

# SUTHERLAND SHIRE ORCHID SOCIETY

BULLETIN: March 2021

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## FEBRUARY MEETING JUDGE'S CHOICE WINNERS:



**OPEN HYBRID &  
Plant Of The  
Night**

*Dimitrios Mitsios*

Paph. Umatilla



**OPEN SPECIES**

*John Costa*

Prosthechea radiata



**INTERMEDIATE:**

*Rhonda Jackson*

Brassia Rex



**NOVICE:**

*Margaret Spring*

Onc. Aka Baby  
'Raspberry Chocolate'

(Photos by Pam Davies)



## **Next Meeting:**

Monday 8th March

8pm Main Meeting

Please arrive at 7.45 to be  
Covid Checked-In

Sutherland Uniting  
Church Auditorium,  
Cnr Flora & Merton  
Streets, Sutherland

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# *SSOS Members, Bloomin'Awesome At Home*



Zygo cynosure 'blue birds'  
(Diane Phillips)

Ddc. uncatum (Robert Nicol)



Stan Occulata  
(Ian Ware)



Lc Mini Purple Batermanla  
(John Hely)

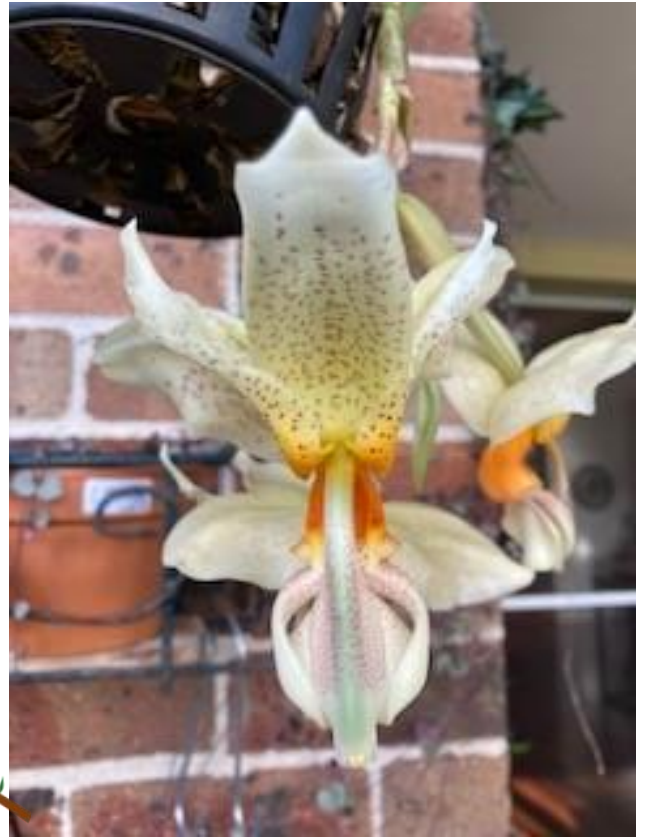




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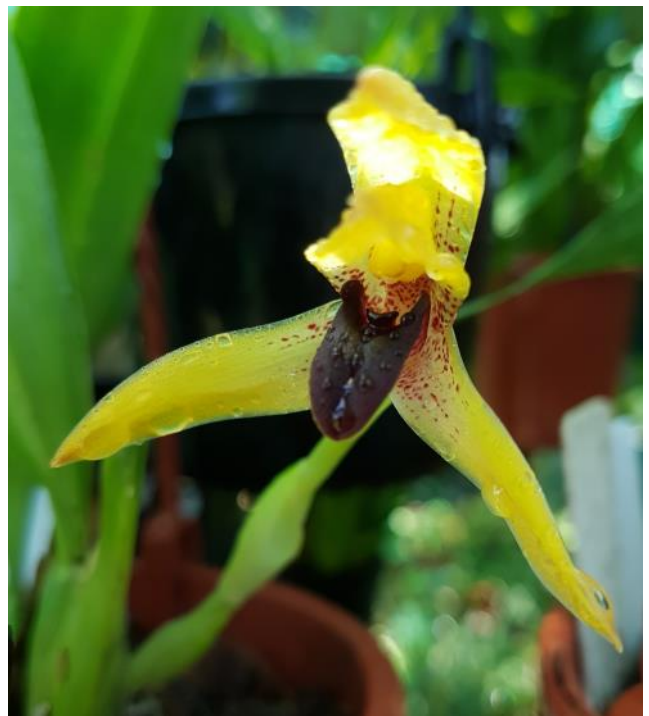
Onc. Ornithorhynchum  
(John Hely)



S. wardii  
(Diane Phillips)



Bllra. Marfitch Howard's Dream 'Dark'  
(Melissa Karayannis)



Max. Cucullata  
(John Hely)

## President's Message...

Greetings Fellow Members – **We're back!!!** Twenty five orchid-starved members braved the new Covid-safe changes to our monthly procedures and participated in our first meeting since March 2020. QR codes were activated, hands sanitized, social distancing was maintained, everyone got their plants benched in the right spot in the new class sections, we all had a good chat and a few laughs, and everyone learned something from Murray's impromptu talk. Well done, you 24, isn't it great to be back?! We missed the rest of you, though!



Even the thirty four competition plants that were given their first outing in months looked pleased to be out and about, there were some absolute stunners amongst them.

No 50mm tubes on the raffle table, either, there was at least one flowering size plant on offer and the odds were excellent on winning with only 25 people vying for a prize. (We have subsequently received a shipment from Tinonee Orchid Nursery, so the raffle plants will be even bigger and better next month!)



We're keeping it relaxed for the next few months as far as the meeting format goes. Only two people fell asleep while I was rabbiting on up at the front about administrative matters during our February meeting, I promise we'll talk more about orchid culture next month! When asked if anyone minded that we didn't have supper, no one seemed to care. When asked if the meeting format was ok or did they want

proper "guest speakers," the casual format got the thumbs up.

So come and join your orchid colleagues next month at our March meeting. Don't let the fact that you've got nothing to put on the bench keep you at home. With social distance requirements relaxing, more people are allowed in our meeting hall and we will continue to do everything we can to be Covid-safe. "Negligence—we don't want any!!" is our buzz phrase for 2021 and with everyone pitching in to do their part, hopefully we can get back to sharing our wonderful hobby together like the good old days.

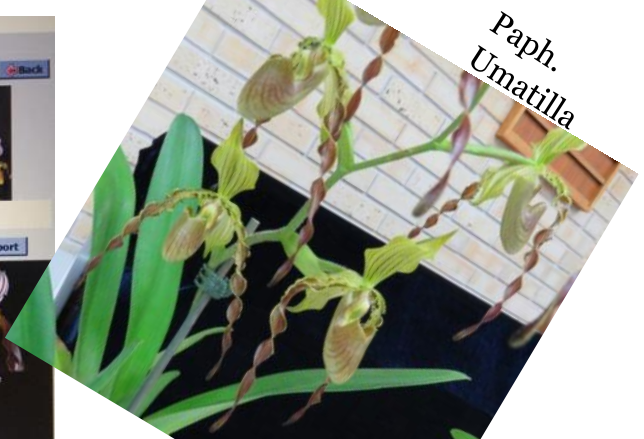
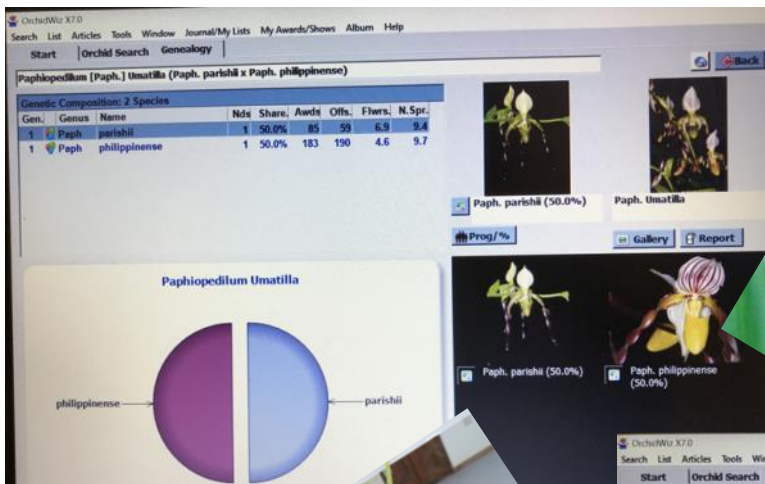
See you on 8<sup>th</sup> March,





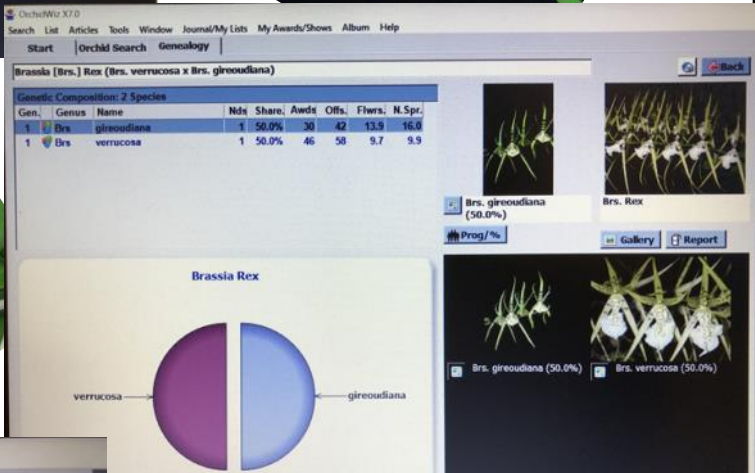
# Excerpts from ORCHID WIZ ORCHID DATABASE SOFTWARE on our Meeting Winners (orchidwiz.com)

Onc. Aka Baby  
'Raspberry Chocolate'



Paph.  
Umatilla

Brassia Rex



**The Bakers' descriptive information on Encyclia radiata**

**Descriptions**

**ORIGIN/HABITAT:** Mexico, Guatemala, and Honduras. In Mexico, plants are found in the states of Chiapas, Oaxaca, Puebla, San Luis Potosí, Tabasco, and Veracruz. In Guatemala, plants are found in the northeastern Peten region, with collections made on the ruins at Tikal. Plants may be found in oak, oak-pine, or tropical evergreen forests at 500-6550 ft. (150-2000 m).

**PLANT SIZE AND TYPE:** A moderate-large epiphyte that grows 8-18 in. (21-46 cm) tall with growths spaced up to 1 in. (2.5 cm) apart.

**PSEUDOBULB:** 2.8-4.3 in. (7-11 cm) long by 0.8-2.0 in. (2-5 cm) wide. The elliptic to narrowly egg-shaped or club-shaped pseudobulbs are somewhat flattened, usually distinctly grooved, and often stalked at the base.

**LEAVES:** 5-14 in. (12-35 cm) long by 0.6-1.2 in. (1.4-3.0 cm) wide; 2-4 linear to strap-shaped or linear-lanceolate leaves are carried at the apex of each pseudobulb. The leaves are rather leathery with a blunt tip at the apex.

**INFLORESCENCE:** 3-9 in. (7-24 cm) long including the peduncle and raceme. The peduncle is stout and erect with several thin, dry bracts that are 0.1-0.4 in. (0.3-1.0 cm) long. Inflorescences emerge at the apex of the most recently matured pseudobulb on growths that were made the previous growing season.

**FLOWERS:** 4-12. Flowers are showy, fragrant, and about 1.2 in. (3 cm) across with cream-colored sepals and petals with a purplish streaked lip that is held uppermost. Sepals and petals are 0.6-0.8 in. (1.5-2.0 cm) long. The elliptic sepals are broadly pointed and 0.2-0.3 in. (0.5-0.7 cm) wide. The elliptic to egg-shaped petals are sharply pointed and 0.3-0.4 in. (0.8-1.1 cm) wide. The rather large, rounded lip, which is 0.4-0.5 in. (1.0-1.3 cm) long by 0.5-0.8 in. (1.3-2.0 cm) wide, is attached to the column for about 0.2 in. (0.4-0.5 cm), or half the length of the column. The blade of the lip is described variously as triangular or kidney-shaped with a base that is rather square or slightly heart-shaped, and the margin is slightly wavy and more or less notched in the center of the apex. The callus at the lip base is smooth. The stout column is 0.3-0.4 in. (0.8-1.0 cm) long with a mid-tooth that merges into a broad, fan-shaped, irregularly notched, tongue-like extension. Although similar to other "cockle-shell" orchids, E. radiata can be recognized by the apically fringed central tooth of its column and the notch in the center of the otherwise round apex of the lip.

**Photo by S. Smoker**

**Sources**

This information is quoted from a Charles Baker culture sheet. For more details please consult [www.orchidculture.com](http://www.orchidculture.com).

