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NEXT MEETING of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held in the Collins St. Hall, cnr Collins St & Shaftesbury St. South Perth, Friday 28th August 2009 commencing at **8.00p.m.**

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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:**

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## SEPTEMBER MEETING DATES

Judging Panel 7.30 pm Monday 7th  
OSWA Committee 7.30 pm Friday 4th  
General Meeting 8.00 pm Friday 25th

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**BIRTHDAYS:** August– 18th - Tom Dixon, 26th - Meg Brown.

We wish everyone a very Happy Birthday and also anyone celebrating an Anniversary, our best wishes to you. To anyone on the sick list, we wish you a speedy recovery.

**New members:** Welcome to our new members Margaret MacLening from Willagee, and Kurt & Lisa Boddy from Byford. We hope you have a long and happy association with the Society.

**OSWA Website:** The new website is now online at <http://www.orchidsocietywa.net.au/>

#### Coming Events:

- **Spring Show:** 2nd-5th September. Set up 6 pm- - 7pm Tuesday 1st September, Kardinya Park Shopping Centre. Break-up 4.30 pm, Sat. 5th September. Plant sales Thurs., Fri., & Sat. Can you help? Please let Rosemary know if you can man the show for a few hours. Bring your plants for benching on Tues. 1st Sept. You might take them home on Sat. 5th Sept. with a prize. Don't forget the old saying 'Many hands make light work'.
- **18th Australian Orchid Council Conference and show: 8-13 September 2009.** If you would like to contribute cut flowers for a WA display at the conference please contact Ian Duncan. Bruce and Stephanie from NDOS will set up the display. If you are interested in going to the conference, see [www.mosorchid.org](http://www.mosorchid.org) or call the secretary, Maribyrrnong Orchid Society on (03) 5283 1364 for further details.
- **Perth Royal Show:** 26th September - 3rd October. Set up Friday 25th September, time to be advised, break-up Sunday 4th Oct. 8 am. We need people to man the display from Sat. Sept. 26th to Sat. 3rd Oct. We URGENTLY need members to volunteer. Each session is for three hours. Passes are supplied but we have to submit the volunteers names to the Royal Show Committee as soon as possible in order for these passes to be issued. Please ring Rosemary as soon as possible if you can help (9367
- **Deflasking at OSWA's September Meeting:** John Walton has kindly offered to donate a flask to OSWA for this event. Seedlings can be purchased for \$1 each (including the pot and potting medium)
- **OSWA Potting Workshop:** Sunday 11th October, South Perth Scout & Guide Hall. A really enjoyable day. Potting, Speakers, Sales Table, and good company. We would like to see extra members on hand to help with the workload. Keep the date free.
- **Home Visit:** Mark on your calendar– 1st Sunday in November (1st Nov. 2009) the home visit will be at John & Dorothy Walton's from 10 am at 29 Menli Place Orelia. The visit in July was cancelled due to several people being away, sick or at the Cymbidium Show.

**Inter-Society Challenge:** Held on the 1st weekend in August and hosted by Bunbury Orchid Society, was a great success. Bunbury came 1st, Wanneroo 2nd, & OSWA 3rd. In the Displays, Bunbury 1st, OSWA 2nd & Augusta 3rd.

Kaye would like to thank those members who supplied plants for benching and the display. Considering we had only 8 members able to contribute plants, we did very well. A big thank you to Roy Brown for painting the backdrop for the display and for organising plants.

Saturday evening dinner was a great evening. These Challenges are a really enjoyable weekend and great socially. Next year there is no Challenge due to the National Cymbidium Conference being held in Perth at the same time, but start thinking about the 2011 Challenge. Come along and enjoy the company of fellow orchid growers.

**Large bags of potting mix** (small & medium pine bark) are available from the Opportunity Table at General Meetings. Call Murray (9310 2800) to place an order.

**Advertising space:** Advertising space is for available at reasonable rates in your Bulletin. See the Editor for details.

