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Dear member,

The Society had two activities during the month of October. First, the annual orchid show was held on the 5th and 6th of the month and secondly, on two consecutive Saturdays, the 12th and 19th October, members of the Orchid Society participated in a joint outing at the Ebony forest in Chamarel with the Royal Society of Arts & Science of Mauritius.

In November, we shall have our monthly meeting on Friday 15th at 6.00 p.m. We have invited the representative of Ruvinya (Pvt.) Ltd , Mr. Sumudu Liyanage to present his company's product range, based on coconut fibre, around our usual mini-show.

The Orchid Society will also be present on the 29th and 30th November at the 'Journées découvertes' organized by ENL Nurseries at Mon Desert Alma, St Pierre. We shall have two representatives present to dispense cultural advice to visitors on orchid growing.

Our last activity for year 2013 will be the end of year gathering on Saturday 7th December.

The 2013 Annual Orchid Show



The Champion of the show
(a public vote)
Paph. Rothchildianum.

Grower: Mr Armand Lecourt de
Billot.



The Best orchid on show:
Phalaenopsis Marington..

Grower: Mr. Gervais Fayolle

Orchid Show 2013

The Orchid Society held its 33rd public annual show in the banquet hall of the municipality of Quatre-Bornes on the 5th and 6th October. A preview of the show and the opening ceremony took place on Friday 4th October and was presided by the President of the Republic of Mauritius, His Excellency Mr. Rajkeswar Purryag, who is also the Patron of our Society.

There were 155 plants on display representing 24 orchid genera. Fifty percent of the exhibits were from the genus *Phalaenopsis*. Only 14 members registered plants for the competition. Some 1,250 people visited the show, compared to the 2,500 of the previous year. Most visitors praised the quality of exhibits and were thrilled by their first encounter with some rare specimens.

Twenty-three prizes and ten challenge trophies were awarded in the plant section. The panel of judges was chaired by Mr Francis Montocchio, who was seconded by Messrs. Paul Jauffret and Jean-Marie Sauzier. They were assisted in their task by Messrs. Cedric Affouye and Armand Lecourt de Billot. The Best Orchid on Show trophy was awarded to Mr. Gervais Fayolle, for his beautiful *Phalaenopsis* Marrington, grown inside a section of a dead tree trunk.

In the Floral Art section, there were 10 exhibits and three prizes were awarded. The judges were Mrs Dominique Avice, Mrs Varuna Jeetun_Vythilingum and Jean-Luc Jafarally. The first prize went to Mrs. Pricylla Birhouez, of Le Jardin de Zoé.

This year the society introduced a new prize for the best grouped display and there were two winners, ex aequo: Mr & Mrs Sylvio Carver of Jack's Orchids and Mr Gervais Fayolle.

Each year our visitors have the privilege to elect the Champion of the Show and this year their choice went to the superb *Paphiopedillum* Rothschildianum of Mr Armand Lecourt de Billot.

We thank all participants and congratulate all prize winners.

Notes from Majeed Khadaroo

Summer Culture Notes

October is the beginning of Summer and the care of our orchid plants have to be adjusted to some extent. More light and high temperature cause rapid drying and low humidity hence the need for extra watering. Some plants will need watering 3 to 4 times a week and many others practically every day depending the area you live.

Light also will have to be controlled. Do not hesitate to cover the roof of your shade house with extra shading if you consider your plants are receiving too much light.

During this time of the year, the plants grow very rapidly and they will need extra feeding. A high nitrate fertilizer alternating with a low nitrate one is well indicated for adult plants almost twice a week. Always choose a day when the weather is fine and always feed in the morning. Young plants require a high nitrate fertilizer only to grow rapidly.

If you have any repotting to do, this is the best time of the year. Young plants that are pot bound should by all means be repotted. Do not choose a too large pot but sufficient big enough for 2 to 3 years growth. Many adult plants may also need to be divided. Study the plant well before using your cutter. If you want several plants, make divisions of 2 to 3 growths. If you want your plant to flower again the coming season, make larger divisions. Keep as many good live roots as possible and place plants under shade for a while before bringing them to their original place.

Many cool to semi cool plants grow and flower fairly well in many parts of our country but special care will have to be taken in summer. Keep them always moist and well shaded and ventilated in the coolest part of your shade house.

Lastly, Slugs and snails prosper during this season of the year, so watch for them.

