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CULTURAL AWARD, September 2009
Phalaenopsis schilleriana Peter & Shirley

NEWSLETTER

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

25 September 2009, 8.10pm

Present: 36

Apologies: 1

Visitors: 8

New members:

Minutes: Minutes as circulated accepted (Norm, Mavis)

Business Arising: Nil

Financial Report: Tabled by Sandra. Current balance is \$4,189.73 (Trevor, Ken)

Correspondence:

Inwards:

- Gordon about prices for Lexan Sheets
- Belmont City (Hall Hire for 2010)
- Malcolm Thomas renewal and change of address.
- 6th Annual Orchid Conference in August 2010 in Newcastle, NSW.
- Secretary of The S.P.E.C.I.E.S. (NSW) Inc change of address.
- Steve Irons (MP) about possible grant moneys

Outwards:

- Michelle has lodged a submission for a grant for money to restore and maintain or library books and to assist in the publication of the *Plants Displayed* CD. There was discussion as to whether we are eligible but our case was presented honestly in the belief that that decision was not ours to make. Rather it was up to Mr. Irons' committee to do so

Business Arising: Nil

General Business:

1. 20 to 25 said that they would be at Anne & Geoff's for Sundays home visit. Bring chairs and a plate.
2. Can members displaying plants ensure that the labels are clear.
3. Fred & Lois have been made honorary members of the Society.
4. During the silent auction meeting can we restrict actual descriptions of plants to 2 or 3. Graham to supply bid papers and extra pencils, Tom and Pat will sort the items and Lee will assist Sandra with the collection of cash.
5. Mavis is now the Committee member in charge of recruiting hosts to Home Visits. She has composed a list as follows: Anne & Geoff (Sept), Adrian & Deanne (Oct), Murray & Arni (Nov), ESIGRO (Jan), Sharon (Feb), Gordon (March), Tom & Pat (April) and John (May).
6. On the 27th of December there will be a special meeting at Michele's and Alistair's home starting at 11:30 and to ...? More advice later.
7. Tony and Mavis managed to purchase a Cymbidium book in Thailand and the society has purchased it for the library.

Cultural Award:

Peter for his *Phalaenopsis schilleriana*

Raffle: Chris, Ray & Norm .

Name Badge: Ken & Chris

Special Raffle: Trevor, Ray & Trevort (donated to Geraldton visitor).

Home Visit Name Badge: Frank

Home Visit Raffle: Tom, Michael (visitor),
Adrian & Michele.

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- October is the Silent Auction. This fun event is one of our major sources of income each year and provides newer members with a great opportunity to expand their collections. If you are able to bring along plants, please **do not water** them on the meeting day as wet auction bids are difficult to read. Plants other than orchids, gardening supplies, in fact anything useful that you are able to donate will be welcome
- Some members have reminded us that the meetings are scheduled to start at 7.45pm and we will try to make sure this happens in future. Those of you bringing plants in, please try to keep your descriptions brief and focus on the main points, or just talk about two or three species. However, as you know, Michele is working on a CD which will have details of all plants displayed, so please continue to do the research and fill out your plant sheets for Michele.
- On behalf of the WA Regional Orchid Organisation Tony has asked us to identify potential speakers for the 2012 AOC Conference to be held in Perth. This is your opportunity to contribute, so give some thought to whom you would really like to hear!
- 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!

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Mavis

Trevor

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Barry

Gordon

Joan & Ted (decd),

Neville

Noel & Eva

NOTICEBOARD

FORTH- COMING EVENTS

Home visits:

25 October 4 Compass Place, Waikiki
From 10am onwards. Please bring a plate of food to share and a chair

FOR SALE/ WANTED



Imported plant news

The plants in quarantine are looking good after a month -the *Dendrobium* species have now ceased dropping leaves and many are showing signs of new growth, as are the *Paphiopedilum* species.

