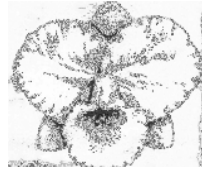


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NEXT MEETING of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held in the Collins St. Hall, cnr Collins St & Shaftesbury St. South Perth, Friday 25th September 2009 commencing at **8.00p.m.**

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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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Sat. 13 days prior to OSWA GM.**

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BIRTHDAYS: September– 9th - Nalini Naidu, 14th - Bob Longmore.

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:

- **Perth Royal Show:** 26th September - 3rd October. Set up Friday 25th September at 11 am, break-up Sunday 4th Oct. 8 am. Plants are needed and if you are unable to bring them on Friday 25th, please contact Ian Duncan on 9364 5439 or Jim Baylis on 9337 6210.

Many thanks to those who offered to man the Royal show. Passes will be forwarded to you. There are still some spaces available on Sunday pm or Thursday/Friday afternoons. Please call Rosemary on 9367 9306

- **Deflasking at OSWA's September Meeting:** Thanks to John & Dorothy Walton for supplying the 2 flasks, potting mix & pots. John will demonstrate potting from flask & members can purchase a randomly drawn plant for \$1 per monthly meeting over 7 meetings (\$7) These will be competition plants

and each members plant will be judged for growth & health. At the end of the competition there will be a cash prize for the best grown plant.

- **OSWA Potting Workshop:** Sunday 11th October, South Perth Scout & Guide Hall, open to the public from 10 am - 4 pm. Helpers, especially Speakers & Potters are needed from 8.30 am onwards. If you can help ring Rosemary on 9367 9396
- **Open House:** At Waltons, 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.
- **Annual Dinner:** December 5th 2009 at the Bullcreek Airforce Assoc. Menu & cost to be advised in due course.

The Spring Show at Kardinya: Congratulations to all the winners. A very well presented display, a credit to all who submitted plants & those who set up or manned the Sales Table.

- **IMPORTANT NOTICE:** The Committee passed two Motions:
- To enter plants in OSWA's Shows the owners **MUST BE MEMBERS OF OSWA**, and have owned the plant for at least six months for it to be judged.
- To sell plants from the Sales Table the person **MUST BE A MEMBER OF OSWA** and have an **ENTRY FOR JUDGING OR FOR DISPLAY IN THE SHOW**. All sales plants must be cleaned, tidy with all husks removed, free from insect pests and have any racemes adequately staked. The plant should be in such good condition that you would be happy to purchase it yourself. It would be appreciated if members selling plants would give at least a 2 hour block of time to either man the display or work on the Sales Table.

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 - AUGUST 2009)**Open:**

Class 1A (1)	1. Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan	<i>Rhyncolaelia glauca</i>
Class 1B (1)	1. Nancie & Bob Jones	Blc. George King 'Serendipity' x Chancemaker 'Liana'
Class 1F (1)	1. NAS	
Class 8A (3)	1. Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan	<i>Den. teretefolium</i> var. <i>aureum</i>
	2. Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan	<i>Den. teretifolium</i> var. <i>fairfaxii</i>
	3. Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan	<i>Den. calimforme</i>
Class 8B (3)	1. Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan	Den. Australian Ginger
	2. Nancie & Bob Jones	Den. <i>fleckeri</i> x <i>gracilicaulle</i> 'Golden Fleck'
	3. Nancie & Bob Jones	Den. Gilliston Surf
Class 10B(1)	1. Nancie & Bob Jones	<i>Maxillaria picta</i>

Novice:

Class 16B(1)	1. Cindy Meehan	Cym. Unknown
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POPULAR VOTE: Novice - Cym. Unknown - Cindy Meehan

Open - *Den. teretefolium* var. *aureum* - Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan

Schokman Trophy Points - *Rhyncolaelia glauca* (71 pts) - Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan

CATTLEYA CULTURE NOTES (SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2009) by Henry Eaton

With the increase in daylight hours there is evidence that Spring is here after a winter of cold nights and late winter rain. Your Cattleyas should now be showing signs of recovering from dormancy, by growth buds beginning to enlarge in some and by the appearance of new roots in others. Where you see these signs on plants, they provide an indication that those plants are ready to be re-potted in new mix if they are growing out of the pot, or if the mix has been there for a long while and is probably going stale and is unlikely to last for another year in good condition. These plants should be inspected to see if they only need transferring to a bigger pot or whether they need to be divided. If division is contemplated do not go for divisions of less than 4 mature bulbs each. If there appears not to be any new roots on the posterior divisions the plant could be partially divided at the necessary spot and left for a couple of months to let a new growth appear, when the cut could be completed and the division made. This also reminds me that when thinking of dividing a plant, make sure, by removing any old sheaths around it, that there is a viable bud at the point of division. If none is found, do not divide it at that point, but seek another spot.

