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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 23rd October 2009 commencing at **8.00p.m.**

Orchid Society of Western Australia  
Patron Mr K.C. Rex

**THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:**

**BENCHED PLANTS DISCUSSION -  
FROM A JUDGES PERSPECTIVE**

**NOVEMBER MEETING DATES**

Judging Panel 7.30 pm Monday 2nd  
OSWA Committee 7.30 pm Friday 6th  
General Meeting 8.00 pm Friday 27th

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Sat. 13 days prior to OSWA GM.**

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**BIRTHDAYS: October.**

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 Maxine Perry from Bibra Lake, Edwin Jacks from Hilton and Judith Keogh from Mt. Pleasant. 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:**

- **November General Meeting-Plant Auction:** Bring along any plants, orchids or others, suitable to be included in an auction. The Commission goes to OSWA. These nights are a lot of fun so we hope all OSWA members will be there.
- **Sunday 1st November—Open House:** At John & Dorothy Walton's, 29 Menli Place, Orelia 10 am onwards, Sunday 1st November. A sausage sizzle is provided but please bring a plate of salad or sweets and a chair to sit on. \$5 entry and there will be a potting display. It would be appreciated if those attending could contact John on 9419 6253 or Nancie on 9417 2862
- **Competition Phalaenopsis Deflasked at OSWA's September Meeting:** Thanks to John for demonstrating how to pot deflasked plants & giving tips for their successful survival. All competition plants need to be brought to the March 2010 meeting for measuring & selection of the healthiest & most robust plant. In April a reward of \$100.00 will be given to the best plant's owner. Make sure you are giving your plant plenty of tender loving care.
- **Annual Dinner:** December 5th 2009 at the Bullcreek Airforce Assoc., Benningfield Road, Bullcreek. Time 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. Cost is \$30.00 per head & drinks have to be purchased at the Bar. Names & money to be paid to Nancie preferably at the October meeting or phone her on 9417 2862. Last year was a superb meal, so make sure you are there.
- **December Christmas Meeting & Presentation Night: Friday 18th December.** Members are asked to bring a plate of food for supper, drinks are provided. We would welcome members from other societies to join in the celebrations.
- **Annual Fees:** As the 31st of October is the end of our Financial Year this is a reminder that they are now due. (new members who have paid during the past 3 months are already financial for 2010).

**The Royal Show:** Many thanks to all those who supplied plants for the beautiful display. We had many positive comments & many of the public were then present at the workshop. Next year we will be supplied with display lighting & there will not be high display boards blocking the light. Our appreciation must go to those who gave up their time to work at the Royal Show—they were great ambassadors for our Society.

**OSWA Workshop:** What a great day! Our appreciation goes to those who assisted in any way, especially the potters, speakers, kitchen staff & those who worked on the door & Sales Table. The day would not have been such a success without that help.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** The two motions regarding entry at OSWA Shows which were in last month's Bulletin will be discussed & voted on at the October General Meeting. We need as many members as possible to come along & voice their opinion. There are amendments & discussion points on page 7 of this Bulletin for your information.

**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.

**Trophies:** Please return all trophies at the October Meeting if you haven't already done so as they have to be engraved with this year's winners before the December Meeting.

**RESULTS OF PLANT COMPETITION - (MONTH - SEPTEMBER)****Open:**

Class 1C (1)	1. Henry Eaton	Slc Hazel Boyd "Sunset"
Class 2A (1)	1. Tom & Ellen Dixon	Cym. Lunakira "Ellen"
Class 2B (1)	1. Tom & Ellen Dixon	Cym. Gentle Touch "Bon Bon"
Class 2C (1)	1. Tom & Ellen Dixon	Cym. Mimi Mary "Bea" x maddidum

**Novice:**

Class 16A (2)	1. Ross & Alice Lang	Cym. Ruby Anniversary "Pink Surprise"
	2. Ross & Alice Lang	Cym. Fancy Free "Snowbird"
Class 16B (2)	1. Meg Donald	Cym. Fancy Free "Jean" x Cym. Vogelsang Eastbourne 4N
	2. Ross & Alice Lang	Cym. Borough Green "Opaline"
Class 22B (2)	1. Meg Donald	Den. Jesmond Gem
	2. Meg Donald	Den. Elegant Heart "Blue Tongue" x Vivid Best

POPULAR VOTE: Novice - Den. Jesmond Gem—Meg Donald

Open - Cym. Lunakira "Ellen" - Tom & Ellen Dixon

Schokman Trophy Points - Slc Hazel Boyd "Sunset" (65 pts) - Henry Eaton

**CATTLEYA CULTURE NOTES (OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2009) by Henry Eaton**

As the weather becomes warmer & the intensity of light increases together with longer hours of daylight, your plants will be showing signs of growth. This may be manifest in the appearance of new growths or the development of new roots on the lead growths. This is a sign for potting on or repotting your plants especially with the appearance on new roots. Do not let them get any longer than a cm or two before dealing with them as they are vulnerable to breakage if any longer.

When repotting plants take the opportunity to examine them thoroughly by removing all dry sheaths on them in order to expose any scale or other insect pests. Deal with the scale by spraying with white oil or pest oil which suffocates the insects. Check the roots too if the plant has been heavily infested and deal with any that are there too. If there are any dried up old pseudo bulbs on the plant remove them. Remove too any dead or broken roots. If after all this the plant has more than eight pseudo bulbs it can be considered for subdivision into two plants. It is best to have at least four viable pseudo bulbs on each division to ensure success. Choose a pot that will accommodate about two years growth before repotting is again required. The mix that you choose will depend on the time and frequency that you give to watering the plants. The larger the pine bark the more frequent the watering while fine bark holds water for longer. Coir seems to hold water longer and sphagnum even longer still. Hold the oldest pseudo bulb against the back edge of the pot and then the moistened mix is poured in around the roots. Firm down the mix so that the plant is securely anchored. If there is any suggestion of instability then drive in a stake and tie the leading bulb to it. If the plant is securely potted you should be able to lift the pot off the table by clutching the leaves alone. Return the plant to a shady spot in your growing area and water well with a seaweed extract to counter the shock of division or repotting.

Extra shading may not be necessary as yet but watering may have to be more frequent remembering though, that Cattleyas like wet/dry cycles. Fertilising with a higher nitrogen based fertilizer can also begin and be used weekly or fortnightly.

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**CYMBIDIUM CULTURE NOTES (OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2009) by Roy Brown**

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November brings an end to the current flowering season for Cymbidiums. Some of the late flowering varieties will still be in bloom and these will need to be placed in the coolest and shadiest position possible. It is not good practice to keep the flower spikes on the plant for too long as they are a drain on the pseudo bulbs.

Once the flower spikes are cut off the new seasons growth will appear with the warmer sunny days ahead and the plants will make fast growth.

By now you should have the biggest part of your repotting done. If you still have a few left that need dividing, I would suggest that you get these done by the second week of November at the latest. After this time the weather becomes too hot and the plants don't have sufficient time to become established before summer sets in.

From now on with the increase in temperature, we will have to increase the watering too. In the hotter months Cymbidiums will take all the water you can give them, provided of course the pots have very good drainage.

For the next six months, that is up until next April, it is the growing period for Cymbidiums. During this time the plants will form new bulbs and produce the next season's flower spikes. In order to grow them successfully we must be prepared to see that they get the three main necessities: Plenty of water—ample light—and a well balanced fertiliser.

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

#### **Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth on Friday 25 September 2009**

**Welcome:** The President opened the meeting at 8.03pm and welcomed the 25 members present.

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

**Minutes:** Moved M Brechin, seconded J Rensen that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. **Carried.**

**Business Arising:** Nil.

**Correspondence Inward:**

- WAROO (K Baylis) agenda for 20 September meeting
- Bruce Larson Report on WA cut flower display at AOC Conference
  - Results of the Cymbidium Club of WA Show
- Society Newsletters

**Correspondence Outwards:**

- WAROO re Conference & AGM dates (reply to AOC letter)
- Bruce Larson Thanks for the update on Werribee meeting & congratulations on the Display result
- WAROO re notice of OSWA restricting entries to members only & advising that members must have an entry in the show to enable them to sell plants at the show
- Kardinya Thanks for allowing our Spring Show in their centre, booking show for 2010 & Inv.

