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A confection of caramel is Wendy Glidden's orchid *Wilsonara* Guann Shin Howard 'Green Elf'. The intergeneric epithet of *Wilsonara*, abbreviated as Wls., contains crossings of *Cochlioda*, *Odontoglossum* and *Oncidium* genera. The first two are now classified as *Oncidium*. The RHS accepted Genus is *Oncidium* but

Wilsonara is retained as a synonym. Guann Shin Orchids is the name of the producer of the cross. A multi-branched single inflorescence displaying a lovely mass of blooms. A plant Wendy won as a raffle prize. Photographs S Greatbatch.

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This month I have combined January and February Issues into the one newsletter. As you know the AGM will take place at the March meeting meaning all the committee positions become available for re-election including that of Newsletter Editor. I am happy to continue in this role for this year but if any one else would like to take it on your most welcome to nominate yourself. Thankyou to Dorothy and Ian Crocker for hosting January's Sunday Get Together. A lovely day was had by all. There will be no get together for February. March to be advised. Some wonderful photographs taken by Gary Hill at the January meeting have been posted onto the Tasmanian Orchid Forum on Facebook. Go check them out. If anyone who has an orchid they would like me to come and photograph for the Newsletter just email or ring me. I'd be happy come over and take some pic for you. The Australian Orchid Council Conference and Show *For the Love of Orchids* 1-5 of September 2021 at Logan Brisbane Queensland is still upcoming check out the details here - <https://www.aocc2021.org/> If members have name badges could you please wear them at the meetings and events as it's helpful for new members. Please see the treasurer if you need one. I hope you enjoy this one. Deadline for items for the March newsletter 5th March. Cheers Sandra Greatbatch Editor

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Please address any e-mailed items for the newsletter with the word GREENHOOD in the subject line.

Deadline for the newsletter Friday 10 days prior to the general meeting.

Calendar of Events 2021

Month	Event
February	General Meeting Monday 15 th February 2021 Legacy House 6.30pm for 7.30pm start. Guest Speaker – Bev Woodward - Coelogyne Floral Art – Flowers, foliage and fruit. Competition plants - final Judging for both <i>Sartylis</i> Braveheart ‘Sandy’ and <i>Dendrobium</i> Gillieston Jazz ‘Lisa’ please bring both. BBQ Sunday 21 st February 2021 Site 9 Waterworks Reserve 11am - 3pm
March	General Meeting and Annual General Meeting Monday 15 th March 2021 Legacy House 6.30pm for 7.30pm start. Guest Speaker – A panel Presentation – each to talk on a blooming plant of their choice Floral Art – Add Some Succulents
April	General Meeting Monday 19 th April 2021 Legacy House 6.30pm for 7.30pm start.

Membership Renewal Notice

Memberships 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 Inc.

Yearly Membership is \$25 for Couples and Families
and \$20 for Singles



WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE! - A REMINDER

The final judgement of our competition plants for both *Sartylis* Braveheart ‘Sandy’ and *Dendrobium* Gillieston Jazz ‘Lisa’ will take place at the February General Meeting. Please don’t forget to bring these along.

Notice is hereby given
of the
Annual General Meeting
of the
Tasmanian Orchid Society Inc.

which will be held at
Legacy Hall, 159 Macquarie St Hobart on 15th March 2021
Commencing at 7.30pm.

As the Society is operational in this new year 2021, it is now time to be thinking about the election of officers. This is a very important role of this society's successful operation. Any successful organisation needs an active committee to lead on behalf of its members.

Please consider being a committee member of this Society.

Below is a nomination form.....Please complete and hand it to the 2020/2021 Secretary or President. All positions become vacant so we need a President, 2 Vice -Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary and 5 committee members. Again, please consider being part of the team.

Remember that you must be a Financial Member to be able to nominate and vote at the Annual General Meeting.

.....Please print this page, fill in below and hand in.....

TASMANIAN ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

I (full name)

.....

of (address)

.....

desire to nominate for the position of on the

Tasmanian Orchid Society committee Inc. for the next 12 months.

Signed phone No.....

I and I

being financial members of the TOS endorse this nomination. Dated

President's Report

Welcome to 2021. Let us all hope that with the rolling out of the vaccine in coming months, we can put some of the lock downs and restrictions behind us.

The committee met last Monday night. As part of that meeting, we reviewed the Sarcochilus and Masdevallia Show. Several things were highlighted including the fact that benching needs to be completed by 8.45 and by 9am the judges need to be there and ready to commence judging. The judging to be completed by 12 noon and the show open until 3pm at which time there will be a presentation of prizes and medals. Despite the odd hiccup, the show was a financial success for the society with donations and a percentage of plant sales which were very popular with the general public. We do need to make sure that the public are aware that this is an orchid show as not everyone knows about Sarcochilus and Masdevallias and that they are part of the vast orchid family. A few more might now after Stoneman's Nursery had some on sale late last year!

For this year's BBQ we have booked Site No. 9 at the Waterworks for Sunday 21st February. This is a much larger site with 2 BBQs that we can use if need be to speed up the cooking process. The club will supply hamburgers, sausages and kebabs. Jim will commence cooking at 12 noon. Please bring along salad, desert etc along with serving implements. It might be a good idea to bring a folding chair as well. We will be asking for numbers at the February meeting. If you can't get to the meeting but would like to come to the BBQ please contact Jim Smith and let him know.

The competition plant for 2021 will be a soft cane dendrobium. We are ordering 50 mixed soft cane dendrobiums which we will sell for \$10. I have asked Ian Woodgate to prepare some basic culture notes for members following his interesting talk at the January meeting. Ian has indicated he is prepared to do a much longer presentation on soft cane dendrobiums later in the year which is something to look forward to. Please bring along your Dendrobium(s) from 2020 and Sartylis from 2019 to the February meeting for their final judging.

At the February meeting Bev Woodward will be talking on Coelogyne which should be interesting to members as it is a topic that we have not covered for quite some years. Don't forget that the March meeting is our AGM. It is important that members come along and hear what has been happening in the last 12 months from a society point of view and have the opportunity to vote for the committee if it comes to that.



Cattleya Dakao 'Flamea Enami'
Grown by Marcus Smith

Several members have asked about whether our day at Ross in May will go ahead this year or not. I can't answer that question just yet. We are awaiting advise about how many people we can have there and other arrangements. While we have asked Peter Miller from the Hanging Garden to come and he has agreed to do so, it could all change at the last minute should there be an outbreak either in Victoria or here in Tasmania. Once we have some more answers, then we will circulate information about the day.

Andrea Gerrard OAM President

COPING WITH THE TAIL END OF SUMMER

You will start seeing flower spikes on your early flowering Cymbidiums. You should be using a Bloom Booster which is lower in Nitrogen but higher in Phosphorous and Potassium. This will assist in more flowers in Spring instead of just new growths.

Certainly keep up with the watering, especially on these warm to hot windy days. Evening watering once the sun goes down is far more beneficial than morning watering when the sun is rising. Plants can absorb nutrients better without having heat-stress to deal with.

Do whatever repotting needs to be done, but try and shelter those from the sun that are tender with soft leaves like the Oncidium, formerly known as Odontoglossum or Odontioda, if the plants are still small. ie in under 100mm pot size.

Your Cattleyas and Laelias will be thriving with this weather so remember to maybe water more regularly, especially if you have them in pots hanging up. Be more vigilant with all plants that are on mounts as they do dehydrate very quickly. It also helps if you can add to the water some 'Wetting Agent', which helps the water to 'stick' to the potting media, mount, and the root system of the plants.

It won't be long until Daylight Saving is finished, and I find that once that happens, it is all downhill till Winter happens. It creeps up on us and we will have snow on the Mountain before we know it.

Common sense should prevail and we can always follow on the lighter side of life. Just because you read what is the latest ideas are about growing Orchids, use your common sense as you know exactly what your climatic area is all about. Books written in America and the UK are all down side up.

