



Next Meeting

Monday 11th April 2022

Speaker – Gary Hodder on:
*Pollination of South East
Asian Dendrobiums*

*This year is our 70th
Anniversary!!!*



** Watch this Space **

Note – please ensure you
sign our attendance book on
entry to the meeting hall

Use of hand sanitiser, and
social distancing is
encouraged where possible

*Thank-you for your
continued support of our
Covid safe practises*



Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

Bulletin - April 2022

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The Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc. was founded in 1952 and is dedicated to the promotion, development and encouragement of a general interest and understanding of all aspects of orchid culture.

Monthly Meetings -

Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the Uniting Church Hall, corner Flora and Merton Streets, Sutherland @ 8pm, doors open 7pm. Visitors are always welcome. (please arrive by 7.45pm to check in)

The Society's **Covid-19 Safety Action Plan** is available at:

<https://ssos.org.au/COVID-19Plan.pdf>

President: Gifford Bunt

Vice President: Rhonda Jackson

Secretary: David Hicks E: davehicks@optusnet.com.au M: 0431 799 230

Treasurer: Margaret Spring

Committee: Murray Aldridge, Frank Daniel, Wal Chapman, Diane Phillips

Life Members: Murray Aldridge, Wal & Janette Chapman, Jan Robinson, Bob Moar, Col Brandon, Audrey Marks.

Bulletin / Website: David Hicks / Rhonda Jackson

Member Contributions – to have your 'Photos @ Home' or written articles included in the Bulletin, please forward to: davehicks@optusnet.com.au (prior to the 24th of each month)

President's Message -

It is with great pleasure and humility that I take on board the Presidency of the Sutherland Shire Orchid Society following in the footsteps of Jan Robinson. I look forward to meeting up with all members on a more personal face to face basis as we move forward with another challenging year.

For background I have been growing cymbidium orchids for many years and enjoy the great pleasure of the flowering season. In future Bulletins, I look forward to sharing some of my experiences. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the AGM, and also the upcoming meeting in April, so will look forward to catching up with you all at the May meeting.

with best wishes, Gifford Bunt

Gary Hodder @ Home



Rlc. Redland Planet



MINUTES – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 14th March 2022

President Jan Robinson extended a very warm welcome to everyone and called the Annual General Meeting to order at 8.02pm

APOLOGIES: received from Gifford Bunt, Gary Hodder.

Robert Nicol motioned that the minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting as attached with the April 2021 Bulletin, be accepted as accurate, seconded Frank Daniel – motion Carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jan proceeded to present the Annual President's Report.

John Costa motioned that the President's Report be accepted, seconded Pam Davies - motion Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT

Margaret Spring proceeded to present the Annual Financial Report.

Frank Daniel motioned that the Annual Statement for the Financial Year 2021 be accepted for submission to the Department of Fair Trading, and that the Treasurer be allowed to sign the Statement, seconded David Hicks – motion Carried

ELECTIONS

Jan then invited George Birss as Returning Officer, to conduct the election of the positions on the Committee.

Returning Officer then proceeded to say:

'In accordance with the Society's rules, I declare all positions on the committee are now vacant.'

Nominations for positions on the committee were received from the following members:

President -	Gifford Bunt	Seconded by David Hicks
Vice President -	Rhonda Jackson.	Seconded by Margaret Spring
Treasurer -	Margaret Spring.	Seconded by Jan Robinson
Secretary -	David Hicks	Seconded by Diane Phillips
Committee -	Murray Aldridge.	Seconded by Jan Robinson
	Diane Philips	Seconded by David Hicks
	Wal Chapman	Seconded by Frank Daniel
	Frank Daniel	Seconded by Wal Chapman
	1 x Vacancy	No nominations received

The people who nominated for these positions were unanimously accepted into the positions.

Jan thanked George Birss for conducting the elections

As outgoing President, Jan then congratulated Gifford Bunt as the newly elected President, and welcomed Rhonda Jackson back to the Committee as Vice President.

A big thank -you were also extended to Frank Daniel retiring as Vice President, and to Melissa Karayannis retiring her position on Committee. *(minutes cont'd next page)*

Jan Robinson @ Home



Slc Bright Hawaii (ex T. Beehag)



Dendrobium Kuniko

David Hicks @ Home



Milt. Lavender Kiss 'Lavender Taffy'



LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD – Jan Robinson



Jan receiving her Award from Murray and Wal

Following a previous proposal by Murray Aldridge, seconded by Wal Chapman, it was unanimously agreed by the Committee, that the Society should recognize Jan's 15 years of dedication, including the 4-year term as President, with an award of **Life Membership**.