RESULTS OF PLANT COMPETITION - (MONTH - JULY 2009)**Open:**

Class 1A (2)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>L. anceps</i> var. <i>veitchiana</i> 'Fort Caroline'
	2. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Barkeria melanocaulon</i>
Class 6A (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Onc. ornithorhyncum</i>
Class 8B (2)	1. Ron & Wendy Brown	Den. Elegant Heart
	2. Ian Duncan	Den. (Star of Gold x <i>fleckeri</i> ) x <i>Den. bigibbum</i>
Class 10B(1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Bulbo. putidum</i>

**Novice:**

Class 15B(2)	1. John & Dorothy Walton	Blc. Dream Trader
	2. Murray & Arni Baker	Blc. George King 'Serendipity' x Lc. Royal Emperor 'Wade'
Class 15C(1)	1. John & Dorothy Walton	Blc. Momilani Rainbow 'The Gypsy'
Class 25B(1)	1. John & Dorothy Walton	Zba. Olympia 'Perth' x Z. Redvale 'Flat'

POPULAR VOTE: Novice - Blc. Dream Trader - John & Dorothy Walton

Open - *L. anceps* var. *veitchiana* 'Fort Caroline' - Maxine Godbeer

Schokman Trophy Points - *C. walkeriana* 'Tipo' - 74 pts—Peter & Shirley Masters

CATTLEYA CULTURE NOTES (AUG/SEPT 2009) by Henry Eaton

August is usually cold and wet but this year it seems drier and slightly warmer than before. There is now a hint of sunnier days and afternoons can be quite bright. Yet because of the cold nights, precautions have to be taken with watering your plants so that they do not remain with very wet roots by night time. A slight increase in the frequency of watering is in order, while a little fertilizer can be used following watering. Any shade that had been removed over the plants need not yet be re-applied. The plants will benefit from the increased light and warmth. Flowering growths will have to be protected from snails and slugs and staked erect so as to present the flowers well.

As we get into September the need for potting, re-potting and dividing plants will be on us. It is therefore time now to get together the bark, pots and other ingredients you may need to use in your mix, as well as stakes etc. The best time to pot a *Cattleya* is as soon as you find new roots appearing on the forward growths. Pot these plants up while the roots are only 1-2 cms long so that they can immediately grow into the new mix and establish the plant. The forward growth needs to be securely staked at this time so that unnecessary movement will not damage the new roots.

**Don't forget—you can order your new supplies of bark from the Opportunity Table at the General Meeting or ring Murray on 9310 2800 to order ready to pick up at the next meeting.**

CYMBIDIUM CULTURE NOTES (AUG/SEPT. 2009) by Roy Brown

We are now entering into the Spring months, when we see the majority of our Cymbidiums flowering once again. Also these are the months when the orchid societies hold their annual Spring Shows, so give your plants that are in spike that little bit of extra care and attention, and enter them into the shows so that everyone else can enjoy them with you.

Seeing as the Spring Shows are just around the corner, perhaps I should start off this month with a few hints on preparing your plants for exhibition. First, give the pots a good clean up. Next, wipe the plant leaves with a soft, damp, clean cloth, or if you like, use a very weak solution of white oil and water. Trim up the ends of the leaves, some may have dead tips and these can look rather unsightly; always remember to sterilise the cutting instrument after attending to each plant. Then, probably the most important point, make sure the plants that need it are properly staked so they present their flowers in the proper manner. It doesn't take long to prepare each plant for a show, but it does make all the difference to the finished product. Finally, on the morning of the show, give your plants a good watering; they may have to be on display for 3 or 4 days.

You should be hard at it with the dividing and repotting by now, and by doing each plant in turn after it has flowered, this will save you a lot of last minute, hurried work at the end of October.

**The Orchid Society of WA Winter Show**

The Orchid Society of WA held their Winter Show at the Scout & Guide Hall in South Perth on the 18th & 19th July. The show was quite well patronized with 117 plants being entered, which was really good considering the weather experienced throughout the weekend. Congratulations to all the winners. Results were as follows:

**Grand Champion & Champion Paph.** Was Paph. Michael Koopowitz 'Cassandra', a Multifloral which was a well grown and presented plant, displaying 3 flowers and a bud. The 30 cm long petals were burgundy, the sepals a honey colour with distinctive burgundy stripes. The owners were Ken & Stephanie Clarke.

