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# BENCHING WINNERS FEBRUARY 2025

Benching numbers were back up to 49 after a drop to 41 in January. That meant there were just two black' sections with 3 or less entries. The CUT/MULTIPLE BLOOMS section with 14 entries was the strongest.

There were 9 different winners this month – close to our 'Holy Grail' of 11/11 winners.

#### SEC 1 COLEUS (x 4)

Leonie Hayne – this lovely 'pink' coleus like all such plants will prune well over time.



SEC. 3

FOLIAGE ONLY PLANT/S (x5)

**Lesley Wilkinson** – one of the more dramatically veined and

thus spectacular Caladiums.

#### SEC. 5 – A SINGLE BLOOM (4)

Maxine Cochrane –
the Datura is related
to the 'Angels
Trumpet' but faces
up and not hangs
down.



## SEC. 10 DECORATIVE DISPLAY (x4)

Kathy Watt – this succulent based `vase of flowers' is the exact type of `decorative display' we hoped for!



### SEC. 4 FLOWERING PLANT (x2)

Denise Narramore – this close-up of a cornflower `Pomegranate' bloom does not do justice to the deep colour of the bloom.



#### SEC 9 SMALL POT PLANT (x2)

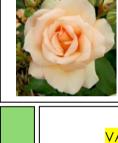
Trevor Hicks – this Alocasia `Polly' can grow to a huge size if planted out.



#### STEWARD'S PRIZE

Gayle Ryan – a close up of just one bloom of a bunch of 'Apricot Nectar' roses.

This rose is one of the floribunda roses and grows to up to 1.8 metres high.



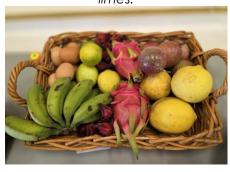
#### SEC. 8 – VASE OF FLOWERS (x5)

Maxine Cochrane – A mix of purple with yellow (and a touch of white) always looks good.



#### SEC. 6 – PRODUCE (x5)

**Helen Kemp –** a well presented mix of bananas, lemons,dragon fruit, passionfruit, rosella, eggs and limes.



#### SEC. 7 A CUT (x14)

**Lesley Wilkinson –** the **Petrea volubilis** or Sandpaper Vine is an alternative to wisteria.



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ORCHIDS (x4)

Beryl Tucker - a

lovely clean white orchid bloom.

SEC. 2



Our annual
Benching
Trophy will be
awarded at
our X-Mas
Party. 1st = \$50,
2nd = \$30 plus 2
x \$10 special
Encouragemen
t Awards.