When potting on a Cattleya, it is worth choosing a mix that will be adaptable to the time you can give to watering your plants. If frequent watering is possible, a coarser less absorbent mix can be used, while those people who cannot enough time to water the plants, should use a smaller size mix which will hold water for longer. Cattleyas like a wet to nearly dry cycle for best growth. Use a pot size you feel will be adequate to allow at least 2-3 years of growth before the need for re-potting arises. Do not over-pot. When re-potting, hold the plant so that the oldest bulb sits plumb with the back edge of the pot, giving the new growth at least 2 years of growth in front. After filling the pot with your mix the plant should be anchored firmly enough for you to lift it up by the leaves without separating it from the pot. A stake alongside the foremost growth to which it is tied is also worth considering if there is any doubt about the stability. Water the plant well and leave it in a shady area of the shade-house for a couple of weeks before returning it to its normal spot.

You can fertilise the plant with something like Seasol before commencing normal feeding after 3-4 weeks.

CYMBIDIUM CULTURE NOTES (SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2009) by Roy Brown

This is the most rewarding time of the year for all Cymbidium growers; our plants are now in full bloom and we are able to enjoy the results of our past years efforts. However it is not good practice to leave the cymbidium flower spikes on the plant until the flowers die. They will stay in good condition for several months if they are left but this is only causing a drain on the plant.

Cut the spikes and use them indoors, they will last almost as long in water.

In some cases the new seasons growths will not start to grow until the spikes are cut. If the plant is expected to flower again next season, then these new growths must be given the benefit of a full twelve months growing period, so that they will develop sufficiently to enable them to send up flower spikes again next year.

It would be as well to have all the dividing and re-potting done by the second week of November at the latest. The temperatures are starting to increase and if left too late the plants will suffer a setback, with possible bulb shrivelling if they are left until late November.

After dividing, keep the newly potted plants in a cool place for 2 or 3 weeks, this will help the plant become established and the new roots to become active again.

With the plants growing strongly again we can increase the fertilising, but to make use of the extra fertiliser they must receive ample light and water. Now the new leads are growing keep them moving at a fast rate, they will need to develop sufficiently by mid-summer to enable them to initiate the flower spikes in readiness for the next years flowers.

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)

Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth on Friday 28 August 2009

Welcome: The President opened the meeting and welcomed the 21 members and 1 visitor present.

Attendance and Apologies: As per register.

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

Business Arising: Nil.

Correspondence Inward:

- Directory of Associations request for OSWA details.
- Rowland House offer of Liability Insurance.
- WAROO (K. Baylis) minutes of July WAROO meeting and call for items for agenda for the September meeting.

- Bruce Larson AOC 2012 Progress report.
- AOC: agendas for AGM & Board of Management meetings
- City of South Perth Volunteer of the Year Awards.
- Australian Native Orchid Society: info about 2010 ANOS Conference and Show, Newcastle NSW 25-29 August 2010.
- Judith Keogh, OSWA membership application.
- AOC, regarding timing of AGM and AOC Conference.
- Society Newsletters.

Correspondence Outward:

- Response to a request for information about orchids from a visitor to our Winter Show.
- Directory of Associations confirming OSWA contact details.
- Judith Keogh: info about OSWA meetings etc.
- Lisa & Kurt Boddy: regarding membership application.
- UWA: request for a bill for photocopying of June & July OSWA Bulletins.

Business Arising: Nil.

Confirmation: Moved B. Rensen, seconded B. Jones that Correspondence Inward and Correspondence Outward be endorsed. **Carried.**

Financial Statement: Statement # 417 was tabled. Moved H. Eaton, seconded B. Rensen that the financial Statement be received. **Carried.**

New Members: Lisa & Kurt Boddy.

Reports: Nil.

General Business:

- K Baylis thanked all those who contributed to OSWA's effort at the Inter-Society Challenge. OSWA came second in the Display section and 3rd overall in the bench judging. Bunbury OS won the challenge, Wanneroo OS came second. Bunbury put on an excellent show.
- I. Duncan reminded us that plants are required for OSWA's display at the Royal Show. Set-up is on Friday 25th September 2009. If you have plants in flower but cannot take them to the show, Jim Baylis and Ian Duncan can take them if you get your plants to them by Thursday 24th September. The Royal Show is a valuable activity for OSWA and it is important that we put on a good display.

Raffle: Merrilyn Brechin, Cindy Meehan.

Door Prize: Margaret MacLening.

Evening's Programme: Oncidiums (Peter Masters). One of the things that make Oncidiums interesting is the tremendous variety of plants in this group. Peter showed some examples of different Oncidiums and gave tips on how to grow them. He emphasised the need for good air movement, not letting the plants get too wet in the winter, and giving them time to dry out

between waterings. He fertilises his Oncidiums with full strength fertiliser twice a week and also uses Calcium Nitrate on his plants. Peter said some of his Oncidiums suffer a bit in the heat of summer when his growing area can get up to 45C, so he would like to be able to provide a bit of cooling at that time of year, but his plants are flowering beautifully nonetheless.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm



Dendrobium teretefolium var. *aureum*

Grown by Anne and Geoff O'Callaghan



A talk on growing
Oncidiums was given
by Peter Masters at
the August meeting.



One of Peters Oncidinae - Wilsonara Ursula Isler

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