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THIS MONTH'S MEETING

SARCOCHILUS CULTURE AND PREPARING FOR SUMMER

TARA PEETERS

NOVEMBER MEETING DATES

OSWA Committee: Friday 3rd

General Meeting: Friday 24th

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General News

Birthdays:

October: 4th Kristene Northover, Katherine Cooper; 9th Tara Peeters; 10th Claudia Rowe; 11th Enid Chelva; 14th Eric Bateman; 16th Barbara Burnett; 21st Ann Walker; 23rd Joshie Balgos

November: 2nd Aishya Ghose

Best wishes to anyone else celebrating Birthdays or Anniversaries. To any member on the sick list, we wish you a speedy recovery and may you soon be well.

This Month's Meeting Item — Sarcochilis culture and Preparing for Summer

This month, Tara will be sharing her knowledge about the culture of *Sarcochilus* orchids. As well, since we are heading into summer, Tara will present some ideas about how to prepare for summer. Since most of our exotic orchids come from places where summers are warm and humid, the extreme heat and low humidity that we experience over summer here in Perth can make this season particularly challenging for our orchids, so this will be a presentation not to be missed!

Quality Plant Auction this month.

Quality plant auctions provide a convenient way for local orchid enthusiasts to buy and sell award-quality plants, preferably large specimens. Buyers and sellers do not need to be members of OSWA. To encourage growers to sell exceptional plants at our Quality Plant Auctions, no commissions are taken — all proceeds go to the seller. Please contact Harry in advance when you intend to offer a plant for auction, and supply pictures and other information (growing conditions, place of origin, how is it currently being grown etc.) that can be used to enthuse prospective buyers. Letting Harry know in advance about plants to be put up for auction will help to ensure that the auction runs smoothly. Also, please note that since OSWA does not take a commission on these sales, payment should be arranged directly between the seller and buyer.

At the September meeting, two plants were auctioned: *Masdevallia* Fuschia Dawn, offered by Harry and won by Glynn for \$50; *Dendrobium* x *delicatum*, offered by Courtney and won by Annette for \$50. At the time of printing, no plants had been offered for auction this month, but it is not too late to bring a plant for auction!

The OSWA Library

The library has been re-organised, all books and magazines catalogued and a loan book created. A selection of books available for loan will be on display on the tea trolley, at the far end of the hall. If you would like to borrow a book, please see John and he will record it in the loan book.

We are giving away some of the older books and magazines and they will be on the table next to the sales tables. Please help yourself. Thanks.

John (OSWA Librarian)

Potting Workshop ... Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped out at the Potting Workshop earlier this month. We had a great turnout of helpers, plants were sold, others were repotted, good company was enjoyed, and we scored a couple of new members!

Our AGM is approaching...

The 31st of October marks the end of OSWA's financial year (hence membership subscriptions for 2024 are due on 1 November, see next page). At our AGM next February, we will be looking for folks to step up and take on some office bearer, committee member, and other administrative positions. Now that the ISODW is over, life in committee is relatively cruisy and stress-free, so if you ever are interested in contributing to OSWA by being part of the committee, now is a safe time to start! No special skills are required, just enthusiasm. Meetings are very relaxed, held approximately once a month, via Zoom.

Membership Subscriptions are due on 1 November!

\$26 double, \$21 single. Even though inflation is rampant and our expenses are increasing, the cost of membership has remained unchanged this year yet again — excellent value! For your convenience OSWA accepts payment by direct deposit (preferred method), cheque, or cash (paid at a general meeting). Direct deposit can be made via electronic banking or at any Westpac branch using the account information below. *If possible, please use direct deposit or cheque, to lessen stress and chaos at the general meetings.*

For direct deposit into OSWA's account:

Account name - Orchid Society of Western Australia Inc. Bank - Westpac Bank, Booragoon, WA BSB - 036069 Account Number - 457265 Reference - please use your name or phone number, to help us identify your payment.

For payment by cheque:

Make cheques payable to The Orchid Society of WA Inc. and bring them to a general meeting or post them to OSWA, 58 Gladstone Rd, Leeming 6149.

It is time to bring the Trophies back!

Could members who are holding the trophies please return them by the October General Meeting, as they need to be engraved during November, before our Christmas Meeting and presentation night. If you wish to polish them, please use Silvo.

OSWA Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 8 November from 6:30 pm-ish.