Good growing,

Bev Woodward



A scene of HORROR!!! Bev mentioned at the January meeting how mealy bugs like to gather inside the stake clips. This is what I found inside one I was using to hold a Phal. flower stem that I was trying to propagate in a bottle of water. I had it tucked away in a shady spot and had forgotten about it. Completely dead and sucked dry! Cleaned the clip off using boiling water. Ed.



Recent hybrid registrations from Troweena Orchids



Left *Mauriceara Clutha Dream* 'John's Passion'
An interesting fact about the Mauriceara is that there are 7 different genera in the breeding. It consists of Aganisia (Agn.), Batemannia (Btmna.), Otostylis (Otst.), Pabstia (Pab.), Promenaea (Prom.), Zygopetalum (Z.) and Zygosepalm (Zspm.).

Registered 05/01/2021

TR 819 (*Zygapabstia Elfin Jade* x *Berlinara Esther Ann*)
= *Mauriceara (Mrc.) Clutha Dream*



Above. Left *Lycamerlycaste Elizabeth Ann* 'Covid 20' and **Right** *Lycamerlycaste Elizabeth Ann* grown by Alf Magnano. Just goes to show the beauty of flowering Seedlings. They will all be different, unlike Mericlones.

Registered 19/11/2020 TR 845 (*Lycaste Caroline* x *Lycamerlycaste Starfire*)
= *Lycamerlycaste (Lmc.) Elizabeth Ann*

16/03/2020 TR 803 (*Lycamerlycaste Hot Lips Houlihan* x *Lycaste Wyong*)
= *Lycamerlycaste (Lmc.) Memoria Tanya Pearce*

One that was registered by David Banks on 28/05/2015 without my knowledge is: -

TR 717 (*Coelogyne Memoria Louis Forget* x *Coelogyne mooreana*)
= *Coelogyne (Coel.) Rachael Banks*

I know that I have sold many of these seedlings over the years, so please check your plants and update your labels.

Bev Woodward
Troweena Orchids

December Meeting Results

Judges Vote 1st Division

Cymbidium Hybrid over 90mm	No Entry	
Cymbidium Hybrid 90mm and Under	No entry	
Laeliinae Species and Hybrid	1st. <i>C. intermedia</i> var. <i>oriata</i> 'Crown Fox'	M & W Dawes
	2nd. <i>Rth. Fuchs Orange Nuggett</i> 'Lea'	N & C Doyle
Oncidium and Allied Sp./Hyb.	1st. <i>Onc. Anne Gripp</i> 2nd. <i>Osp. Sunkissed</i> 'Buttercup'	I Woodgate N & C Doyle
Gomesa Species or Hybrid	1st. <i>Oncsa. Kaiulani</i> 2nd. No Entry	J & B Smith
Masdevallia and Dracula Sp./ Hyb.	1st. <i>Masd. Falcata</i> 'Aurora' 2nd. <i>Masd. Falcata</i> 'Golden Lights' x <i>Pichincha</i> 'Cape View'	N & C Doyle J & B Smith
Other Orchid Species	1st. <i>Angcm. compactum</i> 2nd. <i>Lyc. deppeii</i>	J & B Smith M Smith
Other Orchid Hybrid	1st. <i>Mps. Golden Snows</i> 'White Light' 2nd. <i>Hmwsa. June</i> x <i>Prom. stapelioides</i>	N & C Doyle
Australian Sarcochilus & All. Sp./Hyb.	1st. <i>Plchs. Mini Rose</i> 2nd. <i>Sarco. Kulnara Dazzel</i> 'Midnight' x <i>Sweetheart</i> 'Speckles'	J & B Smith N & C Doyle
Australian Native Tuberous	No Entry	
Australian Native Other Sp./Hyb.	No Entry	
Best Species Orchid	<i>Angcm. compactum</i>	J & B Smith
Best Hybrid Orchid	<i>Onc. Anne Gripp</i>	I Woodgate
Best of Best	<i>Angcm. compactum</i>	J & B Smith
Orchid of the Month	<i>Epi. falcatum</i>	G Hagan

