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Left. *Masdevallia welischii* 'Rip-Hoff' grown by Noel and Chrissy Doyle. The cold growing species is a lithophyte found on rocky cliff faces at elevations of 3000m on the Vilcabamba mountains in Peru.

Right. *Plectochilus* Richard Jost an Australian intergeneric cross between *Sarcochilus hartmannii* and *Plectrorhiza tridentata* wonderfully grown by Jim Smith.

Photographs by S Greatbatch.

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From the Editor

Welcome to the November Newsletter. This has been a busy month since the last newsletter and I apologise at the lateness of this one. I wish to welcome new members Rod Spark, Julie Collins, Fiona Patterson and Stephen and Judith Layng to the TOS. The society website contains previous newsletters, culture notes on many orchid genera, a current calendar of up coming events and membership info and application forms. Once again thanks to James Woodward on updating the site. To visit go to **tos.org.au**. On Facebook you can find the Tasmanian Orchid Forum (not run by TOS), moderated by Sharon Hill. A very useful web site to check out is Jay's Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyclopedia abbreviated to IOSPE an alphabetical listing of orchid species with description, photos and or drawings. To see Warren Brooks in action on YouTube visit his channel **Orchids with Warren**. I'm looking forward to the new video, coming soon.

Alan Millward still has a few 50lt bags of AUSGRO Bark available \$30 each. Contact him on 0422 356269. Some society/committee members (with a ring-in or two) have recently bagged up a trailer load of the society orchid bark which is available from Peter Willson. See the add on page 13. Reminders for the December general Christmas meeting – Please bring a plate of food to share, **your own pen**, items you have borrowed from the library, competition, benching and potted plants and floral arrangements and a dash of Christmas cheer.

Thanks Sandra Greatbatch Editor

Calendar of Events

November	Sarchochilus and Masdevallia Show Saturday 7th November 2020 Benching 8am-9.30am, Judging 9.30-11.30am Open 11.30am -4pm Presentations after 4pm Clarence Senior and Citizens Centre 17 Alma Street Bellerive General Meeting Monday 16th November 2020 Legacy House 6.30pm for 7.30pm -Guest speaker Warren Brooks -Floral Arrangement – Bright and Cheery -Sunday Get together – Vicki and Dave Cleaver Richmond 22nd November 2020 12-4pm
December	General Meeting Monday 14th December 2020 Legacy House 6.30pm for 7.30pm Please bring supper for our Christmas meeting -Floral Arrangement - Christmas Wreath
2021 January	General Meeting Monday 18th January 2021 Legacy House 6.30pm for 7.30pm start. Speaker and Floral arrangements to be advised
February	General Meeting Monday 15th February 2021 Speaker and Floral arrangements to be advised BBQ Sunday 21st February 2021 Site 9 Waterworks Reserve 11am - 3pm
March	General Meeting and Annual General Meeting Monday 15th March 2021 Speaker and Floral arrangements to be advised

Presidents Report

Show dates are set well in advance – usually years ahead. It is then up to the growers or exhibitors to have their plants etc ready for the show. Like other society members I have been out checking on my Masdevallias in the hope that I might have an entry or two. Certainly, there is a bit of colour there which is encouraging. Another week or two would make a big difference!

The committee met on Monday night and finalised the arrangements for this weekend's show. Much had been done at the September meeting but there were still some last-minute concerns to be sorted.

Warren Brooks will be our guest speaker at the November general meeting. He is talking and demonstrating mounting techniques. Warren will be bringing with him mounted orchids for sale along with a range of other plants including Dendrobiums, soft cane Dendrobiums, Bulbophyllums, Draculas, Cattleyas etc. He is also bringing flasks which he will be selling for \$25.

December is our Christmas party. News has come from the North Pole that Father Christmas will be making an appearance at the meeting with gifts for all. Please bring along a plate of supper to share as well as plants for the competition table.

We are planning to have our usual day at Ross on the first Sunday in May. We have approached Peter from Hanging Gardens in Victoria who hopefully will be coming. More later.

