



Solihull & District Orchid Society

BOC Photographic Competition

Christmas Hamper

Please don't forget to bring in items for the wonderful Hamper which we will draw at December's Meeting.

For every item you bring you will receive tickets for a chance to win this wonderful prize which means the more you bring the better chance you have of walking off with the Hamper. In addition, you can also buy more tickets to increase your chances even further.

This is such a lovely prize and would be a great starter to your Christmas celebrations.



At our December meeting we will all get the chance to choose those photographs that will represent Solihull in the BOC Photo Competition.

This has proven to be a very successful competition for us with Ken Johnson and Stan Taylor picking up awards on multiple occasions.

So can we keep this trend going? – Only if we have photos to enter.

Please send your photographs of orchids to me (no more than 5 each) by Friday 24th November so that I can create a file of all of the photos for you to judge.

We will then pick the best 5 to represent us.

I look forward to a fascinating afternoon at the December Meeting when we will have our Xmas Show, Buffet and select the photographs you have sent me. Hopefully, dozens will arrive over the next 5 weeks.

Send to LaeliaM@aol.com

Next Meeting

At our meeting on Saturday 4th November Mel Stephen will be entertaining us on the subject of Dendrobiums and Allied Genera. Mel has been interested in Dendrobiums for some considerable time and has built up a large collection alongside a great deal of knowledge. Having just been appointed to the RHS Judging Committee it is clear that his knowledge is in great demand so we look forward to a very interesting afternoon.

Birmingham show

Janet and Martin put on a display at the recent Birmingham Orchid Show for the society.

Graham and Maureen Jones won a first rosette with their *Odontocidium Hansueli Isler*.

Stan Taylor also won a first rosette and a judges choice rosette, with his *Lepanthes inca*.

Thanks to everyone for loaning their plants.

Central Orchid Show is on Saturday 25th of November, at Perton 11-4pm, we don't display at this show.



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If you have any pictures or information you would like to put on our website please email: caroline.reid1@blueyonder.co.uk or copy and pictures for newsletter: ballm1@mac.com

OCTOBER TABLE



Pinalia eria - Stan Taylor None Competitive



Paph. Vanda M. Pearman - 28pts Malcolm Moodie



Paph. thaianum - 30pts Malcolm Moodie



Paph. haynaldianum alba - 28pts Malcolm Moodie



Paph. charlesworthii x Black Monarch
- 29pts Malcolm Moodie

Pictures:
Ken
Johnson



Bulbo Elizabeth Anne Buckleberry - 24pts Lina Smalinske



Paph. colobelle x *belatulum* x *nivium* - 32pts Lina Smalinske



Paph. helenae - 32pts Malcolm Moodie



Laelia dayana - 20pts Lina Smalinske



Hamelweilsara June "Indigo Sue" AM/AOS - 28pts Malcolm Moodie

ORCHIDS OF BORNEO

Malcolm Moodie

Malcolm and his wife Andrea have visited this part of the world twice: in March 2015 and November 2016.

Borneo is the 3rd largest island in the world and is divided between three countries - Malaysia, Brunei and Indonesia.

Borneo is a home to one of the oldest rainforests and it is estimated to be around 140 million years old.

Its highest point is Mount Kinabalu in Sabah, with an elevation of 4,095 m (13,435 ft) that Malcolm and Andrea visited on both trips but saw very different things each time.

Malcolm started off with the Singapore National Botanic Garden, which was established in 1859 and is situated on 182 acres. Now it is also a UNESCO



world heritage site and the only tropical garden in the world to have this title. Within the Botanic Garden is the National Orchid Garden with around 60,000 orchids. The displays are always changing and are on a large scale, taking hundreds of immaculate plants which are replaced every 14 days. *Oncidium goldiana* "Golden Shower" arch walk is very popular and is one of the permanent stunning displays.



Masses of *Vanda* type plants although potted, displayed discreetly as though growing in flower beds. Some examples were shown:



Papilionanthe Miss Joaquim "Yen"

"Christine" – (Aranda = *Arachnis* x *Vanda*)

Aranda "Singa Gold"

Aranda "Eastern Vigour"

Papilionanda Mimi Palmer – A very distinctive flower

– (Papilionanda = *Papilionanthe* x *Vanda*)

Besides these lovely Hybrids there were many

species including *Coelogyne pandurata* which was huge (4x4m), with the footpath diverted accordingly.

There were also some cool growing plants that originally come from Hymalayas like *Dendrobium formosum*, which would have to be returned to the cool greenhouse after flowering

Malcolm met Philip Seaton & Dr. Yam Tim Wing who is a researcher working in the botanic gardens who is re-introducing native orchids back into Singapore. This small state has become very heavily built up in recent years and wildlife and plants have suffered as a result. He is running a conservation project to bring native orchids back as well as giving lectures around the world and has also written a book on this topic.



Bulbophyllum lobbii

Yam, T. W. (2013). Native orchids of

Singapore: Diversity, identification and conservation. National Parks Board, Singapore

Malcolm also visited the "Cloud Forest Dome" at the Gardens by the Bay. These gardens stand 5 storeys high in a very impressive dome with a huge waterfall at the entrance.

His travels now took him to Sarawak which is a very interesting place on the northwest of Borneo founded by James Brooke, a British explorer, who arrived in 1839. He and his descendants governed the state from 1841 to 1946. He explained that each year 5 people are killed by crocodiles. To get to Bako National Park where he hoped to see orchids they had to travel by boat along a river filled with saltwater crocodiles as there are no roads.



Arundina graminifolia

On their first stop they saw much wildlife but not many orchids. However, one of the orchids they saw was very interesting - *Coelogyne rochussenii*, in that it was growing just above the sea on the cliffs washed with salt water daily.

They also visited an orchid garden in Kuching which contained many interesting orchids like:

Papilionanthe Miss Joaquim "Yen" (This used to be *Vanda* Miss Joaquim)



Paph. rothschildianum

Den formosum x Frosty Dawn x Thai Jasmine
Aranda Bandarayaku
The next leg of their journey was to Mount Kinabalu in Sabah which required a flight. They initially visited the orchid garden before taking to some of the many trails on the mountain and saw many orchids in flower:
Bulbophyllum lobbii
Phaius subtrilobus

Paphiopedilum javanicum
Pinalia (Eria) floribunda
Bulbophyllum odoratum
Coelogyne radioferens
Coelogyne kinabaluensis - unusual orange flower form

At Kundasang he visited the war memorial and saw:
Paphiopedilum rothschildianum - very rare and vulnerable in the wild
Paphiopedilum lowii
And at the De Villa Orchid Garden saw:



Papilionanda Mimi Palmer

Coelogyne asperata
Bulbophyllum blumei with a flower that looks like a



Jejewoodia jiewhoei

Masdevallia
Malcolm expressed great disappointment that on their second visit they were unable to repeat the walks on Mount Kinabalu as many had been

completely

destroyed by an earthquake. It will take around 50 years for the mountain to return to its former glory.

Malcolm also mentioned that the area is suffering from Palm Oil plantations with ancient rainforests cut down to grow Palm Oil. This is a major industry and

generates huge income for the country. Therefore, a lot of sanctuaries are being introduced to protect local wildlife, one of them being a unique combination of a hotel in a nature reserve - Sepilok where people and wildlife come together in peace.

On the 2nd visit they took different walks and saw many other orchids:

Coelogyne rupicola
Coelogyne monilirachis - peachy flowers
Jejewoodia jiewhoei - very rare plant found on a fallen branch



Rafflesia keithii

Arundina graminifolia - regarded as a weed, much like dandelions in the UK

Anoectochilus monicae - lots of them everywhere (Jewel Orchid)
Paraphaleonopsis labukensis
Phalaenopsis

amabilis - probably wrongly labelled

Coelogyne moultonii
Calanthe kinabalensis
Dendrochilum imbricatum - saw many orchids of this genus

Coelogyne swaniana
Calanthe pulchra
Calanthe triplicata
Aerides odorata - very widespread orchid

In addition to orchids they also saw Orthosiphon aristatus which is used by locals to treat Kidney Stones and Rafflesia keithii a parasitic plant known as the corpse flower.



Coelogyne rhabdombulbon

Their final visit was to Crocker Range Park where they saw numerous Nepenthes and also the following orchids:

Ascideria maculiflora
Chelonistele amplissima
Coelogyne rhabdombulbon - small plant with big flowers

Malcolm finished his talk by stating that the people they met on their trips to Malaysia were very cheerful and friendly and felt well looked after with nice food nearly everywhere they went. He encouraged everyone to go and visit Borneo & Singapore.

Lina Smalinske