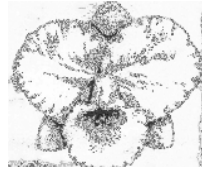


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NEXT MEETING of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held in the Collins St. Hall, cnr Collins St & Shaftesbury St. South Perth, Friday 24th July 2009 commencing at **8.00p.m.**

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AUGUST MEETING DATES

Judging Panel 7.30 pm Monday 3rd
OSWA Committee 7.30 pm Friday 7th
General Meeting 8.00 pm Friday 28th

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Sat. 13 days prior to OSWA GM.**

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BIRTHDAYS: **July– 1st** - Kevin Butler, **15th** - Dana Mitchell, **16th** - Maureen Grantham. **18th** - Roy 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 member: welcome to our new Member Margaret MacLening.

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

Coming Events:

- **Home Open:** The sausage sizzle at the home of John & Dorothy Walton, will be held **Sunday 26th July** from 10 am. Please bring a plate of salad or a sweet, and chairs. There will be demonstrations of potting and dividing and also raffles and/or auctions. Cost will be \$5 pp, all proceeds to OSWA. For catering purposes, **please advise Nancie Jones (9417 2862) as soon as possible if you plan to attend.**
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- **Inter-Society Challenge:** 1st-2nd August 2009, at Eaton Hall, Pratt Rd, Eaton. We **urgently** need to organise plants for the competition and advise the folks down at Bunbury how many members will be attending the dinner on the Saturday night. Members who cannot attend the Challenge but would like to send plants for the competition or the OSWA display, please take your plants to Jim Baylis's home (18 Wheyland St, willagee, 93376210) by Thursday 30th July. **Members wishing to attend the dinner, please advise Nancie Jones (9417 2862) as soon as possible and arrange payment (\$35 per person) to be received by 18th July at the latest.**
- **Spring Show:** 2nd-5th September. Set up 6 pm, Tuesday 1st September, Kardinya Park Shopping Centre.
- **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 or call the secretary, Maribyrnong Orchid Society on (03) 5283 1364 for further details.
- **Perth Royal Show:** 26th September - 3rd October. Set up Friday 25th September
- **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)
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- **OSWA Potting Workshop:** Sunday 11th October, South Perth Scout & Guide Hall
- **Entry cards for plants at Shows and Monthly Meetings.** Members are advised that in future, names (not member numbers) should be written on entry cards for plants at Monthly Meetings and Shows.

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

Class 1A (1)	1. Peter & Shirley Masters	<i>C. walkeriana</i> 'Tipo'
Class 1B (2)	1. No award	
	2. Nancie & Bob Jones	Blc. George King 'Serendipity' x Lc. Royal Emperor
	3. Peter & Shirley Masters	<i>C. Horace</i> 'Maxima'
Class 3B (1)	1. Howard Tan	Paph. Norito Hasegawa
Class 3D (1)	1. Howard Tan	Paph. Formosa Lady
Class 5A (1)	1. Peter & Shirley Masters	<i>Phal. lindenii</i>
Class 6A (1)	1. Peter & Shirley Masters	<i>Psychopsis papilio</i>
Class 6B (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Onc. Sweet Sugar 'Select'
Class 6C (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Tolumnia Golden Sunray #2
Class 6E (1)	1. Nancie & Bob Jones	Odcdm. Big Mac 'Sarra Bossa'
Class 8B (2)	1. Nancie & Bob Jones	Den. Pinterry
	2. Ian Duncan	Den. Hilda Poxon
Class 10B(1)	1. Peter & Shirley Masters	<i>Dendrochilum glumaceum</i>
Class 11B(1)	1. Nancie & Bob Jones	<i>Z. Advance Australia</i> x <i>Zga. Papistii</i>

Novice:

Class 15B(1)	1. N/A	
Class 15F(1)	1. Ann & Malcolm Davis	? Hawaiian Treat 'Carmela's Freckles'
Class 16A(3)	1. Ross & Alice Lang	Cym. Christmas Beauty 'St. Francis'
	2. Ross & Alice Lang	Cym. Court Jester 'Gecko'
	3. Ross & Alice Lang	Cym. Lucy Grand 'Crocus'
Class 16C(1)	1. Ann & Malcolm Davis	Cym. Beacon Fire 'Cecil Park'
Class 24B(1)	1. Ross & Alice Lang	<i>Cym. erythrostylum</i> 'Springfield'
Class 26A(1)	1. Ross & Alice Lang	Cym. Christmas Beauty 'St. Francis';

POPULAR VOTE: Novice - Lc. Molly Tyler - Ross & Alice Lang

Open - Paph. Norito Hasegawa - Howard Tan

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

CYMBIDIUM CULTURE NOTES (JULY/AUG 2009) by Roy Brown

Time is moving towards the Spring months, and this means more and more of our Cymbidiums will be opening their flower buds. During July the flower spikes develop very rapidly and then during August the spikes will develop even further and flower buds will space out on the stem in readiness for flowering. This is where you must be very wary, and take particular care in regards to light and shading, insect precaution methods and proper staking of the stems.

