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Orchid News for Meetings

The next **New and Interested Growers Group (NIGG) Meeting** will be held on 7 April 2024 at Ian and Carolyn Nielson's place. Their address will be sent by separate email. Members can bring plants for sale and a plate along to supplement the biscuits that are supplied for morning tea, if you feel like contributing to the day with some of your wonderful home cooking.

Remember to also **bring a chair** and a hat and of course your sense of humour. There **will NOT be** a BBQ at this meeting.

Our Next **Monthly General Meeting** is on Thursday 21 March 2024, starting at 7.00pm. Competition plants must be benched by 6:45pm. Tea, Coffee, and Biscuits will be provided and you are welcome to bring a share plate.

GENERAL MEETING 15 FEBRUARY 2024

Our **General Meeting** in February was attended by 34 members. The Popular Vote Competition was held at this meeting with two categories for Cattleyas being under 80mm and 80mm and over, which will continue for future General Meetings.

We are making great progress preparing for our show with new corflutes purchased, display racks have been modified, show raffle tickets and door tickets have been produced, vendors invited as well as sister clubs.

A detailed explanation of how this year's calendar is laid out and the very informative cultural notes for each month was highlighted.

GENERAL MEETING
15 FEBRUARY 2024 (continued)

Bev gave an interesting talk on Phragmipedium Orchids which are fairly rare and expensive to purchase. Her Culture Notes are included at the end of this newsletter.

John Hughes gave a detailed explanation of his judging at the meeting.

NEW AND INTERESTED GROWERS GROUP MEETING
12 NOVEMBER 2023

This February NIGG Meeting was well attended by more than 60 members at the home of Mel and Carolyn Smith. Mel gave a talk on a variety of issues that affect orchids, which was well received.

Grower of the Year Competition

The Grower of the year Competition Orchids will be available until the end of April for members. Members must collect these orchids themselves and not for other members. Bev has put a purple tag in each pot with the name of the orchid and that it is a Grower of the Year Orchid 2024. Alice's Orchids, who we purchased these orchids from and has provided quite large plants, (well done Alice), has also put a label on each pot so that members do not lose sight of these orchids.

The Club merchandise is available only to BOSI members not the public.

Please phone Bev on **0427 667 706** or Email aheidke@bigpond.com to arrange a suitable time for you to collect any merchandise you require for your Orchid Potting. If you want to collect Items from Bev at the monthly meetings please let her know a few days prior of what you need. Please do not ask for more than what you have ordered when collecting your items as this places our magnificent merchandising lady in an awkward position.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY AT ROWERS ON THE RIVER
SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2023









**NEW AND INTERESTED GROWERS GROUP MEETING
4 FEBRUARY 2024**



**One of our Hosts for the day
Mel Smith (with the Startled Possum Look)**



Some of the attendees



More attendees



**A special visitor on the day
Charlotte Straume**



**Chef de BBQ Mr Chris
Trudgian**

POPULAR VOTE COMPETITION

15 FEBRUARY 2024



Cat. Mini
Purple
A & B Heidke
Cattleya over
90mm
1st & Popular
Vote

Actually it was 80mm and over



Rth. Gierardo Wanda
D & V Trudgian
cattleya 80mm under
1st & Popular Vote
Champion Orchid 15.2.24




Vanda
Vanda.Boonyarit Red
A & B Heidke
1st & Popular Vote




Any Other
Milt. unknown
L & S Heinrich
1st & Popular Vote



Species
Paph. Concolor
A & B Heidke
1st & Popular Vote



Dendrobium
Den. Two Tone Splash
A & B Heidke
1st



Dendrobium
Den. Mangasteen
A & B Heidke
Popular Vote



Novice
Phal. Tying Shin Rose Parade
M. Wilschefski
1st & Popular Vote

Culture Notes on Phragmipediums

Like paphiopedilum, phragmidediums are Lady Slipper Orchids. The accepted abbreviation is Ph rag. There are about 26 species of Phrags known from Central and Southern America. Namely Mexico Peru, and the tropical areas of south America Phrags. have a varied habitat mostly growing in the ground or on rocks and a few in trees. They are very often found on river banks where they can access water.

ENVIRONMENT.

They will grow with your Multifloral Paphs or with your cattleyas Providing not too much light is given. They Like bright morning light but not strong afternoon sunlight.

WATERING

Phrags. likes lots of water in summer, and really thrive if stood in a shallow saucer.

Always keep the mix moist and never let it dry out.

Make sure to flush out a build-up of salts as this can make the tips of leaves go brown.

POTTING

Phrags. thrive in an acidic environment not more than 5.5 PH If so they will stop growing and turn yellow.

Do not repot unless in active growth. This allows the plant to reestablish in the shortest possible time.

Mix. I use No 3 or 4 Kiwi Bark. Jumbo Perlite and Coconut husk pieces which I have washed and screened the smaller pieces out. This depends on the size of the Plant.

I find that they like a deeper pot as they have quite a large root system, but do not like to be overpotted in too big a pot. Do not think that a bigger pot means it will grow bigger quicker.

Phrags. do not like lime and it may even kill the plant.

I put slow release on top the pot when repotting and then they are fertilized with the rest of the Paphs.

MAINTENANCE

Removing dying and old leaves from plants is important and do not cut them off. They must be pulled off by dividing the leaf down the middle and then pulling each side away from the bottom. This then allows new growth and roots that are caught up under this leaf to get into the mix quicker.

These plants are quite hard to find to buy and can be quite expensive. So, when you are able to get one treasure it.

If you have plants that are struggling look up on the internet the Name, Hybrid or species and check what conditions your plant likes and how grow your plant.

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