Anne O'Callaghan Award April 2018
*Guarianthe bowringiana*
John

NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 8 May

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

10 April 2018 7.50pm

Present: 44 present as per the register
Apologies: 8 as per register
Visitors: Nil.
New members: Bernard and Nahiid
Minutes: Minutes November meeting accepted (Jacqui, Ray)
Business Arising: Nil
Financial Report: Charly provided the financial report. Current balance is $4,064.42 plus $6,000 in a term deposit. (Ray, Noel)
Correspondence:
Inwards:
- SEOS Show,
- WJOS – Garden and Orchid Fair in July,
- Reminder of 3rd March WOC meeting,
- City of Canning – Storage at Wilson Hall,
- WAROO – Registration for AOC in NSW in July,
- Koi Society Show,
- OSWA and a Neutrog order.
Outwards:
- Nil.
General Business:
- All committee positions for the AGM in May are vacant. We need a Treasurer as Charly is not re-standing.
- There was a reminder that annual subscriptions are due.
- There is an Orchid Auction to be held on the 28th of April at 83 Arkana Rd., Westminster at 10am. Inspections from 9am. Trays are needed to sell the plants in group lots – see Tony.
- The Silent Auction will be held at the June GM.
- Peter put out a list for people to confirm that they will be at the 30th Anniversary dinner in June.
- Individual sales tables can be purchased for the combined Garden and Orchid show (7th & 8th July).
- The new printer could be delivered next week.
- Thanks to Ken for the plant bids forwarded to Guy Cantor in the East.
- Donations of spare plants for raffles would be much appreciated.
- The sub-committee for our display in August have decided on a theme. We will need to fill the rosters, being prepared by Tony. These cover entry tickets, the kitchen, raffle sales, sales table etc.
- The rumours of poor quality plants from South America on Facebook are false.

Anne O’Callaghan Cultural Award: Awarded to John for a well-grown specimen of Guarianthe bowringiana.
Name Badge: Graham & Margaret.
NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- Our May meeting is the AGM. As previously advised, our Treasurer Charly now has taken on other orchid commitments. If you are able to take on this role, please contact the President or Secretary.
- The Silent Auction will be held at our June General Meeting. Please bring along any spare orchids that you are able to donate (including hybrids).
- The Species Society is the host for the 2018 Intersociety Orchid Display and Workshop to be held at Morley Recreation Centre on 3-5 August 2018. Please add your name to the roster sheet. A combined sales table will be in place—please see Ken or Charly if you wish to sell orchids.
- All donations to the ISODW raffle will be gratefully accepted as this is one of the major fundraisers.
- The Spring Orchid Fair will be staged on the weekend 15-16 Sept., (set up on Fri 14th evening) at Aranmore college in Leederville. SOSWA is one of the four societies jointly staging this event. We will refresh the ISODW display for this event. If you wish to sell orchid plants at this event, please see Ken or Charly.

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NOTICEBOARD

FORTHCOMING

Home visits:
At 10 am on the Sunday after the fourth Thursday of each month. Please bring chairs and food to share.
* 27th May - John, Bicton
* 1st July - Catarina, Brentwood.
* 29th July - Chris & Ken, Henley Brook.
* 26th August - Lina, North Perth.

FOR SALE/WANTED
MONTHLY PLANT

*Paphiopedilum malipoense*

**Country of origin:**  Southwest China and Northern Vietnam

**Description:**  A medium size, single flowered *Parvisepalum* species.

**Difficulty:**  *Paphiopedilum* species in the *Parvisepalum* subgenus can be challenging to grow and flower. They are a cool and slow growing species.

**Cost:**  $10.00

*Paphiopedilum malipoense* S.C. Chen & Tsi 1984 *SUBGENUS Parvisepalum* Karasawa & Saito 1982 is found in Southwest China. This month’s plant has been supplied by Trevor who set the seed, flasked it, deflasked it and grew it on for us. Thank you Trevor.

