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April Plant of the Night: *Ddc. arachnites*
(owned by Robert Cawley)



April Novice Plant of the Night:
Epi. White (owned by Stan Mucha)

Orchids
Out West  2023

26th-28th May

Fri & Sat: 9am-4pm
Sun: 9am-2pm

Philip Charley Pavilion, Hawkesbury Showground,
Clarendon (opposite Richmond RAAF Base) 2756

Entry Fee: \$10 per person \$8 each for bus group FREE children under 15
Plenty of free parking. Clarendon Railway Station nearby. BBQ and light refreshments available.

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President's Report

Winter approaches.....our nights are getting much colder now that May has arrived and you should have your preparations for winter plant care well underway. It's time to ease up on watering and fertilising, relocating those less cold tolerant plants to warmer areas (or to your heated orchid house if you are so lucky!)

I must mention the passing of Lee (Liana) Buivids recently. Lee was an enthusiastic Bankstown member who loved her orchids and was a regular attendee at our meetings for many years. Rest well Lee.

Our best wishes also go to Philip Festa who recently underwent heart surgery and is recuperating at home.

So now to our Chester Square Show! Set up will be 7-7.30am on Thursday May 18. Benching will follow set up and continue until 12 noon. Judging will take place at 9.30 on Friday morning, results available almost immediately. Pack up of show will be from approx. 12 noon on Sunday 21st May.

Volunteers are needed for all shifts from Thursday to Sunday, and if you are selling plants, you need to be available to help on the Sales table.

Good luck everybody!

A week after our show is **Orchids Out West** at the Hawkesbury Showground, the first of the big shows in Sydney for 2023. I hope you all plan to visit this show to see the wonderful displays created by the local societies and spend a few \$\$ to add 'just one more' orchid to your collection. (a lovely day out in the crisp cool air of the lower mountain area, and I love to see and hear the planes over head from the RAAF base nearby)

Open from 9-4 Fri and Sat...9-2 Sunday.

All for now, Veronica



Paph. Western Sky 'Snow Cloud'

Shows 2023

- ◆ **18-21 May:** Chester Square Shopping Centre, 1 Leicester St Chester Hill
- ◆ **26-28 May:** Orchids Out West, Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon
- ◆ **24-25 June:** Mingara Recreation Club, Tumby Umbi
- ◆ **28-30 July:** Lidcombe Shopping Centre, Level 1, 92 Parramatta Rd Lidcombe
- ◆ **11-13 August:** National Orchid Extravaganza (incorporating the Paphiopedilum Society of NSW), The Arena Sports Club, 140 Rookwood Rd, Yagoona
- ◆ **18-20 August,** St Ives Fair, St Ives Showground
- ◆ **13-15 October,** Orchids Central, Club Condell Park, 178 Eldridge Rd Bankstown

Committee - 2023

President:	Veronica Clowes
Vice-President:	Vacant
Secretary:	May Chin
Treasurer:	Lyn Donald
Registrar:	Stephen Lee
Editor/Web:	Toni Benton
Committee:	
Joseph Chow	Jim Cootes
Terry Thompson	Max Redman
Marge Yabsley	Lorraine Grey

Plant Benching

At monthly meetings all plants must be benched by 7:20pm
Rewrite those labels if they are illegible.

******* N.B. THIS THIS NOT THE SHOW SCHEDULE FOR CHESTER SQUARE *******

**Winter Show Schedule 2023
27-30 July, Lidcombe Shopping Centre**

Setup Details

Table Setup:	Thursday 27 July from 7.00 am
Plant Benching & Show Set Up:	Thursday 27 July until 12 noon
Judging:	Friday 28 July at 9.30 am
Dismantling	Sunday 30 July from 12 noon at the President's discretion (please be present before 12 noon)

Prizes

Grand Champion:	\$75 and Sash
Reserve Champion:	\$50 and Sash
Champions:	\$20 and Sash
Prize Money all Classes:	1st \$10.00 2nd \$5.00

For further information please contact:

President	Veronica Clowes	0424 070 757
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	Stephen Lee	0430 421 960
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Treasurer	Lyn Donald	0402 256 920
Secretary	May Chin	0407 666 246

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT YOUR ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED FOR SHOW SECURITY!!!