Our Christmas Dinner this year will be at Bentley Pines Training Restaurant, Hayman Road, Bentley. The venue is an interesting one — it is part of South Metropolitan TAFE, and staffed mostly by students training to work in the hospitality industry. Our last three Christmas dinners have been at this venue and all who attended were very impressed. The menu is interesting, the food is excellent, and there is ample parking on-site. For a fancy meal with dessert and coffee/tea afterwards, the cost is only \$35 per person. Drinks are not included, but there is a bar where patrons may purchase alcoholic and non-alcoholic



Main Course Pollo asado al limon, Spanish roasted potatoes, Gnocchi, Spanish beef stew, Red lentil vegetable curry, Tandoori garlic naan, Steamed rice, Yaki seafood udon

Dessert Corner Tiramisu, Baked chocolate marquise, Mango cheesecake, Seasonal fruit platter, Cheese platter

Dietary options available

beverages. **Payment is due by the October general meeting.** Unfortunately our booking is limited to a maximum of 36 diners, so be quick to secure your place in this event.

Late Flowering Orchid Display — Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre

Setup: Friday 10 November from 5 pm, followed by social night with home made soups and bread!

Open: Saturday 11 November, 9 am - 4 pm, and Sunday 12 November, 9 am - 3 pm

The Late Flowering Orchid Display, run jointly with the Cymbidium Orchid Club of WA (COCWA) and the Australian Native Orchid Society (ANOS WA), is our chance to show off Australian native cymbidiums, sarcs, and other orchids that flower too late for the usual shows. This will be a Display only, so no plant

competition or judging, but there will be plant sales, snacks, and the chance to meet members of other clubs.

We'll need plants for the display and for the sales table. We'll need volunteers to help set up and pack up, manage the entry/raffle table, help in the kitchen and at the sales table, and do walk-around tours of the display for small groups of members of the public. A sign-up roster will be available at the October GM. Please sign up to indicate whether you are coming and where you would like to help.

There will likely be talks at this event, so please have a think about a topic you could talk about. Novice growers especially have much to offer here, since they will be more recently familiar with the trials and tribulations experienced by folks new to orchids.

For those kind enough to prepare something for the kitchen, please let us know what you're bringing on the roster too. **Entry is free if your name is on the roster.**

Setup is on Friday 10 November from 5 pm, and will be **followed by a social night with homemade soups and bread provided, so please join in!**

Events calendar 2023

Late Flowering Orchid Display: Saturday 11 - Sunday 12 November, at MSCAC Bentley Pines Christmas Dinner: Wednesday 8 November; *limited to 36 attendees*. December General Meeting: Friday 8 December (two weeks earlier than usual, only date available).

ORCHID CULTURE NOTES FOR KAMBARANG (APPROX. OCTOBER/NOVEMBER)

The Orchid Society of Western Australia would like to acknowledge that our meetings are held on the traditional lands of the Noongar people. Unlike the European calendar, the Noongar people describe the climate of West Australia's South West as having six seasons, guided by what is happening and changing around us rather than specific 'dates' on a calendar. This approach to describing Perth's climate is helpful for guiding our orchid related jobs for the year. Kambarang (approx. October/November) is the season of birth. The worst of the cold weather has passed, and the country is bursting into life with wildflowers. This includes many of our native orchid species, which are easy to spot on most wildflower bush walks. Take care when appreciating them though—many of our native reptiles (danger noodles) are also very active this time of year!

- ✓ With rising temperatures and longer days, many orchids will be showing signs of new growth. Actively growing orchids are in the perfect stage of their growth cycle to take up fertilizer, so application of slow release pellets and liquid feeds is highly beneficial. Be excited by the new growths—they are the 'solar panels' that will fuel the sprays of spectacular flowers next year!
- ✓ Some fertilizer pellets release their contents in a temperature-dependent manner. For this reason, it's best not to just apply the pellets to the surface of the mix where they receive full sun—tap the pot so the pellets settle into the mix a little.
- ✓ Remember that fertilizer application needs to go hand in hand with increased watering, especially for newly repotted orchids that have a fresh, free draining mix that doesn't hold as much moisture as older mix. If you have an irrigation system, it may be time to start using it in the next few weeks. Remember to water orchids heavily—water should run through the bottom of the pot to flush out any excess salts. Try to grow plants like bromeliads and groundcovers (but not ferns!) under the orchids, as these will absorb any excess fertilizer runoff, help create a frog friendly environment (insect patrol) and improve humidity in the growing space.
- ✓ If overhead watering, remember that new orchid growths can be soft and delicate, and if water is accumulating in developing leaf axils there is a risk of rot. Try to angle and position plants to face directions where this risk if reduced.
- ✓ Growers that having solarweave/plastic covers for their shade house can remove them at this time of year—it can get very hot under a solarweave roof! Consider applying an additional layer of shadecloth as temperatures rise, especially into November.
- Repotting should be well underway, and some general tips were included in previous months' culture notes. Repotting can be stressful for orchids, especially in warmer weather, so it's a good idea to

