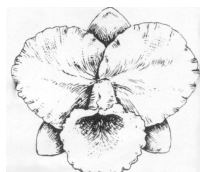


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NEXT MEETING of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held in the Collins St. Hall, cnr Collins St & Shaftesbury St. South Perth, Friday 25th February 2011 commencing at **8.00p.m.**

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

THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

AGM MEETING, BEER, WINE & CHEESE NIGHT

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

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Birthdays: February: 6th -Maxine Perry; **7th** -Jim Baylis; **10th** -Henry Eaton; **11th** -Nancie Jones, Lenny Munnings; **20th** -Lois McFarlane; **25th** -Betty Rensen. **March: 8th** -Margaret Jess, Dot deGruchy; **9th** -Bob Jones; **11th** -Merrilyn Brechin; **14th** -Maree MacDonald; **19th** -Jack Rensen, John Walton; **24th** -Raye McIntosh; **25th** -Lorna Dodd; **26th** -Kaye Baylis, Peggy Stacy; **27th** -Mick May; **31st** -Kon Doornbusch. 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.
- **Subscriptions are now due** (1st November). Single \$21, Double \$26. Please see Nancie to pay or to check if you are financial.
- **Position Vacant:** Due to the sad passing of Jeanie Herbert we are now looking for someone to take over the writing of cultural notes for WA and giving information to Orchids Australia. Please help.
- February is also the AGM as well as a General Meeting, so nominations are called for President, Secretary, Treasurer, Show Secretary & Committee positions. Remember that you must be a financial member to vote. Also two Auditors are required .
- **Shows & Displays:** Start preparing your plants ready for the up-coming shows. May (Mothers Day week) is usually the first one.
- **Shed:** We will be having a shed clean-up day sometime during April, either before Easter or on Sunday May 1st.
- **Home Open:** Kaye and Jim Baylis would like to invite OSWA members to an Open House/ Garden at their home:
 - Date: 20th March 2011.
 - Place: 18 Wheyland Street, Willagee.
 - Time: 11am onwards.
 - Cost: \$5. per person
 Please bring a plant or something so we can have a raffle as well. The money raised will go to OSWA. BYO drinks and chairs. Sausage sizzle, rolls and salad will be supplied.
- Special dates will be in the next Bulletin. Best wishes to you all and happy orchid growing in 2011.

Vale: Mick O'Brien

Mick was a member of OSWA for many years and sadly passed away in January 2011. In the later years it was hard for him to get to our meetings and he would often ask his son to bring him to some of the functions we held. If we held a Display he would bring along his Brassia, a wonderfully well grown and flowered plant which would always win the Judges Choice. It always displayed masses of flowers and well deserved it's awards.

Heartfelt sympathy to all members of his family.

RESULTS OF PLANT COMPETITION - (MONTH - JANUARY 2011)**Open:**

Class 1A (1) 1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>C. guttata alba</i>
Class 1C (2) 1. Henry Eaton	Slc. Susie's Valentine
2. Henry Eaton	Slc. Love Angel
Class 1D (1) 1. Henry Eaton	Ctna. Lavender Maid
Class 1F (1) 1. Maxine Godbeer	Epilaeliocattleya Mae Bly
Class 3A (2) 1. Jack & Betty Rensen	<i>Paph. godefroyae</i> 'GO50' x 'Red Lychee'
2. Jack & Betty Rensen	<i>Paph. godefroyae</i> x 'Dark Brown'
Class 3D (3) 1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Paph. Unknown
2. Jack & Betty Rensen	Paph. Sally Berndt
3. Sharon Lyster	<i>Paph. concolor</i> x Paph. Psyche
Class 5B (1) 1. NAS	
Class 6B (1) 1. NAS	
Class 6E (2) 1. Murray & Arni Baker	Brassia Rex 'Choice'
2. Jack & Betty Rensen	Brsdm. Longan 'Bill Switzer'
Class 7A (2) 1. Jack & Betty Rensen	<i>Rhy. coelestis</i> 'Blue'
2. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Neofinetia falcata</i>
Class 7B (1) 1. Maxine Godbeer	Angcm. Longiscott 'Hihimanu'
Class 10B (4) 1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Maxillaria tenuifolia</i>
2. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Dendrochilum cobbianum</i>
3. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Restrepia lankesterae</i>
Class 11A(1) 1. Fred & Jean Herbert	Phrag. Paul Eugene Conroy x
	<i>Phrag. wallisii</i> 'Warrior'
Class 11B(1) 1. Maxine Godbeer	Promenea Florafest Cheetah 'Plum Jam' x
	Promenea Norman Gaunt 'Black Lip'
Class 12A(1) 1. Jim & Kaye Baylis	Epi. Green Hornet

Novice:

Class 15A(1) 1. Merylyn Brechin	<i>Enc. adenocaula</i>
Class 15F(1) 1. Merylyn Brechin	Lc. Seagull Gold 'Pixie'

POPULAR VOTE:

Open: Epilaeliocattleya Mae Bly - Maxine Godbeer
 Novice: Lc. Seagull gold 'Pixie' - Merylyn Brechin

Schokman Trophy Points - Ctna. Lavender Maid (72pts) -Henry Eaton

Jim Grantham Trophy Points—Phrag. Paul Eugene Conroy x *Phrag. wallisii* 'Warrior' (70pts) -

Fred & Jean Herbert

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (FEBRUARY/MARCH 2011) by Roy Brown

This is the time of the year when the young flower spikes are starting to develop, so a drop in the temperature during the evening is a very vital part of the successful flowering of Cymbidiums. By turning on the overhead sprinklers in the early evening, the temperature in the shade house will drop quite a few degrees and this will create the ideal conditions necessary for the growing and flowering of our plants.