Judges Vote 2nd Division

Cymbidium Hybrid over 90mm.	1st. <i>Cym. Unknown</i>	E Mulder
	2nd. No Entry	
Cymbidium Hybrid 90mm and Under	1st. <i>Cym. Cricket</i>	D & V Cleaver
	2nd. <i>Cym. Plush Canyon</i> 'Red Eye'	I Crocker

Laeliinae Species and Hybrid	1st. <i>C. Unknown</i> 2nd. <i>Ctt. Trick or Treat</i>	E Mulder I Crocker
Oncidium and Allied Sp./Hyb.	1st. <i>Onc. Sharry Baby</i> 2nd. No Entry	S Greatbatch
Gomesa Species or Hybrid	No Entry	
Masdevallia and Dracula Sp./Hyb.	1st. <i>Drvla. Blue Boy 'Cow Hollow'</i> 2nd. <i>Masd. wubbenii</i>	M Kemp M Kemp
Other Orchid Species	1st. <i>V. falcata</i> 2nd. <i>Lyc. deppeii 'Mad Max'</i>	D & V Cleaver I Crocker
Other Orchid Hybrid	1st. <i>V. Jakkit Gold x Patcharee Delight</i> 2nd. <i>Mps. Breathless 'Florence'</i>	D & V Cleaver S Greatbatch
Australian Sarcochilus Sp./Hyb.	1st. <i>Sarco. Cherie 'Spotty'</i> x <i>Gabrielle 'Ryncho'</i> 2nd. <i>Sarco. ceciliae</i>	M Kemp S Greatbatch
Australian Native Tuberous	No Entry	
Australian Native Other	No Entry	
Best Species	<i>V. falcata</i>	D & V Cleaver
Best Hybrid	<i>V. Jakkit Gold x Patcharee Delight</i>	D & V Cleaver
Best of Best	<i>V. falcata</i>	D & V Cleaver
Orchid of the Month	<i>V. falcata</i>	D & V Cleaver

	House Plants		Floral Arrangement	
1st.	<i>Pepperomia polybrata</i>	S Greatbatch	1st. "Christmas Wreath"	G Allen
2nd.	Hippeastrum	I Crocker	2nd. "Christmas Wreath"	A Gerrard

Popular Vote

	First Division		Second Division	
1st	<i>C. Shirayukihime 'M'</i>	M & W Dawes	1st. <i>Mps. Breathless 'Florence'</i>	S Greatbatch
2nd	<i>Epi. falcatum</i>	G Hagan	2nd. <i>Vfalcata</i>	D & V Cleaver
3rd.	<i>Osp. Anne Gripp</i>	I Woodgate	3rd. <i>Den. Utopia</i>	E Mulder

	House Plants		Floral Arrangement	
1st.	Hippeastrum	I Crocker	1st. "Christmas Wreath"	G Allen
2nd.	<i>Pepperomia polybrata</i>	S Greatbatch	2nd. "Christmas Wreath"	A Gerrard
3rd.	Succulent	J Strang	3rd. No Entry	

A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species

I am sending this information out about our upcoming second edition of "A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species". It has been seven years since the first edition was released, and it has been sold out for nearly six years. If this has already been sent to you, or you have already pre-ordered it, I hope you will consider forwarding it anyone that you think might be interested. We would really appreciate it.

I am very proud of the changes we've made. It is not the same product as the first edition, nor is it a continuation. The books are smaller in size, now 8.5" x 11", and there are now four volumes instead of two. The text has been revised, misidentifications corrected, taxonomy updated, and approximately 1200 new photographs have been added. Of those new photos, somewhere between 350-400 are replacements, and 800-900 are new additions. The first edition had 1800 images, whereas this edition will have 2800 or more.

Attached is a link to the information from our publisher, Redfern Natural History Productions. Thank you.

