

Upcoming Events

2022

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

24-25 Sep - N.G.O.S.
Orchid Fair, Safari Garden
Centre

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

1 Oct - Vlakke O V Show -
Modimall, Modimolle

1-2 Oct – C.O.S. Spring
Show – Kirstenbosch

28-30 Oct - Tygerberg O G
Show - Willowbridge
Shopping Centre

2023

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



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Fun & Friendship Through Orchids

September 2022

Meeting: SUNDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2022

NB: *Special General Meeting (before monthly Meeting)*

TOPIC: My favourite orchid and how I grow it.

SPEAKERS: Marinus Kort & Wessel Bonnet

Date: 25TH September 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 raffle plants last month and the winners were.

- **Wessel Bonnet** won the *Dendrobium* species keiki bundle donated by Marinus Kort.
- **Don Curry** won the *Dendrobium kingianum* donated by Keith Palmer.

Congratulations!

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A Special General Meeting will be held at the Floreum on Sunday, 25th September 2022. This will be held immediately before the September monthly meeting.

The purpose of this meeting is to “*resolve the management committee’s proposal that Life Membership be bestowed upon the following 3 members as recognition for the contributions they have made to the society.*”

- *Chris Steckner.*
- *Chris Hammond.*
- *Allan Abel.”*

Proxy notices have been sent out to all members by e-mail. If you unable to attend, please return your completed proxy as instructed.

WOS SPRING SHOW : SEPTEMBER 2022

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS SHOW HAS BEEN CANCELLED

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BEGINNERS CLASSES

The first Beginners' Class was held in the Floreum, Johannesburg Botanical Gardens on 13th September 2022. As a result of the erratic load-shedding, it had to be postponed twice. A timetable will now be drawn up for the 2023 Beginners' programme and will be sent out to all members nearer the time.

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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.

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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

In the 1970/1980's, Valley Orchids Nursery in Australia developed and popularised a new line of Cymbidium hybrids. The flowers did not have any anthocyanin pigmentation which makes them very

useful for the cut flower trade. If the flowers are bumped and the anther caps/pollinia dislodged, the flowers do not discolour and last longer, unlike the normal cymbidiums. Because of the lack of pigmentation, the flowers can only be green, yellow and white, and combinations thereof.

Last month's answer

What common name is often used for Phalaenopsis orchids?

Phalaenopsis orchids are commonly known as “moth orchids”. The very name *Phalaenopsis* is derived from the Greek words *phalaina*, “moth” and *opsis*, “appearance”.

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THE AUGUST 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 17 plants brought along by 4 members this month, a marked increase from last month.

Erhard Schmid

Phal lobbii
Paph sukhakulii
Paph venustum
Paph Neeri Twist
Pleurothallis sp.
Masdevallia veitchiana
Masdevallia Margaret Stahl
Dracuvallia (Masd, veitchiana x Dracula
Raven)
Aerangis fatuosa

Keith Palmer

Dendrobium kingianum

Kaitlin McNally

Ludisia discolor var nigrescens

The Korts

Cym Jungle Memory ‘#A2’
Prosthechea cochleata
Coelogyne cristata
Coelogyne ‘Intermedia’
Maxillaria variabilis
Cym Sleeping Dream ‘Tetragold’

Best Species



Photo courtesy of Allan Abel

***Dendrobium nobile* owned by Keith Palmer**

Best Hybrid



Photo courtesy of Marinus Kort

***Cym Sleeping Dream 'Tetragold'* owned by the Korts**

Best African



***Aerangis fastuosa* owned by Erhard Schmid**



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