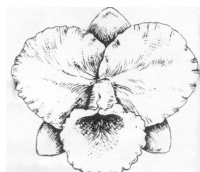


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NEXT MEETING of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held in the Collins St. Hall, cnr Collins St & Shaftesbury St. South Perth, Friday 28th May 2010 commencing at **8.00p.m.**

Orchid Society of Western Australia
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THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

AUCTION OF ORCHIDWIZ AND PLANTS

JUNE 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:

May - 7th - Dorothy Walton **9th** - Ellen Dixon **31st** - Jean Herbert

June - 2nd - Tom Seaman **6th** - Edwin Jacks **9th** - Fred Herbert, Edna Burgess **17th** - Maggie 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.

OSWA Bulletin: The Bulletin is now online at <http://members.iinet.net.au/~murray.baker/OSWA>

If you are happy to download the Bulletin from the web and not receive the printed copy by post, please let Murray know (murray.baker@iinet.net.au)

- **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.
- **Upcoming Meeting Items:** **May** - Auction of Orchid Wiz plus plants **June** - Forum about Fertilising Orchids. **July** - Protecting your orchids from the cold in Winter **August** - Eddy Wajon- Regeneration after a fire, orchids & wildflowers

Autumn Show: A great effort by the members and congratulations to all the winners. We are all actually winners just by putting our orchids on the benches for the public to admire. It was a great show enjoyed by the public and the shopping centre. Thanks to everyone concerned for the support and help given with setup, dismantle and manning the show and sales table. A special thank you to the Judges who attended. We are very appreciative of your time in coming to judge our orchids. Thanks again to everyone.

- **By-law change:** My apologies for not getting this By-Law change ratified at the April Meeting

Page 1. By-Laws (b) iii "Exhibitor" shall mean a member of the Society or any other person approved by the Committee who benches a plant at any show or meeting of the Society. (take out—"a member of an affiliated society")

This has been done as OSWA has no affiliated societies now. We are all societies in our own right and are now all members of the AOC

Page 6 Constitution—14b States that the Committee has the power to alter a By-Law but it has to be ratified by the General Meeting.

- **Eddie Wajon** - Eddie will be talking at the August meeting about plant regeneration after the Tenterden bushfire in 2003. We are trying to organize a trip to his property and would like to know if any members are interested in making the trip. We would perhaps organize a small bus so we could all go together. It would be a day trip and I will let you know what month.
- **Shed clean-up** - To all members who gave up a couple of hours on April 18th, my thanks. The shed looks great and we all enjoyed a sausage sizzle and cuppa afterwards.
- Thank you to Meg Brown for her donation of two crocheted cushions for a raffle. Tickets will be sold over the next two meetings and the raffle drawn at the June meeting.
- My apologies to Ian Duncan for not being able to present his slide show of the Eric Young Foundation. We had the OrchidWiz demo instead and member interest took a little time, making it too late to show the slides. Sorry Ian but thanks very much for all your efforts, perhaps we can organize it for another meeting.
- **New Members** - Tom Stacy from Kardinya
Lui Shen-Pohl from Coolbellup

Hundreds of FREE (used) 2" pots. These are suitable for seedlings, tube-stock etc. but need to be washed before use. If you want any please let Murray know

RESULTS OF PLANT COMPETITION - (MONTH - APRIL 2010)**Open:**

Class 1B (3)	1. Henry Eaton 2. Henry Eaton 3. Henry Eaton	Blc. Mem. Crispin Rosales #2 Blc. Triumphal Coronation C. Narooma x Sc. Mem Ellen Littman
Class 1C (2)	1. Henry Eaton 2. Jack & Betty Rensen	Slc. Susie's Valentine Lc. Little Susie 'Orchidglen'
Class 1D (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Slc. Jungle Beau x Sc. Beaufort
Class 1F (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Slc. Fairyland 'Muramatsu'
Class 3B (1)	1. Fred & Jean Herbert	<i>Paph. moquettianum</i> x <i>Paph. rothschildianum</i>
Class 3C (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Paph. Clarissa Alms x Paph. Red Hot Fire
Class 3D (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Paph. Sally Berndt
Class 4E (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Den. Hot Lips x Den. Kuranda Classic
Class 5A (3)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen 2. Jack & Betty Rensen 3. Jack & Betty Rensen	<i>Phal. violacea alba</i> <i>Phal. violacea</i> 'Red Face' <i>Phal. violacea</i> 'Red Face'
Class 6E (1)	1. NAS	
Class 11A(2)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen 2. Jack & Betty Rensen	Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice <i>Phrag. richteri</i> x <i>Phrag. lindleyanum</i>
Novice:		
Class 15B(5)	1. Ross & Alice Lang 2. Merrilyn Brechin 3. Val Dowdell	Rth. Mary Battle 'La Tulerie' C. Dolly Ann Cole 'Boisey' x C. Amy Wakasugi C. Mem. Crispin Rosales #2
Class 16C(1)	1. Ross & Alice Lang	Cym. Zig Zag 'Kiwi'

POPULAR VOTE:

Open: *Paph. moquettianum* x *Paph. rothschildianum* - Fred & Jean Herbert

Novice: Rth. Mary Battle 'La Tulerie' - Ross & Alice Lang

Schokman Trophy Points: Slc. Little Susie's Valentine (74pts) Henry Eaton

Mem. Jim Granthum Trophy Points: Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice (60 pts) - Jack & Betty Rensen

Remember you can purchase your orchid supplies at the Opportunity Table at each General Meeting.