The \$20 or \$25 subscription paid by members needs to cover a lot, but in fact barely covers the cost of renting the hall at Legacy for the year. To meet our other expenses, we rely heavily on money raised from raffles at our monthly meetings, sales of society bark and Ausgro bark and the proceeds from shows among other things. While there is NO suggestion that the committee are looking to increase subscriptions, we are always looking for ways to save money.

The newsletter is an important way that the committee and other members can communicate with each other. The current format for the newsletter was designed for electronic distribution rather than sending through the mail system. Sending out the newsletter electronically has greatly reduced the costs of postage and printing each month that we were experiencing.

The committee is very much aware that not all members have a computer or access to one through a library or family. For this reason, about 17 or so are still being sent out each month. The cost of these is around \$2.00 per journal, including the cost of postage as well as printing and envelopes etc. The committee would like to encourage all those members who currently receive a hard copy of the journal to see if they could access it electronically via a family member or a similar - this would save the society over \$350 per year.



Andrea Gerrard OAM

President

Sarcophilus ceciliae
Plant and Photo S Greatbatch

Monthly Competition Table

Benching:

When benching plants at the monthly meetings there are a few points that every member needs to know or to remember:

- ✚ You must have owned the plant you are benching for at least six months
- ✚ Make sure your pot/pots are clean
- ✚ Do not move another member's plant/s
- ✚ If you can't find space on the bench in your section speak to one of the judges or a committee member
- ✚ Do not remove the label from a plant without the permission of the grower – the name of the plant should be on the piece of paper in front of the plant if on the bench
- ✚ Treat plants and labels with respect

Potted plants:

What constitutes a house plant is causing some confusion among members! According to one source it is something that grows in a pot indoors. But does that include azaleas and other plants that would normally grow outdoors. So, the committee has simplified this section by renaming it 'potted plants' so that azaleas and other plants that will also grow outdoors as well as indoors can be included. Please consider the amount of space we have!

Big Al's Bits and pieces

The Sarcochilus and Masdevallia Show has been run and won and congratulations to all the winners. I think the show was quite successful. Unfortunately, my sarcs and masda's were all still in bud and unopened so I couldn't show them. They are starting to open now.

For me it's been a strange year especially with my cymbidiums. I have had some flower early and others very late. Most have had low flower count. These things are caused by the weather pattern that we had when the plants were setting flowers around Christmas. The smoke from the bushfires on the mainland blew over Tasmania and this held in the heat and we didn't get the 10-15 degree drop in overnight temperature that is required to initiate spike set. Most of my cymys were tricked by the weather one way or another.



For the first time I had a plant display what is generally called parrot feet (see photo **Left**) and this is caused by the dramatic changes in temperature. I went out this morning and removed the spikes from plants that are still trying to flower. They are not going to produce a nice flower so by removing them the plant can put all its energy into producing new growth for next year's flowering. All of my Cymbidiums are busy producing new

growth so now is the time to start fertilising as the new growths will be putting out new roots.

I have a couple of plants which flower at the end of the season although 2 months later than they normally flower. See photos.

Left to Right Below. Cymbidium Showgirl 'Husky Honey', Cym. Kelly's Winter x Red Beauty, and Cym. Anna Zabo. **Overleaf.** Cym. Unknown. Photos Alan Millward.



This hot weather is a bit of a pain but my mix is such that I can water in the morning and again in the evening without any problems. This helps with keeping humidity around the roots.

Hope you are well into your repotting

Alan Millward



Dendrobium guangxiense S.J. Cheng & C.Z. Tang



Most of us have little gems amongst our orchid collections. One of my favourites is *Dendrobium guangxiense*. I purchased this from a member five or six years ago and have never seen another one. It flowers every year for me and has won the best any other *Dendrobium* at the spring show and orchid of the month at our September 2020 meeting.

