

Upcoming Events

2022

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

10-11 Sep – W.O.S.
Autumn Show, Floreum,
Botanic Gardens

22-24 Sep – S.C.O.S.
Spring Show –
Kirstenbosch

30 Sep – 2 Oct - E.R.O.S.
Spring Show - Greenstone
Mall

1-3 Oct – C.O.S. Spring
Show - Kirstenbosch



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Fun & Friendship Through Orchids

August 2022

Meeting: SUNDAY 28th AUGUST 2022

TOPIC: Orchid mounting 101
SPEAKERS: Kaitlin McNally
Date: 28TH August 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

There were 2 raffles this month and the winners were.

- **Jill Kupper** won the *Cymbidium* donated by Chris Hammond.
- **Wessel Bonnet** won the *Dendrobium nobile* donated by Keith Palmer.

Congratulations!

SPRING SHOW

The 2022 Annual Spring Show will be held at the Floreum on 10 & 11th September 2022

Full details of the dates, times and functions are listed in detail further on in the Newsletter.

There is VERY little time to organize this show. A Show Committee has been formed and already met to organize all the arrangements.

In order make a success of our first show in 3 years, and at short notice, we need the help and co-operation of all members. Please don't hesitate and volunteer for as much as you can.

MONTHLY MEETING TALKS

At a Society meeting recently, there was a discussion about having different speakers and topics. One topic which the Committee adopted was to ask members to give a short talk on their favourite orchid, what it was and how to grow it. It was decided that having two members speak would not be too onerous for them and not make the meeting any longer than normal.

This was first tried in July when 2 members spoke on their favourite orchids.

Keith Palmer spoke about *Vanda tricolor var suavis* and **Chantal De Kock** spoke about *Lepanthes saltatrix*.

These 2 orchids are about as different from each other as they could be!

This new venture was well-received, and we will make us of it again.



Vanda tricolor var suavis



Lepanthes saltatrix

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Test Your Knowledge

Announcing a new, fun addition to the monthly Newsletter. It will take the form of a quiz, with a question to be answered and the questions will vary from easy to difficult, so that all levels of knowledge will be challenged.

The way it will work is,

- the question will be given here every month.
- Your answer must be emailed to the Secretary, Kaitlin McNally at secretary@witsorchid.co.za with the title "WOS Quiz."
- The closing deadline is the Friday before the Monthly Meeting.
- The correct answer will be notified on the WOS Whatsapp group, the monthly meeting and included in the next month's newsletter.

- You must be a member of the Whatsapp group to be able to participate. Marinus Kort has been adding members to the Group. If you are not sure if you are a member of the group, please send a message, with your number, to Marinus requesting him to add you to the WOS Whatsapp Group.

This month's question is

What common name is often used for Phalaenopsis orchids?

Last month's answer

Orchid blooms fall into one of 2 categories – they can be Resupinate or Non-resupinate.

- What is the difference between the 2 categories?
- Give an example of a species falling in each of the 2 categories.

A resupinate bloom is one in which the lip is at the bottom of the flower. This is caused by the ovary twisting 180° or 360° during its growth. This is, by far, the most common form in orchid flowers e.g. Cattleya and Cymbidium.

A non-resupinate bloom is one in which the lip is at the top of the flower. This is caused by the ovary not twisting during its growth. This is very uncommon, and examples are the well-known *Prosthechea cochleata* and the majority of *Polystachya* species.



THE JULY 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.

Committee Members

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