



Solihull & District Orchid Society

Great start to Christmas

A lovely day was had by all at our action packed meeting on Saturday 5th December. The meeting kicked off with a lovely table full of plants with nearly all classes entered and a total of 33 entries on display which is a 50% increase on last year.

The only disappointment was that nobody entered the Novice Class. Hopefully, next year a few of you will enter that Phalaenopsis growing on your windowsill.

The Mary Griffiths Trophy for the Best Species went to Malcolm Moodie for his Paphiopedilum spicerianum and the Jack Pettit Trophy for the Best Hybrid also went to Malcolm for his Phragmipedium Jason Fischer which was also awarded the Bob Harris Bowl and Rosette for Best Plant at the Show.

The Cotton Salver, for most points in the show was quite a close result with Graham Jones in third place, Stan Taylor coming second only a few points behind the winner Malcolm Moodie.

As mentioned previously, the Best Novice Tankard was not presented but a warm round of applause was given for Martin Ball for winning the Trish Carney Memorial Trophy – This is given each year to one of our unsung heroes. Martin has done a fantastic job over the last 12 months in redesigning the Newsletter and ensuring we are all kept up to date through this wonderful journal – Well Done.

After the presentation everybody tucked into a wonderful array of savouries and cakes. Thanks to everyone who brought food to share. *(More pictures inside)*

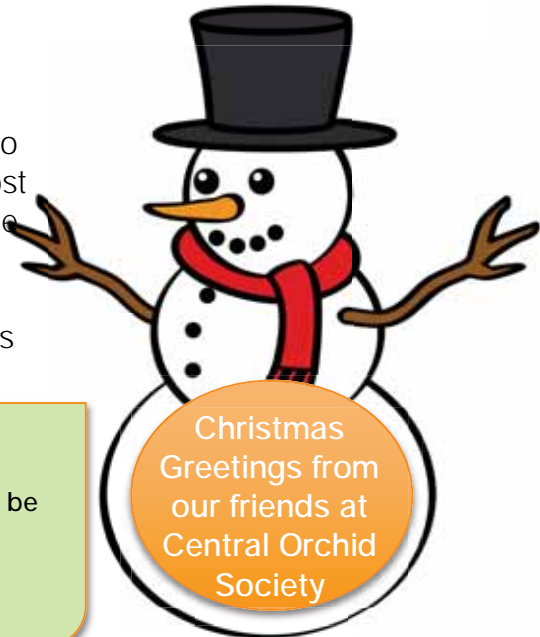


Trip to Burnham's Nursery

We now have 22 people signed up for the trip to Burnham's Nursery on Sunday 14th August. Please make your cheques out to Solihull & District Orchid Society and hand them to Heike. The cost is currently £30 per person but if we can fill the coach there will be a rebate to all on the trip. If you haven't already put your name down either see Heike at the next meeting or email Malcolm on laeliam@aol.com. After the January meeting I will be offering seats to our friends at Central OS as we want to fill the coach.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Saturday 9th January when Peter White will be giving a cultural talk along with advice on repotting. These are always good meetings and if you have a plant that you need advice on this is your opportunity – bring it along.



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If you have any photographs or information you would like to put on our website please email them to Caroline Reid at caroline.reid1@blueyonder.co.uk website at www.solihullorchidsociety.org Or copy and pictures for the newsletter to Martin Ball at ballm1@mac.com



Christmas table plants



Paph. Armeni White & Buckhurst – Malcolm Moodie



Paph. Hatsue Otsuka – Malcolm Moodie



Aliceara Peggy Ruth Carpenter – Graham Jones



Dend. Dawn Maree – Stan Taylor



Catt. Portia – Monica Johnson



Class 1 – Malcolm Moodie



Two Species – Stan Taylor



Paph. spicerianum – Malcolm Moodie



Phrag. Jason Fischer – Malcolm Moodie



Malcolm receives the rosebowl from Janet James



Phal. San Luga – Judy Ralph



Blc. Mystic Isles



Blc. Chunyeah



Paphiopedilum lowii



Schombocattleya Bordighera

BOC Photographic Competition

After the food we reviewed the 24 photographs that had been entered by our members and had the opportunity to choose the 5 that would be entered in the competition.

There were some excellent photos and in some respects it was a shame we couldn't enter more. However, after totalling up the votes the winning picture was Dendrobium Dawn Maree x christyanum by Ken Johnson. Then came 3 photos by Stan Taylor – BLC Chanyeah, BLC Mystic Isles and Paphiopedilum lowii. The fifth photo was again by Ken Johnson with a superb image of Schombocattleya Bordighera.

As a society we have been very successful in this competition and with 5 lovely photographs this time I am sure we are in with a good chance of being in the reckoning when the whole country votes early next year.

Thanks to everybody that took the trouble to enter their photographs and make the afternoon voting so interesting.



Dend. Dawn Maree x christyanum