keep the plants in a cooler, shadier location for a week or two after repotting to help them cope with any stress. Generally, October and November (and December, if not too hot) are the best months for repotting, because most orchids are actively growing at this time and have a good chance of reestablishing themselves after being repotted. If repotting is left too late in the season, when the really hot and dry weather arrives, plants will struggle to recover from the trauma of repotting. Lately when I've been finding dead plants in my shadehouse, I've noticed that mostly they are ones that I repotted in January or February this year—the ones I repotted during September to November last year have fared much better.

✓ Insects such as scale, aphids and mealy bugs become more active as it warms up (and are enticed by the irresistibly lush new growth on our plants!) so vigilance is required. Managing ants is critical to prevent them from 'farming' and spreading scale. Large caterpillars can also be a problem. Try to identify signs of infestation early to minimize damage.

See the September bulletin for cultural notes for Kambarang specific to Cymbidiums, Paphiopedilums, and Cattleyas.

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)

Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre, Friday 22/9/2023

Welcome: 7:41 pm. Apologies andfattendance: as per register.

Minutes: Moved Lynn B seconded Keng L that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. Carried. **Presentations/demos:** Harry and Lina — Repotting Orchids

- New member introductions: Lilly Collis; Lisa Robinson; Penelope McDonald; Jonathon, Shari, Dawn Thomhon; Belinda Dawes; Joshua Balgos
- **Correspondence:** 25/8 from The Orchid Pot Co re: prices for port pots; 27/8 from Terry B re importing orchids from Cambodia; 22/8 from POF planning group re plans; 23/8 to/from Chris Cobb re speaker for LFOD; 24/8 from Horticultural Council re Garden Clubs and Societies Plant Fair; 8/9 to Rosella re placement of order; 9/8 to OWA re invoice for ISODW; 10/9 from Craig Owen-Turner, looking for Stanhopea plants; 10/9 from Michelle Hay re: unfortunately will not be able to attend meetings but wishing us all the best; 14/9 from DANTEWA re Invitation to see Search for the Queen of Sheeba documentary on 1/10/23 at UWA (\$15).

Business arising from correspondence: Search for the Queen of Sheeba screening if anyone is interested. If anyone has stanhopea divisions (especially oculata) for sale let Harry know. Lynn said she may have a plant. Moved seconded Harry A seconded Katia S that the business arising from correspondence be accepted. Carried. **Reports:** *Kardinya Spring Show* Despite some difficulty with changes in location this was a successful event with

lots of interest from the public. Thank you to all involved and to Kardinya Park for supporting the event. **Financial report:** Presented by Sheelagh.

Moved Sheelagh H seconded Ray T that the financial report be accepted. Carried.

General Business:

- **Spring Jobs:** Book a free sprinkler check with Water Corp! Having operational sprinklers is important for water conservation and sustainable gardening.
- Potting Workshop roster circulated
- **OSWA Dinner –** \$35 for dinner at Bentley Pines- roster circulated
- **OWA report.** Annette presented on the OWA meeting, bringing to membership the questions asked of OWA to member clubs. Membership discussion/consensus was that we would like the ISODW event to continue and run every 2 years and would support the event in regional locations, but given we hosted this year would not be keen to host the event in the next few years.
- Library: John explained the library process, encouraging members to borrow books.
- **Clothing:** Lina: we can produce some imagewear if there is interest in producing OSWA shirts/jumpers etc. Harry: if we have any graphic designers in the club who may be able to assist with a nice 'orchid' embroidery pattern that would be wonderful! Our last one was a very nicely designed *Caladenia flava*.
- Quality Plant Auctions Masdevallia Fuschia Dawn (Harry) won by Glynn for \$50. Dendrobium x delicatum (Courtney) \$50 reserve price won by Annette for \$50
- Events calendar 2023