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Prosthechea/  
Encyclia radiata





Welcome to Wal Chapman's  
***Guess The Genera!***

*Take a guess then read the up-side-down answers*



Phalaenopsis Unknown  
Rhynchostylis gigantea  
Cymbidium Beacon Fire 'Cecil Park'  
Dendrochilum cobbianum  
Paphiopedilum delenatii  
Pterstylis curta  
Phalaenopsis Unknown  
Phalaenopsis schillerana

**If you can't make it to the General Meeting,**

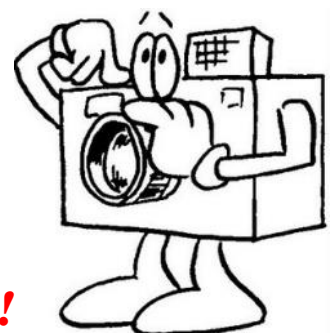
**Email** photos of orchids currently in bloom and their names to Melissa

at [mjbk1@bigpond.com](mailto:mjbk1@bigpond.com) for the next bulletin

**Want to write an article for the  
bulletin??**

Email to [mjbk1@bigpond.com](mailto:mjbk1@bigpond.com)

***Both before Sunday March 28th please !***



## **Laelia purpurata show at Royale Orchids 2020 - report by Lesley Bromley**

This show at Royale Orchids follows in the tradition of the *Cattleya purpurata* shows in Brazil where these orchids grow naturally. I have named the various classes which had entries with a very brief description followed by the 1st & 2nd in those classes. This year due to Covid the show was smaller than normal and some classes only had 1 entry.

**Tipo** - this is the most typical colour form found in nature.

**1st**



**2nd**



**B. Coerulea** - petals & sepal can vary from white to light slate with the labellum deeper slate blue.

**1st**



**2nd**



**C. Carnea** - (flesh coloured) petals & sepals generally white with labellum attractive shades of flesh pink.

**1st**



**E. Roxo-Violeta** - petals & sepal generally white with the labellum coloured deep purple with hints of blue.

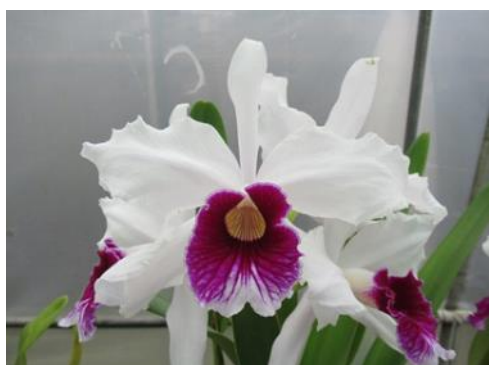
**1st**



**G. Semi Alba** - petals & sepal white to milky cream with the labellum coloured purple.

**I. Russeliana** - petals & sepal generally white to pale pink with the

**1st**



**1st**





**K. Alba** - petals & sepal totally white, labellum also white but may have some yellow in the throat.

1<sup>st</sup>



**M. Rubra** - petals & sepal are coloured with deep matte pink/ purple, the sepals may be slightly lighter, the labellum is a dark red/purple with yellow in the throat.

1<sup>st</sup>



**N. Sanguinea** - petals & sepals are coloured deep red/purple with a velvety texture with the labellum more intense in colour.

1<sup>st</sup>



**O. Anellata** - petals & sepals are white and the labellum has a well demarcated thin ring of colour which encircles the labellum at the entrance of the throat.

1<sup>st</sup>



**L. Striata** - petals have striations on the outer surface of them, the striations are generally parallel in the longitudinal direction of the petals.

1<sup>st</sup>



**K. Flamea** - has the colour of the petals that intensifies towards their tip; the petals may also have striations

1<sup>st</sup>



**K. Flamea 2<sup>nd</sup> →**

There are no shows in Australia that I know about, that are restricted to one species of orchid, but when you see a show like this you can appreciate the variety of colours that these orchids can come in.

#### ***Laelia purpurata***

These are also a great orchid for members who do not have a hot-house as they grow cold, and seem quite tolerant to all kinds of potting mix. They flower around Christmas quickly bulking up to

a large pot of colour, I highly recommend them members to have one or two of these orchids in their collection.



Thankyou Lesley !



