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*Plant of the Night for December*



*Paphiopedilum Prince Edward of York*

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**Next Meeting:**

February 15<sup>th</sup> from 7pm  
Trivia Night

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[www.flickr.com/photos/wsos/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/wsos/)  
[www.orchids.org](http://www.orchids.org)

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**Editorial**

Happy New Year! Welcome to a new year, a new decade, and hopefully a much brighter year than the last one has been. I hope you all had a joyful Christmas break and are now raring to go! This year my sister was working in Melbourne, so with all the quarantine rules it was impossible for her to travel home for Christmas and then back to Melbourne again in time for work. As my parents live on the northern beaches and that outbreak was in full swing, it was touch and go there for a while as to whether I could visit them. In the end they allowed visiting for Christmas Day, so I got to see my parents at least, which was lovely.

Our Christmas Party last year was well attended given the COVID climate, and thanks to all those who came along. The food was good and the company even better, but the star performer was Jonathan's awesome Christmas cake, yum! Prez Peter handed out ribbons from the October show and the yearly trophies. Thanks to all who helped and organised for the night, and check out the photos on our website.

Coming up this month we have an orchid trivia night. We've only had one of these that I can remember since I joined the club back in 2003, so this will be something different, and I hope it will be fun. Pick your team of four or just join up with other people on the night. Make sure to bring your thinking caps! There will be prizes for the winning team.

As I was skating around the internet over the Christmas break I found this website: [www.avasflowers.net/orchid-growing-for-beginners](http://www.avasflowers.net/orchid-growing-for-beginners). It links to several other articles from varied sources and has loads of useful information, especially for beginners. I encourage you all to take a look as there's lots of good info there and you'll never know what you might find.

Cheers, Sam.



A Lycaste exhibited at the Christmas Party

## Arthur's Notes

### Counts:

Number of plants benched = 10

Number of exhibitors = 4

Total views WSOS of the Flickr photo pages = 824,000

Number of photos on the Flickr photo pages = 2677

### Orchid Benching:

Four members exhibited ten plants at the Christmas function. Plant of the Night was Paphiopedilum Prince Edward of York. A beautiful multi-floral Paphiopedilum exhibited by Jonathan Clark.

Reminder: the 2021 benching year commenced at the function. 2020 results appear elsewhere in this bulletin.

### Growing competition:

The progressive points score for this competition may jog memories and your plant may have been put in the background and forgotten about during the disruptions of 2020. I am currently leading the competition, only because I exhibited my plant more often than anyone else. Time to put your growing comp plant in a spot so it will get attention. Plants make new growths regardless of season, so perhaps we will see one in bloom this year.

## Growing Comp Progress Points

Exhibitor	Judges Points	Plant Points	Total Points
Arthur Midgley	13	7	20
Ana Toth	11	4	15
Jonathan Clark	8	4	12
Samantha Stevens	2	5	7
Peter Meyer	3	4	7
Frances Turner	2	4	6
Dimitrios Mitsios	2	2	4
John & Neva Janz	3	1	4
Pheng Sanaphay	3	1	4
Peter Ng	1	1	2

## Pete's Place

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

May I take this opportunity to personally thank all the society members who made the effort to come to our Christmas party at the Bardwell Park Golf Club on the 21<sup>st</sup> December. It was a great night and we were able to present the trophies from our Spring Show and our annual point score.

The Golf Club did a very great job for us and the meal was very good. Jonathan's Christmas fruit cake was excellent as usual and special thanks to Jonathan for all the effort.

In my task of organising the engraving for the trophies this year, I went and picked up two of the trophies from members. One from Dimitri and Cathy and the other from John and Neva. It is always a privilege to visit our members' homes and, of course, their orchid collections.

I've always appreciated that Dimitri and Cathy have supported our society with display and sales plants whenever I've been involved in our shows, so it was very exciting to see their growing space. It's very large and takes a lot of work. I really appreciated being welcomed into their home and Dimitri is a worthy club champion again. Thank you, Dimitri.

And to two of my favourite society members: John and Neva. I had offered to pick up a trophy from them to be engraved but I have to say that I remember my first visit which was far too long ago. Neva makes wonderful cakes and coffee and John is an excellent grower with a lot of experience. I can't explain why it's been so long between visits because they are most welcoming. I really appreciate the effort they make to attend society events because I know it's not always easy. They were at the first society meeting I ever attended so many years ago and I'm always pleased to see them at our meetings.

I thank all the members who made the effort to come to the Christmas party. A special thanks to Sam for all her hard work and assisting me in this year and I will be happy to hand the position back to her next year! I look forward to seeing you all at our first meeting in February.