Raffle: Linda G, Tommy, Sheelagh, Lynn, Tara, Belinda, Helen S, Leo, Courtney Open popular vote: *Paphiopedilum* TB Arni and Murray, grown by Murray B. Novice popular vote: *Beallara* Snowblind 'Sweet Spots', grown by Alan R. Floral Art: A piece inspired by the Air Nomads of the Avatar Nation, arranged by Joshie. Judges Choice: Harry with Dendrobium Jayden 'Yunderup Moon' 74 points Best Cymbidium: X with Cymbidium Gladys Whitsell 'Lips of Cream' 71 points Door Prize: Annette G. Meeting Closed at 9:53 pm

MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (September, 2023)

OPEN							
1A	(7)	1 2 3	Harry Ashton Tara Peeters Murray Baker	Cattleya intermedia alba Rhyncholaelia glauca (Brassavola glauca) Cattleya loddigesii 'Solitary Islands'			
1E	(1)	1 ©3	Courtney Rogasch Murray Baker	<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Trick or Treat 'Orange Magic' x self <i>Laeliocattleya</i> Spring Imp (benched too late for judging!)			
1F	(3)	1 2 3	Harry Ashton Harry Ashton Ray Taylor	<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Golf Green 'Hairy Pig' <i>Cattleya</i> Brazilian Star 'Soft Rock' <i>Epicattleya</i> Rene Marques 'Flame Thrower' x <i>Schomburgkia</i> <i>lueddemannii</i>			
2A	(2)	1 2	Helen Stretch Helen Stretch	<i>Cymbidium insigne</i> (white) <i>Cymbidium insigne</i> 'Atlantis Pink'			
2B	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	Cymbidium Pee Wee 'P.T.' (pumilum x madidum)			
2D	(2)	1 2	Courtney Rogasch Courtney Rogasch	<i>Cymbidium</i> Gladys Whitesell 'Lips of Cream' <i>Cymbidium</i> Bellissimo			
ЗA	(2)	1 2	Howard Tan Howard Tan	Paphiopedilum malipoense Paphiopedilum micranthum var. eburneum			
3B	(3)	1 2 3	Howard Tan Howard Tan Howard Tan	Paphiopedilum x fanaticum (malipoense x micranthum) Paphiopedilum x fanaticum (malipoense x micranthum) Paphiopedilum x fanaticum (malipoense x micranthum)			
3E	(1)	1	Murray Baker	Paphiopedilum TB Arni and Murray			
4A	(3)	1 2 3	Helen Stretch Murray Baker Helen Stretch	Dendrobium linawianum Dendrobium linawianum Dendrobium nobile var. virginalis			
4D	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	Dendrobium Gloucester Charm 'Keith'			
6A	(1)	1	Murray Baker	Oncidium tigrinum			
6D	(2)	1 2	Ray Taylor Ray Taylor	<i>Oncidium</i> Heaven Scent 'Redolence' <i>Brassidium</i> Hawaii			
8A	(3)	1 2 3	Harry Ashton Harry Ashton Murray Baker	Sarcochilus falcatus Sarcochilus hartmannii Dendrobium kingianum ('KP' x (The Hero x Pink Ice))			
8B	(3)	1 2 3	Harry Ashton Murray Baker Murray Baker	<i>Dendrobium</i> Jayden 'Yunderup Moon' <i>Dendrobium</i> Dream Angel 'Orange' <i>Dendrobium</i> x <i>delicatum</i>			
9A	(1)	1	Murray Baker	Pterostylis curta			
10B	(3)	1 2 3	Courtney Rogasch Tara Peeters Tara Peeters	Coelogyne cobbiana Serapias olbia Satyrium odorum			
11B	(2)	1 2	Harry Ashton Ray Taylor	<i>Masdevallia</i> Fuchsia Dawn <i>Phaiocalanthe</i> Kryptonite 'Parkside'			
NOV	NOVICE						
15C	(1)	1	Joshua Balgos	Ryncholaeliocattleya Chief Butterfly			
15D	(1)	1	Joshua Balgos	Rhyncattleanthe Young-Min Orange x Rhyncattleanthe Little Fairy			
15E	(1)	1	Marian McFetridge	<i>Cattleya</i> unknown			

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16D	(2)	1 2	Leo Waters Marian McFetridge	<i>Cymbidium</i> Ruby Smuggler <i>Cymbidium</i> Paradisian Bullseye 'Stunner'	
16E	(2)	1 2 3	Joshua Balgos Donna Cardinal Keng Leow	<i>Cymbidium</i> Bedivere 'Highbury' <i>Cymbidium</i> (Cherry Brandy x Brook Street) 'Getto' <i>Cymbidium</i> Neil Tadlock '#1'	
17A	(1)	1	Julie Jayatilaka	Paphiopedilum gratrixianum	
17D	(2)	1 2	Tommy Widjaja Julie Jayatilaka	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Rosy Dawn <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Duo de Citron	
19C	(2)	1 2	Dawn Fathers Julie Jayatilaka	Phalaenopsis unknown Phalaenopsis unknown	
19D	(1)	1	Julie Jayatilaka	Phalaenopsis unknown	
20D	(2)	1 2	Joshua Balgos Alan Rowe	<i>Howeara</i> Lava Burst 'Puanani' AM/AOS <i>Beallara</i> Snowblind 'Sweetspots'	
21A	(1)	1	Alan Rowe	Angraecum Veitchii	
22B	(2)	1 2	Glynn Fathers Alan Rowe	Dentrobium unknown Dentrobium x delicatum	
24B	(1)	1	Glynn Fathers	Ludisia discolor	
25A	(1)	1	Julie Jayatilaka	Phragmipedium Sedenii 'Candidum' (schlimii x longifolium)	

FLORAL ART

(1) 1 Joshua Balgos "Air Nomads"

Open popular vote: Paphiopedilum TB Arni and Murray, grown by Murray Baker.

Novice popular vote: Beallara Snowblind 'Sweetspots', grown by Alan Rowe.

Floral Art popular vote: "Air Nomads", Arrangement by Joshua Balgos.

From the September General Meeting

(Photos by Alan Rowe unless otherwise noted.)

Open Popular Vote: *Paphiopedilum* TB Arni and Murray, grown by Murray Baker. This plant was bred by Trevor Burnett (the "TB" in the name) and given to Murray when he became a life member of the Orchid Society of Western Australia. It lives in the shadehouse in a position where it gets a little more shade in summer and a little

less shade in winter. In summer it gets watered every day, with frequent misting (15 seconds every 15 minutes) during very hot weather. It receives Strikeback for Orchids Liquid through the watering system during most waterings. In winter it just gets the rain (no fertiliser), but is brought under cover a week or so before the flowers open. This plant has been in flower since just before our Kardinia Spring Show. (Photo by Murray)



Novice Popular Vote: *Beallara* Snowblind 'Sweet Spots' (at right), grown by Alan Rowe. Alan grows this orchid outside in the rain. It has very heavily textured flowers.

"Beallara" is the genus name for intergeneric hybrids between the genera Brassia, Cochlioda, Miltonia, and Odontoglossum. The Wikipedia article about Beallara refers to the genus as a nothogenus, where the prefix notho is used to indicate that the genus itself is a hybrid. The Wikipedia article about Beallara needs to be revised a bit, because the genus Odontoglossum is now recognised as being part of the genus Oncidium. According to the RHS International Orchid Register, the genus Beallara is a synonym for the currently accepted name Aliceara, where Aliceara is the nothogenus for hybrids between Brassia, Miltonia, and Oncidium. What happened to the Cochlioda from Beallara? Species in the Cochlioda were recently reclassified as being in the genus Oncidium. I can't keep track of name changes in the Oncidiinae subtribe of orchids. Regardless of all these changes in nomenclature being brought about by orchid taxonomists, the flowers of Beallara Snowblind 'Sweet Spots' are indeed sweet!







Floral Art: Won again by Joshie Balgos, with a beautiful arrangement inspired by the Air Nomads of the Avatar Nation (at left), as a follow on from last month's floral art entry. See the September bulletin for details!

Two members have had **Angraecum Veitchii** in flower recently. Alan Rowe brought a plant in to the September meeting. This specimen was impressive because it was neither in a pot nor on a mount, but it was nevertheless well grown, with unblemished blooms (pictured below left). Unfortunately, Rosemary wasn't able to bring her beautifully floriferous specimen (picture below right) to our September meeting, but it flowered so well that I've pinched Rosemary's photo from Facebook to show here.

