Peterskorner is now distributing a range of orchid products from Easy Orchids (Murray and Jean Shergold) and we are happy to take orders, and bring them to the Species Society monthly meeting.

Check out our catalogue at www.peterskorner.com, phone Peter or Shirley on the numbers shown, or e-mail peterskorner@iinet.net.au.
Monthly Meetings
Monthly meetings commence at 7.45pm. Usually, the short formal meeting is followed by plant descriptions given by members. Supper follows to allow members time to socialise and discuss orchids.

Monthly Plant Display
Given that the prime objective of the Society is to promote the cultivation of species orchids, only species or natural hybrids are acceptable for display. Since we all may be uncertain about the identification of a plant from time to time, we encourage members to bring plants along about which they are unsure since someone may be able to identify them. There is no competition nor restriction on flower count, quality or length of ownership. We want members to be able to see species plants in flower. So even if your flowers are a bit past their best, bring them in as others may not have seen that species in flower.

Plant Sales
The Society provides an opportunity table for members to sell surplus plants and equipment, and for the society to sell product from time to time. A commission of 10% is charged on all sales.

Plant Purchases
The Society endeavours to obtain a different species seedling for sale at each meeting, usually costing between $6.00 and $12.00. The Society makes a small profit on these sales which is invested in benefits to members. As it is always difficult to get new or different species, should members have 20 or more plants of one species which they feel might be suitable as a monthly plant, please contact a committee member.

Raffle
The Society conducts a raffle each meeting and at home visits as a means of raising funds.

Home Visit
During the weekend following the monthly meeting (generally on the Sunday morning), a home visit is held at a member’s home. This gives members an opportunity to enjoy the fellowship that our mutual interest provides, and to see how others go about growing their orchids.

Plant Imports
The Society is able to use quarantine facilities provided by Ken & Chris Jones to co-operatively import species orchids.

Management
In accordance with the Constitution, the Annual General meeting is held in May each year at which time the office-bearers and committee are elected. The majority of Committee members serve two year terms.

Membership Fees

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New members who don't live in Perth will not require name badges.

January's Treasures on Display

- **Podangis dactyloceras**
  - Maxine

- **Rhynchostylis retusa**
  - Peter
  - Monthly Cultural Award winner

- **Paphiopedilum concolor**
  - Sharon

- **Sobenikoffia robusta**
  - Tony & Mavis

- **Neofinetia falcata**
  - Maxine
Plants Displayed January 2009

Graham & Margaret  Adrian & Deanne
Encyclia guatemalensis  Aerides falcata
Laelia anceps  Bulbophyllum affine
Lycaste aromatica  Podangis dactyloceras
Diuris drummondii  Sarcocilus hirticalcar
Jumella pandurata  
Oncidium stramineum  Sharon
Prosthechea pentotes  Chilochista parishii
Bill and Sandra  Paphiopedilum concolor
Doritis pulcherrima  Peter
Psymorchis pusilla  Phalaenopsis cornu-cervi
Smitinandia micrantha  Phalaenopsis tetraspis
Stanhopea nigroviolacea  Podangis dactyloceras
Maxine  Rhynchostylis retusa
Aerides fieldingii  Ray & Nancy
Cattleya guttata var leopoldii  Brassavola martiniana
Dendrobium lindleyii  Lycaste dowiana
Epidendrum xanthinum  Neobenthemia gracilis
Neofinetia falcata  Stanhopea occulata
Phalaenopsis cornu cervi  
Promenea stapeloides  Anne & Geoff
Podangis dactyloceras  Stanhopea wardii
Tom and Pat  
Brassavola perrinii  Tony & Mavis
Stanhopea occulata  Doritis pulcherrima
Ken and Chris  Doritis pulcherrima var. buysoniana
Cynorchis fastigiata  Prosthechea pentotes
Cyrtopodium andersonii  Laelia xanthina
Dendrobium uniflorum  Oncidium onustum
Phalaenopsis leucomanniana  Phalaenopsis cornu-cervi
Renantherella histronica  Phalaenopsis cornu-cervi forma flava
Sobralia sp  Phalaenopsis pulchra
Phalaenopsis venosa

