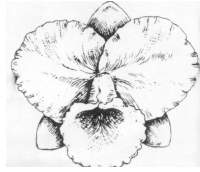


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NEXT MEETING of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held in the Collins St. Hall, cnr Collins St & Shaftesbury St. South Perth, Friday 26th November 2010 commencing at **8.00p.m.**

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

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DECEMBER MEETING DATES

Judging Panel None
OSWA Committee 7.30 pm Friday 3rd
General Meeting 8.00 pm Friday 17th

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Birthdays:

November- 2nd - John Fleming **10th** - George Price **18th** - Trevor Burnett

December- 6th - Val Seaman

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 another copy of OrchidWiz software to 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. This will be auctioned or raffled at a future date.
- **November Item:** This will be a Forum, consisting of two stations, one for Cymbidiums and the other for Companion Orchids.
- **New Members:** We welcome Mr & Mrs How from Murdoch and Mary Viscovich from Melville and wish them a very happy association with the society.
- **Xmas Dinner:** this meeting will be your last chance to let Nancie know that you wish to attend and to pay your money. The dinner will be held at the Air Force Association in Bullcreek on 4th December. The cost is \$30 per person.
- **Congratulations** to John & Dorothy Walton and Ross & Alice Lang on being promoted to "Open Class" growers.

A reminder to all members that the December General Meeting will be held on 17th December which is a week earlier than usual. As this is the Xmas break-up could you also bring a plate of "nibbles" to share

- **Subscriptions:** A gentle reminder that these are now due. If you are unsure if you are still a financial member, please see Nancie at the meeting. Thank you.

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 - OCTOBER 2010)**Open:**

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| Class 1A (2) | 1. Maxine Godbeer | <i>C. amethystoglossa</i> |
| | 2. Maxine Godbeer | <i>C. amethystoglossa</i> |
| Class 1B (1) | 1. Bob & Nancie Jones | Pot. Gordon Sui 'Kensington' |
| Class 3A (1) | 1. Maxine Godbeer | <i>Paph. hirsutissimum</i> |
| Class 5A (1) | 1. Maxine Godbeer | <i>Phal. aphrodite</i> |
| Class 7A (1) | 1. Maxine Godbeer | <i>Angcm. viguieri</i> |
| Class 8B (2) | 1. Maxine Godbeer | Sarc. Pinky x <i>Sarc. fitzgeraldii</i> |
| | 2. Maxine Godbeer | Sarc. Heidi x <i>Sarc. hartmannii</i> |
| Class 10B (2) | 1. Maxine Godbeer | <i>Cochleanthes discolor</i> |
| | 2. Maxine Godbeer | <i>Promenea ovatiloba</i> |
| Class 11A (1) | 1. Maxine Godbeer | Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice |

Novice:

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| Class 16A(1) | 1. Ross & Alice Lang | Cym. Regal splendour 'Rose' |
| Class 16C(2) | 1. Ross & Alice Lang | Cym. Daddy's Girl |
| | 2. Ross & Alice Lang | Cym. Bedivere 'Highbury' |
| Class 18E(1) | 1. Meg Donald | <i>Den. ?mohlianum x Den. chrysopterum</i> |
| Class 20B(1) | 1. Meg Donald | Mclna. Pagan Love Song 'Ruby Charles' |

POPULAR VOTE:

Open: *Angcm. viguieri* - Maxine Godbeer

Novice: Mclna. Pagan Love Song 'Ruby Charles' - Meg Donald

Schokman Trophy Points: *C. amethystoglossa* (69 pts) - Maxine Godbeer

Mem. Jim Grantham Trophy Points: Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice (65 pts) -Maxine Godbeer

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

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2010) by Roy Brown

Repotting should be in full swing, but by the middle of November the temperature will be fairly high, so it would be advisable to have all the repotting done as quickly as possible before the hot days set in.

When repotting your plants try not to break them up into sections that are too small, a three bulb piece will have a better chance of flowering the following year.

Try not to over pot your plant. Select a pot that will hold the plant and its root system, and will allow for a further two years growth.

When you are repotting, hold the plant firmly in one hand with the bulb just below the top of the pot, and using your fingers work the fresh pine bark between the plant's roots.

Fill the pot with Ausgro medium grade potting mix, firming the bark as you go. The plant should now be sitting neatly in the centre of the pot with the base of the bulb just below the top of the bark. Give the plant a good watering and place it in a cool, shady position for about a week until the roots start into active growth again.

