

# Albany Orchid Society

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Ron Gresswell's *Cattleya* Pink Empress

## July 2021 Newsletter

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### NEXT MEETING SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021

There is no benching of orchids or competition plants, due to the July show

2.00 pm General Meeting

Venue: Albany Bridge Club, Mill Street Albany

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

Committee meeting Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	1.30 pm Vancouver Street Cafe
Morning Cuppa Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	10 00 am Zhivago's Café North Road shopping centre
AOS Monthly Meeting Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	2.00 pm Pre-show Meeting
21 <sup>st</sup> July set up tables for winter show	10.00 am at North Road Shopping centre
21 <sup>st</sup> July Bring plants to show	3.00 pm North Road Shopping Centre
22 <sup>nd</sup> July First day of show	7.00 am -7 pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> July Second day of show	7.00 am-8.30 pm
24 <sup>th</sup> July last day of show	7.00 am-12.30 pm

OPEN SECTION

1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Lycaste</i> Sunray <i>Clyc.Skinneri</i> 'Ipara' x <i>Lyc.Shoalhaven</i> 'Kyoto'	3 points	Edna Murdoch
2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Dendrobium</i> Unknown	2 points	Max Anning
1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Oncidium</i> Kenneth Bivens 'Santa Barbara'	3 points	Jane Arnol
1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Zygopetalum</i> Unknown	3 points	Gail Brodziak
1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Dendrobium</i> Sea Mary 'Harikaze'	3 points	Gail Brodziak
1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Cattleya</i> 'Burana Beauty'	3 points	Gail Brodziak
1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Maxillaria Cucullata</i>	3 points	Gail Brodziak
2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Maxillaria Cucullata</i>	2 points	Gail Brodziak
2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Oncidiium</i> 'Gower Ramsay'	2 points	Gail Brodziak
2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Cymbidium</i> Unknown	2 points	Gail Brodziak
3 <sup>rd</sup> <i>Cymbidium</i> Sarah Jean 'Princess Bride'	1 point	Gail Brodziak
1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Dendrobium</i> Stoney Point 'Starsheen' x Hilda Poxon	3 points	Julie Elliott
1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Cymbidium</i> The Charmer 'Julie's Pride'	3 points	Julie Elliott
1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Cymbidium</i> One Tree Hill 'Doris'	3 points	Julie Elliott
2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Cymbidium</i> Templestowe Charm 'Ruby'	2 points	Julie Elliott
2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Dendrobium</i> Unknown	2 points	Julie Elliott
2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Cattleya</i> unknown	2 points	Julie Elliott
2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Masdevallia</i> Midas Touch 'Golden Dynasty'	2 points	Julie Elliott
3 <sup>rd</sup> <i>Masdevallia</i> Peppermint Glow 'Beenak'	1 point	Julie Elliott
1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Cattleya Alliance BLC.</i> 'Pink Empress'	3 points	Ron Gresswell
1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Miltassia</i> Charles M Fitch 'Izumi'	3 points	Ron Gresswell
1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Cymbidium</i> Sarah Jean 'Princess Bride'	2 points	Mary Warnes
1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Villosum	3 points	Carol White
3 <sup>rd</sup> <i>Cymbidium</i> Unknown	2 points	Carol White
2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Paphiopedilum</i> <i>Lawrencianum</i>	2 points	Diedre Black
3 <sup>rd</sup> <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Villosum	1 point	Diedre Black

NOVICE SECTION

1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Unknown	3 points	Libby Hocking
1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Dendrobium</i> Jonathon's Glory 'Dark Joy'	3 points	Terry Thompson
1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Zygopetalum</i> Unknown	3 points	Donna Stretton

Most popular orchid was *Cattleya* Burana Beauty and was grown by Gail Brodziak



Julie's *Cymbidium* Templestowe Charm 'Ruby'



Gail's *Cattleya* Burana Beauty

## Raffle results

1<sup>st</sup> Prize            Gail Brodziak  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize            Jane Arnol  
Door prize        Tony Budrovich

## COMPETITION PLANTS

There is a new competition plant and it is a Cymbidium. If you weren't able to get to the last meeting, you will be able to pick one up at the next meeting. We are still looking for another one, preferably a Dendrobium.