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING 22 January 2009, 7.55pm

Present: 35
Apologies: 2
Visitors: 2
New members: Courtney
Minutes: Minutes as circulated accepted )Neville Lee

Business Arising: Nil

Financial Report: Tabled was tabled by Sandra and the current balance is $3,162.39 (Margaret, Tom)

Correspondence:
Inwards:  -  Mandurah Districts OC – Newsletter, News letterette and notice of new committee.
-  Belmont Shire confirming GM meeting dates to November 2009.
-  Email listing lapsed memberships.
-  Several Newsletters.

Outwards:  Nil

Business Arising:  Nil

General Business:
-  Thanks to the Adrian & Deanne for the November Home Visit.
-  About 25 members indicated that they would go to ESIGRO on Saturday.
-  The book “The New Encyclopedia of ORCHIDS” by Isobyl la Croix has been purchased for the library.
-  Thanks to Peter for donation of the raffle prize and to Neville for the badge prize.
-  Ken asked members to suggest sources of a new order of imported plants – perhaps we should try the Philippines again.
-  Peter offered to test members orchid mixes for PH and dissolve mineral salts.

Raffle: Mavis and Michelle
Name Badge: Colin
Horticultural Award: Peter for a well grown, and perfectly displayed

Water Testing

Peter is happy to test water and more particularly your standard concentration of fertiliser for total dissolved salts.
NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- Peter asked the Committee to allow him to display an advertisement in each newsletter for Peterskorner who are now handling a range of Easy Orchids products. The Committee agreed and determined an appropriate fee having regard for the support that Peter has given the Society. At some future date, Peter will provide a listing of the products that are available for inclusion in a newsletter.
- Your Committee discussed options for a further importation of plants without reaching any conclusions - Ken is following up some leads.
- Don’t forget the parking - please ensure that you park your car in the bitumen parking area whenever possible as it will avoid a fine!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Home visits:

1 March - At Ian McG,
29 March - At Gordon & Robyn’s

WANTED/FOR SALE

Courtney wants to purchase Cymbidium species. If you have any divisions available, please call Courtney on 9459 1522

IMPORTED PLANT NEWS

The past month has seen further growth and approximately 30-40 plants are nearly ready for release. If we are not able to arrange another shipment in the near future, I will request an inspection to get these plants out before the growing season ends.

If you have any ideas about where we might import plants from, please call me on 9296 1765 or speak to me at the meeting.

Ken

Monthly Plant  Vanda lamellata  $7.00

Vanda lamellata is widely distributed species is found in Taiwan, Borneo and the Philippines, and is epiphytic in bright light. It is small Vanda, up to 40cm tall with thin, somewhat leathery leaves. Upright inflorescences carry up to 20 flowers that can be fragrant. Vanda lamellata is said to be relatively cold tolerant, so should be able to be shadehouse grown provided it can be kept drier during winter with a little warmth during the day.

It is suitable for either pot or basket culture with standard bark mix, however like many of the Vanda species (and hybrids) the adventitious roots will happily take over the pot next to it, the bench and even the walls of your glasshouse.

Water Testing

Peter has offered to test your home water supply for Ph and total dissolved salts. However, temporarily his Ph meter is inoperative, and at the next meeting, he is happy to test plain water and standard fertiliser solution for total dissolved salts. If you wish to take advantage of this offer, please bring a 250ml sample of plain water in a small jar and similar size sample of mixed fertiliser at the normal concentration that you use. Label each bottle clearly with your name and details, i.e. whether it is the plain water or the fertiliser mix, and for the latter, what fertiliser and concentration. Peter will do the testing and mark the results on your label. Thanks Peter.