



Newsletter

March 2018



The stunning Philodendron ilsemanii was one of the plants successfully auctioned at our February meeting

Dear ASA Members

Welcome to our March newsletter and we trust this finds our ever-increasing band of members in good health and with thriving gardens.

ASA February General Meeting

We are very pleased to report that our **February 2018 General Meeting** was very well received with 19 members in attendance - two of whom travelled from interstate -and with 18 visitors. A special mention should also be set aside for the seventeen and a half hour drive that our President, **Michael Pascall**, made to be at the meeting. After a temporary setback of being locked out of the hall due to technical problems, it was then all systems go. We would like to thank everybody that helped out with preparation and set up, especially as the venue was new and unfamiliar.

Special thanks to our new recruits:

Mim Stocks - Attendance, raffles and our newest committee member

Margaret Kraa - Assisting Lee Thorneycroft with plant sales

Judy Allen & Sue Barnes - Supper and drinks

Please note that we are still looking for volunteers to help out at the next meeting. In addition to the above, we would like to ask that a member kindly donate their time to help set up the P.A. speakers and recording device to enable us to use the microphone, overhead projection screen and film/record the meeting. If you would like to assist, please let us know via email or private message. Remember, as a special courtesy, attendees with a designated task or those on the committee, will be able to purchase **2** plants prior to the official opening of the plant sale tables.

Neil Crafter delivered an outstanding and informative presentation on *Philodendron verrucosum*. We attach a PDF of Neil's slides for your interest. A particular highlight of the meeting was Trevor Crawford's entertaining auction. Many great plants were on offer, including *P. verrucosum* and *P. ilsemanii*.

Meeting Only Financials

The meeting proved to be a financial success for the Society, raising a total of \$1,152 with minimal expenditure. The details are:

Scenes from the February Meeting



Incoming:

Raffles: \$462

Auction: \$500

Plant sales commission: \$115

New memberships: \$75

Outgoing:

Supper: \$50 approx

Raffle prize postage: \$50 approx

Total currently in bank: \$2,986.20



The crowd during Neil Crafter's presentation



Action at the plant sales tables was brisk





*Auctioneer
Trevor Crawford*



Above: Neil Crafter during his talk, watched on by our treasurer Jim Edwards

Right: Neil's presentation on the big screen



Below: A lovely supper was prepared by our wonderful volunteers Sue Barnes (left) and Judy Allen (right)



Right: Plant goodies on the auction and raffle table, supervised by our President Michael Pascall



Members Tom Isaac and Priya Goyal with their hauls

Many thanks to **Arden Dearden, Chris Hall, Trevor Crawford, Lee Thorneycroft, Jim Edwards, Neil Crafter, Philip Potts** and **Peter McLain** for your kind commitment and ongoing donations to our online raffle and auctions. Special mention also to those that donated plants during the meeting. Proceeds from these sales are invaluable to keep our Society functioning.

Future meeting dates:

- 9th April – Speaker: **Philip Potts - Alocasias**
- 9th July AGM – Speaker TBA
- 8 October – Speaker TBA

What's next?

The society is actively working towards some very exciting events in the coming year. These include garden visits, plant sales, regular newsletters and more interactive online activities.

We are currently looking for members to assist in making this happen. Please let us know via email or private message whether you would be interested in helping with the following:

- Editor & Tech Support

ASA Management Team

President - **Michael Pascall**

Vice President - **Lee Thorneycroft**

Secretary - **Trevor Crawford**

Assistant Secretary - **Biana Borg**

Treasurer - **Jim Edwards**

Committee - **Neil Crafter and Mim Stocks**

We look forward to seeing you at our next ASA General Meeting on 9th April!

Yours sincerely

Committee - Aroid Society of Australia Inc