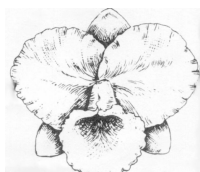


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NEXT MEETING of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held in the Collins St. Hall, cnr Collins St & Shaftesbury St. South Perth, Friday 22nd January 2010 commencing at **8.00p.m.**

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

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FEBRUARY MEETING DATES

Judging Panel 7.30 pm Monday 1st
OSWA Committee 7.30 pm Friday 5th
General Meeting 8.00 pm Friday 26th

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**Deadline for Bulletin Items — 9 pm
Sat. 13 days prior to OSWA GM.**

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Birthdays: January 26th—Francesca Lombardi, **31st** - John Carless,

Anniversary: January 21st - Hector & Faye Patfield

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: J. Brabin.

We would like to wish all the new members a very happy and rewarding association with the Orchid Society of WA.

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

- **Home Open:** The next Home Open will be at Ann & Malcolm Davis' home, 4 Ryans Court, Redcliffe, on Sunday 28th March from 11.30 am. More details later. The Baylis' Home Open previously set for March will be held later in the year.
 - **Shed Cleanout & BBQ:** This will take place on **April 18th**. This is in preparation for the 2010 round of Shows and does not take too long. A sausage sizzle follows for all to enjoy.
 - **Membership Fees:** As of **31st October** we are now in our new financial year and members are reminded that membership fees for 2010 are now due. Anyone who has joined OSWA in the last three months is financial for 2010. **Double membership- \$26.00, Single membership - \$21.00**
 - **Orchid Judging Panel of WA BBQ:** Sunday 21 Feb. 2010 The Peel Region Orchid Society is hosting a BBQ to support the OJPWA. Cost will be \$12 per head which includes food, tea & coffee, auction, raffles etc (BYO drinks) More details later, but pencil this event into your calendar now. It will be a great way to meet growers from other societies and support the Judging Panel.
 - **January General Meeting:** "Forum about Watering": the dry heat makes the summer a challenging time for orchid growers in Perth and good watering is extremely important. If you have any special tips or tricks to ensure good watering, or any questions getting your watering right, bring them along to the meeting.
 - **OrchidWiz:** The people at OrchidWiz (www.OrchidWiz.com) have kindly donated a copy of OrchidWiz software for auction by OSWA. This is fantastic software for orchid enthusiasts and is already being used by a number of growers in Perth. It includes a comprehensive database, thousands of pictures, and the ability to add information and photos of your own plants. We will arrange a demonstration of OrchidWiz at a general meeting early next year and will auction the software at our auction in May.
 - **Upcoming Meeting Items:** **February** - AGM and Wine & Cheese Night, **March** - Unusual Plants, & How I Got into Orchids, **April** - Slide Night about The Eric Young Foundation **May** - Auction
 - **Competition Plants:** Don't forget these plants are due for assessment at the March General Meeting, with the prize money being presented to the winner at the April General Meeting.
 - **Show Dates 2010:**
 - **Autumn Show at Stocklands Riverton Shopping Centre** - Set up 4 May, Show 5-8th May
 - **Winter Show at Scout & Guide Hall** - Set up 24th July, Show 24-25 July
 - **Spring Show at Kardinya Shopping Centre** - Set up 31 August, Show 1-4 September
 - **Perth Royal Show at Claremont Showgrounds** - Set up 24 September, Show 25 Sept - 2 Oct.
 - **Potting Workshop at Scout & Guide Hall** - 17th October
- More details regarding these Shows will be given nearer the time.
- **February AGM:** Please consider participating by joining the Committee. Nomination forms will be available at the January Meeting.

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

Class 1A (8)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>L. purpurata</i> 'Aso Tovas'
	2. Maxine Godbeer	<i>L.purpurata</i> var. <i>alba</i> x var. <i>cyanicula</i>
	3. Sharon Lyster	<i>L. purpurata</i> var. <i>carnea</i>
Class 3A (1)	1. Howard Tan	<i>Paph. platiphyllum</i>
Class 3F (1)	1. Howard Tan	Paph. Booth 'Strap Leaf'
Class 5B (1)	1. ???????	Phal. Hsinying x Phal. Cygnus 'R'
Class 6A (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Onc. stramineum</i>
Class 7A (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Angcm. compactum</i>
Class 8A (2)	1. Ian Duncan	<i>Cym. canaliculatum</i>
	2. Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan	<i>Den. wassellii</i>
Class 8B (1)	1. Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan	Sarc. Unknown
Class 10B(3)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Bulb. lobbii</i> 'Kathy's Gold'
	2. Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan	<i>Gongora quinquinervis</i> var. <i>alba</i>
	3. Sharon Lyster	<i>Coel. lacta</i>
Class 11A(2)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Phrag. Sorcerers Apprentice
	2. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Phrag. sargentianum</i> x <i>Phrag. caricinum</i>
Class 11B(2)	1. Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan	<i>Lyc. deppei</i> x <i>candida</i>
	2. Sharon Lyster	<i>Lyc. luminosa</i> x <i>Lyc. Rachel</i>