Grand Champion

Reserve Champion

- Champion Cymbidium
- Champion Laeliinae
- Champion Cypripedioideae
- Champion Oncidiinae
- Champion Australasian
- Champion Any Other Genera
- Champion Species Asia
- Champion Species Other
- Champion Seedling (any genus)
- Champion Specimen
- Champion Novice



Open Classes

- Class 1 Best white, cream, yellow or green Cymbidium greater than 90mm
- Class 2 Best red or pink Cymbidium greater than 90mm
- Class 3 Best any other colour Cymbidium greater than 90mm
- Class 4 Best white, cream, yellow or green Cymbidium 60mm to 90mm
- Class 5 Best red or pink Cymbidium 60mm to 90mm
- Class 6 Best any other colour Cymbidium 60mm to 90mm
- Class 7 Best white, cream, yellow or green Cymbidium up to 60mm
- Class 8 Best red or pink Cymbidium up to 60mm
- Class 9 Best any other colour Cymbidium up to 60mm
- Class 10 Best Novelty Cymbidium (any size)
- Class 11 Best nominated Seedling
- Class 12 Best Laeliinae Exhibition over 110mm

- Class 13 Best Laeliinae Exhibition 65mm to 109 mm
- Class 14 Best Laeliinae Cluster type
- Class 15 Best Oncidiinae hybrid over 65mm
- Class 16 Best Oncidiinae hybrid up to 65mm
- Class 17 Best Cypripedioideae hybrid (Paphs/Phrags)
- Class 18 Best Cypripedioideae hybrid (novelty/primary hybrids)
- Class 19 Best Dendrobium hybrid/Species
- Class 20 Best Pleurothallidinae hybrid/Species
- Class 21 Best Australasian hybrid
- Class 22 Best Any Other Genera
- Class 23 Best Species Laeliinae
- Class 24 Best Species Oncidiinae
- Class 25 Best Species Cypripedioideae
- Class 26 Best Species Other

Novice Classes

- Class 27 Best Species
- Class 28 Best any other Genera

Conditions

1. Initial class places are tentative until all results are collated and finalised the following day.
2. Entries are received upon the basis that the Society and/or its sponsors shall not be responsible for any loss, destruction nor damage to such exhibits and the exhibitor shall have no claim against the Society or Sponsors.
3. Entries are accepted on condition that they are disease free. The decision of the President or Show Marshal shall be final.
4. All competitive entries shall have been owned and in the possession of the exhibitor for the preceding six months.
5. All competitive entries should be correctly and clearly labelled with the name of the plant.
6. There shall be no restriction to the number of entries by an exhibitor in any class. Entries in joint names will be accepted.
7. The Show Marshal and Committee reserve the right to reject, remove or rearrange any exhibit without giving any reason for that action and to reclassify any plant if necessary, prior to judging.
8. All plants shall be booked in and in position ready for judging by 12 noon on the day of judging.
9. Entries are eligible for judging in one class only, except where stated otherwise in the schedule.
10. Only active financial members (attended 6 or more monthly meetings of BOS in each financial year) will be eligible to participate in competition or sales at BOS events.
11. If in the opinion of the Judges no exhibit in any class warrants a prize, none may be given. At the discretion of the Show Marshal additional classes may be created where warranted.
12. Plants for special prizes shall be selected from all exhibits in the show unless otherwise specified.
13. Judging shall be by a panel of Judges nominated by the O.S.N.S.W. Registrar and shall be in accordance with the standards and by-laws laid down by the O.S.N.S.W. Inc. The Judges decision shall be final.
14. No exhibit may be dismantled or removed prior to closing time of the show at 1pm on the final day of show.
15. 'Novice' shall mean: Any exhibitor until she/he has won either a champion award in one of our society shows, the yearly point score in the monthly competition of this society, or becomes an open class competitor in any other society.
16. 'Seedling' shall mean the complete plant grown from seed and flowered for the first time. Plants that have been grown on or divided prior to being exhibited on the show bench are not eligible to be shown as seedlings. For exhibition purposes seedlings shall retain their status of 'Seedling' throughout the flowering season in which they first flower. Mericlones are not eligible as seedlings.
17. 'Miniature species' are defined as Orchids with flowers 15mm or under in size across the widest part of the flower, regardless of the number of flowers, and distance of <200 from 1st to last flower. All miniature species will be judged in this class.
18. 'Miniature Cymbidium Hybrids' are defined for the purpose of this schedule as Cymbidiums where the flowers are 55mm or less, to be measured horizontally across the visible limits of the flower without manipulation and are miniature in habit.
19. 'Laeliinae Alliance' classes shall include all combinations and not only those hybrids with Cattleya in their parentage. E.g. Epidendrum, Sophronitis, Laelia, Hawkinsara, Cattleyatonia, Leptotes etc.
20. Staking shall be in accordance with the rules of O.S.N.S.W. i.e. flowers may be supported in the best possible manner for presentation. This supporting should be in such a manner so as not to be obtrusive and distract from the overall beauty and charm of the plant. With single flowered genera e.g. Paphiopedilum, Lycaste, etc., ties or support shall be no higher than immediately below the ovary. If it is necessary to tie above the bottom flower or top branch, the judges are permitted to penalise, or temporarily remove such tie for the purpose of judging.
21. The cover for plants under protection for humidity must be transparent.
22. Champion seedling is not to be considered for Grand Champion unless it has already won the Champion in its class.
23. Plants offered for sale at the show must be free of disease and pests, offered at a maximum rate of \$100 or less and sold or rejected for sale at the discretion of the President or the President's representative.
24. Only members who have benched a suitable number of plants in this show (at the discretion of the President or representative) may offer plants for sale. The commission charged by the Bankstown Orchid Society for the sale of member's plants will be 15% from those members who provide a minimum of 4 hours supervision at the venue, or 25% from members who do not attend for the required length of time. The supervision required to avoid the extra commission will not include the day of set up or the day of dismantling. Please ensure that you sign on and off in the attendance book, and report to the Committee member 'in charge' at that time.