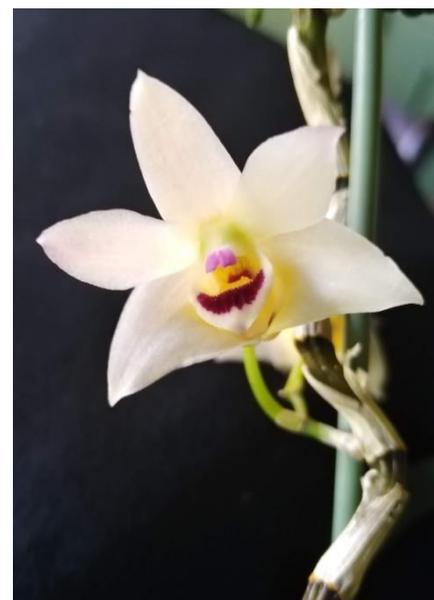
My interest was sparked when I read an article in the noted *Dendrobium* book, *Dendrobium and its relatives* by Bill Lavarack, Wayne Harris and Geoff Stocker. The opening paragraph read quote: This medium sized plant is rare and not well known in cultivation. It occurs in Guangxi, Guizhou and south-east Yunnan Provinces in China, where it grows as an epiphyte or lithophyte. It is believed to occur at moderate elevations in an area

that has markedly seasonal climate. It reads on: The flowering season is uncertain but probably spring. Although virtually unknown in cultivation, it is assumed that this species would require intermediate temperatures and a drier resting period in winter finish quote.

I found this fascinating, my little orchid was hardly known when this publication was re printed in 2006 and now its thriving in Moonah Tasmania. I believe that mine originated from Orchid Species Plus in Victoria.

As quoted in the article it does grow in an area with markedly seasonal climate, it flowers in spring and has a semi dry winter. I am totally chuffed.

Mine nearly died three years ago when I repotted it and it lost all of its leaves and the long canes were shriveling up. I laid it length ways in a tray of spag. After a year it had sent up 10 healthy new canes from the stem nodes and once again it's thriving. **Shirley Jackson**



Dendrobium pugioniforme

As a follow up to the item in the October GREENHOOD about *Dendrobium pugioniforme*, I have a couple of photos of Mr Wilson standing in front of a huge plant of *D. pugioniforme* growing on a granite boulder in the forest between Glen Innes and Grafton in NSW. There is a fern growing on top of the orchid but the orchid actually covers the whole of the rock. I first saw this plant in 2017 when the forest was wetter and greener but by 2019 the effects of drought were evident and the surroundings had dried out considerably but the orchid was still healthy. **Geoff Curry**



Peter Willson with *Dendrobium pugioniforme* giving an idea of the size these can grow to and also showing the habitat of this amazing plant.

Photographs Geoff Curry.

November 2020 Sunday Get-Together

Our October gathering was hosted by Sharn and Noel Davies. We were low in numbers but high in spirits. It was interesting to see how members can grow and enjoy their orchids without the investment of dedicated orchid houses. Sharn's garden was glowing; the roses were a week away from flowering but there was a huge variety of blooms. The

companionship was such that we went an hour over our usual time. Many thanks to Noel and Sharn.

Our November gathering, and the last for 2020, will be hosted by Dave and Vicki Cleaver on Sunday the 22nd, 12.00 to 4pm, in Richmond. They are kindly putting on a BBQ. Vicki said that after November the 13th we can have up to 40 people in a private house. All are welcome. I will send more details out to the people who put their names down as we get closer. Regards, **Shirley Jackson**. Phone 0429 030355, E-mail sajackson555@gmail.com



The Masdevallia and Sarcophilus Show

Just a small selection of our prize-winning members receiving their awards at the Sarcophilus and Masdevallia Show. Congratulations to every one who entered a plant in the competition, the display was fantastic. Top to Bottom L to R. Matt Kemp, Jim Smith, Bev Woodward, Elaine Mulder and Chrissy Doyle. Photos S Greatbatch.



Dryadella edwallii a cool growing epiphyte found at elevations of 1300m in Brazil. First described in 1978 by Luer. This started blooming 25 Sept although most of the blooms are now going over there is still another new bloom yet to open. (13th Nov.) The details in the architecture and patterning of these tiny flowers are astounding. They have an odour similar to yeasty bread dough. Photos and plant by S Greatbatch

Tasmanian Orchid Society payments and treasury matters

Members should be aware that the Treasurer is **Christine Doyle** and can be contacted:

By **email noel.doyle3@bigpond.com**, by **phone 62729820**, or at all general meetings.