Murray and Wal (both Life Members) then proceeded to address the meeting.

Murray commenced by providing an overview of Jan's achievements, including her work over the years to organize numerous shows, displays, promo stands to name a few, following with a list of positions, and the timelines held on the Committee:

2006	Joined Society
Treasurer	2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, Nov 2016 (casual vacancy)
Vice President	2016
Passed OSNSW Judges course and accepted as a Society Judge	- April 2011
Organized bus trips	2008, 2009
Lead role producing the Society's Constitution	-2011
SOS Committee -	Treasurer 2017, 2018, 2019
SSOS Committee	2007 to March 2022
President	2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 – to March 2022

Wal concluded by endorsing Murray's comments, adding that Jan had guided the Committee through some very difficult times, especially with members and associated with the Covid situation, and has always been a great ambassador for our Society with members of other Societies.

Following, was a Photo / Certificate presentation with Wal and Murray.

Jan thanked the Committee and members for the honor of receiving this award

The Annual General Meeting was then adjourned at 8.30pm.

(Photo Left – Dendrochilium macranthum)

ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

David Hicks @ Home

March 2022



Wilsonara Inferno



Schomburgkia (Laelia) superbiens



Colm. Masai Red 'Splash'



Catt. 'Unknown'



Catt. 'Unknown'

2021, another year of reduced orchid club meetings, (we met 6 times) and few shows, (we didn't have any) thanks to Covid 19. But wouldn't you know it, many of us had the best flowering of our orchids in years!! At least our beautiful flowers kept us sane.

Your Committee did its best to keep us all safe at the few Society functions that were held last year, cancelling meetings when the virus was raging through the Shire and adhering to our Covid Safety Plan when we opened our doors again. Thank you, members and Committee, for sticking to those rules and looking out for each other.

Melissa did a brilliant job of keeping us in touch through the Bulletin, thank you Melissa and also to everyone who sent her photos and articles, including Wal with his "Guess the Genera" competition each month.

Melissa spent hours every month working on our newsletter, I hope you all took the time to read each issue. If you read the December one, you will know that she is no longer able to be the Bulletin editor and she has also resigned from the Committee. Thank you for all your hard work and support, Melissa.

Thank you also to the other Committee members: Frank, David, Margaret, Wal, Murray, Di and Gifford, for your loyalty to the Society and for your calming influence when I occasionally stressed out. We've made a good team.

After serving on the Committee for over 15 years, it's now time for me to take a break. Sutherland Shire Orchid Society changed my life when I joined 16 years ago. I didn't know **anything** about growing orchids then and I didn't know **anyone** in the Society.

You have all taught me a lot, and not just about growing orchids! More importantly, I have made many good friends here, for which I will always be thankful. Thank you, Sutherland Shire Orchid Society, for all you've done for me. I will always support you and you will always be my "home society." Bring on 2022, a re-jigged Committee, regular monthly meetings and hopefully even a show or two!!

Jan Robinson

March - Plant of the Night

*Congratulations to Jan Robinson for **Judge's Choice Open Class Species** plus **Plant of the Night**



Miltonia moreliana 'Big Ben' FCC

Melissa Karayannis
@ Home



Slc Tangerine Jewel x Blc Love
Sound (ex T. Beehag)



Paph Crossianum

Col Brandon @ Home



Dend. Memoria Adrian Groffen

MONTHLY JUDGING RESULTS

March 2022

PLANT OF THE NIGHT

Winner Milt. moreliana 'Big Ben' J. Robinson

OPEN CLASS HYBRID

Winner C. Caudebec's (4N) x C. Chocolate Drop (4N) V. Petrovski

OPEN CLASS SPECIES

Winner Milt. moreliana 'Big Ben' J. Robinson

INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Brassia Rex 'Susanne' R. Nicol

NOVICE & JUNIOR JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Paph. spicerianum 'M4' x spicerianum 'M3' M. Spring

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner C. Caudebec's (4N) x C. Chocolate Drop (4N) V. Petrovski