**Reserve Champion & Best Cymbidium** was Cym. Margaret Thatcher x (Valley Legend x Margaret Thatcher 'Awesome') grown to perfection by Phil Taylor. There were 4 racemes of large, well rounded, iridescent yellow flowers with striking labellums flecked & edged with red.

**Best Laeliinae Alliance** - Blc. Passion 'Peta' was benched by K & S Clarke. A strong, healthy looking plant with two 15 cm. Dark lilac flowers & a further 4 buds still to open.

**Best Species** - *Paph. moquetianum*, a progressive flowering, very pretty Paph. with a sage green dorsal, pink/mauve pouch & evenly twisted hairy, dotted/lined petals. The flower was well presented on a tall stem. The owner was Phil Taylor.

**Best Seedling other than a Paph.** - Zygo. Koscuisko 'Trek' x Mpp. Adelaide 'Crote' had 4 striking flowers evenly spaced on a tall raceme. Petals & sepals were very evenly marked in rich brown & green and the rich purple striped labellum set off the flower. Tabled by Jim &

Kaye Baylis.

**Best Australian Native Species** - *Dendrobium bigibbum* var. *superbum forma alba*. Small but a very good shape, it had 2 flowers & 1 bud. Tabled by Ian Duncan.

**Best Australian Native Hybrid** - Den. Hilda Poxon. A showy plant with 8 racemes covered in blooms of good size and shape. Owner was Ian Duncan

**Best any Other Genera** - Phalaenopsis Unknown tabled by Phil Taylor. Eight large, beautifully presented, deep pink well shaped blooms on a tall arching raceme.

**AOC Most Pre-eminent Entry** - Den. Hilda Poxon with 16 racemes of yellow striped red flowers well spaced on tall racemes, sitting above the foliage. A very striking plant, tabled by Tom & Ellen Dixon.

**Best Novice** - Blc. Dream Trader tabled by John & Dorothy Walton. Two very large, flat, soft lilac flowers (12.5 cm) were well presented on a tall stem.

**Display** - The overall display was spectacular with all orchids arranged to show the individual beauty of each one. A very large variety of genera were on display with colours ranging from delicate whites through soft pinks, gold, & greens to vibrant reds. It was pleasing to see some very unusual blooms exhibited as well.

### The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)

#### Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth, on Friday 24 July 2009

**Welcome:** The President opened the meeting at 8.02 pm and welcomed the 27 members present.

**Attendance and Apologies:** As per register.

**Minutes:** Moved Henry Eaton, seconded Ron Brown that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. **Carried.**

**Business Arising:** John Walton advised that unfortunately due to a number of cancellations due to illness, the home visit scheduled for Sunday 26 July was to be postponed until October. Members would, however, still be welcome at the Walton's residence for a cup of tea.

**Confirmation:** Moved Jim Baylis, seconded Faye Patfield that the Business Arising had been resolved. **Carried.**

**Correspondence Inward:**

- Australian Orchid Council (AOC): Notice of AGM; Association Liability Insurance Renewal; OSWA 2009/10 AOC Membership invoice.
- City of South Perth re Village Voice newsletter.
- Bruce Larson: AOC 2012 report.
- Western Australian Regional Orchid Organisation (WAROO): Agenda for July
- WAROO Committee Meeting.
- Society Newsletters

**Correspondence Outward:**

- Carl Barry (Growth Technology): invoice for OSWA Winter Show sponsorship
- WAROO: email regarding timing of AOC AGM and AOC national conferences.
- AOC: update of OSWA contact details etc.
- City of South Perth: update of OSWA contact details etc.
- Fremantle Herald, Western Suburbs Weekly, Southern Gazette, Melville Times, Sonshine FM: information to promote OSWA Winter Show.
- RAC: information to promote OSWA Spring Show.
- Fremantle Herald and Sonshine FM: Letter of thanks for advertising OSWA Winter Show.
- Response to a request for information about orchids from a visitor to our Winter Show.
- UWA: request for a bill for photocopying of June & July OSWA Bulletins.