Anguloa virginalis

by Jim Brydie

(Plant benched by Lina Huang - Courtesy The Monthly Bulletin of the Ku-Ring-Gai Orchid Society Inc.)

This is an orchid I don't think I have ever seen benched at Ku-Ring-Gai before.

Commonly called the baby in the cradle orchid because of the appearance of a baby swathed in blankets in the interior of the flower. Kind of fanciful but you can see what they meant.

Anguloa is a genus of 13 orchids of mostly terrestrial orchids found in the north eastern areas of South America. Sort of from the end of the central American isthmus, east to Venezuela and Bolivia, and south and east to encompass Ecuador and the top end of Peru.

Anguloa virginalis is listed as occurring in Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia in wet montane forests. It is a large sized, cool to cold growing terrestrial in deep shade on steep humid hillsides, in wet montane forests at elevations of 1250 to 2400 meters. It has large pleated leaves like some of its cousins in the genus Lycaste.

This plant benched by Lina last month was really lovely. The flowers were about 3.5 cm wide x 9cm tall, which is quite large. Lina's was a creamy white with just a faint hint of pink and I believe this is perhaps the most common colour but some individuals can be much more pink. The pink ones seem to be the most sought after and have been line bred in nurseries to accentuate the colour.

Like the Lycastes and Maxillarias to which it is related, Anguloa orchids produce multiple flower spikes in summer, each with just a single flower.

I have never tried to grow Anguloa. They were occasionally available in nurseries as seedlings but for some reason they never got onto my list. I am not sure why because I seem to have given a try to just about every other species I ever came across, often to my chagrin at ending in failure.

I thought Lina's Anguloa was exceedingly beautiful and it was a pleasure to admire it on the bench. If I had seen it 10 years ago I think I would have been checking the internet to see where one might be obtained.

The big pleated leaves on virginalis are typical of what I call quasi terrestrial orchids that come from shady, moist, well drained areas. Others fitting this type would be the Calanthes, and the larger flowered Lycastes like skinneri. Although skinneri usually grows as epiphyte in the forks of trees or on large moss draped branches, they also like shady moist conditions. Tall, wide, pleated leaves are clearly indicative of conditions where evaporation and sunburn are not a serious problem, and if that isn't a pointer to cultural needs then I am a pumpkin.

Thank you for showing us your treasure Lina. Grow it on, doing whatever you are doing now, and keep bringing it back every year to show us how it is progressing. A truly beautiful orchid.



Results of Meeting 3 April 2023

51 plants were exhibited at the meeting

Plant of the Night

Robert Cawley *Ddc. arachnites*

Novice Plant of the Night

Stan Mucha *Epi. White*

Open Section

Exhibition Cattleya alliance over 110 mm

1. A Baker *Blc. California Girl 'Donna Kimura'*
2. D Mitsios *Blc. Murray Spence 'Darkstar'*
3. D Mitsios *Blc. Chyong Guu Swan 'White Jade'*

Miniature Cattleya alliance (65mm–110mm)

1. D Mitsios *Rlc. Golden Reign x C. Caudebec*
2. M Chin *Pot. Free Spirit 'Haina' x Sc. Batemaniana 'Belle'*
3. L Valli *Lc. Susan Holcombe 'Yellow & Red'*