**Minutes Cont.****Business Arising:** Nil.**Confirmation:** Moved H Eaton seconded A Lang that the Correspondence Inward & Outward be endorsed. **Carried****Financial Statement:** Unable to be presented**New Members:** Judith Keogh, Maxine Perry & Edwin Robert Jacks were welcomed into the Society**Reports: OJPWA** (Roy Brown)**OSWA Show** - Kardinya SC 1<sup>st</sup> September 09 Nine judges attended

Grand Champion – Den. Spectable, owner J &amp; B Rensen

Reserve Champion – Phal Orchidworld "Bonnie Vasquez" owner J &amp; B Rensen

**Mandurah OS Show** - Rockingham 12<sup>th</sup> September 09

Grand Champion – Den. Yukidurama "The King", owner N Miller

Reserve Champion – Phal Orchidworld "Bonnie Vasquez" owner J &amp; B Rensen

**WOS Show** – Joondalup SC 16<sup>th</sup> September 09

Grand Champion – Den. Gerald McCraith, owner T &amp; M Watkinson

Reserve Champion – Paph. St Swithens, owner L Croft

**NDOS Show** – Belmont Forum SC 22<sup>nd</sup> September 09 Eleven judges attended

Grand Champion – Dtps. Mont Lip, owner T &amp; M Watkinson

Reserve Champion – Paph. St Swithens, owner L Croft

**WAROO** (Ian Duncan)

- 2012 Conf. – early stages of planning, have a Treasurer, will apply for Lotteries Grant
- Planning to have a Display in Singapore to advertise Conf.
- AOC Conf. / BOM & AGM – when same time lower cost – diff. completing reports in time

**General Business:**

- Many thanks to Tom Dixon who donated plants for the new members.
- Discussion re the motion to restrict entry in shows to OSWA members – unresolved – Ian Duncan moved that the motion restricting entry to shows by OSWA members only, be held in abeyance until the next Gen. Meet. before a decision is made. Sec. Merril Brechin

**Popular Vote:** Open - Cym. Lunakira "Ellen" owner T & E Dixon

Novice – Den. Jesmond Gem owner M Donald

**Raffle:** John Walton, Sharon Lyster**Door Prize:** Ellen Dixon

**Evening's Programme:** Deflasking of Phalaenopsis by John Walton. Many thanks to John for the demonstration & many tips on how to achieve the best result in growing the small plants. He recommended that the plants be kept indoors for a few days until they settle into the potting mix. Plants were sold to members as part of our current plant competition, which runs for seven months. March of next year they'll be measured and judged for the healthiest and largest plant.

**Meeting closed at 9.30pm**

## OSWA SPRING SHOW

Our Spring Show was held from 2nd—5th September, once again in the Kardinya Park Shopping Centre. There were a good number of plants entered in a wide range of genera and these were tastefully arranged into four colourful island displays.

**Grand Champion of the Show / Best Species other than A.N. / Best Any Other Genera** was Jack & Betty Rensen's *Den. Spectabile*. This well grown plant carried 3 tall racemes with over 30 blooms in all and another 2 racemes in bud. The unusual flowers were cream with reddish-brown markings on the wavy segments which were long, pointed and twisted.

**Reserve Champion / Best Phalaenopsis** was Phal. Orchidworld "Bonnie Vasquez", another of Jack & Betty Rensen's plants. This orchid, which always catches the eye, had 5 well shaped blooms of good substance on 2 racemes. They were a gorgeous bright yellow with dark red concentric markings and a purple labellum.

**Champion Cymbidium**—Cym. Glendale "Royal Globe" was tabled by Ross & Alice Lang. A most attractive exhibit with 32 beautiful pink blooms well displayed on 3 racemes.

**Best Laeliinae Alliance**-*Rhyncholaelia glauco*. 8 flowers with pale green sepals and large white labellum on a well grown plant which was mounted on a piece of wooden board. The owners were Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan.

**Best Paphiopedilum**—Paph. Fanaticum "Steph" (*Paph. Micranthum x malipoense*). A large flower on a 45cm stem. This lovely slipper had all segments white, overlaid with red-purple, the sepals were heavily veined. An outstanding Paph. Displayed by Ken & Stephanie Clarke.

**Best Cymbidium Seedling**—Cym. Bewitched Baker x (Ruby Eyes x Last Tango). Another lovely Cymbidium exhibited by Ross & Alice Lang. 8 red blooms, with a darker red lip, were nicely displayed on the stem.

**Best Seedling Other than a Cymbidium**—*Den. speciosum* tabled by Ian Duncan. Two racemes of evenly spaced yellow blooms on this lovely Australian Native.

**Best A.N. Orchid Species**—*Den. teretifolium*. A mass of creamish white blooms on this well grown plant tabled by Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan.

**Best A.N. Orchid Hybrid / Best A. N. Specimen / Best Novice**—*Den. Zip Imperial* x *Den. Peter Royal* exhibited by Merrill Brechin. A very well grown plant displaying numerous white blooms blotched with pink.

**Best Specimen Any Genera other than A.N.**—Paph. Papyrus "Wylde Court". An eye catching plant with 7 flowers, grown by Jim & Kaye Baylis. A standard type with a white dorsal infused with strong reddish colouration.

**AOE Moist Pre Eminent Entry:** *Den. teretifolium*. Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan's spectacular plant, commonly known as the "bridal veil orchid".

Congratulations not only to the winners, but to all involved in creating the beautiful display and in the making of a very successful show. The Shopping Centre has requested our Spring Show be held there in 2010.

J Herbert

Please bring a copy of the following to the meeting for discussion.

### **NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

**Motion 1:** That the change recommended by the Committee to the rules covering entry of plants for shows conducted by The Orchid Society of WA as presented at our September meeting be rejected by this General Meeting.

**Motion 2:** Changes to be made to the Orchid Society of WA (Inc) By-Laws.

#### 1. Interpretations and Definitions

Amend clause (b) (iii) to read "Exhibitor" shall mean a member of the Society, a member of a society that is a member of the Australian Orchid Council, any person that is a Personal Member of the Australian Orchid Council, or any person approved by the Committee who benches a plant at any show or meeting of the Society.

#### 1. By-Laws Relating to Awards and Judging—(1994) as Amended

##### 1. Delegation of Powers of Management Committee

(a) After the words "delegate to the" delete the words "Judging Panel" and insert "Australian Orchid Council WA Regional Judging Panel" and place a full stop after the word "Society" and delete the words "or an affiliated society" in the last line.

(b) Delete clause (b)

(c) Clause (c) Delete the words "Judging Panel" in the last line and include the words "Australian Orchid Council WA Regional Judging Panel"

The following sections to be deleted:

2. Appointment, Duties and Powers of the Judging Panel.
3. Appointment, Powers and Duties of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman.
4. Duties of the Registrar/Deputy Registrar
5. Appointment of Judges, Associate Judges and Student Judges.
6. Duties of Judges, Associate Judges and Student Judges.
7. Awards.
8. Submission for an Award.
9. Judging for Awards
10. Judging Procedure for Awards.
11. Ratification of Awards.
13. Judging Procedures at a General Meeting or Show.

Section 12. to be renumbered as 2. and the following new clauses to be added:

(r) Any exhibitor that is not a member of The Society may only be eligible to win a Grand Champion of a Show once in any 12 month period.

(s) Perpetual Trophies may only be held by members of The Society.

Regional Judging Panels—All clauses to be deleted.

The section "Affiliated Societies" is also to be deleted.

I Duncan