Now the flower spikes have been cut and the plants are back in the shade house once again, check to make sure there is no repair work needed on the roof or walls of the Sarlon shade cloth shade house. Should the Sarlon cloth become unstitched or torn, then repair it as soon as possible. During the next few months the sun's rays are shining more directly over the plants, and if it should shine through a hole in the roof section, the plants below could suffer bad leaf burn. Besides looking unsightly, leaf burn also affects the efficiency of the plant in producing the necessary plant sugars.

Cymbidiums will stand quite a considerable amount of bright light, but during a heat wave the sun should not shine directly onto the plants leaves.

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2010) by Henry Eaton

Because of the lack of rain this year we will all need to be careful about wasting water. There are some moves we can make that should help. As the temperature rises with the onset of summer there will be greater loss of water from the plants from evaporation. To counter this we can keep the plans more shaded than before, the floor moist to increase humidity and fans runig at slow speeds to cool the plants. Cooling can also be achieved by the use of evaporative coolers that come on when the temperature rises above limits that you set. Watering of the plants by hand is helpful as it gives you a chance of viewing the plants more closely and taking action without delay. If you lift up a pot from the bench you should be able to gauge whether it is heavy (due to the mix being wet) or light when the mix is dry.

At this time of the year the emphasis is on promoting growth as much as possible. This means providing good light, sufficient water, the suppression of insect attacks by detecting it early and applying the correct treatment without delay, and using fertilizers on a regular basis. As this is a growing phase Nitrogen should be available in higher quantity than at other times of the year. Aim for producing new growths with light green leaves, not dark green which indicates too little light reaching the plant, and this would affect flowering later. Fertilizing with a weak solution is all that is needed, provided it is done regularly.

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)

Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth, On Friday 22nd October 2010

Welcome: John Walton opened the meeting at 8.04 pm and welcomed the members and visitors present

Attendance & Apologies: As per register

Minutes: Moved M. Perry, seconded R. Jones that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted and confirmed. **Carried.**

Business arising: Nil

Correspondence Inward:

- Letter from Wendy Cook, Section Co-ordinator Floriculture, The Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia thanking our band of volunteers for the amazing orchid display set up in the Centenary Pavilion this year
- The following correspondence from the garden Clubs of Australia Inc.
 1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
 2. 2011 Journal Subscription Renewal for Our Gardens
 3. Insurance Renewal for 2011
 4. Re-Affiliation Tax Invoice
 5. The GCA Bulletin
 6. Postal Address & Registration Information and Schedule and Checklist for Secretaries
 7. Copy of Amended Constitution and Rules
- Request from Margaret Evans, South Perth Senior Citizens Centre wishing to purchase orchids for use as raffle plants
- Email from Stephen Wylie advising that he had applied to the AOF for support and that he would be happy to talk to the Society about his research.
- Society Newsletters

Correspondence Outward:

- 13 letters and 33 emails to people who deposited enquiries into the box at the Royal Show
- Email to Eddy and Donna Wajon thanking them for their hospitality to the members who visited them at their property Mondorup.
- Get Well card to John Fleming who is, at the moment, in Fremantle Hospital

Business Arising: Nil

Confirmation: Moved T. Stacy, seconded R. McGrath, that Correspondence Inward & corre-

spondence Outward be endorsed. **Carried.**

Financial Statement: Statement #420 was tabled. Moved P. Stacy, seconded M. Brechin that the financial statement be received. **Carried.**

New Members: Nil

Reports: OJPWA (R. Brown) reported on the Bunbury Orchid Show. Grand Champion was Cym. Spirit of Bunbury, owner W&K Cruikshank. Reserve Champion was *Phal. amabilis*, owner N&J Martin

General Business: Ian Duncan advised that upon enquiry to the Water Authority he has been advised that the regulation for growing orchids would come under the heading of "Indoor plants including glasshouses" which states "you can water indoor plants including glasshouses. The use of a mist spray for up to one minute four times a day is satisfactory" As this does not agree with previous advice he will endeavor to make further enquiries.

Rosemary McGrath thanked the members who worked at the Workshop.

John Walton reminded members of the Xmas dinner and that numbers and money are required by the next meeting.

Popular Vote: Novice - M. Donald Open - M. Godbeer

Raffle: J. Walton, R. Lang, R. Brown

Door Prize: E. Dixon

Evening's Programme: Auction of plants conducted by I. Duncan

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm