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Plant of the Night for June



Oncidium Tiger Crow 'Golden Girl'

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Next Meeting:

15th July at 7:45pm
Gary Hart on Paphs
****NEW VENUE****

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Editorial

Last month we had nothing concrete planned as we were unsure of what venue we'd be using. Therefore we had another round of What's on the Bench? where I picked a few plants I liked or were interesting and then asked their owners how they grew them.

Coming up this month we have a talk from Gary Hart. He has been growing orchids for about 40 years, and will be telling us about how he grows Paphs. Gary is an excellent speaker, so mark your calendars as you don't want to miss this!

Renovations at the church at Strathfield continue so we will be at the interim venue at the Uniting Church on the corner of Meredith and Burlington Rds, Homebush for the next meeting (July).

Members decided at our last meeting that the next Growing Competition plant will be a yellow Cattleya called BLC Nell Hammer 'Lemon Delicious'. We'll keep you posted as to when they'll be available.

MEMBERSHIPS NOW DUE

Yes folks, it's that time of year again. Membership fees are now due, at \$15 single and \$20 family. Please pay promptly as that minimises admin for us and keeps the accounts nice and healthy. You can pay either in cash at the meeting, or online by direct deposit.

Bank details:

Bank = Commonwealth Bank
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Make sure you put your name in the "message" field so we know who has paid.

****NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE****

We have had notice from the Uniting Church that we will still be unable to use the meeting hall for the next two months during their renovations. We have accepted their offer of an alternate hall at their church in Homebush. Therefore please be aware that we will be meeting at the Uniting Church on the corner of Meredith and Burlington Rds, Homebush, for the June and July meetings.

Cheers, Sam

Minutes of WSOS monthly meeting held on 20th May 2019

MEETING OPENED: 7:50pm

APOLOGIES: Gary Hodder, Arthur Midgley, John Janz, Joy Gouvoussis, Nat Ciccari

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Moved: Jonathan Clark; Seconded: Dimitri Mitsios

FINANCE REPORT: General Accounts accepted: Moved: Peter McBryde; Seconded: Jonathan Clark

General Business:

- Funds are dwindling. Please help your club by buying raffle tickets and donating to supper.
- Raffle tickets: Please have small notes or change, as we can't change \$50 notes. Also for the supper raffle please take the ticket on the right side only, otherwise you'll never win anything.
- Sam handed out Plant of the Night photo for May to Dimitri (Vandachostylis Ispbell's Burnished Gold).
- Members were asked what plant they would like to choose for the next Growing Competition from a list of available plants. Members chose the yellow Cattleya.
- Liverpool show is at the Liverpool Plaza (161 Macquarie St) on 12-14th July. Anyone selling plants will be required to put in time on the stall and there must be someone there until finish time each day. Setup is on the Friday morning. Plants can arrive on Thursday night as we have a secure lockable area we can use to store plants overnight. All native or native hybrid plants will need to be labelled clearly with their full name and place of origin (name of nursery, etc). If the origin is unknown, please label them as being from WSOS and specify "plantation grown".
- Renovations continue at our usual venue so we will be at the interim venue for the June and July meetings.
- Assorted volunteers still required:
 - Benching marshals – see Sam or Peter McBryde
 - Supper – see Peter McBryde or Jonathan Clark
 - Historian – see Sam
 - Committee – see Sam or Peter Meyer

TONIGHT'S SUPPER: Thank you Frances.

RAFFLE PRIZES: Michael Luu, Frances Turner x2, Peter Ng x2, Louisa Cheung x2, Phil Festa, Peter Meyer

BIRTHDAY RAFFLE: Louisa Cheng (April), June Fetheron (June). Non one was present for May.

SUPPER RAFFLE: Jan Binovec

PLANT OF THE NIGHT: Oncidium Tiger Crow 'Golden Girl' by Pheng Sanaphay

MEETING CLOSED: 9:05pm

Meeting Events:

Jul = Gary Hart

Aug = Gary Hodder

Sep = Getting to Know You

Supper Roster:

Jul = Peter Meyer

Aug = Sarjit and Jonathan

Sep = Michael Luu

Arthur's Notes

Arthur has no notes for this month.

Upcoming Shows:

WSOS Winter show 12-14th July at Liverpool Mall

WSOS Winter show 22-25th August at Ashfield Mall

WSOS Spring show 24-27th October at Ashfield Mall

Novice Nook

WITH RAY CLEMENTS

COELOGYNES

Coelogyne is a large diverse group of about 200 orchids of Asian origin. Most of the members of this showy genus of epiphytes and lithophytes have white or green flowers with contrasting labellums which display many brown markings.

Coelogynes are generally plants from mountainous regions and about 80 percent of the species are suitable for cultivating in cool to intermediate conditions. There are also species from the monsoonal, tropical lowlands which are generally very easy to grow and will rapidly build into specimen plants if the conditions are favourable. Most species are grown in pots with a bark-based mix, however those with pendulous flower spikes or rampant growers with long rhizomes are best accommodated in baskets. As a bonus, several species have pleasantly fragrant blooms. They appreciate being watered once a week during the cooler months, up to every two or three days during warm weather. Best species for beginners include *C. fimbriata*, *C. ovalis*, *C. flaccida*, *C. cristata*, *C. tomentosa* (syn *C. massangeana*) and *C. lactea*. Some of the best hybrids include *C. Jannine Banks* (*flaccida* x *mooreana*), *C. Linda Buckley* (*mooreana* x *cristata*) and *C. Unchained Melody* (*cristata* x *flaccida*).