This species was originally found near the village of Malipo in southeast Yunnan Province, just north of the Vietnamese border. It was firstly discovered at 1,300-1,600m, however further colonies were subsequently found at 670-890m.

*Paphiopedilum malipoense* grows in broken shade from lithophytic bamboo on benches or vertical sides of limestone mesas. Generally they grow on east-facing locations near rivulets that drain down the rock faces from the relatively flat mesa tops. These rivulets serve to keep the plants moist from both rainfall runoff and the runoff from heavy night-time condensation even during the dry season.

Growing on moss and composted leaves near these rivulets, their roots will be attached to the underlying limestone rock or in nearby solution pits high in calcium.

This species can be challenging to grow, and grows slowly, however as the picture above demonstrates, has a very attractive large, green flower.

Suitable media is small sized pine bark, with added perlite and charcoal, coconut chunks, or sphagnum moss; plastic or terra cotta pots and a cool glasshouse or shadehouse with some winter protection.

For best results, all *Paphiopedilum* orchids are best hand watered so water is not left in leaf axils at nightfall, and repotted regularly so that the potting mix does not break down and become soggy and stale. This species is calcicolous and needs calcium that can be provided by adding Dolomite lime, soft limestone chips or broken cuttlefish frames.

Photo source: https://www.facebook.com/GawlerOrchids/photos
The Orchid Show accompanying the WOC was spectacular as the photos in last month’s newsletter clearly demonstrated. Ecuagenera was the most successful exhibitor and won both Grand Champion and Reserve Champion, along with many more special awards, and first, second and third place in class. However, there were many exceptional species and hybrids in the show, with the focus as expected on South and Central American species, often small flowered. Over the following pages, I will show just a few of the show winners.

The Grand Champion was this miniature Dendrobium from Indonesia and Papua New Guinea, *Dendrobium parvulum*. Rolfe 1899 SECTION Calyptrochilus (syn *Dendrobium delicatulum*). From Sulawesi, Celebes and Papua New Guinea at 600 to 2,600m, this miniature sized, warm to cold growing epiphyte was literally covered in flowers. While its display in one of Wardian display cases made it somewhat quite difficult to photograph, the following photograph of another plant at Ecuagenera’s Gualaceo nursery best displays the flower form. In the lower right of the above photograph, one can see *Dendrobium cuthbertsonii in flower*. There were several plants of this species sharing the display cabinet with the Grand Champion.
Reserve champion was *Oncidium naevium* Lindl. 1850 SUBGENUS Erectolobata (previously *Odontoglossum naevium*) is found in Colombia and Venezuela in bright open areas of cloud forests at 1,200 to 2,000m as a small to medium sized, cool growing epiphyte. This species was very free flowering under Ecuagenera conditions at Gualaceo.
Graham & Margaret
Eriochilus dilatatus
Jumellea fragrans
Pterostylis abrupta

Chris
Zelenkoa onusta

Charly & Gerda
Bulbophyllum maxillare
Prosthechea cochleata

Ken & Chris
Bulbophyllum pulchrum
Dendrobium spp. aff. wattii
Dendrochilum cobbianum
Miltonia moreliana

Adrian & Dee
Dendrobium faciferum

Mich
Dendrobium faciferum

Peter
Coelogyne fimbriata var. alba
Dendrochilum latifolium var. magnum
Psychopsis krameriana
Renanthera matutina
Restrepia trichoglossa
Zelenkoa onusta

Norm
Paphiopedilum helenae

John
Guarianthe bowringiana

PLANTS DISPLAYED April  2018

Maxillaria striata
Siva

Paphiopedilum helenae
Norm
Siva
Cattleya labiata var. coerulea
Maxillaria striata
Oncidium pulvinatum