Many of our members have orchids that were originally part of the late Ted Beehag's orchid collection. The Bulletin has already featured some of his recent blooms in the hands of new caretakers. John Hely has suggested we add a **Ted Beehag Blooms** section as a regular bulletin feature. So here's the first installment!



Slc Angel Eyes x Slc Dal's Halo  
(John Hely)



If you would like to join in, please send me photos ([mjbk1@bigpond.com](mailto:mjbk1@bigpond.com)) of Ted Beehag Blooms as they open up.

## Keep in touch via our **Facebook** Group: “Sutherland Orchid Society”

Post your growing tips, recent mail order purchases, questions or just what's in flower at your place..... we'd all love to hear about it.!

If you are having any problems, please contact Jan Robinson [jadrob@bigpond.com](mailto:jadrob@bigpond.com) or Dan Coulton 0419 466986 for assistance.



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## SSOS GENERAL MEETING

Minutes – 8 February 2021



Jan opened the meeting at 8pm and extended a very warm welcome back to our members after nearly 11 months of recess due to Covid-19.

Members were thanked for attending the first 'new form' of meeting for 2021, modelled to comply with the current regulations.

A special thank-you was also extended to all members who participated in our Facebook page, sending in photos and articles for the bulletin, the 'online raffle', website, and generally just keeping in touch with one another.

**Apologies:** Frank Daniel

**New Members:** Elliot Fielder- welcome

### GENERAL BUSINESS

The following important points surrounding the planning of this meeting, and for future meetings and functions, were extracted from Jan's speaker's notes:

The number one priority from Committee is the health of our members, financial second but naturally also very important.

It was noted that the bulk of our members are in the Covid-19 'high risk' bracket as categorised by the NSW Dept of Health

Coverage for Covid related claims for both personal and property claims were questioned with the OSNSW, as they are the principals of the 2 policies we fall under.

We have 2 insurance policies. The first is **Voluntary Workers Personal Accident Insurance** which is for accidental injury and death only. Quoting from our insurer AON, '**ANY VOLUNTEER WHO MAY CONTRACT COVID-19 HAS NO COVER**' So any of our volunteers will need to use their own medical insurance or the Government's if they get Covid -19 at any of our functions.

Our other Insurance policy is **Public Liability - and this is where the major concern lies**. This policy covers the Society's legal liability to pay third parties for personal injury and / or property damage if we are proven to be liable or negligent. So, if any third party contracts Covid-19 and sues the Society, they would have to prove that we were and I quote " **LEGALLY LIABLE OR NEGLIGENT FOR THE CONTRACTION OF COVID**" during our activities or events. If it was proven that we were in fact legally liable or negligent, then and I quote again "**ALL COSTS OF THE CLAIM WOULD BE REVIEWED INCLUDING DEEP CLEANING COSTS**"

The Society's assets were noted around \$25k and the question was how far do we think that would go towards defending a court case or paying out for a deep clean of the premises?

So, the buzz word for SSOS meetings and functions in 2021 is: '**NEGLIGENCE - AND WE DON'T WANT ANY**' The Committee is going to do everything in our power to make sure we aren't 'NEGLIGENT' with any safety measure and we need you to do the same.

All these rules we've put in place for our meeting tonight hopefully will make sure we aren't '**NEGLIGENT**' if everyone follows them. Checking in with the QR code, sanitising our hands, social distancing, wearing masks if we can't socially distance, not standing around in groups shoulder to shoulder, not judging in panels of 3 or more – all those things are necessary to keep us Covid safe - and from not being '**NEGLIGENT**'

There was brief discussion on the absence of a sales table or traditional supper break as we knew it previously. The logistics of providing these will be referred to Committee for discussion.



Members were asked for their thoughts on how a sales table might be fairly managed under social distancing guidelines as the thought is to use the Creche room at the rear of the hall.

Members were also asked for their thoughts on how a supper/break could be fairly managed under the guidelines. Thoughts were pre wrapped cakes or biscuits, back to disposable cups or bring your own etc. **There was also the suggestion as to do we really need a supper served during the break?** Members thoughts to be referred to Committee.

Other activities touched on were, the annual auction, shows (current venue restrictions), grower's group, - all would need to be governed by the regulations at the time.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

**The orchid competition at the Royal Easter Show 1<sup>st</sup> – 12th April** – Jan spoke about past winners from our Society and provided passionate encouragement for more members to become involved this year. The prizes are good and the prestige of showcasing your plants at the largest agricultural and flower show in the southern hemisphere, (Some may not have shared her enthusiasm though as to being escorted through the back cattle stalls at odd hours!) Entry fee \$35 and on line bookings close 24 February.

