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*Aerides odorata* var. *alba*, 1st in the 1st Division Popular Vote.  
Owners: D & V Cleaver, Photo: V Cleaver

*Aerides odorata* is native to SE Asia through Nepal, India and Bangladesh in the West, China (Yunnan, Guangdong) to the North, Burma and the Phillipines in the East and Peninsular Malaysia, Java, Sulawes to the South. A wide range of temperature tolerances depend on altitude above sea-level.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**20th Feb. 2023** at Legacy Hall, 159 Macquarie St, Hobart. Due to the deferment of the Special General meeting last month, caused by the closing of the Tasman Bridge and subsequent traffic chaos, the Special General Meeting to ratify the updated Constitution followed by our usual General Meeting will be held tonight. The Guest Speaker is Murray Harding from Victoria and he will talk about Australian Native Dendrobiums. He will have plants for sale too :-)

**Floral Art: "Keep it Cool"**

**20th Mar. 2023** at Legacy Hall, 159 Macquarie St, Hobart. This is the night of our AGM when all Committee positions become vacant. **Only those who are Financial Members as at 1st March 2023 are entitled to vote.** So please ensure that you have paid your Subscriptions **prior** to that date. After the AGM, there will be the presentation of the Annual Awards to those who have tabled plants from March 2022 to February 2023. Maybe there will be some 2nd Division grower/s who could be promoted to 1st Division for the rest of 2023/24 ? Guest Speaker , Barry Davidson.

**Floral Art: "Garden to Vase"**

**17th April 2023** at Legacy Hall, 159 Macquarie St, Hobart.

**Auction Night** Please start putting aside orchid oriented and other donation/s for this annual fund raising event.

**15th May 2023** at Legacy Hall, 159 Macquarie St, Hobart.

**Autumn Show.** Guest speaker to be advised.

**Floral Art: Refer to page 6 for the Show Schedule**

Continued from page 1 from Vicki Cleaver as to how she grows her *Aerides odorata var. alba*.

We grow it in our warm growing area, in the same location as our Vandas, and grown similar to our Vandas.

Low temperatures of around 10C over night in Winter, with occasional 8C.

High temperatures of mostly 20C to low 30C during the day in Summer.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

G'day all.

Who would have thought that one truck could have caused so much chaos, say no more!

Memberships are now overdue, so if you haven't already paid, please do so ASAP.

Due to the small number who managed to attend our last meeting, the Special Meeting has now been postponed until the February one, on the 20<sup>th</sup>. We would like to deal with this as quickly as possible so that we can get on with our guest speaker Murray Harding, who will talk on native Dendrobiums. He will also have some plants for sale.

Please don't forget our Annual BBQ on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February at Hut 9, Waterworks Reserve, from 11.30. Meat, bread and sauce is provided. BYO plate, cutlery etc. and a salad or sweet to share. If you are not at the February meeting and intend to attend, please let me know, for catering purposes.

Our Annual General Meeting is on March 20<sup>th</sup>, where all Committee positions are open for nomination, so if you are thinking of coming on board, please fill out the nomination form in this Greenhood and forward to our Secretary, Bev Woodward by 28<sup>th</sup> February. Two of our long term members are retiring from the committee after many years of service, so we will need to fill the positions.

April meeting is our Annual Auction. I hope you are looking through your orchid collection for any surplus you would like to donate. Any other items are also welcome.

Stay safe and enjoy your orchids.

Noel.

Due to an error on the name of the orchid that is the New Competition Plant, all the information I printed on Page 3 of the January Greenhood is incorrect.

The correct Registered name is *Aliceara* (Alcra.) Snowblind.

The cross is *Oncidium* Black Diamond x *Aliceara* Tropic Splendor

*Oncidium* Black Diamond is (*Oncidium nobile* x *Oncidium* Jim Mintsiveris)

*Aliceara* Tropic Splendor is (Bratonia Cartagena x *Aliceara* Tahoma Glacier) .

The original intergeneric was called a *Beallara* Snowblind and the Registration was recorded on 12 March 2010.

The Botanists, with all their DNA experience, have changed many thousands of Registrations to take into account their new findings.

If any Members do not have the availability to check whether an Orchid crossing has been registered, I'm happy to do the work for you. Just write out the names that you have on the label and send the details via email or post it to me and I'll try and sort it all out for you.

