

# THE SPECIES ORCHID SOCIETY OF WA (INC.)

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Anne O'Callaghan Award February 2023  
*Phragmipedium wallisii*  
Maxine

# NEWSLETTER

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# MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

14 February 2023 7.45 pm

**Present:** 21 members as per register.

**Apologies:** 8 as per register.

**Visitors:** 1

**New members:** Nil

**Minutes:** Acceptance of minutes from January meeting moved Graham, seconded Arnold. Carried.

**Business Arising:** Nil

**Financial Report:** Adrian presented the finance report as at 31 January 2023. Balance \$6,668.84. Acceptance moved Ray, seconded Ian. Carried

**Business Arising:** Nil

**Correspondence:**

**Inwards:**

- Paul – January financial statement
- Adrian - updated inventory
- Harry – Barrita Orchids listing and pricing
- Peter – apologies for committee and general meetings
- Mich – Orchid Review subscription renewal and advice that now only one per year
- Committee members – additions/ amendments to draft agenda and minutes

**Outwards:**

- Committee – draft committee minutes, draft GM agenda, draft GM minutes committee and general meeting minutes, draft GM agenda,
- February newsletter to members.
- Mich – name badge for Jordana.

Acceptance of correspondence report

moved Ray, seconded Lynn. Carried.

**Business Arising:** Nil

**General Business:**

**Inter Society Orchid Display and Workshop**

The 2023 ISODW to be hosted by OSW is scheduled to be held the 5th-6th August. Discussion with members indicated that SOSWA should participate and stage a display.

Members were asked to commit plants to the display, and assist in setting up and taking down the display at the end of the event.

Lina confirmed that the display sites are 3mx2m. Adrian confirmed that Paul is planning to resurrect a display used some years ago based on the small number of plants displayed by SOSWA in 2022. The suggestion was made to stage a small table display if there are not enough orchids for a good display.

Ken asked members who are also members of other societies competing in the challenge to commit species orchids to the SOSWA display.

**Perth Orchid Fair**

The Perth Orchid Fair coordinated by several societies is scheduled to be held at John Septimus Roe college, Mirrabooka on 2nd-3rd September.

SOSWA is a member of the organising committee since the inception of this event and contributes seed funds of \$300 each year and shares in any profits generated. This event attracts significant

public attention as it provides the general public with the opportunity to purchase flowering size orchids for reasonable prices.

Ken said that should SOSWA choose to participate, a well-planned display that highlights the wide variety of orchids that can be grown in WA potentially attracts new members.

Members agreed to participate in 2023 and stage a display. Ken reminded members of the commitment to providing flowering species orchids for the display, assisting with setting up and dismantling the display and volunteering for the other jobs that need to be done such as collecting entry fees, helping in the kitchen, helping on the sales table and providing advice/answering questions from the general public. r

### **Membership renewals due 1 March 2023.**

### **Monthly plant costs**

SOSWA has some flask material growing on for monthly plant sales and plans to order plants from Eastern States nurseries are on hold. Harry has identified some seedlings at a more reasonable cost from Barrita Orchids and we will follow up this opportunity. We also purchased *Cattleya purpurata* seedlings at \$12.50 per plant from Ezi-Gro Orchids at the recent home visit

### **Anne O'Callaghan Cultural Award:**

Awarded to Maxine for her *Phragmipedium wallisii*

**Raffle:** Helen, Mavis, Tara, Adrian, Ian.

**Badge Prize:** Mavis

**Meeting closed: 9.15pm**

## **NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE**

- **Monthly sale/raffle plants.**

If you have species orchids that are surplus to your needs, or have successfully grown species orchids from flask that you wish to sell, the Society is always looking for future supplies of monthly sale plants (minimum of 20 plants) and raffle plants. Please let a committee member know.

- **Membership Records**

Thanks to those members who have returned the membership information form. They will be used to update our membership register.

- **Annual Membership**

- Membership renewals are due at the end of February. Individual member \$20, family membership \$30 a year You can pay the Treasurer at the meeting. Alternatively, you can transfer payment by EFT to the Society's account at Bendigo Bank, BSB 633-000, account 122491988 including your surname in the transfer.

# NOTICEBOARD

## FORTH- COMING EVENTS

### Home visits:

At 10 am on Sundays. Please bring chairs and food to share. The next home visit is scheduled for:

\* 30 Apr Adrian & Deanna, Safety Bay

## MARKETPLACE - FOR SALE/WANTED

Karl would like to purchase a plant of *Ceratocentron fessellii*. If you have a plant for sale, please contact Karl on 0432 956 885 or e-mail karl.khlee@gmail.com.

Harry would like to buy plants of *Cattleya purpurata* var. *werkhauseri* and *Cattleya neokautskyi*. Contact Harry on 0412 403 696 or harry.ashton@live.com.au.

Lynn would like to purchase *Section Latouria Dendrobium* orchids. Contact Lynn on 0414 922 923 or contrarymiss@hotmail.com.

**President:** Adrian

**Vice President:** Murray

**Treasurer:** Adrian

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**Committee:** Paul

Graham Peter

Maxine Mavis

### Life Members

Graham & Margaret

Chris (dec'd)

Barry (dec'd)

Gordon (dec'd)

Maxine

Ken & Chris

Adrian & Deanna

Joan (dec'd) & Ted (dec'd)

Trevor (dec'd)

Neville (dec'd)

Noel (dec'd) & Eva

Tony (dec'd) & Mavis

Barry (dec'd)

### Quiet Achievers

2013 Ian

2014 Chris (dec'd)

2015 Margaret

2016 Tom & Pat

2017 Charly & Gerda

2018 Paul

2020 Adrian & Deanna

2021 John

# MONTHLY PLANT

## *Aspidogyne argentea*

**Country of origin:** Venezuela, Brazil, Paraguay and Argentina

**Description:** Miniature - small sized jewel orchid

**Difficulty:** Requires heavy shade, cooling, humidity and air movement during summer and some winter warmth.

**Cost:** \$5.00



*Aspidogyne argentea* (Vell.) Garay 1977 , common name the Silvery *Aspidogyne* is a South American species, unlike many of the Asian jewel orchids. The flask purchased from Mavis was deflasked and grown on for us by Tara and we sincerely thank her for doing so.

This species from Venezuela, South-eastern Brazil, Paraguay and Argentina is a miniature to small sized, cool growing terrestrial orchid where it grows from sea level to 500m in coastal rain forests .

Erect stems carrying few distant erect dark green leaves. Flowering in spring takes place on an erect 6-25cm few to densely many flowered inflorescence.

Jewel orchids can be challenging to grow because they are so significantly different to the epiphytes with which most of us are familiar. As Tara has successfully deflasked and grown these plants, she will be happy to answer any questions that

Photo source: <https://www.orchidee.ws/forum/index.php?https://www.flickr.com/photos/rosim/8053356406>

members might have about the about successful culture and flowering these orchids, and about growing Jewel orchids generally.

## The Subtribe Pleurothalidinae (cont'd from February)



Masdevallia in situ photo source: <http://www.orchidspecies.com/colombia/luis.jpg>

*Masdevallia caesia* Roezl 1883 comes from southwestern Colombia in cloud forests at , 1600-2,200m where it grows as a small sized, pendant, cold to cool growing epiphyte. Stout descending ramicauls are basally enveloped by 2-3 loose tubular sheaths each carrying a single, apical, erect, coriaceous suffused bluish purple, narrowly obovate, obtuse leaf. Flowering occurs on descending 2.5-5 cm purple dotted, single flowered inflorescences arising from near the base of the ramicaul with a basal bract and a tubular floral bract holding the large, bad-smelling flower amid the leaves. Its common name is the Blue-Gray Masdevallia referring to the leaf colour. Synonyms are *Byrsella caesia* (Roezl) Luer 2006; *Masdevallia deorsum* Rolfe 1900; *Masdevallia metallica* F.Lehm. & Kraenzl. 1925.

Photo source: <https://travaldo.blogspot.com/2018/02/masdevallia-caesia-care-and-culture.html>







In situ photo source: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/quimbaya/184488582>

*Masdevallia decumana* Koniger can be found in Ecuador and Peru at 1,000-2,500m in cloud forests where it grows as a mini-miniature sized, cool to cold growing epiphyte. Blackish slender, erect ramicauls are enveloped by 2-3 tubular sheaths and carry a single, apical, erect, coriaceous, elliptical, obtuse to rounded leaf. Flowering in winter occurs on a slender, suberect, 5-6cm erect inflorescence arising from low on the ramicaul with a solitary flower held below or just at leaf height. Its common name is the Large Flowered Masdevallia.



Photo source: <http://marniturkel.com/mostlyspecies/f.m.decum.606.html>

*Masdevallia ignea* Rchb. f. 1871 can be found in the Eastern Cordillera of Colombia as a small sized, cold growing terrestrial orchid at 2,600-3,800m. Stout, erect, ramicauls basally enveloped by 2-3 loose, tubular sheaths carry sub erect, elliptic-lanceolate to oblong-lanceolate, coriaceous, dark green leaves. Single flowers in late spring and early

**Harry**

*Neofinetia falcata*  
*Phalaenopsis equestris*  
*Sarcophilus eriochilus*

**Graham & Margaret**

*Dendrobium anntenatum*  
*Dendrobium macrophyllum*  
*Encyclia alata*  
*Encyclia megalantha*

**Maxine**

*Cattleya cinnibarina*  
*Phragmipedium wallisii*

**Ken & Chris**

*Angraecum eburneum* ssp *xerophilum*  
*Brassavola nodosa*  
*Eulophia petersii*  
*Mormolyca ringens*

*Oncidium maizifolium*  
*Physosiphon tubatus*

**Adrian & Dee**

*Dendrobium amabile*

**Courtney**

*Encyclia randii*

**MEMBER PLANTS DISPLAYED February 2023**



*Cattleya cinnibarina*  
Maxine



*Oncidium maizifolium*  
Ken & Chris





*Encyclia randii*  
Courtney



*Eulophia petersii*  
Ken & Chris

## MEMBER PLANTS DISPLAYED February 2023



*Encyclia alata*  
Graham & Margaret



*Neofinetia falcata*  
Harry

summer are borne on erect, slender, terete 30-37.5cm inflorescences that hold the flower well above the leaves. Its common name is the Fire-Red Masdevallia. Synonyms are *Masdevallia boddaertii* Linden ex André 1879; *Masdevallia ignea* f. *citrina* (Stein) O.Gruss & M.Wolff 2007; *Masdevallia ignea* var. *armeniaca* B.S.Williams 1894; *Masdevallia ignea* var. *aurantiaca* B.S.Williams 1894; *Masdevallia ignea* var. *boddaertii* Linden ex André 1879; *Masdevallia ignea* var. *citrina* Stein 1892; *Masdevallia ignea* var. *coccinea* Stein 1892; *Masdevallia ignea* var. *goorii* Sander 1901; *Masdevallia ignea* var. *grandiflora* B.S.Williams 1894; *Masdevallia ignea* var. *hobartii* Stein 1892; *Masdevallia ignea* var. *marschalliana* Rchb.f. 1872; *Masdevallia ignea* var. *massangeana* B.S.Williams 1887; *Masdevallia ignea* var. *pulchra* Vuylsteke ex Cogn. 1897; *Masdevallia ignea* var. *rubescens* Linden ex Kraenzl. 1925; *Masdevallia ignea* var. *splendens* Stein 1892; *Masdevallia ignea* var. *stobartiana* Rchb.f. 1881; *Masdevallia ignea* var. *superba* Linden ex Kraenzl. 1925; *Masdevallia ignea* var. *tomasonii* Gentil 1907; *Masdevallia ignea* var. *vuylstekeana* Cogn. 1897.



Photos source: <https://travaldo.blogspot.com/2019/04/masdevallia-ignea-care-and-culture.html>



*Masdevallia lehmannii* Rchb. f. 1877 comes from the Cauca departments of Colombia and Ecuador where it grows as a small sized, cold growing epiphyte on high branches of

trees in humid valleys in the semi-arid southwest at 2,000-2,400m. Erect stout ramicauls basally enveloped by 2-3 loose sheaths carry a single, apical, erect, coriaceous, petiolate, elliptical, obtuse leaf. Flowering in summer takes place on a suberect to arcuate, slender 10cm densely and simultaneously many flowered inflorescences arising from low on the ramicaul, with inflated floral bracts. This species is a variation of *Masdevallia polysticta* and differs by having a longer and more congested inflorescence that have flowers that are light yellow to yellow orange. The sepals are shortly and



densely pubescent towards the edges and less so inward as well as their being spotted with red or red-brown. Its common name is Lehmann's Masdevallia named for a German orchid collector in South America in the late 1800's. Synonyms are *Masdevallia densiflora* Schltr. 1920; *Spilotantha densiflora* (Schltr.) Luer 2006; *Spilotantha lehmannii* (Rchb.f.) Luer 2006.

Photo source: [https://www.orchidroots.com/detail/121507/species\\_detail/?gen=121094&newgen=&pid=121507&type=species&tab=sum&role=pub](https://www.orchidroots.com/detail/121507/species_detail/?gen=121094&newgen=&pid=121507&type=species&tab=sum&role=pub)

*Masdevallia mejiana* Garay 1970 comes from Colombia where it grows as a mini-miniature sized, warm growing, tufted, epiphyte with generally erect leaves on the western slopes of the central cordillera at 500-800m. Slender, erect, ramicauls basally enveloped by 2-3 tubular sheaths carry single,



apical, suberect, fleshy-coriaceous, oblong-lanceolate obtuse leaves. Flowering takes place in with 1-2 flowers per ascending 10cm terete inflorescence arising from low on the ramicaul with a bract above the base and a floral bract holding the campanulate (bell-shaped) fragrant, spicy scented flowers at mid-leaf height. Its common names is Mejia's Masdevallia named for a Colombian orchid grower and discoverer of the species. The synonym is *Reichantha mejiana* (Garay) Luer 2006.

Photo source: <https://www.ecuagenera.com/Masdevallia-mejiana/en>



In situ photo source: <https://candide.com/ZA/plants/f06dac7f-91cb-4713-a8fd-d38f35e56980>

*Masdevallia norops* Luer & Andreetta 1978 come from Ecuador and Peru where it grows as a cool to cold growing, miniature sized epiphyte in cloud forests at elevations of 1,500 - 2,800m. Slender, erect, blackish ramicauls basally enveloped by tubular sheaths carry single apical, erect, coriaceous, petiolate, elliptical, subacute leaves. Flowering in spring takes place on an erect, 6-10cm long, solitary flowered inflorescence arising from low on the ramicaul with a bract below the middle and a floral bract holding the single flower at or below leaf height.



This species is distinguished by having an elliptical, long petiolate leaf and a unique bright orange flower held above the middle and below the leaf. It has sepals that are fleshy and rigid, and the dorsal sepal is convex with an acute apex on the long upward tail. The lateral sepals are rigid, falcate (like a sickle) and cross over one another before attenuating into long tails. Its common name is the Shining Masdevallia.

Photo source: <https://www.ecuagenera.com/Masdevallia-norops/en>

*Masdevallia pulcherrima* Luer & Andreetta 1980 comes from Ecuador where it can be found as a miniature sized, cool to cold growing epiphyte in cloud forests over 2,000m. Slender ramicauls basally enveloped by 2-3 imbricating sheaths carry single, apical,



erect, coriaceous, petiolate, elliptical, subacute leaves Flowering in summer occurs on an erect then arching, simultaneously several flowered 12-17cm slender inflorescence arising from low on the ramicaul. Its common name is the Beautiful Masdevallia. The

synonym is *Spilotantha pulcherrima* (Luer & Andreetta) Luer 2006.



