

# Singapore Orchid Show 2012

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Hardly eight months after hosting the 20<sup>th</sup> World Orchid Conference, the Orchid Society of South East Asia (OSSEA) was called to stage the Singapore Orchid Show (SOS), which is part of the biennial Singapore Garden Festival (SGF) 2012.

Held at the usual location, Level 4 at Suntec City Convention Centre, the Show comprised 18 landscape displays, 10 floral window displays, and over 400 plants submitted for show judging. We had a total of 12 overseas groups who participated, not including 24 foreign judges – a clear sign that many of our overseas friends have recovered

Taking pride of place in the show was the stunning Winners' Carousel (opposite page and close-up at right) where trophy winners were displayed with their respective cups. Far right: Former Minister for National Development Mah Bow Tan with *Dendrobium* Mah Bow Tan, Grand Champion Plant of Show. Below: Part of the vandaceous category on display.



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from the exertions of the recent WOC event and were eager to come to another Singapore show again, and so soon after the last one.

Though this Show was smaller in scale than the SOS 2010, the features still packed a punch, with a fairground theme that conjured up fun, colour and fantasy for visitors, thanks to the creativity of NParks' designer, Jason Wright. Plants submitted for judging were housed under 'amusement park' tents and the winning plants arranged in a carousel that dominated the show. There was even a giant Ferris wheel, loaded with orchids, which actually worked!

Unlike the previous 2010 Show (as well as at the 20<sup>th</sup> WOC), individual plant judging took place only amongst plants placed on benches specially



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*Catasetum* Penang wins the Best *Catasetum* Alliance trophy.



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*Eulophia flava* wins the Best *Arethuseae* trophy.



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*Renanthera* 20thWOC Singapore 2011 wins the Best *Renanthera* trophy.



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submitted for this occasion, and not on plants freely arranged in landscapes. This was at the request of commercial growers, who preferred this 'traditional' system, for reasons of simplicity and perceived equitability in judging 'like with like'. This method, adopted and honed to perfection in most Asian shows – albeit with slight variations – was also easier for our stewards and registration personnel.

A stunning *Dendrobium* Mah Bow Tan, with long sprays of myriad flowers and exhibited by Neo Tuan Hong, won the President's Challenge Cup for Grand Champion Plant and John Laycock Challenge Cup for Best Hybrid. Neo Tuan Hong was also the exhibitor of the Reserve Champion Plant, *Dendrobium schulleri*, which also won the Best Specimen Plant and the Best Species.

The Grand Champion Landscape award went to Teck Whye Sec School, the very first time in the history of SOS that a school had won this highly coveted prize. Woon Leng Nursery was declared the Exhibitor with the most first place awards, and James Frankenfield was judged the Amateur Exhibitor with the greatest number of points, winning HH The Sultan of Johor's Perpetual Trophy. Other winners included Orchidwoods for the Best Landscape Display in the Open category, John Tan Jiew Hoe for Best *Renanthera* (*Ren. 20<sup>th</sup> WOC Singapore 2011*), Song Orchids for Best *Vanda* Species (*Vanda denisoniana*), and Chwee Nursery for Best *Mokara* (*Mokara Chao Praya Boy*).

As in previous shows, the bustling Marketplace was a regular favourite with visitors, and the



Top: Teck Whye Secondary School's remarkable landscape was awarded the Grand Champion Display trophy, as well as a trophy for Best Educational Institution Display. Above: Best Landscape Display (10sqm) by Orchidwoods Co. Below: Taiwan Orchid Growers Association's winning landscape.



Below: Best Miniature Orchid *Chiloschista lunifera* with (inset) close up of single flower. Right: The Wardian Case housed all miniature plants under glass.



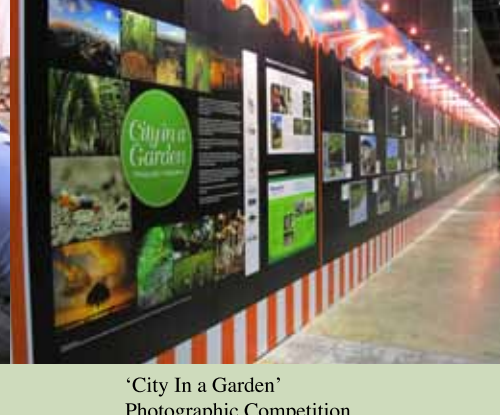
Right: Song Orchids' *Phal. bellina* won Best *Phalaenopsis* Species trophy. Below: Nagoya's bed of *Disa* hybrids was widely admired. Inset: close-up of *disas*.



Above: Neo Tuan Hong's *Rhynchosstylis coelestis* wins Best *Aerides* trophy. Left: Singapore Gardening Society's non-competitive landscape.







*Bulb.* Elizabeth Ann was awarded Best *Bulbophyllum* Species or Hybrid Trophy.

The Batik Workshop was ideal for family bonding besides keeping many children occupied.

‘City In a Garden’ Photographic Competition.



Clockwise from top left: Naval Base Secondary School landscape; *Den. sutiknoi*; Woon Leng Nursery's floral window exhibit won second prize; Best Other Species winner *Bifrenaria tetragona* exhibited by Woon Leng Nursery; *Podangis dactyloceras*; as host of the Asia Pacific Orchid Conference 2013, Okinawa's landscape display also advertises their 27th International Orchid Show; Dept. of Agriculture, Orchid Society of Thailand; a spectacular ferris wheel by Singapore Botanic Gardens won a Gold Medal.



popular Batik Painting corner took care of restless children while grateful parents looked on. Public talks on orchid growing were presented to a receptive audience throughout the 8-day Show. Hence, despite the SGF/SOS talking place so soon after 20<sup>th</sup> WOC, we were glad to see so many people once more thronging the halls and admiring orchids, living up to Singapore's image as 'A City in a Garden'.