Should payment be required, the preferred method is by direct debit. **Direct Debit details are**

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Please put your name/s in the description area and inform Christine by sending an email. Cash / cheque can be paid directly to Treasurer Christine Doyle at a meeting or **posted to PO Box 51 South Hobart 7004**. Thank you for your past membership of the Society as we very much value your attendance and contribution to this dynamic and active Society of Orchid growers. As of the 1st January 2021 membership renewal dues are required. Dual & family renewal membership is \$25.00 p.a. and \$20.00 for individual's renewal. These can be paid by Direct Debit, cheque or by cash at any meeting. Direct Debit details are given above.



Centre Rosie Hentschel (with her Cymbidium Top) volunteering as an usher at the Sarcocochilus and Masdevallia Show. A big **Thankyou** to everyone who helped with setting up, supervising, judging, typing and printing and participating. Here is a bunch of flowers for you to enjoy.

Photographs S Greatbatch.

October Meeting Results

Judges Vote 1st Division

Category	1 st	2 nd
Cymbidium Hybrid over 90mm	<i>Cym.</i> Red Beauty x Rhubarb Pie N & C Doyle	<i>Cym.</i> Bundah 'Rajah' J & B Smith
Cymbidium Hybrid 90mm and Under	<i>Cym.</i> Tango 'Velvet Sheen' N & C Doyle	<i>Cym.</i> Australian Garnet Pendant N & C Doyle
Laeliinae Species and Hybrid	<i>C.</i> Unknown M Smith	<i>Ctt.</i> Trick or Treat I Woodgate
Oncidium and Allied Sp./Hyb.	<i>Bdm.</i> Pagan Marshall M Smith	No Entry
Gomesa Species or Hybrid	No Entry	No Entry
Masdevallia and Dracula Sp./ Hyb.	<i>Masd.</i> Machu Picchu 'Jay Vee' N & C Doyle	<i>Masd.</i> Curacao 'Hamish' I Woodgate
Other Orchid Species	<i>Paph. insigne</i> 'Harefield Hall' J & B Smith	<i>Pol. pubescens</i> 'Glenyrie' N & C Doyle
Other Orchid Hybrid	<i>Den.</i> (Renown x Snowflake) X Star Sapphire I Woodgate	<i>Den. (mortii x fuliginosa)</i> x Duffy J & B Smith
Australian Sarcochilus & All. Sp./Hyb.	<i>Rhincs.</i> Aussie Passion x <i>Sarco. hartmannii</i> x Fitzhart I Woodgate	<i>Sarco.</i> Bessie x Molly x (Rona x Fitzhart) N & C Doyle
Australian Native Tuberosus	No Entry	No Entry
Australian Native Other Sp./Hyb.	<i>Den.</i> Aussie Cascade J & B Smith	<i>Den. striolatum</i> 'Melville' x 'Red Back' B Woodward
Best Species Orchid	<i>Paph. insigne</i> 'Harefield Hall'	J & B Smith
Best Hybrid Orchid	<i>Den.</i> Aussie Cascade	J & B Smith
Best of Best	<i>Den.</i> Aussie Cascade	J & B Smith
Orchid of the Month	<i>Cryh.</i> Siam Jade 'Ontario'	M Smith

Judges Vote 2nd Division

Category	1 st	2 nd
Cymbidium Hybrid over 90mm.	<i>Cym.</i> Reddaway x Trinity Gold A Millward	No Entry
Cymbidium Hybrid 90mm and Under	<i>Cym.</i> Volcanic Flash 'Tim Tam' D & V Cleaver	<i>Cym.</i> Orkney 'Pink Heather' S Johnson
Laeliinae Species and Hybrid	<i>C. coccinea</i> 'Xanthina' x 'Red' D & V Cleaver	<i>Ctt.</i> Jewel Box 'Dark Waters' D & V Cleaver
Oncidium and Allied Sp./Hyb.	<i>Onc.</i> Nichirei Sunrise 'Empires Return' x Diggers Rest 'Battle Blood' I Crocker	<i>Onc.</i> Tan Treasurers 'Lavender Picotee' I Crocker
Gomesa Species or Hybrid	No Entry	No Entry
Masdevallia and Dracula Sp./Hyb.	<i>Masd.</i> Cha Cha Cha 'Foxy Lady' S Johnson	<i>Masd.</i> Geneva Royale 'Peats Ridge' S Johnson
Other Orchid Species	<i>Restrepia</i> Unknown M Kemp	<i>Dryadella edwallii</i> S Greatbatch
Other Orchid Hybrid	<i>Phal.</i> Unknown S Greatbatch	<i>Pln.</i> Shantung 'Ridgeway' V Dawes
Australian Sarcochilus Sp./Hyb	<i>Sarco.</i> Sharaz x Lyn 'Johnson' I Crocker	<i>Sarco.</i> Cosmic Snow I Crocker
Australian Native Tuberosus	No Entry	No Entry
Australian Native Other	<i>Den. gracillimum</i> 'Mel' x Star of Gold 'Bathurst' V Dawes	<i>Den.</i> Australian Rhubarb Pie 'Double Cherry' x Flinders 'Black Bird' D & V Cleaver
Best Species	<i>Restrepia sp.</i> Unknown M Kemp	M Kemp
Best Hybrid	<i>Den. gracillimum</i> 'Mel' x Star of Gold 'Bathurst' V Dawes	V Dawes
Best of Best	<i>Restrepia sp.</i> Unknown M Kemp	M Kemp
Orchid of the Month	<i>Restrepia sp.</i> Unknown M Kemp	M Kemp

Popular Vote

Division	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
First Division	<i>Masd.</i> Machu Picchu 'Jay Vee' N & C Doyle	<i>Den.</i> Aussie Cascade J & B Smith	<i>Cym.</i> Dr. Baker 'Bewitched' x Negrito 'Cherry Ripe' N & C Doyle
Second Division	<i>Den. moniliforme</i> S & G Hill	<i>Onc.</i> Jester M Kemp	<i>Paph. villosum</i> P Willson

Potted Plants	Azalea "Brides Bouquet" W Glidden	Goeppertia Rufibarba S Greatbatch	Elk Horn R Henschel
Floral Arrangement "Unusual Container"	G Allen	S Davies	A Gerrard

Tasmanian Orchid Society Orchid Mix

Prepared by the Tasmanian Botanical Gardens staff for our members to purchase. Bags are available now. The T.O.S Orchid mix (40 litre bags), are available at \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. The keeper of the mix is **Peter Willson**. Please phone Peter on **62484375** who lives near Cambridge to decide for PICKUP time and payment.



Brassidium Tzeng-Wen Spot
Photo S Greatbatch

Membership Renewal Notice

2021 is approaching very quickly and membership renewals are due from 1st January 2021. Thank you for your past membership of the Society as we very much value your attendance and contribution to the Tasmanian Orchid Society. Membership is \$25 for Families and \$20 for Singles. From 2021 there will be a \$20 Surcharge for those requiring a printed copy of the GREENHOOD newsletter.

Did you see the **AOF** zoom meeting with **Gary Yong Gee**? What did you think? I would love to Know. Email your comments to the Editor. You can visit his website to view his wonderful photographs at <https://www.yonggee.name/>

Father Christmas was not in a very good frame of mind - in fact he was very depressed. That morning after breakfast, Mrs Santa had told him that her Mother was coming over to stay 'for a few days' and he knew that would be for several weeks, and as Christmas was approaching her visit was the last thing that he wanted.

The Elves had been playing up and had gone on strike for more pay. The replacement elves Santa had put in were much slower and the number of toys that had been made was way down.

Father Christmas went to visit his Reindeers and found that two of them were pregnant and another two had kicked down the fence and had disappeared into the forest. He was by now even more depressed.

What I need is a drink he thought, but upon going indoors he found that the elves had hidden his Whisky and there was nothing left to drink in his liquor cabinet. Deciding upon a coffee he went into the kitchen but managed to drop the Jar of Coffee all over the floor. Now he really was cheesed off!

He went to fetch the broom to sweep up the mess but found that the mice had chewed off all the bristles.

At that moment there was a knock at the front door.

Upon opening it, Father Christmas was confronted by a beautiful Fairy holding a lovely Christmas Tree. "Good Morning, Santa" she called "Isn't it a really lovely day. I have bought you this beautiful tree, isn't it lovely? Where would you like me to stick it?"

And that is why by tradition we have a Fairy sitting on top of our Christmas Trees.