Ken & Chris Jones

Graham and Margaret

Caladenia arenicola
Caladenia barbarossa
Caladenia georgei
Caladenia vulgaris (C. denticulata)?
Dendrobium gracilicaule
Diuris amplissima
Diuris corymbosa
Diuris magnifica
Diuris sulphurea

Gordon

Dendrobium kingianum
Dendrobium speciosum 'Windermere'
Sarcochilus hartmanii
Dendrobium speciosum

Maxine

Aerangis citrata
Bulbophyllum rothschildianum
Cattleya intermedia var. *amethystina*
Cattleya walkeriana
Dendrobium aemulum
Dendrobium amethystoglossum
Dendrobium gracilicaule
Dockrillia schoenina
Gongora histrionica
Masdevallia coccinea
Osmoglossum pulchellum
Phalaenopsis schilleriana

PLANTS DISPLAYED SEPTEMBER 2009



Aerangis citrata
Maxine



Diuris sulphurea
Graham & Margaret

Ken and Chris

- Aerangis stylosa*
- Caladenia arenicola*
- Dendrobium keithii*
- Dendrobium palpebrae*
- Leptotes bicolor*
- Stelis aprica*

Adrian and Deanna

- Aerangis citrata*
- Caladenia vulgata*
- Dendrobium goldschmidtianum*
- Dendrobium X suffusum*
- Diuris longifolia*
- Phalaenopsis equestris*

Peter and Shirley

- Cattleya intermedia* 'Alba' 'Breckenridge

Snow"

- Dendrobium kingianum* var. *silcockii*'
- Dendrobium lineale*
- Maxillaria porphyrostele*
- Oncidium ensatum*
- Phalaenopsis schilleriana*
- Phalaenopsis aphrodite* subsp. *formosana*
- Pleione formosana* 'Pricei'
- Serapais lingua*

Ray and Nancy

- Dendrobium kingianum*
- Dendrobium kingianum* 'Alba'
- Dendrobium nobile*
- Cattleya aurantiaca*
- Paphiopedilum hirsutissimum*

PLANTS DISPLAYED



Pleione formosana
Peter & Shirley



Cattleya aurantiaca
Ray & Nancy



Cattleya intermedia var
amethystina 'Aranbeem'
John

Anne and Geoff

Bulbophyllum schillerianum
Chysis bractescens
Neobathia grandidierana
Oeoniella polystachys
Renanthera monachica

Trevor

Serapias lingua

John

Cattleya intermedia var. *amethystina*
'Aranbeem'
Paphiopedilum villosum var. *boxallii*

Norm

Oncidium splendidum

Tony and Mavis

Cymbidium canaliculatum var. *sparksii*
Dendrobium lindleyi
Elythranthera brunonis
Phalaenopsis amabilis
Phalaenopsis equestris
Phalaenopsis philippinensis
Phalaenopsis stuartiana 'Yellow'
Thelymitra X *macmillanii*

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Chysis bractescens
Anne & Geoff



Oncidium splendidum
Norm



Gongora histrionica
Maxine

Photography by Tony

THE GENUS SOBRALIA (continued from September)

Robert Dressler, in his article published in *Lankesteriana* in 2002 describes several new *Sobralia* species. The first of these is *Sobralia crispissima* Dressler. This species is similar to *Sobralia lindleyana* that is generally found as terrestrial or lithophytic in Panama in the Llanos del Volcán, north of Hato del Volcán. This new and related species was recently found to the west and east of Volcán in forested areas at 1200m altitude, usually growing epiphytically which is uncommon in this genus. Costa Rican specimens of *Sobralia crispissima* have been cited from the northern Atlantic slope of the Cordillera de Talamanca, and Pacific slope of the Cordillera de Talamanca,



Photo by K Dressler (*Lankesteriana* Sept 02)

The flowers of *Sobralia crispissima* are somewhat smaller than those of *Sobralia lindleyana*, and the tube is proportionately shorter. The epithet *crispissima* refers to the strongly wavy margins of the lip.