AWARDS	WINNER 2013	PLANT NAME
Best Miniature Cattleya	Dharmen Isari	C. Chit Chat Tangerine
Best Standard Cattleya	Dharmen Isari	Rlc. Port of Paradise
Best cattleya species	Gervais Fayolle	C. Skinneri
Cattleya & Allied Genera Challenge Trophy	Dharmen Isari	Rlc. Port of Paradise
Best Miniature Phalaenopsis	Gervais Fayolle	P. Miva Charlene
Best Spots / Striped Phalaenopsis	Gervais Fayolle	P. Marrington
Best yellow Phalaenopsis	Gervais Fayolle	Mivasol Milau
Best Purple/Pink Phalaenopsis	Gervais Fayolle	P. vassili
Best White Phalaenopsis	Gervais Fayolle	P. Miva Crystal
Phalaenopsis & Allied genera Challenge Trophy	Gervais Fayolle	P. Marrington
Best Strap Leaf Vanda	Serge L'Ecluse	V. Fuchs Delight x Dr Anek
Best Vanda allied genera	Djalil Khadaroo	Ascocentrum ampullaceum
Vanda & Allied genera Challenge Trophy	Serge L'Ecluse	V. Fuchs delight x Dr Anek
Best Phalaenopsis / other type Dendrobium	Gerard leung For Sang	D. Doraemon
Best Nobile Type	John Hanusraj Hunma	D. Nobile
Best Dendrobium species	Dharmen Isari	D. Polysima
Dendrobium Challenge Trophy	Gerard leung For Sang	D. Doraemon
Best Oncidium	Gerard Leung For Sang	Onc. Sweet sugar
Best Odontoglossum & allied genera	Dharmen Isari	Miltonia Hondulux Binotil
Oncidium & Odontoglossum Trophy	Dharmen Isari	Miltonia Honolux Binotil
Best warm type Cymbidium	Agness Chakowa	Cym. Evening Star
Best Standard Cymbidium	Jean Luc Jaffarally	Lost Label
Cymbidium Challenge Trophy	Jean Luc Jaffarally	Lost Label
Best complex type Paphiopedillum	John Hanushraj Hunma	Lost Label
Best Maudiae/ Primary Paphiopedillum	Marie Rose Konfortion	
Best Multi-floral type	Ronny Pazot	Paph. Michael Kooopowitz
Best Paphiopedillum species	Armand Lecourt de Billot	Paph Rothschildianum
Paphiopedillum Challenge Trophy	Armand Lecourt de Billot	Paph. Rothschildianum
Best Other Genera Hybrid	Serge L'Ecluse	Epidendrum Vitellinum x Tripunkta
Rarest Other Genera species	Cedric Anne	Bulbophyllum echinolabium
Best Other Genera Challenge Trophy	Cedric Anne	Bulbophyllum echinolabium
Best Mascarene species Trophy	Armand Lecourt de Billot	Oeniella Aphrodite
Best Orchid on Show	Gervais Fayolle	P. Marrington
Champion of the Show 2012	Armand Lecourt de Billot	Paph. Rothschildianum

FLORAL ART SECTION		
AWARD	WINNER 2013	COMPANY NAME
1st Prize	Pricylla Birhouez	Le Jardin de Zoé
2nd Prize	Regine Pougnet	Le Lys Dorée
3rd Prize	Brigitte Moutia	Fleur de L'Aube
BEST GROUP DISPLAY		
1st Prize	Sylvio Carver	Jack's Orchids
Ex-aequo	Gervais Fayolle	

A Get Well wish for Our Secretary, Mr Gerard Bax.

Our brilliant secretary, Gerard Bax, has undergone last week a major heart surgery and is currently recovering under medical surveillance. We are truly sorry for you Gérard and we wish you a safe and quick recovery. Our heartfelt thoughts are with his wife Geneviève and all his family.

Notice Board

- One of our dynamic member, Cedric Anne has emigrated for Canada early October. Cedric was very knowledgeable on orchid matters and has been very good with the sharing of information with fellow members. Cedric remains a member of the Orchid Society of Mauritius. We wish him the best of luck in his new life environment.
- 21st World Orchid Conference. This event is programmed for the 10th - 14th September 2014, in the Sandton Convention Centre of Johannesburg. The theme is 'Gold in the Green Age'. It is meant to pay tribute to the gold mining industry while referring to conservation as the only way forward. Those who would like to attend may already check the following web site: 'www.woc21.org' and also inform the OSM secretariat of their interest.
- Orchid wall calendar 2014 - a very interesting calendar on the theme of 'Les orchidées naturelles de nos Iles' with magnificent photos of indigenous orchids from Reunion, Seychelles, Rodrigues and Mauritius is currently on sale at the Orchid Society at Rs100.00 per copy. It is a must for every member of the Orchid Society and it may also represent a nice gift to friends and family with the coming festive season. If you want to place an order, please contact our treasurer, Mrs Lily Lee (Mo 5724 9028).
- The Society's end of year gathering is programmed for Saturday 7th December. It will be a half day outing, starting with a one hour nature walk, followed by lunch. Members are invited to register before the 29th November. Confirmation of the venue and transport arrangements will be communicated shortly.