Angraecum Veitchii is a primary hybrid of two Madagascan species, Angraecum sesquipedale and Angraecum eberneum.

The hybrid was originated by Veitch Nurseries in the UK and registered with the Royal Horticultural Society on 1 January 1899. Its large flowers are strongly fragrant at night.

Provided it is protected from the rain in winter, *Angraecum* Veitchii is very easy to grow in Perth. It is a relatively large plant, but if you have enough space, it's well worth adding one to your collection.





Cattleya unknown (Marian McFetridge)



Phragmipedium Sedenii 'Candidum' (Julie Jayatilaka)







Cymbidium Neil Tadlock '#1' (Keng Leow)

Cymbidium Ruby Smuggler (Leo Waters)

Howeara Lava Burst 'Puanani' AM/AOS (Joshua Balgos)



Paphiopedilum Rosy Dawn (Tommy Widjaja)



Ludisia discolor (Glynn Fathers)



Cymbidium (Cherry Brandy x Brook Street) 'Getto' (Donna Cardinal)

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Paphiopedilum fanaticum (malipoense x micranthum) (Howard Tan)



Paphiopedilum malipoense



Paphiopedilum micranthum var. eburneum (Howard Tan)



Brassidium Hawaii (Ray Taylor)



Cymbidium insigne 'Atlantis Pink' (Helen Stretch)



Cymbidium insigne (white) (Helen Stretch)



Cymbidium Bellissimo (Courtney Rogasch)



Serapias olbia (Tara Peeters)



Cattleya blumenscheinii (Harry Ashton)

Results of the OSWA Spring Show, Kardinya Park Shopping Centre, August 2023.

Grand Champion	Dendrobium speciosum var. grandiflorum 'Arni'	Murray Baker
Reserve Champion	Paphiopedilum Yellow Tiger	Kirsty Bayliss
Best Novice Entry	Dendrobium aemulum	Enid Chevla
Best Cymbidium	Cymbidium St Ives	Courtney Rogasch
Best Dendrobium (excluding Australian Native)	<i>Dendrobium</i> Memoria Jean Deas x <i>Dendrobium</i> Grumpy 'George')	Murray Baker
Best Laeliinae Alliance	Rhyncholaelia glauca	Courtney Rogasch
Best Oncidinae	Oncidium Twinkle	Harry Ashton
Best Paphiopedilum	Paphiopedilum Yellow Tiger	Kirsty Bayliss
Best Phalaenopsis	-	-
Best Vandeae	Angraecum bosseri	Murray Baker
Best Any Other Genera	Masdevallia Fuschia Dawn	Harry Ashton
Best Species	Dendrobium speciosum var. grandiflorum 'Arni'	Murray Baker
Best Australian Native	Dendrobium speciosum var. grandiflorum 'Arni'	Murray Baker
Best Australian Native Species	Dendrobium speciosum var. grandiflorum 'Arni'	Murray Baker
Best Australian Native Hybrid	Dendrobium Candice	Courtney Rogasch
Best Specimen	Rhyncholaelia glauca	Courtney Rogasch
Best Seedling	Cymbidium Beacon Fire x Cymbidium Ruby Eyes	Ray Taylor
Best Floral Art	-	-

Most Entries in Novice Section, Marian McFetridge.

Most Entries in Open Section, Courtney Rogasch.



Cymbidium Willunga Regal 'Midnight' (Marian McFetridge)



Cymbidium St Ives (Courtney Rogasch)



Cym (Tethy's x Miss Muffet 'Spots' (Helen Stretch)

Grand Champion

Dendrobium speciosum var. grandiflorum 'Arni', grown by Murray Baker. This plant (originally one of Ian Duncan's) was also awarded an HCC (79.2 points) by judges at the 2023 Kardinya Spring Show. It grows in a shadehouse year round (70% shadecloth with an extra layer during the hot months) and is gets watered every day during summer, with frequent misting during very hot weather. It receives Strikeback for Orchids Liquid through the watering system during most waterings. In winter it just gets the rain (no fertiliser), but was brought under cover about two weeks before the flowers opened.





Reserve Champion Paphiopedilum Yellow Tiger, grown by Kirsty Bayliss. This is the first plant Kirsty has entered in an OSWA show!

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