Aphids, fruit fly, ants, caterpillars and all other biting insects will be attracted to the flower buds, and can wreck a flower spike in a few minutes. These can be discouraged by using one of the powder forms of insecticides. Do not use liquid insecticide on the plants once the flower buds are visible, as this will cause twisted and malformed flowers.

Staking is a subject I am always talking about, but I repeat it is a very important part of plant culture. Always make sure your flower spikes are properly supported. Some varieties need no staking at all, they have thick, upright growing stems, while others, particularly the decorative types with long arching sprays of flowers, need to be supported and trained to stand upright to allow the inflorescence to arch over gracefully. By training and supporting the flower stems, the whole plant will look far more presentable, simply because the flowers will be able to present themselves as they should.

Keep up with your repotting and dividing, attending to each plant as it finishes flowering. This will save you a lot of work later on in the year. This will also allow the plant to become established in the new pot, and so make an early start on developing the new growths.

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

July and August are usually the coldest months of the year. This seems to be holding true as I write. Culture of your Cattleyas depends on keeping the plants out of the rain so that the roots are not sitting in a cold wet mix which if maintained for a while will result in death of the roots. Watering can be done on a bright day, as early in the day as possible, so that the plant can dry out as much as possible before the cold night sets in. Also, remember that Cattleyas like to dry out between waterings, so they may only need two or three waterings for the month. If fertilizing your plants, this could be done perhaps once in the month, because the cold would induce dormancy at this time.

There still may be some plants, that because of their genetic inheritance, show signs of new growth with the appearance of new roots at this time. If any of these are spotted and they need potting on or re-potting, this should be done now as if left for later they may not form new roots once again.

Protect buds and flowering sheaths and keep a constant lookout for snails and slugs and bait for them.

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)

Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth On Friday 26th June 2009

Welcome: The President opened the meeting at 8.02 pm and welcomed the 22 members present.

Attendance & Apologies:

Minutes: Moved Ian Duncan, seconded Roy Brown that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. **Carried.**

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence Inward:

- Thank you card from Jean Herbert
- City of South Perth re Community workshop Series and Community Information Directory
- ANOSWA re Community Consultation for Wireless Hill.
- Bunbury OS re Intersociety Challenge
- Australian Orchid Council, to promote 18th AOC Conference at Werribee, 10-13 Sept. 2009, and to advise that 49th AOC AGM will be held later in the year.
- Society Newsletters

Correspondence Outwards:

- Stocklands Riverton Shopping Centre, invoices for the Autumn Show
- Dept. Consumer & Employment Affairs, to update OSWA contact details.

Business Arising: Nil

Confirmation: Moved Jim Baylis, seconded Bob Jones that Correspondence Inward & Correspondence Outwards be endorsed. **Carried**

Financial Statement: Statement #415 was tabled. Moved Malcolm Davis, seconded Alice Lang that the financial statement be received. **Carried.**

New Members: Sarah Livingstone, Renata & Kit Brown.

Reports: Ian Duncan discussed developments at Wireless Hill and the Community Consultation being undertaken by the City of Melville.

General Business:

- Peter Masters was thanked for donating an orchid for a new member.

Raffle: Jim Baylis, Roy Brown

Door Prize: Peter Masters

Evening's Programme: Paphs.: Trevor Burnett

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Popular Vote - Novice: Ross and Alice's Lc. Molly Tyler. This plant is an old cross (registered in 1930). Grown under polycarbonate sheet, about 50% light. Watered and fertilised weekly during winter, every second day during summer with frequent misting to keep the plant cool. Ross uses a quite strong fertiliser solution.

Popular vote - Open: Howard Tan's Paph. Norito Hasegawa. This plant is a primary hybrid (a hybrid of two species), *Paph. malipoense* x *Paph. armeniacum*. It is slow growing (6-8 years old), receives water once a fortnight during winter, more frequently during dry weather, and is grown under a lot of shade (70% shade cloth + 50% shade cloth + plastic + Ampelite fibreglass)

Trevor Burnett on Paphiopedilums: Trevor gave an overview of Paph. Breeding using about a dozen of his own plants as examples. He also spoke about his cultural techniques, stressing the importance of appropriate shade (lots of it), keeping the potting mix moist but not wet (Trevor passed around a sample of the potting mix he uses) and keeping the mix open. He aims to repot his Paphs. every year (to keep the mix well aerated) and tends to use fairly large pots. He stressed the importance of keeping the plant firm in the pot, and showed how a thin layer of pebbles on top of the mix can help to keep freshly repotted plants firm in the mix without the need to place the plant too deeply. Trevor doesn't experiment with new fertilisers - he has found that 30N:10P:10K fertiliser fortnightly gives good results and sticks with that. Despite the inclement weather on the night, there was a good turnout of attentive members and Trevor's talk was much appreciated.



Blc. Dream Trader x Lc Drumbeat



Blc. Mt Isa 'Jean x Pot. Beaufort Gold "No.!"



Blc. Mulgrave Bells

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