Bev Woodward (Contact detail on page 2)

## January Meeting Results

### Popular Vote

#### First Division

1st	<i>Aerides odorata</i>	D & V Cleaver
2nd	<i>Promenaea ovatiloba</i>	B Woodward
3rd	<i>Masdevallia schlimii</i> 'Marnie'	B & L Davidson

#### Second Division

1st	<i>Neofalcata</i> Cherry Blossom	E Mulder
2nd	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Hsinying Fortune 'Fortune Star'	I Crocker
3rd	<i>Masdevallia</i> Bella Donna x Antizana 'Lilac Lines'	S Johnson

### House Plants

1st *Echeveria crassulacaea* I Crocker

### Floral Arrangement

1st Hot Summer G Allen

Due to the absence of Judges and limited attendance, there was no Judging of plants other than the Popular Vote. Blame the Bridge fiasco and total Gridlock!

## FOR YOUR DIARY, SHOW DATES AND EVENTS FOR 2023

**26<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Our Annual BBQ.** It will be at Waterworks Reserve, Hut 9, from 11.30 onward. Please bring a salad or sweet to share and your own plates cutlery & drinks. The Society supplies all the rest, meat, sauces, condiments, bread, etc.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023.** From past experiences, this Meeting rarely goes past 30 minutes. All Executive and Committee positions become vacant, so please consider offering up yourself to help run the Society. You will find the Nomination Form on page 5 of this Newsletter.

**AUCTION NIGHT 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023.** This is an annual event where there is a vast array of orchids, other pot plants, books tasty treats etc. A big fund raising event for the Society not to be missed. Please give generously and remember, it is a **CASH ONLY EVENT**.

**AUTUMN SHOW 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023.** This Show is not divided into 1st or 2nd Divisions, but into Genera. It is held on our General Meeting Night at Legacy Hall. A Show Schedule will be published in the February Greenhood.

**ANNUAL SPRING SHOW 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023 to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023. 27<sup>th</sup> is set-up day.** The Show will be held in the Ballroom of the Hobart Town Hall.

**SARCOCHILUS AND MASDEVALLIA SHOW** To be held on a day in November 2023 and the venue both to be confirmed.

**The Tasmanian Orchid Society Inc.**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING for 2023.**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Tasmanian Orchid Society Inc. will be held at Legacy Hall, 159 Macquarie Street, Hobart on Monday the 20th March 2023 to commence at 7.30 pm.

As the Society is operational in this New Year, 2023, it is now time to be thinking about the election of Officers. These are very important roles in our Society's successful operation. All successful organisations require an active Committee to lead on behalf of its Members.

Please consider being a Committee Member of this Society. All positions become vacant at the meeting, we elect or re-elect , a President, 2 Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary and 4 committee members. Remember that you and your 2 Nominees for endorsement must be Financial Members by 1st March 2023 to be able to nominate, endorse a nomination and / or vote at our Annual General Meeting.

Please print this page, fill in your details below and email or post to:-

[secretary@tos.org.au](mailto:secretary@tos.org.au) or TOS Secretary, PO Box 51, South Hobart, Tas. 7004 .

**Nominations should be with the Secretary by 28th February 2023.**

**TASMANIAN ORCHID SOCIETY INC. NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE**

I (full name)

..... of

(address)

.....

wish to nominate for the position of

..... on the Tasmanian Orchid Society Inc. Committee for the next 12 months.

Signed .....

Mobile / home phone number.....

I.....and I.....

Signed..... Signed.....

being financial members of the TOS, endorse this nomination.

Dated ...../...../ 2023

# AUTUMN SHOW SCHEDULE

**Legacy Hall 15th May 2023**

Grand Champion \$25, AOC Certificate, Perpetual Trophy  
Reserve Champion \$15  
Best Culture \$10

Class Prizes 1st. \$5 2nd and 3rd, Certificates.

- Class 1 Cymbidium hybrids > 90mm
- Class 2 Cymbidium hybrids < 90mm and under
- Class 3 Cattleya and allied genera
- Class 4 Oncidium species and hybrids
- Class 5 Gomesa species and hybrids
- Class 6 Masdevallia and allied species
- Class 7 Masdevallia and allied hybrids
- Class 8 Dracula species
- Class 9 Dracula hybrids
- Class 10 Other orchid species
- Class 11 Other orchid hybrids
- Class 12 Sarcochilus and allied species and hybrids
- Class 13 Dendrobium species and hybrids (other than Aust. Native Dendrobiums)
- Class 14 Australian Natives species and hybrids
- Class 15 Australian terrestrials
- Class 16 Best species
- Class 17 Best hybrid

## Foliage and Fern

- Class 18 Foliage and ferns
- Class 19 Flowering plants

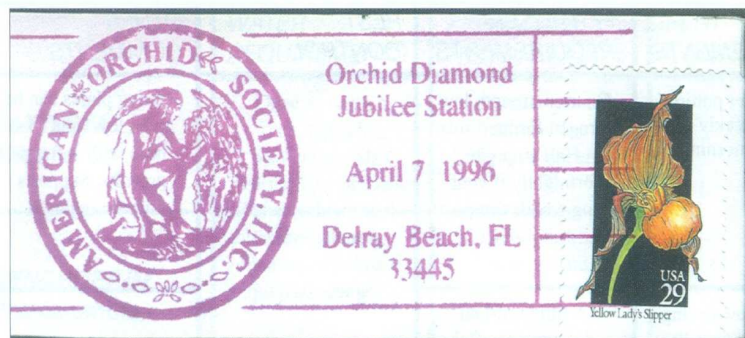
## Floral Art

- Class FA1 "Autumn Theme"
- Class FA2 "Add some succulents"
- Class FA3 "Going Up"
- Class FA4 "In My Boots" (Men only)

**Please remember that to be eligible for your plants to be judged, they must have been owned and grown by the exhibitor/s for not less than six (6) months.**

**If proven otherwise, plants will be disqualified. Such plants can still be tabled, but must be clearly marked 'EXHIBITION ONLY'**

# Food for Thought by Gaye and Graeme Chequer



Yellow Lady  
Slipper Orchid

In doing background reading for some stamp exhibits it was surprising how often we came across a mention of orchids being used as food or for medicinal purposes. Of course we all are aware of *Vanilla planifolia* and its extensive usage for food flavourings so we will not dwell on this species.

Let's start with 'Olde England' where at least one salep shop existed in London throughout the 19th Century.

Salep has been derived from a wide range of terrestrial orchids throughout Europe.



*Ansellia* pseudobulbs are a stock-in-trade for the Zulu herbatlist said to cure madness.

There are several ways to make salep but the main one appears to be the collection of tubers just after flowering season. After cleaning, the tubers are dried in the sun and then ground to a flour. The flour can be mixed with an assortment of liquids

and often appears in an elastic dough type mixture.

As it takes about 1000 tubers to make 1 kilogram of ice cream it is little wonder that orchids are becoming very rare. In Turkey salep ice cream has become a summer treat tradition to the detriment of the indigenous orchid population.

Another early belief emanating from this region is that if large, hard tubers of orchids are eaten by males then they are likely to produce male offspring. Conversely, if the smaller shrivelled tubers are eaten by women then female offspring will be ensured.

The tubers of *Orchis mascula* contain bassorin, starch and other properties sufficient that at one time when England was at the peak of its naval supremacy it was recommended that ground tubers should be carried on all ships as a hedge against famine. It was prescribed that 1 ounce (28 gms) added to 1 ounce of soup concentrate and 2 quarts (2 litres) of boiled water had sufficient nourishment to sustain a seaman for a day. Little wonder that men had to be press ganged into the navy!

Fashionable during the Victorian period was a cup of 'faham' or 'bourbon tea'. It was an infusion from several types of orchids of which the dried leaves of *Angraecum fragrans* was one. The leaves were imported from the Mascarene islands, Reunion and Mauritius in huge quantities to make what has been described as a 'delicately flavoured beverage'.

To be continued in future Greenhoods.



*Cattleya purpurata* var. *werckhauseri* X *Cattleya elegans* var. *coerulea*

Owner & Photographer, Neil Mickleborough

One of the drawbacks from the January Meeting, that caused so many Members to decide that the time taken on the road in transit to Legacy Hall, was not worth it, so they returned home with their prized plants never to be benched.

Neil Mickleborough was one of those in Second Division who was bringing this magnificent specimen of a well flowered Cattleya, only having to return home without showing this plant above, with 2 racemes with 3 colourful blooms on each of the canes.

Lets hope that by next January, he will be able to show us all what this plant can produce with another 12 months growth to its life with his tender loving care.

**BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU GIVE FOR NEXT CHRISTMAS**

I bought my son an iPad, my daughter an iPod.

The wife got me an iPhone and I got her an iRon.

She was not overjoyed, even after I explained it can be integrated with the

iWash, iCook and iClean network.

This activated the iNag reminder service which totally wiped out the iSex.