## WINTER SHOW

The winter show will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> July. If you can help with setting up the tables etc. on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 10am in North Road Shopping Centre, please let Barbara know. Please have your plants labeled with your green cards paper clipped to one of the leaves and the white slips taped to the front of your pots and bring them to the North Road Shopping Centre at 3pm on 21<sup>st</sup> July. If unable to do so due to work commitments etc. please notify.

## FLORAL ART THEME

The theme for floral art at the July show is 'I've been framed' Here are a couple of ideas



Please note;- Your floral art entries must be benched by 8.30 on Thursday morning.

## GUEST SPEAKERS

Thanks to Deidre Black who gave an excellent talk and demonstration on mounting orchids onto bark and other natural medium. Thanks also to Max Anning who helped Deidre with the tricky bits.



At the last meeting Tony Budrovich gave us all a piece of *Bulbophyllum Fascinator*. This is what the flower will look like. I found some culture notes online; as below



**Genus Description** *Bulbophyllum* is currently considered the most diverse genus of orchids with over 1500 species described.

Bulbophyllums are found in all tropical areas on Earth, and they are as diverse morphologically as they are geographically. Though named for their bulbous leaves, all Bulbophyllums share some common flower characteristics including a hinged column which causes part of the flower to jiggle or bob. The better to lure in pollinators! Speaking of which, many bulbophyllums are pollinated by flies—flies that are attracted to things that look and/or smell, um... dead. So approach bulbophyllum flowers with a cautious nose.

### Growing Tips

Bulbophyllums are easy to grow. They like to stay moist, and most of them like warm temperatures. We grow ours in intermediate (winter) to hot (summer) conditions. Similarly, they grow well in intermediate light although they can tolerate low light conditions, too (you will see fewer flowers). I have found increased success since growing mine in a closed tray with a little water standing in the bottom for those in pots. For plants in baskets, water frequently and from all sides. Bulbophyllums enjoy regular fertilizer (I use a slow release and occasional additional fertilizer by spray), and may be potted in bark, moss, or a combination of the two. Because they have short roots, baskets or shallow pots work best for these guys.

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Tony also gave some excellent advice on photographing orchids. Some of our members brought along their SLR cameras, their mobile phones, their Ipads, tablets and point and shoot cameras. He had a black cloth draped over a screen to photograph some of the orchids benched at the meeting. It is very important to use a plain black background to bring out the colours of your orchids and compose your orchid so it photographs at its best, just like us when we have our photos taken!. Also you don't want other plant life or objects in the background.

Tony also gave his expert advice during the benching of our orchids at the meeting, as he is an orchid judge too.

Thank you Tony, we always enjoy having you at our meetings, your membership in our club is much appreciated.

As in the photo below, I always use a black cloth over something big, such as a large piece of cardboard, or even an empty carton when photographing my orchids at home. This one was taken on my stove.



Gail's *Dendrobium* Victorian Regency

### AOS ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

We have table bookings at Le Grande for 31<sup>st</sup> October at midday for our anniversary celebration to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> year of the inauguration of Albany Orchid Society. We will also be having a display of photos and memorabilia at the spring show. If you have any photos, stories or any other items of interest please let Libby know.

### ORCHIDUP

We are trying to organise another trip out to Orchidup in Walpole after the winter show, so keep an eye on this space.

### CLARENCE HOUSE

Clarence house have asked if we can do a display and talk on our orchids for the residents who are unable to attend our shows. We are looking into doing that later this year.

### ALBANY SHOW

We have been informed by the Albany Show Committee that we can do another orchid display and sale at the show this year. We have taken them up on the offer.

### INTERSOCIETY ORCHID SHOW AND DISPLAY

Several of our members are travelling to Kelmscott on the first weekend in August to attend the ISOS&D. If you are interested in going, please let Libby or Julie know. There is quite a lot of good accommodation in the area.

### CLUB LIBRARY

Terri Thompson has taken on the care of the society's library books. We have an extensive range of books there on orchid types and orchid culture that you can borrow for a while. Please speak to Terri at the meeting if you would like to have a look at them.