



Solihull & District Orchid Society

Spring Show

Saturday March 26th



Please make every effort to bring plants along as the show will be greatly enhanced if the main table is crowded with wonderful entries from Solihull Members. Even if you have never entered a plant before your entry will be most welcome and you never know you might be going home with the Harry Wilshaw Shirley Goblet for the Best Novice. Everybody has to start somewhere so why not make March 26th your first step.

In addition, we have classes for an orchid grown on a windowsill, orchids grown for foliage and the Floral Art section so there are plenty of opportunities for you to enter.

To make my life a bit easier I would appreciate you sending me your entries by Friday evening (25th) and you can do that by email – laeliam@aol.com or by phone 01295 788159 as this makes show day just that little bit easier.

All exhibits must be staged by 9.30 as judging then commences with the show opening to the public at 11.00.

The Traders this year are – Peter White (Orchid Accessories), Phoenix Orchids, Royden Orchids, Earthenware Jewellery and Anne Neal's handmade cards.

It will be a great day and let's hope we have lots of eager visitors who are keen to see the wonderful displays of plants. See you all on the day.

APRIL'S MEETING

Please remember that April's Meeting has been cancelled

Malvern tickets

Once again we have the fantastic opportunity to purchase tickets for Malvern at an unbelievable price of £6.

If you plan to go to Malvern International Orchid Show and want to get your hands on some tickets, please see Heike on Show Day and if you have already ordered your tickets but not yet paid please ensure you pay Heike.

We will be placing our consolidated order the day after our May meeting and so please ensure you have paid by then.

We will only order and pay for tickets that have been paid for by the May meeting.

Burnham's coach trip

Sunday August 14th

Please ensure that if you have placed your name on the list to go on this lovely trip that you have paid your £30/person as soon as possible. See Heike at the Show.

Chairman:
Malcolm Moodie
01295 788159

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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



East Midlands Orchid Society show



Once again it's show time

Janet and I set out in the thick fog for the East Midlands show, there were six society displays and seven trade it was a great pleasure to meet up with all our old friend's, we managed to do a nice display thanks to all the members who loaned plants, and were really pleased to see some of our members at the show. Stan Taylor got a 1st Vandaceous Hybrid Rosette with his Renanthopsis Mildred Jameson "Bonsall". Monica Johnson's B.L.C. Mem Grant Eichler "Lenette" got the 2nd Laeliinae Hybrid Rosette and also the Best Society Hybrid Rosette. Malcom Moodie won an award of merit for his Pathiopidium haynaldianum alba and also best society species. And Martin Mitchell had an award of merit with his Scaphocephalum gibberosum.

Martin Mitchell pictures and write-up



MARCH TABLE COMPETITION

THE GENUS PHALAENOPSIS

Keith Bates, one of our members who is the Chairman of the Hinckley Orchid Society, gave an interesting and beautifully illustrated talk on the species of the Genus Phalaenopsis on March 5- 2016. Keith grows a number of these lovely plants.



The name comes from the Greek Phalaina, like moths, and is the most popular orchid group in cultivation. There are about 64 known species growing in the wild.

Phalaenopsis plants are monopodial and do not have rhizomes or pseudobulbs, a healthy plant having up to ten leaves. The inflorescence grows from the axil of a leaf and the flower stem may be round or flat, the latter producing flowers from the tip continuously and should therefore never be cut off. Healthy roots are green and fleshy.

Plants grow well in a bark and sphagnum mix. They are subject to hard and soft scale and mealy-bug.

The growing range stretches from Sri Lanka and Southern India to New Guinea and North-east Australia, extending as far North as Southern China. The Philippines and Borneo are rich with these species.

Most of them grow in hot steamy lowlands, but a few are adapted to the cooler climates of higher altitudes.

Much appreciation was shown by our members to Keith for his talk and slide show.

Margaret Dale



Hinckley Show at new venue

To be held at Stoke Golding Club, 42 Hinckley Road, Stoke Golding, Warks, CV13 6DT on Saturday, 23rd April, 10am-4pm. Janet and Martin will need to borrow members' plants for our display at this show, and the week after at the Central Orchid Show on the Saturday, 30th April.



Blc Young Min Orange
29 M Moodie



Aerides japonica
25 Stan Taylor



Dend
scabrilingue
27 Stan Taylor



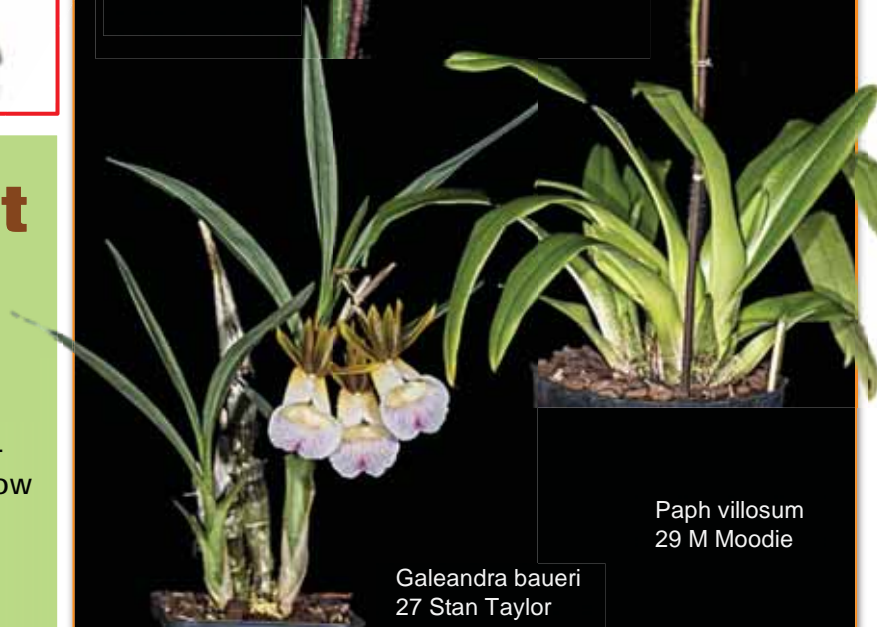
Dend atrovioleaceum
26 Stan Taylor



Paph delenatii
28 M Moodie



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Galeandra baueri
27 Stan Taylor

Paph villosum
29 M Moodie