

## Upcoming Events

**2022**

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

**SAOC Orchid Lovers Fair cancelled.**

**2-4 Sep** - E.R.O.S. Spring Show - Greenstone Mall

**10-11 Sep** - WOS Autumn Show, Floreum, Botanic Gardens



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**June 2022**

**Meeting: SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022**

**TOPIC:** To be advised

**SPEAKER:**

**Date:** 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

**TIME:** 1.30pm for 2.00pm

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

## TEA DUTY

Irene and Richard Florence and Muff Baxter have very kindly volunteered to oversee the Teas and COVID duties. Thank you for your very generous offer.

## RAFFLE

The *Bulbophyllum habrobinum*, donated by Plantae Orchids, was won by **Pieter Griesel**

The *Oncidium Wildcat* 'Bobcat', donated by Jan Harm Olivier was won by **Arielê Rieckhoff**

**Congratulations!**

## **Karsten Wodrich's *Eulophia horsfallii***

(see notes after Plant Table section)





## **W.O.S. ANNUAL SHOWS.**

As all members are aware, your Society holds 2 Shows per annum – an Autumn Show and a Spring Show. An important aspect of these Shows is the participation on the Commercial growers who attract visitors wishing to buy plants and pay an entry fee, and the commission they pay on the plants they sell.

We have been informed that several of the larger Commercial growers are re-thinking their business plans and, as a result, will not be attending any shows in 2022. This will have a major impact on our Shows, with significant reductions in entrance fee income and sales commission receipts.

Our Shows, in their current form, will not be able to absorb these losses and still make a net income. We must come up with alternative plans to counter the new circumstances. It has already been discussed at Committee meetings, with suggestions such as down-sizing, possibility of doing without the marque (our largest expense), entry fee increases, and a different venue.

**We would like to invite members comments and suggestions – any and all suggestions will be appreciated. Please e-mail them to Marinus or phone him directly. We need to implement the changes for our Autumn Show in September 2022.**

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## **THE MAY 2022 PLANT TABLE**

### **Reminder on Rules of the Plant Table Competition**

- All members are encouraged to bring their plants along for the Plant Table for display and education.
- To be eligible for the annual competition, members must have owned the plant for a minimum of 6 months.
- Please ensure that your plants and pots are clean
- Please inspect your plants for insects and diseases. Non-healthy plants will NOT be allowed on the Plant Table.
- A label must be completed for each plant exhibited.
- There are 4 classes in the competition
  - Best Species
  - Best Hybrid
  - Best African/Mascarene
  - Best Novice
- A Novice is defined as a member who has not won a Red Ribbon at any Show or won an annual Plant Table prize.
- At the end of the year, prizes are awarded to the member who has won the most “Best” monthly prizes, in each section. Prizes are awarded at the Year-End Function.

There were 26 plants brought along by 7 members this month. They were tabled by the following members.

**Erhard Schmid**

*C. maxima fm coerulea*  
Dial Mizoguchi  
*Paph tranlienianum*  
Poly Frieda's Pride  
*Paph Hengduan Sweetheart*  
*Onc incurvum*  
*Mystacidium venosum*  
*Restrepia antennifera*  
*Restrepia orlata*  
*Restrepia contorta*  
*Den petiolatum*

**Marie Coumbanakis**

*Vanda coerulea*  
Onc Twinkle  
Rlc Pinlimmon

**Wessel Bonnet**

*Dendrochilum uncatum*

**Haley Rieckhoff**

*Cattleya Hybrid NOID'*

**Karsten Wodrich**

*Eulophia horsfallii*  
*Acrolophia micrantha*

**David Eastman**

Rth Martha Clarke  
*Phrag Elizabeth March*  
C Clarkiae  
*Laelia anceps*

**Mandy & Marinus Kort**

*Laelia anceps*  
*Laelia anceps var Hillii*  
*Laelia anceps (semi-alba)*  
Rth Fu Shu Glory  
*Paph villosum*  
*Paph Honeydew Creek*  
*Ionopsis utriculariodes*

The section winners, as selected by the members were -

**Best African / Mascarene**



***Eulophia horsfallii* owned  
by Karsten Wodrich**

**Best Hybrid**



**Rlc Pinlimmon owned  
by Ancebeth & Jan Grobler**



**Best Species**



***Cattleya maxima fm. coerulea***  
owned by Erhard Schmid

**Best Novice**



***Cattleya* hybrid NOID**  
owned by Marie Coumbanakis



***Eulophia horsfallii* [Batem.] Summerh. 1936**

The genus *Eulophia* is spread throughout tropical Americas, Asia and Africa. South Africa has about 40 species and all are terrestrial.

*Eulophia horsfallii* is the largest South African species. The underground pseudobulbs are relatively small but the rest of the plant is very large. The leaves can grow to 1.5m long and the flower spike can tower up to 3m tall, with up to 40 flowers. It has an extended flowering season, from September to March.

It grows in swampy soils, sometimes in the shadow of surrounding vegetation. It grows in warm regions of KZN, Mpumalanga and Limpopo. It is very widespread elsewhere in tropical and sub-tropical Africa.



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