**OrchidWiz** – Jan has been able to kindly share her copy with the Society under the terms of the licence. OrchidWiz is a vast software programme providing detailed information relating to the culture, parentage and awards for nearly 500, 000 orchid species and hybrids worldwide. Tonight, a presentation of the software was made to members using examples of the raffle plant prizes for the night. We plan to utilise this at future meetings. **Thank-you Jan** for sharing this wonderful programme with the Society.

**Tonight's Speaker** - Murray gave us all a wonderful and informative insight into some of the complex parentage and many of the little quirks from a selection of plants from the benches. He covered some of the complex paphs, and topics relating to success and woes of pollination, types of pollinating insects and even mentioned some of the more pungent odours (like doggy doo) that emanate from some of the orchids which then need to attract certain types of flies and bees! He also mentioned some of the 'mobile lip' types that mimic flying insects to mate – orchids are very complex! **Thank-you Murray**

## OTHER ITEMS

**Name Badge Draw** – re-drawn several times no result

**Raffle Winners** – Margaret, Murray, Vic, Rhonda, Melissa John Hely, Jan and Dimitrios

**President's Award** – Wal

**Judges Choice** – (see Judging Results)

**Lucky Plant** – Nil this month

Members were reminded that next month's general meeting is on 8 March and will include the AGM. Details for the meeting will be sent out separately to members prior.

Jan closed the meeting at approx. 9.30pm and thanked all members for attendance.





## MONTHLY JUDGING RESULTS

For : Feb-21

### PLANT OF NIGHT

Winner Paph. Umatilla

D. Mitsios



### OPEN CLASS HYBRID

Winner Paph. Umatilla

D. Mitsios

### OPEN CLASS SPECIES

Winner Prosthechea radiata

J. Costa

### INTERMEDIATE

Winner Brassia Rex

R. Jackson

### NOVICE

Winner Onc. Aka Baby 'Raspberry Chocolate'

M. Spring

### PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner Bulb. makoyanum

W. & J. Chapman

### CLASS # 2 PAPHIOPEDILUMS HYBRIDS

1st Paph. Umatilla

D. Mitsios

2nd Paph. Lynleigh Koopowitz

D. Mitsios

3rd Paph. Temptation

D. Mitsios

### CLASS # 3 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS

1st Den.. Goose Bumps 'Calamiforme'

C. Brandon

2nd Den. x grimesii 'Nev'

C. Brandon

### CLASS # 4 LAELIINAE HYBRIDS CLASSICAL SHAPE

1st Blc. Hsinying Aloha 'C.H. Super'

J. Costa

2nd Laelinae 'unknown'

H. Chen

3rd C. Mini Purple

J. Costa

### CLASS # 5 DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS

1st Den. Hsinying Chrysopense

W. & J. Chapman

2nd Den. Aussie Ira x Ruth. Starburst x Fuliginosum x Fire Glow

C. Brandon

3rd Den. Red Mangosteen

V. Petrovski

### CLASS # 7 ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS

1st Mps. Red Tide

V. Petrovski

### CLASS # 9 SPECIES ASIAN

1st Paph. parishii

D. Mitsios

2nd Ddc. magnum

J. Costa

3rd Bulb. makoyanum

W. & J. Chapman

4th V. falcata

J. Robinson

### CLASS # 10 MISC. HYBRIDS

1st Van. Ispbells's Burnished Gold

D. Mitsios

2nd Prom. Catarina 'Top Gold'

J. Robinson

3rd Prom. rollissonii x ovatiloba

J. Robinson

### CLASS # 11 SPECIES OTHER THAN ASIAN

1st Prosthechea radiata

J. Costa

2nd Prom. stapelioides

J. Robinson

### CLASS # 12 NOVICE HYBRIDS

1st Onc. Aka Baby 'Raspberry Chocolate'

M. Spring

### CLASS # 14 INTERMEDIATE HYBRIDS

1st Brassia Rex

R. Jackson

### CLASS # 15 INTERMEDIATE SPECIES

1st Bulb. echinolabium

R. Nicol

2nd C. Intermedia var alba

R. Nicol

3rd Brassavola nodosa

R. Nicol