**Business Arising:** Nil

**Confirmation:** Moved Betty Rensen, seconded Tom Seaman that Correspondence Inwards and Correspondence Outward be endorsed. **Carried.**

**Financial Statement:** No Statement was available.

**New Member:** Margaret Maclening

**Reports:** **OJPWA** (Roy Brown).

**Wanneroo OS** Show, Wanneroo Central S/C: 8/7/09

Grand Champion - Phal. Unknown, owner P. Taylor & E. Bahemia

Reserve Champion - Epicat. Rene Marques 'Flame Thrower', owner T. Watkinson

Eleven judges attended.

**OSWA** Show at South Perth Scout Hall 18/7/09

Grand Champion - Paph. Michael Koopowitz, owner K & S Clarke.

Reserve Champion - Cym. Margaret Thatcher 'Valley Legend' x 'Awesome', owner

P. Taylor. Six judges attended.

**Mandurah OS** show at Billy Downer Centre 18/7/09

Grand Champion - *Paph. fairieanum*, owner T. Howe.

Reserve Champion was owned by N. Miller

**Bunbury OS** Show at Bunbury Forum S/c 22/7/09

Grand Champion - Cym. Valley Legend 'Gee Whiz', owner N&J Martin

Reserve Champion - Cym. Aussie Child 'Auril' x Cym. Golden Fluke 'Spec'  
owner ?? Ten judges & two Associate judges present.

At the **OJPWA** meeting on 6/7/09 Paph. Norito Hasagawa was awarded an HCC with 78.8 points. The owner was Howard Tan.

**WAROO** (Ian Duncan). A video loop to advertise the 2012 AOC Conference will be played at the Werribee AOC Conference in September. We will need cut flowers to be sent to Werribee for a WA display.

**General Business:**

- A gentleman in North Perth requires assistance with (and will pay for) repotting orchids owned by his wife (who is unwell). Anyone able to help please contact Murray for further details
- John Walton thanked all those who helped out with the Winter Show, especially Nancie Jones for her help with catering, much at her own expense.

**Raffle:** No raffle this month.

**Door Prize:** Tom Dixon.

**Evening's Programme:** Floral Art (Kaye Baylis)

**Meeting closed at 9.40 pm.**

**July Meeting Highlights**

**Popular vote - Novice:** John Walton was justifiably proud of his Blc. Dream Trader, which is a cross of Blc. Sylvia Fry and C. Horace, registered in 1990. Like its parents, Blc. Dream Trader has large, well shaped predominantly pink flowers.

**Popular vote - Open:** Maxine Godbeer's *Laelia anceps* var. *veitchiana*. The flowers of this varietal form are not the pink usually seen for *Laelia anceps*, but instead are white with a blue/mauve labellum. Maxine grows this orchid at the front of her shade house where it receives a lot of light and air movement. It receives a lot of water in summer but is kept drier in winter (and is protected from the rain). *Laelia anceps* var. *veitchiana* is native to Mexico.

***Ansellia nilotica*:** This plant was brought in by Ian Duncan. *Ansellia nilotica* is considered a synonym for *Ansellia africana*, although, as Ian pointed out, this specimen looked a bit different to the *Ansellia africana* specimens we usually see, with more elongated pseudo bulbs and yellow flowers devoid of brown markings. This plant originally belonged to Bob Jones. Ian found that the flowers "wogged off" when the plant was grown in the shade house during cold weather, but developed well in the glass house.

**Floral art:** Kaye gave an interesting demonstration of the art of floral art. She hates to waste anything from the garden and used small branches, fern & begonia leaves, Spanish moss, asparagus foliage, a succulent and even the woody leaf from a palm flower to complement orchids in floral artworks. Kaye showed how to use these natural materials in conjunction with oasis, thin wire, decorative wire, and stretchy parafilm tape to make beautiful and intricate pieces.

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