

The Chairman has already sent out an e-mail detailing what protocols we must follow and implement in order to meet Stage 1 protocols, and these are quite onerous. We will need members to actively help in fulfilling the additional duties, otherwise we could lose the use of the Floreum, or fall foul of the Law.

The Committee now only comprises 4 officers instead of the 9 as required by the Society’s Constitution and they cannot carry out their duties and all the additional duties as per the COVID-19 protocols. Under these changed and trying times, we all need pull together to get our Society back on its feet.

Some time will be put aside for a general discussion on these points.



## Message from the Chairman

The strict levels of lockdown last April prohibiting any meeting whatsoever, for several months, meant that the 2020 and 2021 AGMs (covering the 2019 and 2020 years) could not be held.

We are therefore working to facilitate postponed AGMs covering both the 2020 (for the year 2019) and the 2021 (for the year 2020) AGM’s. We will soon send out the customary documents in a separate email combined for both years.

There will be some resolutions covering exceptions to the normal AGM proceedings etc, where you will be required to respond to each in turn, in order that the AGM be deemed to fulfill the requirements.

I thank you in advance for your participation.

### Membership fees

Lastly, I would like to thank the all of the members that have renewed their membership for 2021 and taken advantage of the discounted fees. The committee approved these late last year in view of the effects of COVID on meetings and shows for 2020.

I am pleased to say that we were fully paid up with 51 members before the 27 Feb cut-off date. Sadly quite a few members chose not to renew for various reasons. We do hope they will rejoin once meetings and shows are resumed in full.

Stay healthy and keep safe and, more importantly, enjoy your alone time with your orchids.

Regards,  
**Marinus**





## THE PLANT TABLE

By Allan Abel

These are photos that members submitted to the “Virtual Plant Table” in the last 3 months.

Allan Abel



*Phragmipedium Eumelia Arias*



*Angraecum Shooting Star*

Duncan McFarlane



*Habenaria epipactidea*



*Habenaria schimperiana*