TROPHY WINNERS - SINGAPORE ORCHID SHOW 2012			
TROPHIES	ENTRY	EXHIBITOR	AWARD
President's Challenge Cup	<i>Dendrobium</i> Mah Bow Tan	Neo Tuan Hong	Grand Champion Plant Trophy
Tan Jiew Hoe Challenge Cup	Display - 10 sqm	Teck Whye Secondary School	Grand Champion Display Trophy
H H Sultan of Johor's Perpetual Trophy		James L Frankenfield	Highest-Scoring Amateur
The OSSEA Championship Cup		Woon Leng Nursery	Best Exhibitor
	<i>Dendrobium schulleri</i>	Neo Tuan Hong	Reserve Champion Plant
		Orchid Business Cluster	Reserve Champion Display
World Orchid Conference Trust Trophy	<i>Renanthera</i> Bangkok Beauty	Kuching North City Commission	Plant Best Reflecting Innovation and Creative Quality in Hybridizing
		Orchid Garden	
Yuen-Peng McNiece Challenge Cup	<i>Dendrobium schulleri</i>	Neo Tuan Hong	Best Specimen Plant Trophy
Penang Gardening Society Challenge Cup	<i>Dendrobium schulleri</i>	Neo Tuan Hong	Best Species Trophy
John Laycock Challenge Cup	<i>Dendrobium</i> Mah Bow Tan	Neo Tuan Hong	Best Hybrid Trophy
Boey Chun Heng Challenge Cup		Teck Whye Secondary School	Best Educational Institutions Display Trophy
Sum Lai Woh Memorial Challenge Trophy	<i>Rhynchostylis coelestis</i>	Neo Tuan Hong	Best <i>Aerides</i> or Other Vandaceous Species Hybrid Trophy
Sun Kee Flower Shop Challenge Cup	<i>Aranda</i> Hybrid 2	Orchidwoods Co	Best <i>Aranda</i> Trophy
Wong Siew Hong Challenge Cup	<i>Mokara</i> Chao Praya Boy	Chwee Nursery	Best <i>Mokara</i> Trophy
Lim Theng Hin Challenge Cup	<i>Renanthera</i> Bangkok Beauty	Kuching North City Commission	Best <i>Renanthera</i> or Allied Hybrid Trophy
		Orchid Garden	
Lim Kay Soon Challenge Cup	<i>Renanthera</i> 20th WOC Singapore 2011	Tan Jiew Hoe, John	Best <i>Renanthera</i> or <i>Kagawara</i> Trophy
Tom & Nan Elliott Cup	<i>Phalaenopsis bellina</i>	Song Orchids	Best <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Species Trophy
Nam Kee Nursery Challenge Cup	<i>Doritaenopsis</i> x Firebird	Woon Leng Nursery	Best <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Hybrid Trophy
Chew Bin Chin Challenge Cup	<i>Phalaenopsis bellina</i>	Song Orchids	Best <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Trophy
Governor's Cup	<i>Doritaenopsis</i> Queen Beer	Woon Leng Nursery	Best <i>Doritis</i> or Allied Hybrid Trophy
Koh Keng Hoe Challenge Cup	<i>Vanda</i> Hybrid	Song Orchids	Best Strap-leaf <i>Vanda</i> Species or Hybrid excluding Hybrids with <i>V. sanderiana</i>
			Best Strap-leaf <i>Vanda</i> Hybrid with <i>V. sanderiana</i> strain Trophy
Chay Sing Hai Challenge Cup	<i>Vanda</i> Hybrid	Dept of Agriculture Thailand	Best <i>Ascoenda</i> or <i>Ascozentrum</i> Trophy
Tan Kah Kee Challenge Cup	<i>Vanda</i> Adisak Happiness	Neo Tuan Hong	Best <i>Dendrobium</i> Species Trophy
Quek Kiah Huat Challenge Cup	<i>Dendrobium schulleri</i>	Neo Tuan Hong	Best <i>Dendrobium</i> Trophy
Bournemouth Cup	<i>Dendrobium schulleri</i>	Neo Tuan Hong	Best <i>Dendrobium</i> Hybrid Trophy
Soh Kim Kang Challenge Cup	<i>Dendrobium</i> Mah Bow Tan	Neo Tuan Hong	Best <i>Oncidium</i> Alliance Species or Hybrid Trophy
Tri-Products Challenge Cup	<i>Trichocentrum</i> Ladda Sunset	Chwee Nursery	Best <i>Paphiopedillum</i> or Allied Genera Species or Hybrid Trophy
Caltex Challenge Cup	<i>Paphiopedillum parishii</i>	Don Nathaniel Lai	Best <i>Arethuseae</i> Trophy
Wong Leng Nursery Challenge Cup	<i>Eulophia flava</i>	SANYA	Best <i>Bulbophyllum</i> Species or Hybrid Trophy
Richard Sng Memorial Cup	<i>Bulbophyllum</i> Elizabeth Ann	Woon Leng Nursery	Best <i>Catasetum</i> Alliance Species or Hybrid Trophy
Chan Sing Cheung Challenge Cup	<i>Catasetum</i> Penang	James L Frankenfield	Best Foliage Orchid Trophy
			Best Other Species Trophy
Mak Chin On Challenge Trophy	<i>Vanilla planifolia</i>	Christopher Teo	Best Other Hybrid Trophy
Mandainia Challenge Cup	<i>Bifrenaria tetragona</i>	Woon Leng Nursery	Best Floral Window Trophy
Wiltech Agrotechnology Challenge Cup	<i>Disa</i> Hybrid	Nagoya International Orchid Show	
Lee Teng Koon Challenge Cup		Tropifame Floral Design School - Ms Low Phay Lin, Ms Elaine Li & Ms Susan Ang	
		Orchidwoods Co	Best Landscape Display (10 sqm) Trophy
Straits Times Press Challenge Cup		Orchid Business Cluster	Best Landscape Display (15 sqm) Trophy
Fraser & Neave Challenge Cup	<i>Chiloschista lunifera</i>	David Ng	Best Miniature Orchid