



# Solihull & District Orchid Society

## Christmas party time



Once again we had a lovely day on Saturday 3rd December creating an early start to our festivities.

Our show was well supported with 33 lovely exhibits (the same as last year) creating a delightful display for everybody in attendance.

It was very pleasing to see an exhibit in class 14 with the Novice Tankard awarded to Pam Eden who also won Class 6 (Best Oncidium). Well done Pam.

The Gloria Cotton Salver for the most points in the show was awarded to Malcolm Moodie who also won the Mary Griffiths Trophy for Best Species (*Paph. spicerianum* "Grober Type" and the Jack Pettit Trophy for the Best Hybrid (*Phrag. wallisii* x *longifolium*) which also won the Bob Harris Bowl and was awarded a Cultural Commendation Certificate. Stan Taylor was also awarded a Cultural Commendation Certificate for his wonderful *Holcoglossum flavescens* x *Rhy gigantea*.

Well done to everybody who entered.

In addition, every year we present the Trish Carney Memorial Trophy to an unsung hero

of the Society and to ringing applause Colin and Jean took the award for their sterling work in running the raffle at every meeting.

And to cap it all we all tucked in to a tasty display of morsels brought by all the members. All in all a lovely afternoon and a great way to kick off our Christmas celebrations and wish everybody in the society a Happy Christmas and healthy and happy New Year.



Pam receives the Novice Tankard from Peter White



Malcolm receives one of his awards

The Hamper this year was absolutely fantastic with various bottles, tins, packets and jars cascading out of the wicker basket and I am sure that everybody in the room was eager for their ticket to be drawn for this wonderful prize but only one of us could be the winner. This year that lucky recipient was Margaret Dale. Well done and enjoy.



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# BOC Photographic Competition

During the afternoon we also had the opportunity to view and vote for our favourite photographs entered by our members. It was no easy task with some fantastic photographs to choose from.

After a number of viewings the voting slips were finally collected with the results as follows:

Equal 1st *Dendrobium ochracea* – Stan Taylor  
& *Cattleya Jewel Box* “Schererazade” AM/AOS – Ken Johnson

3rd *Brassocattleya Pink Debutante* “First Love” AM/RHS – Ken Johnson

4th *Dendrobium harveyanum* – Stan Taylor

5th *Stanhopea tigrina* – Ken Johnson

Well done to Stan and Ken but also to all those who entered and look forward to being able to vote when all Society’s have made their entries. This will be in January and February.



## Subs are due

Please don't forget that now is the time to pay your subs. Which remain at the same level as last year - £10, £12 for a couple.

If you wish to receive your Newsletter by post please add a further £5. See Heike at the next meeting + pick up your latest copy of the BOC Year Book.

## Next Meeting

Our next meeting is on Saturday January 7th when we will be holding our own Judging Competition.

We all get the opportunity of judging the plants and then Caroline and Margaret take us through their opinion based on the BOC Judging Process. It's all great fun and to kick off the New Year there will be a prize for the person who gets the highest score.

Please bring your plants as usual so that we have plenty to judge and plenty to enjoy



# Christmas Show Table



*Paph. wallisii* x *longifolium* - Malcolm Moodie - Awarded CCC and Best in Show



*Paphiopedilum spicerianum* - Best Species - Malcolm Moodie



*Lc. Cariads Mini Quinee Angel Kiss BM JOGA* - Malcolm Moodie



*Blc. Mystic Isles* - Monica Johnson



*Restrepia Houllisse* - Stan Taylor



*Holcoglossum flavescens* x *Rhy gigantea* - Awarded CCC - Stan Taylor



*Phal. Sogo key* - Malcolm Moodie



*Brassia Eternal Wind* - Pam Eden



*Laelia anceps* var *Celtic Queen* - Monica Johnson