<https://www.redfernnaturalhistory.com/product/miniature-orchids-set-of-four-volumes/>

With warm regards,
Ron Parsons Via Geoff Curry



One of our Societies newest members Heather Kirkcaldy, who lives in Roland in N.W. Tassie, has sent in some photos of her lovely Cymbidium and Dendrobium blooms. If any one knows the names of these beauties please email the Editor with the details. Heather will be attending the Warren Brooks orchid day at Turners Beach so any members attending can hopefully meet up with her. Welcome to the TOS Heather Also welcome to Mary and Bernard Keygan and Dianne and Paul Jacobs.

DEVONPORT ORCHID SOCIETY TRADE AND SOCIAL DAY

Enjoy a day in the tranquil surrounds of a beautiful garden and well laid out orchid houses. Orchids will be for sale and a Monster raffle will be held.

PLACE: Val Johnson & Warren Brooks home, 4 Harding Drive Turners Beach
Ph 64283226

DATE: Sunday 14 February, 2021 **TIME:** 10am to 4pm

LUNCH: For this year only the committee decided it would be better for all concerned if you brought your own lunch as Covid rules will apply.

MONSTER RAFFLE: 3pm

SELLERS A donation of a plant for the raffle would be appreciated.

MEMBERS Please bring Chair, Eating Utensils, and bring your own lunch and hot or cold drinks.

Covid rules will apply and on arrival temperatures will be taken, sanitary hand cleaner will be available and distancing of 1.5m will apply. If we have a second wave of Covid then this event will be cancelled.

If you are feeling unwell please do not attend this event.

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.

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.

Benching orchids for the first time by Shirley Jackson

One of the most daunting things to do at the Orchid Society meetings is to bring your orchids in to be benched and judged for the first time. There is so much doubt. Is it good enough? Will people think I am a dope because there's something wrong with it and I didn't know? I haven't a clue where to put it? It took me 18 months to get the courage up to bring one in. Trust me it was a poor little plant but the process of actually bringing it in and benching it gave me a lot of confidence and also it opened up a whole new world of showing orchids.

There are two main reasons, which I can think of, why you don't bench orchids.

1. **You have not owned them for 6 months.** This is not ethical. When showing prior to six months you are showing another grower's culture, it is not your work.
2. **The plant has a disease or an insect infestation.** Check your plant over well for signs of virus. If unsure ask advice from an experienced grower before you put it on the bench. Check for pests such as mealy bug, aphids, scale and ants. Ants can occasionally sneak in and are often forgiven but a large infestation is a no no.

Prior to bringing in your plant put it in the light and give it a good once over. Is it looking the best it can be?

1. Take off all dead leaves, old spikes and some people take off the dead sheaths from the bulbs (it comes down to the judge if this is to be taken right off or tidied up. I tend to go with the tidy up as long as it doesn't detract from the plant).
2. If leaves are damaged by sun, water or other trauma take a step back and access the plant. Does it affect the plant a lot? If so cut off offending leaf if it's really bad, trim it up if near the tip. Don't take off so much that a large proportion of the leaves are cut, if the plant is that bad leave it for next year.
3. Is the flower looking straight up at you? If it's hanging down or twisted try staking it so that it's displayed to show its best attributes. Do this ever so gently as the flower could be damaged or knocked off. Don't handle the flowers in very cold weather as they tend to snap off, wait until they have warmed up a bit.
4. If necessary, stake the stem to make it straight.
5. Make sure the plant is firm in the pot. Secure with a stake if necessary.
6. Secure it when in transport. I find scrunched up newspaper or even towels help to hold them in place.
7. When securing flowers or whole plants with stakes do it so that it doesn't detract from the plant. Unnecessarily large stakes and ties are unsightly. It also emphasizes that there is something not quite right about the plant.
8. Water it well before so that it's not dripping all over the benches.

I hope I haven't scared any one off. Please have a go. If you are in doubt ask for advice from other members who will direct you to the right helper.

For people who would like to participate but don't have orchids to bench why not bring in a potted plant or try your hand at floral art.

