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Grobya amherstiae

This orchid comes from Brazil and grows at between 1000 and 1300 metres above sea level. I grow it cool in a sunny spot.

Owner and Photographer, Bev Woodward

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

16th Jan. 2023 at Legacy Hall, 159 Macquarie St, Hobart.

A Special General Meeting to ratify the updated Constitution followed by our usual General Meeting. The Topic for tonight will be on Pests and Diseases to watch out for in our Orchids, presented by Barry Davidson.

Floral Art: "Hot Summer"

21st Feb. 2023 at Legacy Hall, 159 Macquarie St, Hobart.

Topic and Speaker TBA in the next Greenhood.

Floral Art: "Keep it Cool"

21st 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 ?

Floral Art: "Garden to Vase"

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

Auction Night Please start putting aside orchid oriented 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: "Autumn theme"

A recent study found that the average Aussie walks 900
MILES A YEAR!!!

Another study found that Aussies drink, on average,
22 GALLONS OF ALCOHOL A YEAR !!!

THAT MEANS THAT, ON AVERAGE, AUSSIES GET 41 MILES
TO THE GALLON.

MAKES YOU PROUD TO BE AN AUSSIE DOESN'T IT?

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

G'day all.

Best wishes to you all for a happy, and healthy 2023.

A reminder that our January meeting will be a Special Meeting to vote on the proposed changes to our Constitution. Hopefully this shouldn't take long and we can continue with our regular meeting, where I'm sure you will obtain some good information on pests and diseases that can & will, affect orchids.

This will be presented by one of our experienced growers, Barry Davidson.

The Cymbidium competition plants have now finished. I hope yours are growing well. The new plants will be available at the January meeting.

These are Beallara Snowbird, which are a cool growing orchid and different to those we have had before. There are only a limited number of these so get in quick.

Membership renewals are now due, so if you haven't already paid please do so as soon as possible.

I hope to see you at the January meeting. Stay safe and enjoy your orchids,

Noel

Please note that there is a change of name of the new Competition plant mentioned above.

Snowbird was a cross registered by Everglades Orchids in 1978, its parents being *Odontobrassia (Odbrs.) Gordon Dillion* x *Oncidium obryzatum*. The originator of the seedling was Norwood K Schaffer of Baltimore, USA.

Odbrs. Gordon Dillion is the primary hybrid of *Brassia maculata* x *Odontoglossum bictoniense*.

Due to all the changes that the Botanists have made because of DNA testing to the genera of so many orchids, it has been a *Maclellanara*, *Beallara* and an *Aliceara* over the years.

It is **NOW** a *Brascidostele* Snowbird or for short, a *Bcd.* Snowbird.

December Meeting Results

Judges Vote 1st. Division

Cymbidium Hybrid over 90mm	No Entry	
Cymbidium Hybrid 90mm & Under	No Entry	
Laelinae Species and Hybrid	1st. Bc. Lindleyana	J & B Smith
	2nd. <i>L. pumila x Brs. nodosa</i>	M Smith
Oncidium and Allied Sp./Hyb.	1st. <i>Onc. Diggers Sunrise 'Shelley'</i>	B Woodward
	2nd. <i>Onc. Widecombe Fair 'Bev's Beauty'</i>	B Woodward
Gomesa Species or Hybrid	No Entry	
Masdevallia and Dracula Sp./Hyb.	1st. <i>Drvla. Blue Boy 'Cow Hollow'</i>	B Woodward
	2nd. <i>Masd Golden Krieks 'Crown Vista'</i>	J & B Smith
Other Orchid Species	1st. <i>Epi. falcatum</i>	G Hagan
	2nd. <i>Stelis papaquerensis</i>	B & L Davidson
Other Orchid Hybrid	1st. <i>Paph. Duo de Citron</i>	G Hagan
	2nd. <i>Lmc. Elizabeth Ann 'Fire Balls'</i>	B Woodward
Australian Sarcochilus & All. Sp./Hyb.	1 st . <i>Sarco Amber x Parma 'River Deep'</i>	B Woodward
	2 nd . No Entry	
Australian Native Tuberous	No Entry	
Australian Native Other Sp./Hyb.	1 st . <i>Cym. madidum</i>	G Hagan
	2 nd . No Entry	
Best Species Orchid	<i>Epi. falcatum</i>	G Hagan
Best Hybrid Orchid	<i>Paph. Duo de Citron</i>	G Hagan
Best of Best	<i>Paph. Duo de Citron</i>	G Hagan
Orchid of the Month	<i>Lmc. Elizabeth Ann 'Fire Balls'</i>	B Woodward

Judges Vote 2nd. Division

Cymbidium Hybrid over 90mm.	No Entry	
Cymbidium Hybrid 90mm & Under	1 st . <i>Cym. Red Promise 'Nicole'</i>	S Johnson
	2 nd . <i>Cym. Sarah Jean 'Karen'</i>	A Millward
Laeliinae Species and Hybrid	1st. <i>C. intermedia</i>	G & S Hill
	2nd. No Entry	
Oncidium and Allied Sp./Hyb.	No Entry	
Gomesa Species or Hybrid	No Entry	
Masdevallia and Dracula Sp./Hyb.	1st. <i>Masd. Copper Wine x coccinea</i>	S Johnson
	2nd. <i>Masd. Curacao 'Hamish'</i>	E Mulder
Other Orchid Species	1 st <i>Den. thyrsiflorum</i>	W Glidden
	2 nd . <i>Restrepia unknown</i>	G & S Hill
Other Orchid Hybrid	1st. <i>Den. Matos</i>	E Mulder
	2nd. No Entry	
Australian Sarcochilus Sp./Hyb.	1st. <i>Sarco. Val</i>	G & S Hill
	2 nd . <i>Sarco. Fitzhart</i>	G & S Hill