Also from Panama is *Sobralia gloriana* Dressler. This species is found at 800-1000 m altitude and when Dressler first observed this species he thought that it may have been a natural hybrid between *Sobralia atropubescens* and some other species with yellow or white flowers. Subsequently, several plants of this kind appeared from the El Valle de Antón area and he concluded that it was a distinct, though uncommon species, related to *Sobralia atropubescens* although the flowers are larger and much more attractive with a distinct colour pattern



Photo by K Dressler (*Lankesteriana* Sept 02)

The epithet *gloriana* honours Licenciada Gloria Maduro, the charming wife of Andrés Maduro. Dressler says that since she was foolish enough to marry a rabid orchid nut, she deserves, at the very least, that there be an attractive new species named in her honour.

Sobralia mariannae Dressler is also from Panama where it is found as an epiphyte

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or terrestrial in cloud forests on Cerro Jefe. Initially, Dressler had only a field collected plant with poorly preserved flowers to work with, but subsequently discovered single *in situ* flower (now preserved in alcohol) enabling more accurate description. Dressler notes that this species may well occur in other areas of cloud forest in eastern Panama.



Photo by K Dressler (Lankesteriana Sept 02r)

The epithet honours Marianne Akers, an enthusiastic orchid student in Panama, who has collected the only other pressed specimen.

Sobralia nutans Dressler is the fourth new species from Panama also described in 2002.

Found at 800-1000m altitude growing as a terrestrial, this species is vegetatively larger than the others of the section. The epithet *nutans*, refers to the nodding, or pendent, flowers evident on the *in situ* photo to the right.



Photo by K Dressler (Lankesteriana Sept 02)

The literature that I have been able to access indicates that there are several more recently discovered *Sobralia* species and I will endeavour to research some of these, plus others that have been around for some time to finish the article in November.

VALE FRED MERRINGTON

Fred and Lois Merrington joined the Species Society in the early days and were always wonderful people to have around. Both Fred and Lois have been in poor health for several years and it is with much sadness that I advise that Fred died on Friday 16 October 2009. We have lost another great orchid grower – while Fred specialised in growing Cymbidiums, we gradually leant on him to grow a few other genera, however Cymbidiums remained his true love (apart from Lois).

Like Ted and Joan, Fred and Lois were the backbone of the orchid societies to which they belonged, and could be counted on to be working at any shows or displays. Fred was always ready to help out with information for a new or aspiring grower, and offer encouragement to those of us that decided to expand our horizons.

Ken Jones, Editor

VALE ANNE CABASSI

Our thoughts are with Chris Cabassi and his family after his beloved wife Anne lost her fight with cancer on Tuesday 14 October 2009. Anne has been ill for sometime and passed away peacefully on Tuesday evening.

THANKS FROM THE LARSON FAMILY

The Larson family wishes to sincerely thank the club and its members for their wishes of comfort, sympathy and attendance at Ted's funeral service.

Thank you for all the wonderful flowers, cards, public notices and phone calls of friendship and best wishes.

Thank you and best wishes to all.

As a family we knew it would be difficult to say farewell but we found great comfort from the sharing of wonderful memories and happy times experienced with our good friends involved with orchids.

Joan Larson and family.

ABOUT US

Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings held on the 4th Thursday each month (exc Dec) at Forster Park Hall, cnr of Abernethy Road and Keane Street, Cloverdale commencing 7.45pm.

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.

All visitors are very welcome

Membership Fees

Family (1st year @ 2 badges)

\$31.00renewal \$15.00

Single (1st year @ 1 badge) \$18.00

Renewal \$10.00

New members who don't live in Perth will not require name badges, therefore their membership will be at the renewal fee

Monthly 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.

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 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.

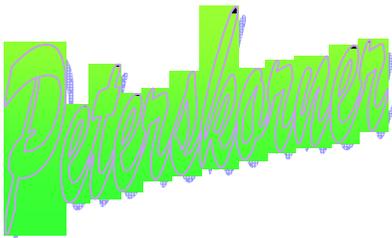
Plant Imports

The Society is able to use quarantine facilities provided by Ken & Chris 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.

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