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*Promenaea Burgundy Fire 'Tiger Sun'*  
Owner & Photographer Bev Woodward

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**20th Feb. 2024 7.30pm** at Legacy Hall, 159 Macquarie St, Hobart.

**Guest Speakers:** The Chequers will talk of orchids on stamps and other Bits and pieces. Then Bev Woodward will Demonstrate on how to divide overgrown Laelias.

**Floral Art: "Sunny and Bright"**

**25th Feb 2024 11am to 2.30pm Annual BBQ, Hut 9 at the Waterworks Reserve,** (that is the one at the far end of the road.) Meat, bread and sauces will be provided by the Society, but please bring a salad or dessert to share as well as your own cutlery, plates, bowls and drink requirements.

**18th Mar. 2024 7.30pm** at Legacy Hall, 159 Macquarie St, Hobart.

Our Annual General Meeting followed by the Annual Presentations to the winning Members who have earned points in Classes over the last 12 months.

**Guest Speaker:** Magali Wright from the RTBG to talk on our endangered native orchids.

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

**15th April 2024 7.30pm** at Legacy Hall, 159 Macquarie St, Hobart.

Our Auction night. Now is the time, as you are repotting and dividing your plants, to put aside some extra plants for a donation to the Auction this month. Cakes, biscuits, books and fruit or vegetables etc. are always popular too.

It's always a fun evening and a great chance to expand your Orchid collection. Remember to bring cash as we do NOT have card facilities.

**Floral Art: "An Easter Basket"**

**20th May 2024 7.30pm** at Legacy Hall, 159 Macquarie St, Hobart.

Our Annual Autumn Show. Show schedule to be published again in the April Greenhood as a reminder.

Guest Speaker for while the Judges do their tasks will be David Banks from New South Wales

**Floral Art:** Refer to the Show Schedule.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

G'day All.

Well, who would have thought that charcoal could be so interesting. A Big thankyou to Christina for her most informative presentation on the benefits of using charcoal in our mix, not only for orchids, but for all our plants and garden. Thank you to Tricia Ramsay who brought it to the Committees attention from an article in the Community News, Bev Woodward who made initial contact and Vicki Cleaver who organised for her to come to our meeting. As soon as the product is available again, we will obtain prices and sizes and let you know.

The year is already flying by and we are well into the second month. March will be our AGM where we will install Committee members. All positions become vacant, so if you wish to nominate for a position, you must firstly be a financial member and nominations must be received by 29<sup>th</sup> February. (Nomination forms are on Page 7)

Don't forget our annual BBQ. Hut 9 at Waterworks Reserve. 11.30 – 2pm. Meat bread and condiments are supplied but please bring a salad or sweet to share.

We would like members to share where you buy your fertilizer, plants, and anything else to do with growing our orchids (at a good price) so that we can all benefit.

A warm welcome to our new members that have recently joined the Society. We hope you benefit from being a member.

With the weather becoming warmer over the last month or so, keep the humidity up by watering under your benches and a light misting in the evening will be beneficial.

We hope to see you at our next meeting. Stay safe and enjoy your orchids,

Noel.

### What should you be doing in your Orchid House/s at the moment?

We are still having some great weather so please check the weather forecast every evening to ensure you are watering at the right time of the day. Watering late evening so the plants can absorb the moisture overnight and the leaves have a chance to dry-off is great if you are to expect a warm to hot next day.

If the forecast is for lots of wind and not so hot, then do your watering in the morning before breakfast. Similarly, if the forecast is for a cold night, then do NOT water in the evening, but do it in the morning if necessary. Better to be dry & cold than wet & hot!

Don't forget to fertilize your orchids as they are growing rapidly in the great weather we experience at this time of the year. Water first then fertilize if the plants are dry. If using a slow release pellet, apply the pellets to the top of the potting mix and then water well to give them a great boost of food. We all need to be fed, remember, just like our Orchids.

Your Editor.

## January 2024 Meeting Results

### Judge's Results 1st. Division

Cymbidium Hybrid over 90mm	1st. No Entries	
Cymbidium Hybrid 90mm & Under	1st. <i>Cym.</i> (Ken Gorey x Borough Green) x <i>pumilum</i>	G & G Chequer
		N & C Doyle
Laelinae Species & Hybrid	1st. <i>C. longipes</i> var. <i>lucosiana</i> x <i>C. sincorana</i>	I Woodgate
	2nd. No Entry	
Oncidium & Allied Sp. / Hyb.	1st. <i>Onc.</i> Tiger Glow	N & C Doyle
	2nd. <i>Onc. Brassidomesa (Bdm.)</i> Tzeng-Wen Spot	N & C Doyle
Gomesa Species or Hybrid	1st. No Entries	
Masdevallia & Dracula Sp./Hyb	1st. <i>Masd. bonplandii</i>	Ian Woodgate
	2nd. <i>Masd.</i> Pixie Magic 'Beenak'	N & C Doyle
Other Orchid Species	1st. <i>Promenaea (Prom.) xanthina</i>	B Woodward
	2nd. <i>Aerides (Aer.) odorata</i>	D & V Cleaver
Other Orchid Hybrids	1st. <i>Promenaea (Prom.)</i> Burgundy Fire 'Tiger Sun'	B Woodward
	2nd. <i>Paph.</i> (Red Shift x Hung Sheng Bay) #	G Hagan
Aust. Sarcochilus & Allied Sp./Hyb.	1st. <i>Sarco. ceciliae</i>	N & C Doyle
	2nd. <i>Sarco. ceciliae</i>	D & V Cleaver
Australian Native Tuberos	1st. No Entries	
Australian Native Other Sp. /Hyb.	1st. No Entries	
Best Species Orchid	<i>Promenaea (Prom.) xanthina</i>	Bev Woodward
Best Hybrid Orchid	<i>Cattleya (C.) longipes</i> var. <i>lucosiana</i> x <i>C. sincorana</i>	Ian Woodgate
Best of the Best	<i>Promenaea (Prom.) xanthina</i>	Bev Woodward

**Orchid of the Month *Cattleya (C.) longipes* var. *lucosiana* x *C. sincorana* I Woodgate**

### Judges Results 2nd. Division

Cymbidium Hybrid over 90mm	1st. No Entries	
Cymbidium Hybrid 90mm & Under	1st. <i>Cym.</i> Black Stump 'Come In Spinner'	S Johnson
Laelinae Species & Hybrid	1st. <i>L. purpurata</i> var. <i>werckhauseri</i>	
	X <i>L. elegans</i> var. <i>coerulea</i>	Neil Mickleborough
	2nd. <i>C. Memoria</i> Ralph Yagi X <i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya (Rlc.)</i>	
	Chyong Guu Linnet	Helen Tomlin
Oncidium & Allied Sp. / Hyb.	1st. <i>Brassidium (Brsdm.)</i> White Knight	Elaine Mulder
	2nd. No Entry	
Gomesa Species or Hybrid	1st. <i>Gom. flexuosa</i> #	Elaine Mulder
	2nd. No Entry	
Masdevallia & Dracula Sp./Hyb	1st. <i>Masd.</i> Patty Rubicon 'Top Gun'	Ian Crocker
	2nd. <i>Masd.</i> Peppermint Glow 'Gorgeous'	Ian Crocker
Other Orchid Species	1st. <i>Maxillaria (Max.) meleagris</i>	Daphney Hartley
	2nd. <i>Dryadella hirtzii</i>	Sally Johnson

Other Orchid Hybrid 1st. *Phalaenopsis (Phal.)* Fuller's Miss x Sung Woei Rosaria # I Crocker  
 2nd. *Dendrobium (Den.)*. Sailor Smile 'Daniel' I Crocker  
 Aust. Sarcochilus & Allied Sp./Hyb. 1st. No Entries  
 Australian Native Tuberos 1st No Entries  
 Australian Native Other Sp./Hyb. 1st. No Entries  
 Best Species Orchid *Gomesa (Gom.) flexuosa* # Elaine Mulder  
 Best Hybrid Orchid *Cymbidium (Cym.)* Black Stump 'Come in Spinner' Sally Johnson  
 Best of the Best *Cymbidium (Cym.)* Black Stump 'Come in Spinner' Sally Johnson

**Orchid of the Month *Cymbidium (Cym.)* Black Stump 'Come in Spinner' Sally Johnson**

### Judge's Decision

#### House Plants

1st. African Violet Bev Woodward  
 2nd. No Entry

#### Floral Arrangements

1st. Sharn Davies  
 2nd. No Entry

### Popular Vote

#### 1st. Division

1st. *Angraecum (Angcm) magdalenae* Marcus Smith  
 2nd. *Vanda (V.) falcata* N & C Doyle  
 3rd. *Paphiopedilum (Paph.) (Hsinging Carlos x Hsinging Leopard)* G Hagan

