

Upcoming Events

2021

28 Nov: Year-end Meeting at the Floreum

2022

As soon bookings have been made for 2022. details will be posted here, as will details of other Societies functions

Watch this space

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Fun & Friendship Through Orchids

NOVEMBER 2021

Meeting: SUNDAY 28TH November 2021

TOPIC: Year-end Meeting

SPEAKERS: See below

Date: 28th November 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

Dendrobium fimbriatum var occulatum (just finished flowering) - donated by the Osborne family - won by Richard Florence.

CONDOLENCES

It was with great sadness we learnt that Elke Steckner, wife of Chris Steckner, passed away earlier this month.

Elke didn't grow orchids but supported Chris in all his efforts, and was often seen at Shows, helping Chris bring in his orchids and taking them home again.

Her great sense of humour will be missed, and we send our condolences to Chris, her children and grandchildren. She will be missed.

RIP

.... NOVEMBER YEAR-END MEETING

The November meeting will not be a normal meeting but a social meeting, giving members to chat and discuss their orchids in an informal atmosphere.

The format of the meeting will be;

- Admin matters
- Plant Table
- Social meeting.

The society will provide the following:

- Tea & coffee – everything in sachets (tea, coffee, milk & sugar)
- Mugs freshly out of the dishwasher’s hot cycle – and water from urn (with sanitizer available to use after touching lever on tap)
- Small selection of biscuits (please take only those you want)
- Sandwich selection – which will be served with tongs or glove clad helper hands
- Water, juices & cooldrinks in a tub with ice

The next meeting will only be end January 2022, so if anyone has any orchids in bloom before then, please post them to the WOS Whatsapp group or post them on the WOS FaceBook group; and share with other members. You can also send them to the Editor and he can use them in the January 2022 newsletter.



“NEW NORMAL” MONTHLY MEETINGS

Please note that all public meetings must be held under the amended Stage1 Covid-19 Protocols. (as at time of writing this newsletter).

The Chairman has already sent out an e-mail detailing what protocols we must follow and implement in order to meet these 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.

We would like to welcome Chantal and Daniel de Kock to the Committee. They have kindly volunteered to help out as ad-hoc members until the next AGM. Welcome Chantal and Daniel.

If necessary, some time will be put aside for a general discussion on these points.



Message from the Chairman

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

Due to those years having very little (if any) activity, we have therefore suggested that the postponed AGMs covering both the 2020 and the 2021 AGMs are to be waived. Since this was supported by all at the September meeting, we will process the paperwork to make this official. We will now work toward the 2022 (for year ending 31 Dec 2021) in March or April next year.

There will be some emailed 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

The South African Orchid Council (SAOC) has informed us that their subscription fees have not increased for 2022.

In view of the healthy financial position of your Society, the Committee has agreed to keep subscription fees stable. This means that the fees will be the same as those for 2021.

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



WOS 2022 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

The 2022 Membership Subscriptions will be:

Membership fees

- Full membership - R320
- Family membership - R370
- Associate membership - R140

Banking Details:

Witwatersrand Orchid Society
Standard Bank
Cresta Branch
Account number: 023092491
Branch code: (00) 051001
Please use your surname as a reference

Please donate an amount to the SAOC Colour Fund, which is used to pay a large part of the superior colour printing of the 2 SAOC Journals each year. Please add it to your fee payment.

Unless you advise me otherwise, I will assume the class of membership stays as per the 2020 year.



THE PLANT TABLE

By Allan Abel

Unfortunately I could not attend the October meeting due to an injury and thus there is no Plant Table article. However there will be a Plant Table at the November meeting and they will resume in full force from the first meeting in 2022.



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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