Novice:

Class 15C(1)	1. Merrilyn Brechin	Lc. Dellensis 'Violet Eloquere' x <i>L. purpurata</i> var. <i>schusteriana</i>
Class 20E(2)	1. Merrilyn Brechin	Onc. Space Race
	2. NAS	

POPULAR VOTE: Novice Billra. Marfitch 'Howards Dream' - Merrilyn Brechin

Open - Paph. Booth 'Strap Leaf' - Howard Tan

Schokman Trophy Points - Lc. Dellensis x *L. purpurata* (69 pts) - Merrilyn Brechin

Jim Grantham Memorial Trophy Points - Phrag. Sorcerers Apprentice (72 pts) - Maxine Godbeer

Richard Nichols Trophy Points— *Lyc. deppei* x *candida* (70 pts) - Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan

CYMBIDIUM CULTURE NOTES (JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2010) by Roy Brown

Possibly the biggest problem we have here in Western Australia when growing Cymbidiums, is the hot and dry summer conditions. We are subjected to long periods of above century temperatures, and this coupled with the hot drying effect of the easterly winds, does not help in the culture of Cymbidiums. However over the years, we have learned to combat these adverse conditions.

To combat the lack of humidity, we have to make use of our sprinkler systems and so keep the Cymbidium house as cool and damp as possible. Watering the plants should be carried out twice a day from now on, first thing in the morning and again at night, making the evening watering the heaviest one. Use a fine mist spray and thoroughly saturate the compost and surrounding area.

Another way to help create humidity is to spread a thick layer of sawdust on the ground under and around the benches. This helps to hold moisture and helps to keep the area nice and damp.

It is during the summer months that the flower spikes are initiated, and it is imperative the plants receive a marked drop in nightly temperature so that this action takes place. This is why I advocate the evening watering to be the heaviest, as this will bring down the temperature in the shade house quite a few degrees.

CATTLEYA CULTURE NOTES (JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2010) by Henry Eaton

Culture for this month must take into account the wide variations in weather expected. Average temperatures at this time of the year vary between 18-31 degrees C, but as we all know they can, on occasion, soar into the high 30's and even into the 40's. Rainfall, by and large, is minimal and humidity tends to be low most of the time. To counter these changes, we can reduce temperatures by shading, the use of fans and by the use of evaporative coolers. Watering will have to be more frequent to cope with increased evaporation, and damping down of the floors to try and increase humidity. Plants can be fertilised, but try and avoid that on very hot days.

Look out for pests at this time, as with the increased temperatures they multiply more rapidly.

The ones I find most frequently on the plants are scale insects which need to be treated with something like pest oil. Do not, however, carry out the treatment on a very hot day as this could lead to death of the leaf, as the oily coating while smothering the insect, also tends to block the pores on the leaf leading to excessive heating.

Most plants will also by now, be tending to mature their pseudo bulbs and flower sheaths will be appearing on the autumn flowering ones. Make sure these bulbs are properly staked erect and are facing in the same direction as when you removed them to make any adjustments.

There may be some plants flowering, or close to doing so, that may need some protection from the excessive heat and can be brought into the house for a short period of a couple of days at a time, if you so desire.

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)
Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth,
On Friday 18th December 2009

Welcome: The President opened the meeting at 8.02 pm and welcomed the 44 members and 3 visitors present, as per register.