#### 2nd. Division

1st. *Cym.* Black Stump 'Come in Spinner' Sally Johnson  
 2nd. *Laelia (purpurata x Elegans)* Neil Mickleborough  
 3rd. *Dendrobium* Sailor Smile 'Daniel' Ian Crocker

#### House Plants

1st. African Violet Bev Woodward  
 2nd. No Entries

#### Floral Arrangements

1st. Sharn Davies  
 2nd. No Entries

A message to all Exhibitors who notice that they have a new name or a registration for their plant's names, that are listed as winners above and marked with an #, **PLEASE** write out new labels so I don't have to go to all the trouble of checking for Registrations next time you bench your plants. Sincere thank you, from your Editor.

### **OUR NEW COMPETITION PLANT**

On checking what was used in the breeding of the Oncidium Gilded Tower "Mystic Maze", a very tangled web was slowly emerging.

1. There was no registration for Oncidium Gilded Tower on the International Register of Orchid Hybrids, commonly known as Sander's List.
2. I then went to Google and was asked if I meant Oncidium Gilded Tower or even *Brascidostele* Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze' or even *Banfieldara* Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze'. Talk about Chinese Whispers.
3. To cut a long story short, this is what I've deduced to be the exact name of these Competition plants.
4. *Brascidostele* Gilded Tower = *Brassostele* (Bst.) Summit x *Brassidium* (Brsdm.) Gilded Urchin Registered by J W McCully on 07/07/2005. This hybrid was listed in the 2014 -2016, 3 year addendum issued by the RHS in 2017.
5. This hybrid has been around for nearly 18 years and during that time , there are too many versions of it's "correct name". I'm re-writing my plant label to that listed in item 4 above. I suggest that you all do the same ASAP.

The Botanists haven't helped the situation when they have reclassified the genera of many plants along the way, but so too have people who have failed to spell the name correctly, either through laziness or just accepting what is written in a catalogue, Newsletter or by word of mouth.

We all must be aware of these changes especially in the Oncidiinae, Zygopetalum and Laeliniæ Alliances which have been the 3 most difficult to master. All these species originating from South America.

As a Nurseryman myself, I regularly find that I need to alter the names on my labels, and I do apologise to my customers when I make mistakes. But those mistakes are becoming more regular as the Botanists fiddle with all the DNA changes they make. There should be an easier way to inform our Members when these changes make such massive overall changes to our favourite plants.

Bev Woodward

Troweena Orchids

### **TASMANIAN ORCHID SOCIETY INC. ORCHID POTTING MIX**

Bags of Orchid potting mix suitable for Cymbidiums, and Australian Native Dendrobiums are available at \$10.00 for Members and \$15.00 for Non-Members. Anyone needing to purchase some should contact:-

Dave Cleaver on 0408 170 400 (Richmond) OR

Noel Doyle on 0455 243 183 (Glenorchy)

To arrange a convenient time, for both of you, for collection. Cash only sales. No Credit.

**The Tasmanian Orchid Society Inc.**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING for 2024.**

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 18th March 2024 to commence at 7.30 pm.

As the Society is operational in this New Year, 2024, 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 the Society 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 29th February 2024 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 29th February 2024.**

**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 Inc., endorse this nomination.

Dated ...../...../ 2024

# AUTUMN SHOW SCHEDULE

**Legacy Hall 20th May 2024**

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 "Autumn Harvest"

**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. This applies to our Monthly meetings also.**

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



## HOW I GROW MY PROMEMAEA ORCHIDS

A number of Members have asked me how I grow my *Promemaeas*, so I thought it best I write this article so you all can know my methods. The *Prom. xanthina* and *Prom. ovatiloba* are both in 100mm squat plastic pots, whereas, the rest are in 80mm squat plastic pots. I've never tried to grow them in terracotta pots. I imagine they would be much more difficult to repot as their roots would be damaged too easily when stuck to the sides of the terracotta pots. My potting media is small Ausgro Bark, though Sphagnum Moss is my preferred medium as it stays damp longer than the bark and the root systems absolutely loves it. Cost is the prohibitive factor with the moss, I'm afraid.

These orchids are endemic to Brazil and need medium to lower light; 60-70% shade with little air movement. They require a moist and high humidity atmosphere, so if you have a corner where there is limited air movement, they should do really well. For those who have seen my indoor garden, I have a perfect spot where there is bright light but no direct sunshine hits them. In Summer they may get some very early sunshine but for the rest of the year, they are protected.

They are Summer flowering and thrive in Hobart's temperatures, though must be protected from Winter's frosts and really cold temperatures. If cold, keep them drier.

Promenaea will breed with many other genera including *Cymbidium*, *Ansellia*, *Zygopetalum*, *Zygosepalum*, *Pabstia*, *Lycaste*, *Neogardneria*, *Oncidium*, *Miltonia*, just to name a few. A very versatile Genus and they create absolutely beautiful babies.



*Promenaea (Prom.) xanthina*



*Mauriceara (Mrc.) Clutha Dream 'John's Passion'*



*Prom. Cachaca 'Red Flecks'*



*Prom. Olinda 'Wine Cocktail'*

Cheers, Bev Woodward



Cym. (Ken Gorey x Borough Green)  
*x pumilum*  
Owners & Photo G & G Chequer



Antigua & Barbuda Postage Stamp  
*Promenaea xanthina*  
Owners & Photo G & G Chequer



Brazil Postage Stamp  
*Promenaea stapelioides*  
Owners & Photography  
Graeme & Gaye Chequer

## Orchid - a nice name

The name orchid originated around 300BC. The scholar Theophrastus used the Greek word orchis, meaning testicle, to describe a plant with underground tubers, which he thought bore a resemblance to testicles. Linnaeus used the name *Orchis* to describe the plant genus that included Theophrastus's wildflower.

This is fine, but there is more to it. Zeus, King of the gods on Mt Olympus, had a long suffering wife called Hera. One day, through a very intriguing process, Zeus and a mortal princess Semele had a child called Dionysius (Bacchus in Roman mythology). Dionysius was therefore a demigod, but eventually became a full god of the sacred drink, wine.

On Mount Olympus, Dionysius eventually met his great grandmother Aphrodite and they had a child Priapus. Hera was disgusted and cursed the child with grotesque features. Priapus and a nymph had a son Orchis who attempted to rape a priestess of Dionysius, but the other priestesses tore him to pieces. Priapus appealed to have his son resurrected, but the Olympians decreed that only his testicles would live on and they grew into an orchid in the genus *Orchis*.

Thank you to Barry Davidson for this treasure of information.



*Maxillaria (Max.) meleagris*  
Owner & Photographer  
Bev Woodward



*Gomesa (Gom.) flexuosa*  
Owner & Photographer, Bev Woodward

TROWEENA ORCHIDS ACCESSORIES PRICE LIST

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
190mm squat pots	10 for	\$7.50	or \$0.80 each
200mm slimline pots		\$0.80	each
80 mm Net pots		\$2.00	each
3 prong Hangers, black heavy weight 43cm	4 for	\$4.00	
3 prong Hangers, black heavy weight 35cm	5 for	\$4.00	
Shuttle tray 140mm		\$3.50	each
Shuttle Tray with handle		\$7.00	each
<b><u>Vinyl Labels</u></b> Mini white labels	approx. 50 for	\$0.25	Priced to clear
White, yellow, red & orange labels.	18mm 21 for	\$2.00	old stock
White, yellow, red & orange labels.	18mm 27 for	\$3.00	
White & Yellow labels	18mm 48 for	\$5.00	
Pink	25mm 22 for	\$3.00	
<b><u>Label pens</u></b>			
Black permanent ultra fine. Finally back in stock!		\$3.00	each
<b><u>Bamboo stakes</u></b>			
45mm	20 for	\$2.00	
60mm	20 for	\$4.00	
90mm	10 for	\$3.00	
Plastic dipped florist wire	45mm heavy gauge	\$3.00	bundle
Florist's Knife		\$2.90	
<b><u>Tapex Twisties</u></b>			
	100mm	\$1.00	bundle
	150mm	\$1.30	bundle
	200mm	\$2.00	bundle
<b><u>Easyklips</u></b>	Small 27 for	\$4.00	
	Medium 20 for	\$4.00	
	Large 11 for	\$4.00	
Growth Technology Orchid Growth Focus 1 Litre		\$19.00	
Perlite 8 litre bags Jumbo Grade		\$12.00	

As I don't bring a full sample of the above items to meeting any more, please email or phone me on 0413 136 413 with details of your requirements and I will bring your order to the next General Meeting of the Society. As I don't have credit card facilities any more, payment by cash or cheque or even a direct debit to my account is the way to go. I'll still try to bring some orchids for sale on the night.

Many thanks,

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February 2024