Cluster Cattleya alliance (min. 5 flowers per inflorescence)

1. A Baker *Bish. Bushfire Dawn 'Cherry'*
2. P La *C. Mark Jones 'Lance' x Slc. Kathryn Clarkson*

Cocktail Cattleya alliance <65mm

1. A Baker *Bc. Little Mermaid 'Janet'*
2. P La *Lc. Chocolate Drop 'Kodama'*
3. A Baker *Lc. Netrasiri Waxy*

Oncidiinae Hybrid (31-65mm)

1. Crosby&Costa *Onc. Sweet Sugar*

Oncidiinae Hybrid (>65mm)

1. Costa&Crosby *Wils. Ray's Tiger*
2. J Costa *Mtssa. Aztec 'Toni'*
3. Crosby&Costa *Milt. Yamamoto*

Phalaenopsis Classic Shape >80mm

1. A Baker *Dtps. Flushing Pink Pearl*

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium species

1. Crosby&Costa *Paph. moquetteanum*

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium novelty hybrids

1. D Mitsios *Paph. Vanguard*
2. A Baker *Paph. Schaezchen*

Australasian Dendrobiinae hybrids

1. Costa&Crosby *Den. Avril's Gold 'Ray'*
2. P La *Den. Special Surprise*

Australasian Aeridinae species

1. Costa&Crosby *Sarco. hirticalcar*

Non-Australasian Dendrobium hybrids (soft cane/hardcane)

1. J&N Janz *Den. bigibbum x Top Hat 'Sedgefield'*

Species: The Americas

1. D Mitsios *Milt. spectabilis var. moreliana*
2. A Baker *Ros. grande*
3. L Buivids *Acn. chrysantha*

Species: Any other

1. R Cawley *Ddc. arachnites*
2. D Mitsios *Ddc. macranthum*
3. D Coulton *Coel. speciosa*

Pleurothallidinae hybrids

1. Costa&Crosby *Masd. Hot Shot 'Cool Dude'*

Novice Section

Cattleya Alliance hybrids

1. S Mucha *Epi. White*
2. A Zderic *C. Dal's Girl 'Aerial' x Angel Flare 'Cynthia'*
3. A Zderic *C. Dal's Girl 'Aerial' x Angel Flare 'Cynthia'*

Any other genera

1. A Zderic *Phal. Fuller's Sunset*



Plant of the Night (May): *C. Portia 'Cannizaro'* owned by M Zanetich

ORCHIDS CENTRAL

Proudly Presented by:
The Orchid Society of NSW
Eastern Suburbs Orchid Society
Bankstown Orchid Society
Five Dock Orchid Society
Fairfield Orchid Society

13-15 October, 2023

Club Condell Park
178 Eldridge Rd Bankstown

Results of Meeting 1May 2023

63plants were exhibited at the meeting

Plant of the Night

M. Zanetich C. Porta Cannizaro

Novice Plant of the Night

Adrian Zderic C. unknown

Open Section

Intermediate Cymbidium 65-85mm

1. V Petrovski *Cym.* Florida Cracker
2. Crosby&Costa *Cym. eryostylum* 'Royale' x Mem. David Sander 'Royale'

Miniature Cymbidium under 65mm

1. V Petrovski *Cym.* Butterfly Kisses 'Viridian'

Exhibition Cattleya alliance over 110 mm

1. V petrovski *Blc.* California Girl 'Orchidlibrary'
2. A Baker *Lc.* Maidment 'Southern Cross'
3. P La *Rlc.* Pamela Mench 'Yellow Eye'

Miniature Cattleya alliance (65-110mm)

1. Crosby&Costa *C.* Lavender Ice x *Ioddigesii*
2. A Baker *Rlc.* Hsinying Aloha 'Ch Super' x *Lc.* Aloha Case
3. Crosby&Costa *Blc.* Dal's Girl 'Arcadia'

Cocktail Cattleya alliance (<65mm)

1. A Baker *Cgt.* Just Because

Cluster Cattleya alliance (min. 5 flowers per inflorescence)

1. M Zanetich C. Portia 'Cannizaro'

Laeliinae hybrids other

1. Crosby&Costa *Ctna.* Brandi Oc

Oncidiinae Hybrid (31-65mm)

1. Crosby&Costa *Onc.* Sweet Sugar
2. P La *Onc.* unknown
3. P La *Wils.* Tan Treasurer 'Brown Sugar'

Oncidiinae Hybrid (>65mm)