## Sam's Spot

Over the break I began the laborious task of digitising the old WSOS paper records. They go all the way back to 1937 so there's a lot to get through! I'm working my way backwards and am up to the late 80's, where I found this short piece from May 1987, entitled "Obituary":

"Everyone was saddened to learn of the death of one of our most valued members this week: Someone Else.

Someone's passing created a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else had been with us from the beginning and did far more than a normal person's share of the work. Whenever there was a job to do, a social function to attend, funds to be raised, or a meeting to be run, one name was on everyone's lips: "Someone Else will do it." It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the largest contributors of their time.

Whenever there was a need for a volunteer, everyone just assumed that Someone Else would volunteer. Someone was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing to be superhuman, but a person can only do so much. Were the truth known, everyone expected too much from Someone Else.

Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is doing to do the things Someone Else did not that he is done? Now when help is needed, we'll have to remember that we cannot depend on Someone Else."

My Open Garden have advised us of these upcoming open gardens and gardening events, so for anyone interested:

We would like to give your club members advance notice of the following Special Event(s):

- [Highfield Gardens](#) : Little Hartley : from Sat, 20 Feb 2021
- [The Bath House Garden Hunter Valley](#) : Oakhampton Heights : from Sun, 21 Feb 2021
- [Wild Meadows](#) : Little Hartley : from Sat, 20 Feb 2021

Perhaps your members might also be interested in the following regularly open gardens:

- [Campbell Rhododendron Gardens](#) : Blackheath
- [Everglades Historic House & Gardens](#) : Leura
- [Gory'u Japanese Gardens](#) : Little Hartley
- [Harpers Mansion National Trust \(NSW\)](#) : Berrima
- [Merribee](#) : Numbaa
- [Perennialle Plants Nursery](#) : Canowindra
- [Retford Park - National Trust of Australia \(NSW\)](#) : Bowral
- [Secret Garden and Nursery](#) : Richmond
- [Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens](#) : Bowral
- [Wildwood Garden](#) : Bilpin

Click on the links provided to get the full details. We hope you find this early advice will help your club plan ahead. Also, please do check our website regularly as other events can be listed at any time.  
[www.myopengarden.com.au](http://www.myopengarden.com.au).

## December 2020 Benching

### Class 04 Species America

- |   |                   |             |
|---|-------------------|-------------|
| 1 | Lycaste bradeorum | D. Mitsios  |
| 2 | Lycaste bradeorum | A. Smyrnios |

### Class 07 Novelty & Primary Hybrid Paphiopedilums

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|---|-----------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Paph. Prince Edward of York | J. Clark   |
| 2 | Paph. Deperle               | D. Mitsios |

### Class 08 Paphiopedilum Species

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|---|--------------------|----------|
| 1 | Paph. haynaldianum | J. Clark |
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### Class 18 Oncidiinae Sub-tribe Hybrids 40 to 60mm

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|---|--------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Zygonisia Cynosure 'Blue Bird' | D. Mitsios |
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### Class 19 Oncidiinae Sub-tribe Hybrids over 60mm

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|---|---------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Miltoniopsis Bert Field 'Leash' | D. Mitsios |
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### Class 23 Laeliinae Hybrids - Cluster

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|---|--------------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Enc. Burdekin Bubble Bee x candollei | A. Midgley |
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### Class 27 Miniature Species & Hybrids

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|---|---------------------|------------|
| 1 | Stenoglottis woodii | A. Midgley |
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### Class 30 Growing Competition

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| 1 | Blc. Nell Hammer 'Lemon Delicious' | A. Midgley |
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### 2020 Annual Point Scores

<b>Exhibitor</b>	<b>Judging points at meetings &amp; show</b>	<b>Benching &amp; Show Exhibitor points</b>	<b>Total Points</b>
Dimitrios Mitsios	39	73	112
Tong Wun	56	15	71
Arthur Smyrnios	24	41	65
Arthur Midgley	36	27	63
John & Neva Janz	16	29	45
Jonathan Clark	27	10	37
Ana Toth	15	14	29
Wendy Choy	22	6	28
Pheng Sanaphay	15	4	19
Peter McBryde	11	6	17
Peter Ng	10	6	16
Michael Luu	11	4	15
Peter Meyer	7	5	12
Gary Hodder	6	3	9
John Costa	3	5	8
Sam Stevens	1	3	4
<b>Novice</b>			
Frances Turner	8	5	13
Karen Nassar	3	1	4

### December 2020 Exhibitor Points

<b>Exhibitor</b>	<b>Judges Points</b>	<b>Plant Points</b>	<b>Total Points</b>
Dimitrios Mitsios	11	4	15
Arthur Midgley	9	3	12
Jonathan Clark	6	2	8
Arthur Smyrnios	2	1	3