CLASS # 1 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES

1st Den. monophyllum 'Steve' C. Brandon

CLASS # 2 PAPHIOPEDILUMS HYBRIDS

1st Paph. Transvaal 'No. 3' D. Mitsios

2nd Paph. 'unknown' D. Mitsios

CLASS # 3 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS

1st Den. Goose Bumps 'Calamiforme' C. Brandon

2nd Sarco. Amber Dawn D. Mitsios

3rd Den. Anthedon Magic 'Smelly' C. Brandon

4th Sarco. Cindy D. Brooks

CLASS # 4 LAELIINAE HYBRIDS CLASSICAL SHAPE

1st Rth. Dal's Emperor 'Lester Lai' D. Mitsios

CLASS # 5 DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS

1st Den. macrophyllum x Den. tapiniense V. Petrovski

2nd Den. Yashiga Fantasy 'Russell Vale Glory' V. Petrovski

3rd Den. Andree Millar V. Petrovski

4th Den. Jade Junior 'Sawadee' V. Petrovski

CLASS # 6 LAELIINAE HYBRIDS -NON CLASSICAL & CLUSTERS

1st C. Caudebec's C. x C. Chocolate Drop V. Petrovski

2nd C. Sarah Elizabeth V. Petrovski

CLASS # 7 ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS

1st Onc. Space Mine 'Red Rendezvous' D. Mitsios

2nd Onc. Moonshadow 'Tiger Tail' D. Brooks

CLASS # 9 SPECIES ASIAN

1st Den. magnum W. & J. Chapman

2nd Coel. fimbriata var alba D. Phillips

3rd Den. victoria-reginae G. Birss

4th Bulb.echinolabium L. Buivids

CLASS # 10 MISC. HYBRIDS

1st Masd. Sea Breeze G. Birss

2nd Masd. King of Kings 'Royal Monach' G. Birss

3rd V. Pimporn's Delight M. Dimon



CLASS # 11 SPECIES OTHER THAN ASIAN

1st	Milt. moreliana 'Big Ben'	J. Robinson
2nd	Milt. spectabilis var moreliana	D. Mitsios
3rd	Stenoglottis longifolia	L. Buivids
4th	Rstp. muscifera	G. Birss

CLASS # 12 NOVICE HYBRIDS

1st	C. Caudabec Candy 'Burgundy'	M. Karayannis
2nd	Onc. Aka Baby 'Raspberry Chocolate'	M. Spring
3rd	Milt. Honolulu 'Warne's Best'	J. Ng

CLASS # 13 NOVICE SPECIES

1st	Paph. spicerianum 'M4' x Paph. spicerianum 'M3'	M. Spring
2nd	Prosthechea cochleata	J. Ng
3rd	Cattleya bicalhoi	J. Ng

CLASS # 14 INTERMEDIATE HYBRIDS

1st	Brassia Rex 'Susanne'	R. Nicol
2nd	Milt. (Minas Gerias x Purple King) x Minas Gerias	R. Cawley
3rd	Wils. Tiger Glow 'Weston'	R. Nicol
4th	Onc. Kenneth Bivin	R. Nicol

CLASS # 15 INTERMEDIATE SPECIES

1st	Den. magnum	R. Cawley
2nd	Epi. porpax	R. Jackson
3rd	Epi. porpax	R. Cawley

***(March Benching - please see George's Article on pages 10 & 11)**

Congratulations to Vic Petrovski for **Judges' Choice Open Class Hybrid**
plus **President's Choice**



Catt. Caudebec's (4N) x Catt. Chocolate Box (4N)

Congratulations to Robert Nicol for **Judges' Choice Intermediate Class**



Brassia Rex 'Susanne'





Orchid Display & Cart

The 2022 Easter Show runs from Friday April 8 to Tuesday April 19 at the Sydney Showground in Homebush NSW.

The Orchid Society of NSW will be operating an information booth (a cart with a display of orchids) during the 4 days of orchid competition (12 & 13, and 18 & 19 April) 8am – 8pm.

SSOS members will be there on the 12th 12-3pm & 13th 9-12pm



Australian Orchid Council Conference

2 - 4 September 2022

Logan Metro Sports & Events Centre,
357 Browns Plains Rd, Crestmead, QLD
<https://aocc2022.org>

Southern Orchid Spectacular

7th, 8th, 9th October 2022

(see OSNSW Website for details)

MINUTES

SSOS GENERAL MEETING

14 March 2022

Our new Vice President Rhonda Jackson, opened the general meeting at 8.35pm, extending a very warm welcome to everyone to our first meeting for 2022, and a special welcome tonight to our guests - Adrian O'Malley and Martin Davies.