Apologies: Six apologies were received, 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:

- NDOS Office bearers for 2010
- OrchidWiz LLC: OrchidWiz software for a society auction
- Jim O'Hare: Information about the Judges Fundraising BBQ on Sunday 21/2/2010
- George Booth: proposal for an organised tour to see Singapore Garden Festival and Orchid Show, July 2010
- AOC: request for club information for 2010, minutes of AOC AGM and 21st Board of Management meeting, and info about AOC slide and digital programmes available for loan by Societies (suitable for meeting items, see: show dates)
- Various junk mail
- Society Newsletters

Correspondence Outward:

- OSSEA: request for info about Orchid Show in 2010
- Coralie Hills (AOC): Jean Herbert's write up of Kardinya Show and 2010 show dates for Orchids Australia
- Jim O'Hare (OJPWA) + other orchid societies: OSWA 2010 Show Dates
- OrchidWiz: Acknowledge of receipt of software

Business Arising:

- John Walton noted that there will be an auction of plants (preferably orchids!) and items in May. The OrchidWiz software that has been donated to the club is worth well over \$300 and is well worth having, and will be the top item up for auction.

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

Financial Statement: The financial statement was tabled. Moved G O'Callaghan, seconded C Meehan, that the financial statement be received. **Carried**

New Members:

- Maxine Perry received her "New Member" plant, a hard cane Dendrobium kindly donated by Ian Duncan
- Peggy Stacey received her long-awaited "New Member" plant(a Zygotetulum)
- Peggy Stacey and Doug Dowdell received their "New member" magazines

Reports: Nil

General Business:

- Members interested in going to Maxine godbeer's place for Registrars training Day (Sat. 16th Jan) were advised to let Maxine know
- Upcoming events, January meeting: "discussion about watering" and "how I got into orchids"
- Home Open in March: Malcolm & Ann's place: The Baylis's will be later in the year and Maxine Godbeer's was flagged for September.
- **Presentation of trophies and awards** by J. Walton and our Patron Mr Ken Rex.

Popular vote:

- **Novice:** Beallara Marfitch 'Howards Dream' AM/AOS, owner M Brechin. This orchid carried five striking, large purple blooms on a single raceme. This was the second flowering this year (it had also flowered in September). Merylyn gives the plant extra shade in summer, feeds it once a week with Ionic, and waters it daily during summer.
- **Open:** Paphiopedilum booth's 'Strapleaf', owner Howard Tan. This impressive plant was one that Howard bred himself, and this was its first flowering. It is a hybrid of Paph. Susan Booth and Paph. St. Swithin, and carried five flowers on a single raceme, the flowers very similar in appearance to but bigger than those of Paph. Susan Booth. Howard waters the plant 3-4 times per week in summer and fertilises weekly with Aquasol, Polyfeed, or whatever he can lay his hands on, and in winter cuts back watering and feeding to once every 3-4 weeks.

Raffle: B Rensen (twice! but kindly donated one of her winnings to a new member), R. Pohl, M Perry, M Brechin, D Walton, M Baker, F Herbert

Door Prize: M Brechin

Evenings Programme: Christmas drinks and munchies.

Meeting closed at 8:48 pm

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.) Trophy List 2009

The Lester Schokman Memorial Trophy (Cattleya—most points awarded for the year)	P & S Masters
Harold Hill Memorial Trophy (Best Phalaenopsis—Spring Show)	J & B Rensen
Cypripedium Championship Perpetual Trophy (Best Paphiopedilum—Winter Show)	K & S Clarke
Vera Kennedy Perpetual Trophy (Tray) (Novice - Aggregate Points)	R & A Lang
Vicki Browne Perpetual Trophy (Champion Native or Hybrid - Spring Show)	K & S Clarke
Cymbidium Championship Perpetual Trophy (Champion Cymbidium - Spring Show)	R & A Lang
J & C Sullivan Trophy (Wood) (Best Specimen A.N. Species or Hybrid—Spring Show)	M Brechin
George Marshall Trophy (Tray) (Open - Aggregate Points)	P Taylor & E Bahemia
W & L Janney Perpetual Trophy (Best Pure Colour - Spring Show)	None
Richard Nichols Memorial Trophy (Wood) (Best Lycaste of the Year)	P Taylor & E Bahemia
Jim Grantham Memorial Trophy (Best Phragmipedium of the Year)	M Godbeer
C & L Friar Perpetual Trophy (Best A.N. Hybrid Seedling - Spring Show)	I Duncan
K & D Rex Trophy (Highest Aggregate Points Novice Section - Spring Show)	M Brechin
Judges Choice Certificate (Best at General Meeting for the Year)	F & J Herbert & H Tan (tie)
AOC Most Pre-eminent Entry :	
Autumn Show - Howeara Mary Eliza	P & S Masters
Winter Show - Den. Hilda Poxon	T & E Dixon
Spring Show - <i>Den. teretifolium</i>	A & G O'Callaghan
Junior - Most Points	Dana Mitchell

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