Sunday Get together

We were treated to a very lovely afternoon at Ian and Dorothy Croker's home in January. Ian is growing his orchids very well and I think we all gained a lot out of the day. I know there were a few gems that would look just great in my grow house!!!!!!! A very big thanks to both of you for being perfect hosts and sharing your home and grow houses with us.

Because of our annual TOS BBQ there will be no gathering in February. March hasn't been confirmed yet so I will let you all know the details when it is. Please consider hosting a gathering this year. I don't want any pressure placed on you but if you feel you can host a gathering or have any ideas please let me know. Shirley sajackson555@gmail.com



Here's a bit of colour therapy for you. Clockwise from Top Left. Bev's *Lmc.* Elizabeth Ann 'Fire Ball', *Onc. Augres* x (Mach Two x Talbetra) by Marcus Smith, Bev's *C. milleri* 'Sky Fire', Jim Smith's *Oncsa*. Gower Ramsey and the Doyle's Den. Mingle's Sapphire Photo S Greatbatch.

January Meeting Results

Judges Vote 1st Division

Cymbidium Hybrid over 90mm		No Entry	
Cymbidium Hybrid 90mm and Under		No entry	
Laeliinae Species and Hybrid	1st.	<i>C. milleri</i> 'Sky Fire'	B Woodward
	2nd.	<i>Pcv.</i> Golden Peacock	I Woodgate
Oncidium and Allied Sp./Hyb.	1st.	<i>Onc. ariasii</i>	M Smith
	2nd.	<i>Onc.</i> Augres x (Mach Two x Talbetra)	M Smith
Gomesa Species or Hybrid	1st.	<i>Oncsa.</i> Gower Ramsey	J & B Smith
	2nd.	No Entry	
Masdevallia and Dracula Sp./ Hyb.	1st.	<i>Masd. coriacea</i> 'TC'	N & C Doyle
	2nd.	<i>Masd. picea</i> 'L & R'	B Woodward
Other Orchid Species	1st.	<i>Brs. verrucosa</i>	N & C Doyle
	2nd.	<i>Lyc. longipetala</i>	M Smith
Other Orchid Hybrid	1st.	<i>Lmc.</i> Elizabeth Ann 'Fire Ball'	B Woodward
	2nd.	<i>Den.</i> Mingle's Sapphire	N & C Doyle
Australian Sarcochilus & All. Sp./Hyb.	1st.	<i>Plchz. tridentata</i> x <i>erecta</i> 'Orange'	J & B Smith
	2nd.	<i>Plchs.</i> Mini Rose	J & B Smith
Australian Native Tuberous		No Entry	
Australian Native Other Sp./Hyb.	1st.	<i>Den. tetragonum</i> 'Otway Range'	
		x 'Noahs Ark'	N & C Doyle
	2nd.	No Entry	
Best Species Orchid		<i>C. milleri</i> 'Sky Fire'	B Woodward
Best Hybrid Orchid		<i>Lmc.</i> Elizabeth Ann 'Fire Balls'	B Woodward
Best of Best		<i>C. milleri</i> 'Sky Fire'	B Woodward
Orchid of the Month		<i>Lyc. longipetala</i>	M Smith

Judges Vote 2nd Division

Cymbidium Hybrid over 90mm.		No Entry	
Cymbidium Hybrid 90mm and Under		No Entry	
Laeliinae Species and Hybrid	1st.	<i>L. purpurata</i> var. <i>carnea</i>	E Mulder
	2nd.	No Entry	

