

PREVIOUS MEETING – 6th April 08

APOLOGIES: Mike & Baby Victor, Carol van Niekerk and Norma Murray.

Tracy discussed the most common pests, which attack orchids, including how to identify them and which products and methods to use to best control them.

A FEW MORE TIPS:

- ❖ Jeyes fluid is an excellent deterrent for slugs and snails. Use 30ml to 5 ltrs of water and pour this around your shade house surrounds. Use 15ml to 5 ltrs of water to douse your plant pots.
- ❖ When using a new pesticide, experiment with it on a small group of plants before using it on your entire collection. Ensure that your plants are not sensitive to the new product.
- ❖ Pests are much easier to eliminate when their presence is detected early, before they have an opportunity to multiply and spread.
- ❖ Correct identification of a pest is very important as misidentification and incorrect treatment can cause further damage to your orchids.
- ❖ Invest the time to determine which pesticide treats the problem most effectively.

PLANT TABLE RESULTS:

Once again a lovely selection of Cattleyas on display, therefore a special category was created for them.

Members' votes resulted in the following:

Species:	1st	Stenoglottis longifolia	Maureen Wells
	2nd	Paphiopedilum spicerianum	Maureen Wells
	3rd	Gastorchis japonicus	Robert & Tracy Moss
Hybrids:	1st	Ascocenda Suksumran 'sunlight'	Dot Norval
	2nd	Paphiopedilum primulinum var Purpurescens x paphiopedilum Susan Booth	Freda Steel
	3rd	Cymbidium Golden Elf 'sundust' 4n x Sussex Dawn 'Alba'	Ray & Cynthia Hewson
Cattleyas:	1st	Slc Rosella Tangerine	Dot Norval
	2nd	Blc Chunyeah 'Goodlife' no.1	Mike & Yvonne Bond
	3rd	Cattleya Portia	Robert & Tracy Moss

Members who brought plants to display on the plant table were entered into a lucky draw to win a Brassavola cordata x Prosthechea cochleata, which was won by Gordon Sonemann. Congratulations and good luck with your plant.

Thank you to members for bringing their flowering plants to share with us.

RAFFLE:

The plant on raffle, Cattleya skinneri 'Alba' was won by Mavis Downey. Congratulations and good luck with your plant. The raffle plant for May is Blc Toshie Aoki 'Robin' x S. Arizona 'Cactus Flower' and tickets will be R 10.00 each.

GONUBIE GOSSIP:

NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to Valda Munro, Patricia Maxted, Scott Gordon, Trevor Schroeder, Ed Landsberg, Hardie Smith & Anthelene Els who have joined us this month. May you enjoy many years of happy orchid growing with us.

SHOP NEWS:

The shop and library operate from the premises of Pioneer Nursery and open times for May will be:

Saturday 10th May – 15h00 - 16h00

Monday 19th May – 15h00 - 16h00

NEW IN STOCK:

Osmocote Exact Slow Release Fertilizer is available in a 3-4 month and 12-14 month release at only R55.00 per bucket.

Osmocote Exact Application Rate: 3g per litre of potting medium. For best results the fertilizer granules should be covered with a layer of potting mix.

NAME BADGES:

Society name badges can be ordered from Yvonne Bond at a cost of R20.00.

NEXT MEETING 4th May 2008 ST ST: MARTIN-BY-THE-SEA – ANGLICAN CHURCH HALL – CNR 7TH STREET & 15TH AVENUE – GONUBIE.

Mike Wigley will present the "Species Spotlight" on Bonatea Speciosa.

Mavis Downey will be presenting our monthly "Journal Review."

Pierre Hendriks a regular visitor to Gonubie will be our guest speaker. Pierre will be presenting "Orchid distribution around the World", with a selection of slides never seen before. This promises to be most interesting.

There will be a plant table so please remember to bring your flowering plants.

GOS QUIZ:

APRIL'S ANSWER:

Brazil is home to many species of rupicolous laelias, namely L. briegeri, L. flava, L. cinnabarina, L. liltiputana, L. milleri, L. caulescens and L. longpipes to name a few. The first correct entry drawn was that of Errol de Villiers and he won Oncidium jluhbao gold.

Congratulations and good luck with your plant.