1. J Kosaras *Mtssa.* Aztec 'Toni'

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium species

1. A Baker *Dtps.* Fusheng 'Pink Pearl'

Phalaenopsis Novelty

1. A Baker *Dtps.* Fuller's Sunset

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium novelty hybrids

1. A Baker *Paph.* Western Sky 'Snow Cloud'
2. V Petrosvki *Paph.* Kai Beauty x Charlesworthii 'KP'

Australasian Dendrobiinae species

1. D Coulton *Den.* *lichenastrum*

Australasian Dendrobiinae hybrids

1. P La *Den.* Special Surprise

Non-Australasian Dendrobium hybrids (soft cane/hardcane)

1. V Petrovski *Den.* Jade Junior 'Sawadee'
2. V Petrovski *Den.* Yashiga 'Fantasy' x Russell Vale 'Glory'
3. P La *Den.* *farmeri* 'Pink' x *amabile*

Vanda/Ascocenda >55mm

1. P La *Vanda* unknown
2. P La *Ascda.* Susan Ong Ph Mooi 'Chao Praya'

Vanda/Ascocenda <55mm

1. V Petrovski *Vasco.* Pine Rivers 'With Blue'

Vandaceous Other

1. D Coulton *Vg.* *moorei*

Species: monopodial or vandaceous

1. L Valli *Aer.* *magnifica*

Species: The Americas

1. L Valli *C.* *bowringiana* 'Northmead'
2. J Kosaras *E.* *cochleata*

Species: Any other

1. D&K Mitsios *Ddc.* *cobbianum* 'Keith's White'
2. L Wu *Ddc.* *cobbianum*
3. Crosby&Costa *Ddc.* *cobbianum*

Any Other Genera

1. V Petrovski *Lyc.* Sunray
2. D Coulton *Sngl.* Venus 'Biglip'

Pleurothallidinae hybrids

1. Costa&Crosby *Masd.* Cool Dude 'Hotshot'

Pleurothallidinae species

1. D Coulton *Pths.* *restrepiodes*

Novice Section

Cymbidium Hybrids

1. A Zderic *Cym.* Lancashire 'Ruby Paradisia'
2. A Zderic *Cym.* unknown
3. A Zderic *Cym.* unknown

Cattleya alliance hybrids

1. A Zderic *C.* unknown
2. A Zderic *Blc.* Rattanokosin

Species

1. A Zderic *Holc.* *lingulatum*



Novice Plant of the Night: C. unknown owned by Adrian Zderic

April-May 2023

**Minutes of General Meeting of Bankstown Orchid Society
held at Georges Hall Community Centre, 188 Birdwood Road, Georges Hall 3rd April, 2023**

The meeting was opened by President Veronica Clowes at 7.30pm.

Correspondence: Garden Clubs, Bunnings Padstow, Canterbury Bankstown Council, Service NSW, Dept. Fair Trade, Orchids in Print, Orchids Central, Manly Warringah Auction, David Went, Toronto Garden Club, Square, Lidcombe Shopping Centre.

Bulletins: Sutherland, Berowra, Mingara, Ku-ring-gai, OS NSW, Blue Mountains, North Shore, Australian Orchid Foundation.

Apologies: Lorraine Grey, Stephen Lee, Max Redman, Christine Clark and Gary Hodder.

General Business:

Veronica welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Cassandra Donald for filling in for Stephen and Lorraine.

The weather was mentioned and discussion was held regarding easing off of watering and fertilising as the days get shorter and the nights cooler.

Supper will be less elaborate tonight as Lorraine is away travelling through the Suez Canal rather than at our meeting.... We wish her well in her travels.

The Easter Show is nearly here with orchids on 10th and 11th and again on 16th and 17th. OSNSW will have a promotional cart with flyers for distribution. Thank you Terry for volunteering on each of the night shifts.

We have some Orchids Out West and Orchids Central flyers if anyone wants to take one.

The Rare Plant Fair is on 16th-17th April, Orchids Out West is on 26th-28th May, Cymbidium Show is on 11th-13th August, St Ives 18th-20th August, Orchids Central is on 13th-15th October with setup on 12th October 2023.

Chester Hill Show is on 18th-21st May with set up on Thursday. Pickup at Peter's will be 14th May (Mother's Day) at 10am. Benching will be until 12 noon on Thursday (as soon a set up is complete), Judging at 9am Friday.