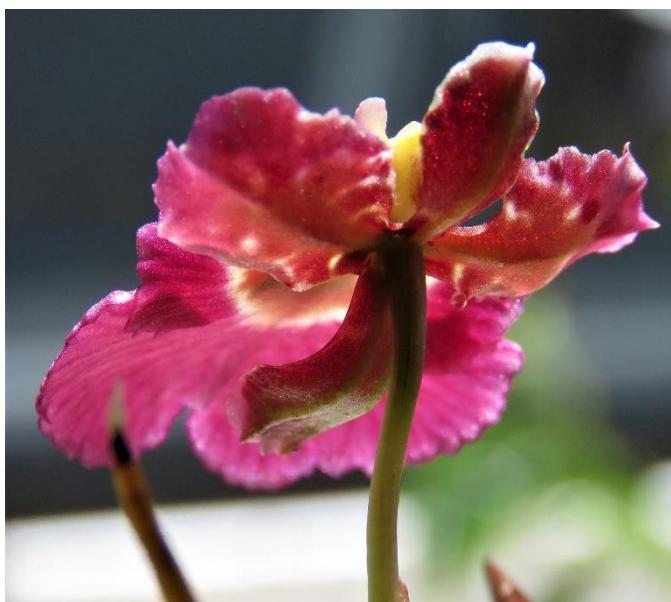
Oncidium and Allied Sp./Hyb.	1st. <i>Onc.</i> Guann Shin Howard 'Green elf' W Glidden 2nd. <i>Oip.</i> Fran's Nymph	S Greatbatch
Gomesa Species or Hybrid	1st. <i>Oncsa.</i> Sweet Sugar 'CT Wide' 2nd. <i>Rrm.</i> Swan' Statement	S & G Hill S Greatbatch
Masdevallia and Dracula Sp./Hyb.	1st. <i>Masd.</i> Bay of Fires 2nd. <i>Masd.</i> Peppermint Glow 'Gorgeous'	S Johnson S & G Hill
Other Orchid Species	1st. <i>Dryadella simulans</i> 2nd. <i>Dryadella hirtzii</i>	M Kemp M Kemp
Other Orchid Hybrid	1st. <i>Phal.</i> Unknown 2nd. <i>Beallara</i> Unknown	S Greatbatch E Mulder
Australian Sarcochilus Sp./Hyb.	No Entry	
Australian Native Tuberous	1st. <i>Eriochilus cucullatus</i> 2nd. No Entry	S & G Hill
Australian Native Other	No Entry	
Best Species	<i>Dryadella simulans</i>	M Kemp
Best Hybrid	<i>Phal.</i> Unknown	S Greatbatch
Best of Best	<i>Phal.</i> Unknown	S Greatbatch
Orchid of the Month	<i>Rrm.</i> Swan's Statement	S Greatbatch

	House Plants	Floral Arrangement
1st.	Croton	S Greatbatch
2nd.	No Entry	No Entry

Popular Vote

	First Division	Second Division
1st	<i>Brs. verrucosa</i>	M Smith 1st. <i>Phal.</i> Unknown
2nd	<i>Den.</i> Mingle's Sapphire N & C Doyle	2nd. <i>Masd.</i> Bay of Fires
3rd.	<i>Onc.</i> Augres x (Mach Two x Talbetra)	3rd. <i>L. purpurata</i> var. <i>carnea</i>

	House Plants	Floral Arrangement
1st.	Croton	S Greatbatch



This is my *Rodrumnia* Swan's Statement that won orchid of the month 2nd Div. at the January meeting. It's an intergeneric between Rodriguezia and Tolumnia. These plants are twig epiphytes occurring in coastal forests, mangroves and riversides on Caribbean islands and South America where they are subject to high humidity and sea breezes as well as tropical downpours. The interesting leaves are quite succulent, have a triangular cross-section and are slightly taco shell shaped. Originally, I mounted it with a good covering of sphagnum but that caused the main fan to die back but after exposing the roots it made a comeback. I had it in too much sun at one stage causing too much anthocyanins (reddening of the leaves) to develop. **Top Left.** Fully and freshly opened. **Top Right.** After about 3 weeks the colour of the lip has changed. A common trait of Tolumnia blooms. **Bottom Left.** The under-side of the bloom showing the fused lateral sepals, which is why it is in the Gomesa judging section. Makes you wonder how all those petals and huge lip fit inside the sepals in the bud stage. **Bottom Right.** Showing the bloomspike emerging from the crown, the fanlike leaf growth and exposed roots. The flower spike has the ability to branch after the first blooms die back so don't cut the spike off too soon. Photos S Greatbatch.