Always have a good check over your pots regularly to make sure the drainage is not blocked. Water should pass through the compost freely, not just seep away

Keep the regular fertilizing programme going, the new seasons growths still need to be kept growing at a fast rate so they will develop sufficiently to produce their flowers when the time comes.

If you should be poking about your plants looking for these early flowering spikes during March, do be very careful as they are very easily broken or damaged. Should you have to remove a pot that has definite signs of flower spikes showing, be very careful to replace it in the exact same position (with the flower spike facing the same direction as before).

With the advent of flower spikes showing, it might be a good idea to give the shade house a clean up, getting rid of all dead leaves, weeds and anything else that could harbor pests.

It would also be a good idea, during the next month, to make sure you have a good supply of pots and compost ready for those repotting jobs next month.

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (FEBRUARY/MARCH 2011) by Henry Eaton

The summer heat has not let up as yet, so the measures advocated last month should still be followed - namely the use of fans, extra shade cloth if needed, frequent watering of the floor to create increased humidity and more thorough watering if indicated.

Try not to repot or pot on plants at this time because they would be exposed to heat stress. If, however, you cannot avoid it and otherwise risk losing the plant, try to keep the plant in a cool shaded location and use Seasol to counter stress in the plant.

At this time some plants will be showing signs of flowering with the appearance of buds or sheaths. Tie the pseudo bulbs up vertically so that the flowers would display well when they open. If buds alone appear in the depths of the leaf axil, they are very prone to rot if water collects around them. This means moving them from near an overhead sprinkler and checking regularly that the problem has been controlled. Any residual water can be removed using some water absorbent tissues.

Fertilisation using a high potash make is indicated at this time to promote flowering and strengthen cell walls before winter.

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.) AGM

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth, on Friday 26th February 2010

The President, Mr John Walton, declared the meeting open at 8:15 pm, welcoming members & visitors present.

Business arising from the Minutes: Nil

Financial Statement:

The Financial Statements for the year ended 31st October 2009 were complete. Moved M. Brechin, seconded E. Dixon, that the Audited Financial Statement be accepted. **Carried.**

President's Report: The President indicated that he was stepping down after the first year of a two year term, for health reasons. He noted that the Society had turned a corner, with 11 new members joining during the last twelve months and a healthier balance sheet., but the Society still needed to keep pushing. New members were encouraged to take over some of the roles that older members had been undertaking for many years. The President thanked members for their support.

Election of Office Bearers:

John Walton was appointed as Returning Officer. Ensuing elections resulted in the following appointments.

Patron: Mr Ken Rex. Nominated by Murray Baker & appointed.

President: Mrs Kaye Baylis. Nominated by R. McGrath, seconded J. Baylis

Vice-Presidents: Mrs Lorna Dodd. Nominated by R. McGrath, seconded K Baylis
Mrs Merrill Brechin. Nominated by M Baker, seconded J Walton. Elected for a 1 year term (to replace K Baylis)

Secretary: Mr Murray Baker. Nominated by R. McGrath, seconded L Dodd

Treasurer: Mrs Maxine Perry. Nominated by M baker, seconded J Walton

Immediate Past President: Mr John Walton

Committee: The following nominations for a 2 year term:

Mr Roy Brown. Nominated by R McGrath, seconded L Dodd

Mr Henry Eaton. Nominated by R McGrath, seconded L Dodd

Mr Ian Duncan. Nominated R. McGrath, seconded L Dodd

Mrs Judith Brabin. Nominated R McGrath, seconded M Baker

Continuing (1 more year to complete term in office):

Mrs R McGrath

Mr Jim Baylis

Mrs Merril Brechin

Mr Rod Pohl

OSWA Registrar: Mrs Maxine Godbeer

Opportunity Table: To be decided later (Margaret Maclening offered to assist)

Librarian: Rosemary McGrath

Bulletin Editor: Mrs Maxine Godbeer

Orchids Australia: To be decided later

Auditors:
1. Meg Brown
2. Alice Lang

Show Marshal Kaye Baylis (?)

Show Secretary: Rosemary McGrath + Merril Brechin

Show Sales: Rosemary McGrath + Merril Brechin

Vote of thanks: Betty Rensen moved a vote of thanks to John Walton for his work over the past year, which really pushed the club along. Affirmed by applause.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8:35 pm.

Minutes of the General Meeting January 2011 will be posted on the Bulletin Board at the February General Meeting—Editor