Following a brief mention of the recent flood disasters in both States, we expressed our sincere thoughts to those who have especially lost family members, their homes, businesses and personal possessions.

APOLOGIES: received tonight from Gifford Bunt, Gary Hodder and Isabella Flannery. Rhonda mentioned that Ray Anthony is recovering in hospital from a fall, and we wished him all the best for a speedy recovery.

MINUTES FROM DECEMBER: Diane Phillips motioned that the minutes of the December 2021 general meeting as distributed be accepted as accurate, seconded John Costa - motion carried.

COVID REGULATIONS:

It was noted that although restrictions had eased, we are all still aware of the Covid threat in the community, and we should all continue to be mindful of each other, and continue actioning basic Covid safe practises where possible. The wearing of masks at meetings is a personal choice.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- **Plant Benching for 2022:** the reduced plant class schedules will operate to November. The total annual scores for 2022 will include points earned at last December's meeting.
- **Benching Point Score Awards from 2021** - were distributed to those winners who missed the December meeting.
 1. In the Novice Division, **Sonia Tropoulos** took out 1st place with 24 points
(Sonia was not present tonight, so the award will be held over to a future meeting)
 2. Also, in the Novice Division, **Melissa Karayannis** took out 3rd place with 7 points
Congratulations Melissa
 3. In the Open Division, **Vic Petrovski** took out 1st place with 52 points
Congratulations Vic
 4. Also, in the Open Division, **Herbert Chen** took out 3rd place with 35 points
(Herbert was not present tonight, so the award will be held over to a future meeting)
- **Appreciation Award from 2021:**
Members were informed that Committee had presented our retiring Editor, Melissa Karayannis with an Appreciation Award (Large Catt. and Certificate) for her outstanding work on the Bulletin, especially during the Covid lockdown months. This was followed with a round of applause.
- **Membership Fees for 2022:** members were reminded that annual fees are now due and can be either renewed tonight with our Treasurer, or by direct deposit. Also, to please keep those member details forms coming in to the Secretary, including your emergency contact.
- **SSOS Name badges** – members were asked to see David if you have still to collect your new 'White & Black' name badge.
- **Sales Table:** members were informed that Committee are currently finalising some operational details, and hoping to reopen the sales table for the April meeting. Members to be advised before the next meeting.
- **Supper:** It was noted to members that previously, Gifford Bunt had organised the supper but now that he is President, we need volunteers to manage this.

Rhonda Jackson @ Home



C. Caudebec 'carmela' x
C. Monte Elegance 'Richard'



Maclellanara Pagan Love Song
'Moon Nymph' HCC

S.S.O.S

WINTER SHOW

2022

Friday 10th & Sat. 11th June

(setup Thursday 9th June)

VENUE:

Reef Centre, Woollooware Shores

Retirement Village

3-28 Alexander Avenue, Taren
Point

(Display, Sales, Re-potting, Raffle)

10am – 4pm Friday, 10am – 2pm Saturday

(Note: Show is not open to the general
public)

**** confirmation & details
coming soon! ****

(GM Minutes Cont'd)

Rhonda asked for volunteers on the night without result, alternatively, members were requested to have a think about it after the meeting, and if you could help out, please advise the Secretary.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- **Winter and Spring Shows for 2022:** two dates proposed: **Winter** set-up 9th June for Show 10th, 11th, **Spring:** set-up 18th August for Show 19th, and 20th. Both Shows will most likely remain closed to the general public. More discussion next Committee meeting, members to be kept informed at meetings and via the Bulletin.
- **2022 Easter Show** – the OSNSW has again, organised a promotional cart for all affiliated societies at the Royal Easter Show. Rhonda mentioned that herself and Jan will be there on the 12th April, Diane and Eleanor on the 13th if anyone is attending. The orchid display is on the 12, 13 and 18, 19 April.
- **SSOS Bulletin:** members were informed that a new Bulletin, jointly produced by David Hicks and Rhonda Jackson, will be commencing from April and the first edition will be sent out to members towards the end of March. Members were asked if they would continue to contribute photos and articles each month!

To contribute, please forward your 'Photos @ Home' or articles to David at:

E: davehicks@optusnet.com.au

- **Orchids Out West:** We've received a flyer to inform us that Orchids Out West Display and Fair, is on again this year. The dates being the 27th – 29th May at the Hawkesbury Race Club, Clarendon. A copy of the Flyer with the details will be published in the April Bulletin.
- **Activity for Tonight:** After the break, Murray gave us a terrific 'back-to-the-basics' orchid growing presentation. His talk focussed on 'getting conditions and potting mixes right for you', adding the importance of adequate air movement, and correct amount of shade for the genera grown. Select the best location of your growing areas to maximise the amount of light during the day. Researching the conditions of your plants in the wild is beneficial. Murray also gave us a great insight into the safety hazards associated with using some pest control chemicals, and suggested the use of safer alternatives like **'Neem Oil'** which are quite effective. **Thank-you Murray for such an informative talk!**
- **Other - Flood Donations:** George Birss mentioned an initiative from Bold Trailers at Miranda who had advertised for donations for flood victims to be dropped off at their Miranda Workshop between 7th - 19th March. They had arranged a semi-trailer to deliver the donated goods. Details were left with the Secretary for anyone wanting further details.
- **Other - Wire Pot Hangers:** Heath Myers advised he can now be contacted if you need twin hook or long hook wire plant hangers. M: 0421 789 157. E: beefajenster@gmail.com.

Name Badge Draw: Winner - Col Brandon

Monthly Raffle Winners: John Costa, Heath Myers, Martin Davies, Melissa Karayannis, Richard Dimon, Diane Phillips

**Our special thanks tonight to Col Brandon and Martin Davies for the additional raffle prizes. (GM minutes cont'd next page)*



MARCH JUDGES' CHOICE AWARDS:

Plant of the Night: *Jan Robinson*

Open Class Hybrid: *Vic Petrovski*

Open Class Species: *Jan Robertson*

Intermediate Class: *Robert Nicol*

Novice Class: *Margaret Spring*

Presidents' Award: *Vic Petrovski*

Lucky Plant Draw (from December): *Wal Chapman*

Rhonda thanked everyone for their attendance tonight, and mentioned our next general meeting is on **Monday 11th April 2022 @ 8pm**, speaker or activity to be advised.

Members were requested to please assist with putting the tables and chairs away!

Meeting closed at 9.35pm.



Orchid Displays and Sales

27th - 29th May 2022

9am-4pm Friday and Saturday
9am-3pm Sunday

Hawkesbury Race Club
Hawkesbury Valley Way, Clarendon
(Opposite Richmond RAAF Base)

Vendors



Tinonee Orchids
Kiwi Orchid Bark
Dark Star Orchids
Orchid Species Plus
Fong Ping Orchids
Royale Orchids



Orchids on Newbold
Sim's Orchids
Orchid Mania
Johnston's Orchids
Orchids of Distinction

Adults: \$10.00 | Buses: \$8.00
Children under 15 yrs free

- Plenty of free parking
- Close to Clarendon Railway Station
- Free growing advice
- Sausage sizzle and light refreshments

Further information
Phone: 0408 264 040
<https://www.orchidsocietynsw.com.au/OOW2022.htm>



ORCHID AUCTION

organised by

Manly Warringah Orchid Society Inc.
Cromer Community Centre, Fisher Road North, Cromer.
Sunday 10th April, 2022

Auction Starts 9:30am SHARP wet or dry

Approximately 80 lots per hour sold
Plants are available for inspection from 9am
Ample seating. Plenty of parking.
Complimentary tea and coffee available.
No food available, please bring your own lunch.
Payment by: CASH or CHEQUE only

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Bush House **BH** Mericlone **Meri**
Cold Glass House **CGH** Reserve **Res.**
Hot House **HH**
Contact: Tinka Riddell – ph.9940 0797
email. tinkariddell@yahoo.com.au

BUYERS

Manly Warringah Orchid Society Inc. accepts plants for inclusion in this catalogue in good faith that the plant name is as stated by the grower. However, if plants are not in flower, the onus is with buyer to purchase at their own risk. All plants are guaranteed, by the seller, to be free from virus. (Time limitation, 1 month from sale).
Please check your purchases before leaving the hall.
All care but no responsibility is taken.

SELLERS

Please ensure that all plants are numbered in accordance with the CATALOGUE. All plants will be under the supervision of the Quality Control Panel and ONLY Quality plants will be accepted.



From the Bench in March – courtesy George Birss

Miltonia spectabilis var. moreliana 'Big Ben'

Plant of the Night & Judge's Choice Open Species - exhibited by Jan Robinson



A species plant, from south-eastern Brazil and Venezuela, growing at elevations of around 800 metres, as an epiphyte.

It has very light green pseudobulbs and leaves, usually with a single flower per inflorescence.

Requires moderate light in summer and more light in winter, with high humidity.

Although classed as a warm grower it grows well in a bush house with protection from the elements in the Shire.

Once established, grows fairly vigorously and develops into a specimen plant in no time.

Likes free draining mixture and grows well in water well pots.

Jan's plant has been awarded an FCC, is also an Easter Show Grand Champion and has a very large, colourful lip.



Brassia Rex 'Susanne' - Intermediate Judge's Choice - exhibited by Rob Nicol



This plant is a primary hybrid.

Seed parent – *Brassia verrucosa*

Pollen parent – *Brassia gireoudiana*

With pear shaped pseudobulbs that carry two leaves, the 35cm inflorescence can have 20 or more highly fragrant flowers that are spidery in shape. The flower are large at 10 to 17cm in diameter are light green to creamish with brown spots and run along the inflorescence.

To flower this plant requires 8 to 10 hours of sun light (hang it on the cloths line). I personally have trouble flowering this plant others find it easy.

***Dear SSOS Members – we would really appreciate your
@ Home photos or articles to include in our monthly Bulletins.***

***To contribute, please email to:
David Hicks E: davehicks@optusnet.com.au
(by the 24th of each month)
thank-you - Editor***



Pest Forum

Use of Neem Oil

Even with the best of housekeeping, something nasty will eventually either take up home permanently, or make an unwelcome visit somewhere within our collections.

When it does, we start thinking about the best way of treating or preventing it, and to try not and poison ourselves in the process!

The following is just a very basic overview of **Neem Oil** which is considered by many growers as a 'safer' alternative to many other chemicals on the market.

Neem Oil comes mostly from the seeds of the tree *Azadirachta indica*, a South Asian and Indian plant common as a shade tree. In addition to the insecticidal and fungal properties, it is used widely in wax oil, some soap preparations and many organic cosmetics.

The insecticide component is an extract and known as clarified hydrophobic neem oil, and works as a feeding inhibitor plus a repellent.

Neem oil can be applied directly to the infected areas, to leaves or to the soil where it works as a systemic, but in either case, does not remain active in the long term. It would need to be applied on a regular basis until the problem is rectified.

Here in Australia, there are several brands, one being 'eco-neem' which is registered Australian organic, and readily available as a concentrate.

Note: All chemicals should be handled with caution and avoid application on windy days or in confined areas.

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society does not endorse the safety, or effectiveness of any pesticide product.

*Our thanks to Murray for mentioning this product to our members last meeting.

- Editor.

From the Bench in March (Cont'd) – courtesy George Birss

Paph. spicerianum – Novice Judge's Choice - exhibited by Margaret Spring

A species plant found in the Assam region of India, Eastern Himalayas, Bhutan, Myanmar & parts of China.

Growing on steep rocky slopes & rock crevasses where its roots run deep at elevations of 300 – 2000 mts. As a terrestrial. It has dull green leaves that are speckled purple. The reflexed pristine white dorsal blends to green at the center with a purple/red vein running down the center. The petals are lime green and the pouch or slipper is a glossy brownish green. At the center of the plant is what looks like a face.



Grows in a shade house in the Shire and without doubt one of the prettiest paphs. you can have in your collection.

Fairly easy to grow, once established and very rewarding. Regular watering and fertilising in a free draining mix with good air movement and light.

Phalaenopsis pulchra – exhibited by George Birss



A species from the Philippines growing at 100 – 650 mts. As a warm to hot epiphyte on eastern mountain slopes.

Fragrant, fleshy, waxy star shaped flowers that last about 4 weeks are a deep magenta colour.

Needs re potting every 2 years, as the mix decomposes. Use chunky bark with charcoal or tile pieces. Needs heat, lots of water and humidity. Bright light but not sun and good air movement, susceptible to mealy bug if not watched.

A great mini Phalae. where the leaves only spread out 10 – 15 cm. These mini specie phalae once established are fairly easy to grow and come in a wide range of colours.

If you can give them a warm environment, either a hot house or warm window sill, the rewards will be worth it.

Disclaimer: The growing guides included in this Bulletin are provided as a starting basis to cultivation, and local conditions in your area may require modification to these suggestions. The Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc. does not endorse or support any claims or opinions expressed by the authors of these articles, and are not responsible for the results of your cultivation practices.