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (MAY/JUNE 2010) by Roy Brown

By June the sun will have moved to its most northerly position, and so will not harm (burn) Cymbidiums if they are given full sunlight all day long. However it is still strong enough to cause the bloom of the lighter coloured Cymbidiums to be discoloured. This discolouring shows as a brown stripe on the back of the flower sepals, and is particularly noticeable on the lighter coloured flowers. If you want your blooms to keep their fresh colour, then move them into the flowering house once the flower buds are seen, as this way you can adjust the amount of light and shade to suit each different coloured plant.

The early flowering plants will have spikes well advanced by now, some of the early ones will in fact be open. Take extra care with these plants - once the flower buds are visible wrap a dry piece of cotton wool around the flower stem like a collar as this does help to keep slugs and snails away from the flower buds. You must take care though when watering; should the cotton wool become wet it will no longer be effective.

Now the plants are producing their spikes, I like to use a fertilizer that has a higher percentage of potash. There is approximately four times as much plant fibre needed for the formation of a flower spike than what goes into the making of a pseudo bulb, so your plant will need this extra potash to produce strong spikes.

You will need to watch the weather from now on with regard to watering. Now the weather is cooler, there is less evaporation from the pot, so there is no need to water as heavily. However, always keep the compost damp, don't allow it to dry out under any circumstances, particularly now the spikes are growing.

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (MAY/JUNE 2010) by Henry Eaton

Since the last review of culture in the bulletin for April/May, the weather has been a succession of bright, warm days with cold nights to slow down the opening of the buds that have developed. This was evident with the plant numbers shown at the Autumn Show.

Watering frequency will have to be adjusted to the temperatures experienced, less often when it is cold and more when there is no rain and the days are warmer. You could estimate the dryness of a pot by holding up a plant soon after watering and compare it to when it was drier before watering. Remember all moves that you make with changes in culture are geared to keeping the roots healthy. It is a healthy root system that gives you a good plant. Roots do not like to be kept very damp when the temperatures are low. If there is any doubt about whether to water or not, postponing it for a day or two is better than watering on a cold wet day. Fertiliser can be used but remember plants will not use much of it because plant growth has slowed.

Keep a lookout for slugs and snails that will enjoy dining on the flower buds if they can reach them.

Stake and position plants so as to display the flowers well.

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)

Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth, On Friday 23rd April 2010

Welcome: The President opened the meeting at 8.02 pm and welcomed the members and visitors present. The President also thanked Ian Duncan for standing in for the Secretary while he is overseas. She also thanked M. Perry, A. Lang & A. Baker for providing cakes etc. for supper.

Attendance & Apologies: As per register

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

Business arising: Competition plants have been brought in. Winners were Jack & Betty Rensen.

Confirmation: Moved A. Lang, seconded H. Eaton that the Business Arising has been resolved.

Correspondence Inward:

- From Eddie Wajon, regarding his talk to OSWA at the August GM
- From Scott and Broad - acknowledgment of receipt of payment of insurance premium
- From WAROO (Kaye Baylis) -Minutes of the recent WAROO GM & AGM
- From Wendy Cook (Royal Perth Show) regarding invitation to put on a display at the Royal Show and to attend a meeting on June 15th.
- From the City of Cockburn requesting an update of our contact details for their Community Information Database.
- Society Newsletters

Correspondence Outward:

- To M Brechin (Get Well card)
- To BankWest regarding change to authorized signatories for OSWA bank account
- To Eddie Wajon regarding his talk to OSWA GM in August
- To city of Cockburn updating our contact details for their Community Information Database

Business Arising: Letter from the RAS referred to the Committee.

The President sought numbers that were interested in going to Eddie Wajon's place probably in September. A small number expressed interest. Committee to follow up.

Confirmation: Moved B. Rensen, seconded F. Herbert, that Correspondence Inward & Correspondence Outward be endorsed. **Carried**

Financial Statement: #414 was tabled

Acceptance: Moved N. Jones, seconded M. Davis that the financial Statement be accepted. **Carried**

New Members: Nil

Reports: Nil

General Business:

- The President thanked Ann & Malcolm Davis for the Home Open visit.

- Thanks were also given to members who helped with the shed cleanup
- Instructions were then given to obtain entry to Riverton Forum for the show setup
- Two cushions have been donated and the rafle will be conducted over two meetings

Popular vote: Open– *Paph. moquetteanum* x *Paph. rothschildianum* - F & J Herbert
Novice - Rth. Mary Battle 'La Tulerie' -A & R Lang

Raffle: B. Longmore, A. Lang, J. Walton, J. Brabin.

Door Prize: R. McGrath

Evening Programme: It was stated that it was not possible to demonstrate the OrchidWiz programme at the next meeting, and as Kevin Butler had his with him he kindly gave a demonstration of the software. Fortunately Ian Duncan had brought all the necessary equipment to present his programme. The demo went longer than expected which meant there was insufficient time for the scheduled programme.

The President thanked Kevin for his help.

The President thanked members for their attendance and close the meeting at 9.40 pm.

Item for auction at the May meeting

A three tiered galvanized mesh plant stand.

This item was donated to OSWA so all proceeds of the sale will go to the club.

The plant stand is 1.8m long, 0.9m wide and 0.9m high.

It has three tiers each about 30cm deep and is in good condition.

It is quite light—it can easily be lifted and loaded onto a trailer or ute

It is currently housed at 58 Gladstone Road, Leeming

A ute or trailer will be needed to shift it to its new home.

A photo of this unit will be on display at the auction

Please remember, this auction will be for plants as well as the OrchidWiz programme and the above item.

Bring your spare plants and deep pockets, a percentage of monies spent will go to OSWA to help keep fees down and your Society in a happy, healthy state for us all to enjoy.