Australian Native Tuberous	No Entry	
Australian Native Other	1st. <i>Den.</i> Rutherford Stardust 'Tinonee'	E Mulder
	2nd. No Entry	
Best Species	<i>Den. thysiflorum</i>	W Glidden
Best Hybrid	<i>Cym.</i> Red Promise 'Nicole'	S Johnson
Best of Best	<i>Den. thysiflorum</i>	W Glidden
Orchid of the Month	<i>Den.</i> Matos	E Mulder

House Plants

1st. No Entry

Floral Arrangement

1st. "Christmas Table Centre" G Allen
 2nd. No Entry

Popular Vote

First Division

1st *Onc.* Diggers Sunrise 'Shelley' B Woodward
 2nd. *Lmc.* Elizabeth Ann 'Fire Balls' B Woodward
 3rd. *Paph.* Duo de Citron G Hagan

Second Division

1st *Den. thysiflorum* W Glidden
 2nd. *Masd.* Curacao 'Hamish' E Mulder
 3rd. *Cym.* Red Promise 'Nicole' S Johnson

House Plants

1st. No Entry

Floral Arrangement

1st. "Christmas Table Centre" G Allen



Promenaea ovatiloba with 26 blooms growing in a pine bark & perlite mix in a 100mm squat pot.
 Owner & Photographer: Bev Woodward

TASKS TO BE DONE AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR IN YOUR GROWING AREAS

There are a lot of chores that can be completed at this time of the year in preparation for flowering later on in the year.

First and foremost, keep your plants free from fallen leaves and flowers. You don't need these to compost on your benches, causing a slimey mess as you continue to water over them.

Watering is vitally important with the warmer days we have been experiencing of late. I've said before, please check the forecasts from the Bureau of Meteorology to check if a morning watering is best over an evening event. If expecting a warm to hot day, do your watering in the evening prior, once the sun is set, so your plants have the best chance to hydrate overnight. You can then water the ground under your plants to keep the humidity up during the day if necessary.

A great use of old baby baths is to put them under the benches and fill them with water. Hot days will cause evaporation and assist with the humidity in the area.

Water left sitting in the leaf axils on a hot day will cause the water to even "boil", thus killing off that new growth. Not what we want for our flowering or lack thereof.

If you haven't completed your repotting and dividing in Spring, you can just pot-on into a bigger pot without disturbing the root system too much. Dividing plants in the heat of Summer is NOT recommended.

A fan can be your best investment if air circulation is a problem in closed-in areas on very warm to hot days. The same applies in winter when frosts are forecast. Keeping the air moving will be beneficial as frosts do not settle on windy nights.

Never fertilize very dry plants. Water well the day before and then you can add the fertilizer the next day.

Cymbidium flower spikes are now starting to form, so by placing a bamboo stake beside the spike helps to remind you that as it grows, you can carefully tie it to the stake as it matures. Remember that pendulous varieties are meant to be pendulous, so please don't force the issue to make them upright. The flowering will never "look right" if you do.

Remember that orchids such as *Paphiopedilums*, *Phalaenopsis*, *Disas*, or *Stenoglottis* don't have canes or bulbs to store food and water, so careful watering of those is vitally important during Summer.

Don't forget all your hanging plants as they will dehydrate very quickly without the attention of watering regularly.

If you have any questions about a specific orchid, please feel free to phone me on 0413 136 413 and I'll hopefully be able to give you some advise.

Bev Woodward

TROWEENA ORCHIDS ACCESSORIES PRICE LIST

80 mm Net Pots		\$1.40 each
70 mm squat pots	20 for	\$3.60
100mm squat pots	10 for	\$3.00 or \$0.35 each
100mm tall pots	10 for	\$4.50 or \$0.50 each
115mm squat pots	10 for	\$3.25 or \$0.35 each
125mm squat pots	10 for	\$3.50 or \$0.40 each
150mm squat pots	10 for	\$5.00 or \$0.60 each
175mm squat pots	10 for	\$6.00 or \$0.65 each
200mm slimline standard pots		\$0.80 each
3 prong Hangers, black heavy weight	4 for	\$4.00
Shuttle tray 140mm		\$3.50 each
Shuttle Tray with handle		\$7.00 each

Vinyl Plant Labels

Mini white labels		approx. 50 for	\$0.25	Priced to clear
White, yellow, red, blue & orange labels.	18mm	21 for	\$2.00	old stock
White, yellow, red, blue & orange labels.	18mm	27 for	\$3.00	
White & Yellow labels	18mm	48 for	\$5.00	
Pink	25mm	22 for	\$3.00	

Bamboo stakes

45mm	20 for	\$2.00
60mm	20 for	\$3.00
90mm	10 for	\$3.00
Plastic dipped florist wire	45mm heavy gauge	\$3.00 bundle
<u>Tapex Twisties</u>	100mm	\$1.00 bundle
	150mm	\$1.30 bundle
	200mm	\$2.00 bundle

<u>Easyklips</u>	Small	27 for	\$4.00
	Medium	20 for	\$4.00
	Large	11 for	\$4.00
Growth Technology Orchid Bloom Focus	1 Litre		\$19.00
Perlite Jumbo Grade 8 Litre Bags			\$ 8.00

If you are needing any of the above bits and pieces to help you with your repotting, please email me on bev@troweena.com.au or phone me on 0413 136 413 to arrange a suitable time for collection from home, or I can bring things to the next meeting.

Please contact me no later than the Saturday prior to the meeting with your order.

Thanking all who have purchased plants or stock from me over this past year.

May I wish all my customers a Prosperous and a Good Blooming New Year.

Cheers, Bev Woodward