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Carol's *Paphiopedilum* T.B. 'Dandy'

May 2021 Newsletter

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NEXT MEETING SUNDAY 23rd MAY

1.30 pm Bench Orchids
2.00 pm General Meeting
Venue: Albany Bridge Club, Mill Street Albany

Competition Plant for May:- *Brassidium* Tigerlilly 'Tinonee'

AOS Calendar 2021 Please keep these details handy on your fridge or on your mobile phone

Morning Cuppa Friday 14 th May 6 th – 7 th May	10 00am at Barletta's, Proudlove Avenue Pop up display at Chester Pass Mall
AOS Monthly Meeting Sunday 23 rd May	1.30pm benching 2.00pm Meeting begins

BENCHING RESULTS FOR April 2021

GROWERS

OPEN SECTION

1 st <i>Dendrobium moniliforme</i>	3 points	Gail Brodziak
1 st <i>Zygopetalum</i> Titanic 'Pacific Iceberg'	3 points	Gail Brodziak
1 st <i>Zygopetalum</i> Titanic 'Mackayii'	3 points	Gail Brodziak
1 st <i>Cattleya potinara</i> Creation 'Sakura Candy'	3 points	Gail Brodziak
2 nd <i>Cattleya bowringiana</i> Harrisonae	2 points	Gail Brodziak
2 nd <i>Coelogyne fimbriata</i> 'Alba'	2 points	Gail Brodziak
2 nd <i>Dendrobium</i> Korawin x <i>Den.</i> Barbara Tulloch	2 points	Gail Brodziak
2 nd <i>Oncidium</i> 'Kaiulani'	2 points	Gail Brodziak
1 st <i>Dendrobium</i> 'Hilda Poxon'	3 points	Julie Elliott
1 st <i>Beallara</i> 'Peggy Ruth Carpenter'	3 points	Julie Elliott
1 st <i>Odontocidium</i> Tiger Barb 'Kilauea'	3 points	Julie Elliott
3 rd <i>Degarmoara</i> Olympia 'Jacqui'	1 point	Julie Elliott
1 st <i>Laeliinae</i> Unknown	3 points	Carol White
1 st <i>Paphiopedalum</i> T.B. Dandy	3 points	Carol White
1 st <i>Masdevallia</i> Copper Angel x <i>Masdevallia</i> Panguiensis	3 points	Edna Murdoch
2 nd <i>Masdevallia</i> Machu Picchu	2 points	Edna Murdoch

NOVICE SECTION

1 st <i>Dendrobium</i> Unknown	3 points	Donna Stretton
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The most popular vote was won by *Cattleya potinara* Creation 'Sakura Candy' and was grown by Gail Brodziak



Gail's *Potinara* Creation Sakura 'Candy'

March meeting Raffle results:-

1 st Prize	Carol White
2 nd Prize	Ron Panting
Door Prize	Carol White

CUPPA MORNING

Our next cuppa morning is on Friday 14th May at 10am, the venue is Barletta Cafe in 76 Proudlove Parade, Albany Hope to see you there.

COMPETITION PLANTS

The competition plants for March meeting are the cymbidiums also *Dendrobium* 'Stupid Orange' x *Dendrobium* 'Rusty Buckets'

Please bring your plants to the meeting, so Jane can record your plants' progresses.



Julie's *Zygopetalum*

OVERDUE MEMBERSHIPS

Albany Orchid Society annual memberships are well overdue, thank you to all members who have paid their subscriptions for 2021-22. To keep receiving this newsletter and to bench your orchids, you must be a financial member. If you would like to remain a member of AOS please pay by the May meeting, or contact Glenn Diggins via email or ring him on 0411054750 to arrange to pay your subs, the cost is \$20 per member or \$30 per couple and \$10 for juniors.

POPUP LOUNGE

AOS will be hosting a popup lounge at Chester Pass Mall on 6th, and 7th May. This is being organized by Carol White.

INTERSOCIETY CHALLENGE

The next intersociety Challenge will be held at the Kelmscott hall on 7th and 8th August 2021. More details will be given as they come to hand.

AOS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

We are planning on a dinner to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the inauguration of Albany Orchid Society, this will happen later this year. If you have any information or photos etc. please let Barbara or Libby know.



Culture of *Dendrobium moniliforme* – the Japanese Stone Orchid

Light

Dendrobium moniliforme prefers moderate to bright light levels, from 2000 – 3500 foot-candles. If you are growing under fluorescent lights, keep the plants about 6" from the tubes. Under high-intensity lamps, grow approximately 4 feet (1 meter) from the fixture. This plant can be grown on windowsills given an east, south, or west exposure. Plants may be grown outdoors in the summer with filtered sunlight.

Temperature

This plant is a cold to hot grower. High temperatures can be as great as 100° F during the day, with a 10° to 15° difference at night. During fall and winter months, day temperatures can be below 30° F, but plants should stay on the drier side during cold periods. It is critical that plants be exposed to temps in the 50's or lower for at least a couple weeks in order to bloom well in the spring. Without a cold period, plants will grow well but produce fewer flowers.

Humidity

Should be kept above 40%. Use humidity trays or a small room humidifier when growing on windowsills.

Water & Fertilizer

Use clean water such as rainwater, spring water, or reverse osmosis water if possible. Flush the plant regularly, especially if using municipal or well water. Never use artificially softened water. Use ample water and fertilizer in spring and summer while the plants are in active growth and in flower, reducing quantities during cooler winter days. To maximize flowering, give plants a drier season in winter. Lightly mist plants frequently, but water once every two weeks or so. Plants that are watered well through winter tend to produce keikis rather than flowers in spring. If using rain, spring, or reverse osmosis water, add some municipal or well water (or other source) to supply the necessary calcium and magnesium.

Flowering

Dendrobium moniliforme blooms primarily in late winter or early spring and sometimes again in late summer. The inflorescence has one or two flowers and may have several inflorescences per cane. The fragrant and long-lasting flowers may be white, cream, yellow, green, or pink.

Repotting

Repotting of this plant is preferably done in the spring and early summer, every year if in moss. Clay, plastic, or net pots, or wood baskets will work. Closed pots are better to keep moisture high around the roots in summer; however, many people grow this plant in baskets or on mounts (this requires greater attention to watering). Pay attention to how your plant is potted when you receive it: plants often prefer the medium to which they have become accustomed. Traditionally, Japanese grow *Dendrobium moniliforme* (Choseiran) mounded in moss.