Ray
Aerides quinquevulnera

Tony & Mavis
Dendrochilum cobbianum
Miltonia moreliana
Zelenkoa onusta

Jumellea fragrans
Graham & Margaret

PLANTS DISPLAYED April 2018

Coelogyne fimbriata
alba
Siva

Bulbophyllum maxillare
Charly & Gerda

Photography by Tony
Best Specimen in show, *Maxillaria callichroma* Rchb. f. 1854 sect. *Aggregatae* Pfitz 1889 is found in Colombia, Ecuador and Peru at elevations of 900 to 2600 meters on steep clay banks in wet, cool cloud forests as a small to medium sized, warm to cold growing terrestrial. This species was also in Ecuagenera’s display.
One of the many Ecuagenera Trophy winners was *Masdevallia velifera* Rchb.f 1874 **SUBGENUS** *Masdevallia* **SECTION** Coriaceae **SUBSECTION** Coriaceae [Rchb.f] Veitch 1889. This small sized Colombian, epiphytic species from 2,100 meters in Antioquia state grows in cool-cold cloud forests.

Another Ecuagenera trophy winner was *Cuitlauzina pendula* La Llave & Lex. 1825. (syn. *Odontoglossum citrossmum*). This plant is a small to medium sized, cool to cold growing epiphyte or terrestrial. Found on the Sinaloa, Jalisco and Michoacan states of Mexico in oak-pine forests at 1,400 to 2,200m, this species can be difficult to grow and flower, although the result is well worth the effort.
The close-up photo shows the most attractive *Cuitlauzina pendula* flower carried on a pendulous raceme.

Ecuagenera had many trophy winners including these three *Masdevallia* species.
Trichocentrum loyolicum Pupulin, Karremans & G.Merino 2008

SECTION Trichocentrum is a recently identified Ecuadorean species from Zamora Chinchipe in pre-montane rain forests at 1,000 to 1,200m. It is a mini-sized, cool to warm growing epiphyte.

Another trophy winner for Ecuagenera was Laelia endsfeldzii Pabst 1975 SUB-GENUS Parviflorae SECTION Parviflorae Lindley 1990.

Found in Brazil in Minas Gerais as a small sized, warm to cool growing lithophyte at 900m, this attractive species is one of the so-called rupicolus Laelias.
The close up photo of the flower shows why enthusiasts choose to grow this species.

*Masdevallia veitchiana* Rchb.f 1868

**SUBGENUS Masdevallia SECTION Masdevallia SUBSECTION Coccineae**

*Veitch* 1889 is known as the king of Masdevallias.

A small sized, cold growing terrestrial or lithophyte (rarely epiphytic) species with erect leaves is found at 2,000-4,000m around Macchu Picchu in Peru. Its habitat is steep rocky slopes covered with grasses and shrubs in full sun where the leaves are protected by the grasses.

This concludes a brief summary of WOC22 in Ecuador. I am working on a 2-3 part Powerpoint showing some of the orchids and sights from South America.
ABOUT US

**Monthly Meetings**
Monthly meetings held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Wilson Community Hall, Braibrise St, Wilson commencing 7.45 pm. Usually, the short formal meeting is followed by plant descriptions given by members. Supper follows to allow member’s time to socialise and discuss orchids. All visitors are very welcome

**Membership Fees**
- **Family** $30 PA + 2 badges (1\textsuperscript{st} year only) [Badges come in two versions. Pin fastening ($11.50) or Magnet fastening ($13.50) *Please indicate your preference.*]
- **Single** $20.00 PA + 1 badge (1\textsuperscript{st} year only) [Pin fastening ($11.50) or Magnet fastening ($13.50)]

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

**Monthly Home Visit**
On the weekend following the fourth Thursday of each month (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 table for members to sell surplus plants and equipment, and for the Society to sell product from time to time.

**Plant Purchases**
The Society endeavours to obtain a different species seedling for sale at each meeting, usually costing between $6.00 and $15.00. 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 generating funds.

**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.
Next meeting Tuesday 8 May