Photo source: <https://www.orchidsforum.com/threads/masdevallia-pulcherrima.12873/>

*Masdevallia racemosa* Lindl. 1845 can be found in southern Colombia in very wet, subparamo to paramo. The páramo is a unique high-altitude ecosystem located only in the Andes of Ecuador, Peru, and Colombia, along with a few small areas in Central America, and exists above the timberline and below the snow line with average rainfall at about 80 inches per year. This species is a cold growing, mini-miniature sized terrestrial on steep embankments and roadcuts, rocks and in dirt or moss at 2,800 - 3,900m. Stout, ascending to erect, ramicauls basally enveloped by 2-3 tubular sheaths carry single, apical, coriaceous, subpetillate, narrowly elliptical, subacute leaves. Flowering occurs on loose, successively few to several flowered, 10-



15cm slender, erect, purple, racemose inflorescences arising from near the middle of the ramicaul.

The common name the Racemose Masdevallia refers to the inflorescence. The synonyms are *Masdevallia racemosa* var. *crossii* Lindl. 1845; *Spectaculum racemosum* (Lindl.) Luer 2006

Photo source: <https://www.orchidroots.com/detail/information/?pid=121749&role=pub>





In situ photo source: [https://twitter.com/ns\\_flanagan/status/1099642360290594821](https://twitter.com/ns_flanagan/status/1099642360290594821)

*Masdevallia sanctae-inesae* Luer & Malo comes from southern Ecuador in where it grows on mossy cloud forest trees as a mini-miniature sized, cool to cold growing epiphyte at 1,900-2,500m. Blackish, slender ramicauls basally enveloped by tubular sheaths carry single, apical, erect, coriaceous, elliptical, subacute to obtuse leaves. Flowering throughout the year occurs on lateral, slender, 2.5-3 cm inflorescences arising from low on the ramicaul with a bract near the base and a tubular floral bract carrying the single flower held below the leaves. Each ramicaul, produces several

inflorescences. Its common name is the Saint Inez' Masdevallia named for the ranch where it was first cultivated.



Photo source: <https://orchidroots.com/detail/photos/121794/?family=Orchidaceae&role=pri>

# ABOUT US

## Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings held on the second Tuesday of each month at Wilson Community Hall, Braibrise St, Wilson commencing 7.45 pm. Usually, the short formal meeting is followed by plant descriptions given by members. Supper follows to allow member's time to socialise and discuss orchids. All visitors are very welcome

## Membership Fees

**Family** \$30 pa. For first year only, new family members will need to purchase two name badges. Badges come in two versions - pin fastening \$11.50 or magnet fastening \$13.50 [*Please indicate preference*]

**Single** \$20.00 pa. For first year only, new members will need to purchase a name badge. Badges come in two versions - pin fastening \$11.50 or magnet fastening \$13.50. [*Please indicate preference*]

New members who don't live in Perth will not require name badges, therefore membership cost will be at the renewal fee only

## Monthly Home Visit

On the weekend following the fourth Thursday of each month (generally on the Sunday morning), a home visit is held at a member's home. This gives members an opportunity to enjoy the fellowship that our mutual interest provides, and to see how others go about growing their orchids.

## Monthly Plant Display

Given that the prime objective of the Society is to promote the cultivation of species orchids, only species or natural hybrids are acceptable for display. Since we all may be uncertain about the identification of a plant from time to time, we encourage

members to bring plants along about which they are unsure since someone may be able to identify them. There is no competition nor restriction on flower count, quality or length of ownership. We want members to be able to see species plants in flower. So even if your flowers are a bit past their best, bring them in as others may not have seen that species in flower.

## Plant Sales

The Society provides an opportunity table for members to sell surplus plants and equipment, and for the Society to sell product from time to time.

## Plant Purchases

The Society endeavours to obtain a different species seedling for sale at each meeting, usually costing between \$6.00 and \$15.00. The Society makes a small profit on these sales which is invested in benefits to members. As it is always difficult to get new or different species, should members have 20 or more plants of one species which they feel might be suitable as a monthly plant, please contact a Committee member.

## Raffle

The Society conducts a raffle each meeting and at home visits as a means of generating funds. If you have spare species orchids that you wish to sell to the Society for raffles, please advise a committee member.

## Management

In accordance with the Rules, the Annual General meeting is held in May each year at which time the office-bearers and committee are elected. The majority of Committee members serve two year terms.

If unclaimed, return to  
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**Next meeting Tuesday 14 March**