

'Cymbidium Chatter'

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Orchid Societies Council of
Victoria (OSCOV)

Cymbidium of the Year 2019

Very few orchid growers experience the thrill of having one of their own creations awarded OSCOV Cymbidium Orchid of the Year, but our very own president, Terry Poulton (TeePee), has done just that!

Congratulations Terry!

We were lucky enough to see Cymbidium Laramie Eagle 'Pink Champagne' tabled at our October 2019 monthly meeting. It was probably an oversight on my behalf that I didn't ask the judges to look at it for an award—it certainly had everything going for it!

Please remember that any grower can request that a plant be looked at for an award,

this doesn't have to be initiated by the registrar or any of the judges present.

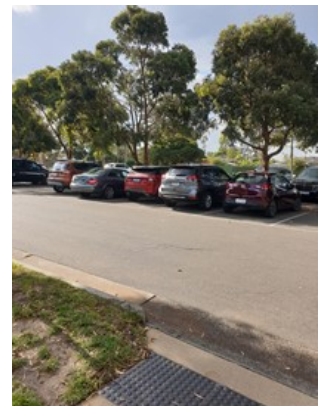
Laramie Eagle was created when Terry crossed Cym Kimberley Splash with Cym Khanebono. The resultant small standard Cymbidium, displayed wonderful shape and a very even pale pink colouration. Interestingly the colour of the flower was completely dominated by the Cym Khanebono parent, with none of the splashing being passed on by the Cym Kimberley Splash parent.

I'm not sure that we will see Laramie Eagle 'Pink Champagne' this coming flowering season, but it is certainly one to look out for. The plant was highly productive and should look an absolute treat when flowered on a mature plant!



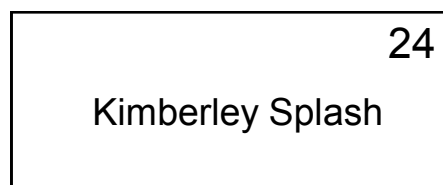
Bring on the Show!

This year's show, Friday 11—Sunday 13 September, will be held at the Southern Community Centre, Mulgrave. The hall is a vast improvement on the Hungarian Community Centre. Whether or not the show is a success will depend largely on how much support we (the committee) get from our general members. A change of venue presents us with many challenges but I'm sure that with the members assistance we can make our 2020 show the best yet. In an effort to get members more involved, the committee has agreed to waive the entry fee for all members who wear their name badges. In return we hope that members will make themselves available to help out with a number of minor tasks—setting up the hall on the Friday, dismantling the show on the Sunday and taking entry fees and selling raffle tickets. Please remember that our show is your show, it is not the committees show! Working together, I have no doubt that we will make this year's show a resounding success! Our show is something to be proud of, and owned by all our members, every year we showcase some of the very best Cymbidiums in the world!



The hall is very large, measuring approx. 35m x 20m. The lighting is very good, we won't need to hire extra lights. We will have access to a well equipped kitchen and we will be able to look after our loyal and valued vendors, who have supported our show for many years. Although the hall is close to Waverley Gardens Shopping Centre, our vendors don't get the opportunity to pop-out for a bite to eat. We will be looking for volunteers to make-up salad rolls or something similar. Car parking is available directly outside the hall and also in Rupert Dve., Mulgrave.

To lighten the workload come show time, all members will soon be issued with a number. This number will be your exhibitor number and can be used from year to year. When preparing labels for show plants, your number should be written in the top right hand corner of your label. eg:



Santa Barbara Orchid Show 2020 cancelled

Sadly this situation maybe repeated many times throughout 2020. Exhibitors at the Santa Barbara Orchid Show put in many hours of hard work building their wonderful displays, only to have the show cancelled at 10:30am the next morning. This show, the largest in North America, showcases some wonderful Cymbidiums. On this page I have featured some of the flowers that caught my eye, bred by top hybridisers, George Hatfield and Andy Easton. There is just one taste of 'OZ', with a Death Wish cultivar, possibly from a remake of the cross made famous by Kevin Hipkins, Royale Orchids, NSW.



Kirby Lesh 'Cinnabar'



Steve Cantrell 'Courage'



Mae West 'Tikitere'



Death Wish



Hungary Gala '#1'



Golden Zenith 'New Horizon'

All photographs on this page were taken by Peter Alonso. Peter is a regular contributor of wonderful orchid photographs on Facebook. He obviously spent hours taking many shots of wonderful flowers in a show that didn't happen—we live in challenging times!

Overseas Awards—Two flowers set a cracking pace!

With the main flowering season just getting underway in the Northern Hemisphere, two flowers in the US have recently received high awards. These two flowers have set a very high standard and hopefully there will be more awards to follow in the weeks ahead. As you would now be aware The Santa Barbara Show was cancelled but from the photographs I have seen there were several award worthy flowers. Hopefully the judges were able to complete this task before the premature dismantling of displays



A wonderful achievement by Krull-Smith Orchids in the US. Cymbidium Geno's Gem 'Emerald Fire', received an FCC. This flower already had an AM but this was upgraded to an FCC with the latest, magnificent flowering of this very desirable pendulous Cymbidium. Cym Geno's Gem was registered by the originator, A Vellardi, in 2007. Cym Geno's Gem was the result of crossing Mad Hatter x Kalimpong - both parents have Cym devonianum in their background.

Source: Facebook—Krull Smith Orchids



Cym. Mini-Me 'Woodside' (Vogel's Magic x Kirby Lesh) awarded an AM/AOS of 83 points at the Pacific Central judging in SF last night. Exhibitor and hybridizer Pierre Pujol. Photo by Pierre.

Source: Facebook—Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers