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Members who contribute to this Newsletter endeavour to assure the reliability of its contents. Any cultural advice provided is a guide only and may not suit individual growers. It is the responsibility of the individual to validate such advice before applying suggested methods.

The Society welcomes potential members to come to the general meetings as our guests, and advises those wishing to join us, that subscription fees (in Australian Dollars) are \$15 for a single, \$20 for a family from 1st January each year.

GUEST Judges for the next Meeting

Orchids — Members of the society

Foliage — Judging by members of the society

Guest Speaker

NO Guest speaker for the November

Next General Meeting:

16 January 2019 at 7:00pm

Canungra School of Arts Hall

Canungra

Next Committee Meeting:

23 January 2019

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Coming Events / Shows 2019

Aspley OS, 16/17 Feb, Mt Coot-tha

BDOFS, 9/10 Mar, Canungra School of Arts Hall

Beenleigh Orchid Fair, 1/2 Mar, Beenleigh Showgrounds

22nd AOC Conference & Show, 1/5 Sept 2021, Logan Metro Sports Centre

ANOS Conference & Show, 21/25 Aug, Strathpine Community Centre

STQOC Conference & Show, 13/15 Sept, Korte's Resort, Rockhampton

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Editorial

The front page has the usual info about shows, meeting dates and guest speaker for the month. Page 2 has the editorial and a greeting. Page 3 has the general meeting minutes.

On page 4 are the results of the monthly competition are on page 5 are the photos of the first placed orchids and foliage plants.

There are some growing tips on the genera Gongora on page 6.

Michael - Editor

Merry Xmas
Well xmas
and a

Happy New Year

GENERAL MEETING: 21 November 2018.

Meeting opened: 7.40 Pm with Chris Hood in the chair

Apologies: As per book

VISITORS: Nil.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING, taken as printed in Bulletin, Moved by Garth Dale. Seconded by Peter Rice.

Correspondence in:

QOS: November Bulletin.

Anos Kabi Group Inc: Australia Day BBQ.

Orchids Queensland Inc: Minutes of November meeting

Brom Soc: November newsletter.

Tweed Orchid Soc Inc: November News Letter.

Paradise Plants: rare plants list.

Green Harvest Summer Newsletter.

Scenic Rim Regional Council: offering Cancer Qld SunSmart Grants.

ANOS Beenleigh Group Inc: Invitation for members to attend Christmas Party on 14th Dec at Club Beenleigh, \$35 p/p doors open 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. Need RSVP by 1st Dec.

Aspley Summer show 2019: at Mt Coot-tha on 16th & 17th of February.

Correspondence outward:

Nil

It was moved by Garth Dale & seconded by Peter Van Motman that inward & outwards correspondence be taken as read.

Financial Report:

Moved by Christine Proud Seconded by Peter Rice that the report be taken as read.

Business Arising

Christmas party: we need to know numbers that are interested in going & please pay Treasurer.

Secret Santa, please try to provide a gift that you would be happy to receive.

Thanking John Roberts for the Fruit Punch he made for Pizza Night.

Lucky Door: Llew Narcisi.

Lucky Exhibitor: Chris Hood.

Raffle:

1st = \$25: Peter Sweet

2nd = \$20: Airlie Worrall

3rd = \$15: Danny Asquith

Meeting Ends: 9.30 Pm.

Cattleya Alliance (over 70mm)

1st	C. Landate	A Mills
2nd	Rth. Rosella Tallow	G & L Dale

Cattleya Alliance (under 70mm)**Dendrobium**

1st	Den. Gloucester Sands	P Berry
2nd	Den. Red Lip	R & R Fairbrother
3rd	Den. Neifert's Exception	P Berry

Vanda Alliance

1st	Ascda. Boonyarit Red 'Thai Ruby'	M & B Billiau
2nd	V. Tamborine Scarlet	M & B Billiau
3rd	Mok. Bangkok Gold x Ascda. Fuchs Gold	M & B Billiau

Species

1st	Bulb. lobbii	A Worrall
2nd	Bulb. falcatum'	G & L Dale
3rd	V. testacea	L & H Narcisi

Orchid — Any Other Genera

1st	Cym. Australian Midnight	A Mills
2nd	Coel. Burfordiense	H & M Donker
3rd	Rrm. Catherine Tesch	L & K Kinnish

Novice

1st	C. schilleriana	L Nanfra
2nd	Phal. Unknown	L Nanfra
3rd	Onc. sphacelatum	L Nanfra

First Flowering Seedling

1st	Paph. Hsinying Superwings x Hsinying Dragon	A Mills
2nd	Ascda. Orglade's Gold Spots x (V. Kasem's Delight x Ascda. Guo Chia Long)	L & H Narcisi
3rd	Ascda. Lenachai Vilas x V. Pakchong Blue	L & H Narcisi

Popular Vote—Orchid

1st	Bulb. falcatum'	G & L Dale
2nd	Coel. Burfordiense	H & M Donker
	Paph. wenshanense	A Mills
3rd	Coel. prasine	E Kinnish
	Phal. unknown	P & D Sweet
	C. Landate	A Mills
	Den. Red Lip	R & R Fairbrother
	V. Fuchs Rosy Charm x Ponpimol	L & H Narcisi
	Cym. Little Black Sambo	P Berry
	Den. Topaz Rose 'Rosy'	P Berry
	Cym. Australian Midnight	A Mills

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SO PLEASE CHANGE YOUR PLANT TAG.