The Show Schedule was in last month's Newsletter. A reminder that members wanting to enter the competition and/or sell plants must be financial and active – active meaning that you have attended at least 6 meetings during the last year (unless you are a new member). The duty rosters for the show are on Lyn's table tonight.... 4 hours are required for 15% commission on sales, 20% commission will be charged if you don't do 4 hours. Qualifying duty must be completed on either Friday or Saturday (Thursday and Sunday do not qualify for reduction of commission)

Pack up will be on Sunday 21st May at approx 12-12.30pm. Please be present at 12 noon.

Lidcombe Shopping Centre Show has now been confirmed. It will be held from 27th – 30th July. Schedule and info in next Bulletin.

May then gave her Orchids Central report and a discussion was held regarding our display/s and questions were answered. Firm decision about number and size of BOS contribution to the display at OC will be made by committee in the coming days as our confirmation is expected by The OC Chair before April 28th 2023

Veronica and May attended Bunnings Bunny Hop and after 3 hours we made \$60.82. We received a Cape Cod Timber Chair for our raffle prize, which is now added to the other major prizes we have 'in kitty' We will raffle them off at meetings in the coming months.

Plants of the Night:

Open: *Dendrochillum arachnites* grown by Robert Cawley

Novice: *Epidendrum* White grown by Stan Mucha

The meeting broke for supper.

The next growing competition will be judged in May.....please bring along those plants for inspection

The raffle was drawn.(Thank you Joseph for the wonderful plants in our raffle tonight – from your collection)

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

**Minutes of General Meeting of Bankstown Orchid Society
held at Georges Hall Community Centre, 188 Birdwood Road, Georges Hall 1st May, 2023**

The meeting was opened by President Veronica Clowes at 7.30pm.

Correspondence: Any Spaces, Square, Bunnings Greenacre, Garden Clubs, L & G Bromley, Orchids Central, Orchids Australia Magazine, Bunnings Padstow, Orchids in Print.

Bulletins: Berowra, OS NSW, Manly Warringah, Blue Mountains, North Shore

Apologies: May Chin (Fishing in Foster), Philip Festa (recovering from heart surgery) and Lyn Donald (also in hospital). Veronica wished quick recoveries to both Philip and Lyn - and lots of fish for May.

General Business:

Veronica welcomed members and visitors.

It was with much sadness that Veronica told members of the passing of Lee Buivids. Lee had been a long standing member who benched beautiful plants. She was accompanied by Alan Oakford when our meetings were at the Scottish Hall in Bankstown and with the passing of Alan she inherited a lot of his plants. She will be sadly missed.

The Easter Show had a good showing specially the 2nd judging with Joe Gafa, Blacktown COS winning all the big prizes.

Veronica reminded members of the Chester Square Show with set up Thursday 18th May 7-7.30am, benching will follow until 12 noon, so the more at set up the quicker benching will happen. The Sales table can be stocked and will open AFTER the show Set-up. Judging will be conducted on Friday 19th May 9-9.30am. Results available as soon as the possible after the judging.

The Show Schedule is in the February-March Bulletin, NOT the April-May - this bulletin, as that one is for Lidcombe in July.

Remember: NO SHOW PLANTS - NO SALES PLANTS. There is a roster at the front desk with Terry - please come and volunteer. It is expected that all those selling plants will volunteer for duty at the Sales Table. Payment will be by TAG only and sales table staff will take all care of your plant but will not be responsible for loss or theft.

Orchids Out West is on this month, 26-28 May at Hawkesbury Showground. This is the first show of the year with vendors bursting at the seams with new plants.

Lidcombe Shopping Centre show is confirmed for July 28-30. This is our Cymbidium Show. This show was moved back a week to accommodate the cymbidium growers so Veronica expects you to support the show.

National Orchid Extravaganza is on 11-13 August at the Greyhound Arena Sports Club and a week later the St Ives Fair is on 18-20 August at St Ives Showground. Orchids Central is on 13-15 October. Final vendor details should be available next week.

Jim Cootes spoke on a few benched plants.

Winning Plants

Plant of the Night: C. Portia 'Cannizaro' owned by M. Zanetich

Novice Plant of the Night: C. unknown owned by A Zderic

Congratulations to the winners tonight.

The meeting broke for supper.

Some of the plants presented tonight for the growing competition had spikes, so the next judging of those plants will be when they are in bloom, probably June. August will be the judging of the next lot of plants.

The raffle was drawn. (Thank you Stephen Lee, Terry Thompson and Veronica for the wonderful plants in our raffle tonight – from their own collections.)

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.