Ferns

1st	Asplenium sp	P Berry
2nd	Drynaria rigida ssp lenridgei	P Berry
3rd	Asplenium dimorphum	P Berry

Begonias

1st	Begonia 'Yorkes Rhondo'	L Thorneycroft
2nd	Begonia 'Red Fox'	P & D Sweet
3rd	Begonia unknown	C Hood

Bromeliads

1st.	Til. 'Cotton Candy'	R & R Fairbrother
2nd	Cryptanthus	P & D Sweet
3rd	Cryptanthus	P & D Sweet

Succulent & Cactus

1st	Mammillaria elongata	P & D Sweet
2nd	Peperomia ferreyrae	A Mills
3rd	Crassula 'Ladies Fingers'	H & J Narcisi

Aroids

1st	Caladium	C Hood
2nd	Caladium	J Williams
3rd	Caladium 'Tropic Red'	L Thorneycroft

Foliage—Any Other Genera





1st	Selaginella 'Emily'	R & R Fairbrother
2nd	Persian Shield	R & R Fairbrother
3rd	Nanida Dom Nana	R & R Fairbrother

Popular Vote—Foliage

1st	Caladium	J Williams
2nd	Asplenium sp	P Berry
	Begonia	P van Motman
3rd	Caladium	C Hood
	Begonia 'Yorkes Rhondo'	L Thorneycroft

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RESULTS OF MEETING NIGHT NOVEMBER 2018 — FIRST PLACED PLANTS

<p><u>Cattleya Alliance > 70mm</u></p> <p><i>C. Landate</i> Grown by A Mills</p> 	<p><u>Cattleya Alliance < 70mm</u></p>	<p><u>Dendrobium</u></p> <p><i>Den. Gloucester Sands</i> Grown by P Berry</p> 
<p><u>Vandaceous</u></p> <p><i>V. Boonyarit Red 'Thai Ruby'</i> Grown by M & B Billiau</p> 	<p><u>Species</u></p> <p><i>Bulb. lobbii</i> Grown by A Worral</p> 	<p><u>Orchid Genera Any Other</u></p> <p><i>Cym. Australian Midnight</i> Grown by A Mills</p> 
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<p><u>Fern</u></p> <p><i>Asplenium sp</i> Grown by P Berry</p> 	<p><u>Begonia</u></p> <p><i>Begonia 'Yorkes Rhondo'</i> Grown by L Thorneycroft</p> 	<p><u>Bromeliad</u></p> <p><i>Til. 'Cotton Candy'</i> Grown by R & R Fairbrother</p> 
<p><u>Succulent/Cacti</u></p> <p><i>Mammillaria elongata</i> Grown by P & D Sweet</p> 	<p><u>Foliage Genera Any Other</u></p> <p><i>Selaginella 'Emily'</i> Grown by R & R Fairbrother</p> 	<p><u>Aroid</u></p> <p><i>Caladium</i> Grown by C Hood</p> 

Growing Gongora Orchids

Pronunciation: *gon-GOR-a*

Other Names: Punch and Judy Orchids

INTRODUCTION

Gongora Orchids have large beautiful flowers that look like hanging earrings. They come in a variety of bold, bright colors that cascade in flower chains.

Punch and Judy is a traditional, irreverent, but most of all violent puppet show, extremely popular in Victorian Britain.

This orchid is classified as an epiphyte with long, thin, white aerial roots. The large, bold flowers have a strong fragrant scent that smells like allspice, cinnamon, or nutmeg that can quickly fill up a room.

Each growth cycle can produce several flower stems, and each stem can have up to 12 flowers.

TEMPERATURE

These orchids prefer intermediate to warm temperatures year-round. During the daytime hours, you should try to keep temperatures between 70°F to 85°F (21°C to 29°C). They can tolerate moderate temperature fluctuations, but they can't tolerate colder weather for prolonged periods. During the night, temperatures should stay between 55°F to 60°F (13°C to 16°C).

These plants originally come from tropical regions in Trinidad, Central America, and South America, so you should try to reproduce these growing conditions to ensure that your orchid grows as well as it can throughout the year.

LIGHT

Your Gongora likes to have bright but indirect light. If you're growing your plant indoors, set it by a south-facing window or an east-facing window if you live in the northern hemisphere. You can get your orchid to adapt to bright, direct sunlight but this is a slower process.

If they're outside, make sure they have at least partial shade. They can tolerate less light as well, but this can cause their leaves to grow at a more horizontal angle and turn darker green. If your plant is healthy, but it's not blooming, try giving it more light to encourage growth.

WATER AND HUMIDITY

Gongora Orchids like a lot of water, and you can water them liberally in the early morning hours once a day. You shouldn't ever let them dry out, and you should monitor them carefully to ensure that the roots stay moist all day. If they dry out, your orchid will die very quickly.

If you can combine this high water requirement with the higher humidity these plants enjoy, then you'll have the perfect 'tropical' habitat. The humidity levels should stay between 50% and 70% all day and into the night.

FEEDING

During this orchid's rapid growth cycle in the spring and early summer, feed them weekly with a well-balanced fertilizer that you've diluted to around half strength. You also want to supplement in slow-release pellet fertilizer between feedings and apply this around the halfway point between feedings.

Once the fall months come around, you can cut back to feeding your orchid to once every two weeks, but keep supplementing it with the slow-release pellet fertilizer to encourage continued growth and new growth in the spring.

POTTING

Your potting mix should be very well-balanced and ideally, you want it to retain moisture but allow the plant's roots to breathe. Sphagnum moss, coconut chips, and charcoal or sponge rock are good additions to your growing medium. It is a good idea to grow these plants in hanging baskets or wire mesh baskets to mimic their natural habitat growing in trees or in ant nests.

Repot your orchid once a year or once every two years. You have to be very careful with the roots because they're very easy to damage. Repot your plant in the spring when you notice new growth starting. Don't bury the plant's roots, and just lightly add the growing medium on top of your plant.



Gongora Galeata