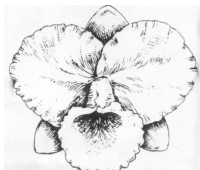


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NEXT MEETING of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held in the Collins St. Hall, cnr Collins St & Shaftesbury St. South Perth, Friday 28th January 2011 commencing at **8.00p.m.**

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

CULTURAL DISCUSSION OF BENCHED PLANTS

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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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Birthdays:

January : 26th - Francesca Lombardi **31st** - John Carless **Anniversary: 21st**– Faye & Hector Patfield

February: 6th - Maxine Perry **7th** - Jim Baylis **10th** - Henry Eaton **11th** - Nancie Jones , Lenny Munnings **20th** - Lois McFarlane **25th** - Betty Rensen

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!

Vale: John Fleming

John passed away on 15th December 2010. He joined OSWA around 1966 and was a very active Committee Member for many years, and also wrote the cultural notes for Cattleyas for the Bulletin from 1984-1986. In 1970 became an Associate Judge, qualifying as an AOC Judge in 1974. John was very knowledgeable about orchids and a lot of orchid enthusiasts had a better knowledge of orchids after talking to him.

In 1985 OSWA awarded the top honour of Life Membership to John, a very worthy recipient of this award. John had been a good friend of Jim & myself for 41 years and we will miss him. He is now at peace with his beloved Doreen, looking after all those orchids we send to Orchid Heaven. Goodbye dear friend, the orchid world was a better place with having had you as part of it.

Kaye Baylis, President

Vale: Ev Smith

Ev Smith passed away on 24th December 2010. She became a member of OSWA around 1974 and in the early years was a very active member, always a willing helper making corsages that we would sell at our shows. In preparation for our shows, she would make thousands of bows for the corsages so that people did not have to wait too long. Our love and prayers are with her family - Jeanette, Maureen and Stan. Ev is now at peace in heaven, busy making corsages and fruit cakes. RIP

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

Class 1A (3)	1. Maxine Godbeer 2. Maxine Godbeer 3. Maxine Godbeer	<i>L. purpurata</i> 'Yaguarum' <i>L. purpurata</i> var. <i>werkhauseri</i> <i>Enc. hanburyi</i>
Class 1B (1)	1. Henry Eaton	Lc. Love Hero
Class 3A (1)	1. Peter & Shirley Masters	<i>Paph. liemianum</i>
Class 5A (2)	1. Maxine Godbeer 2. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Phal. leuddemanniana</i> <i>Phal. cornu-cervi</i>
Class 6A (1)	1. Bob & Nancie Jones	<i>Onc. sphacelatum</i>
Class 6C (1)	1. Peter & Shirley Masters	Tolumnia Capalaba Sunrise
Class 6E (1)	1. Bob & Nancie Jones	Wilsonara Kolibri
Class 7A (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Angcm. compactum</i>
Class 7B (2)	1. Maxine Godbeer 2. Bob & Nancie Jones	Ascda. Su Fun Beauty 'Orange' V. Unknown
Class 8A (2)	1. Bob & Nancie Jones 2. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Den. discolor</i> <i>V. hindsii</i>
Class 10A(1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Phrag. caudatum</i>
Class 10B (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Bulb. macranthum</i>
Class 11A(1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Phrag. Grande
Class 11B(1)	1. Ian Duncan	Ctsm. Cape of Island x <i>Ctsm. pileatum</i>
Class 12A(1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	L. Pulcherrima

Novice:

Class 15B(1)	1. Merrilyn Brechin	Lc. Dellensis 'Violet Eloquere' x <i>L. purpurata</i> var. <i>schusteriana</i>
Class 15C(1)	1. Merrilyn Brechin	Blc. Everything Nice 'First Love'
Class 20A(1)	1. Merrilyn Brechin	<i>Brs. verrucosa</i>

Junior:

Class 28 (1)	1. Dana Mitchell	L. Pulcherrima 'Alba' x Lc. Gessy Doering 'Anungo emperor'
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POPULAR VOTE:

Open: *Phrag. caudatum* - Maxine GodbeerNovice: *Brs. verrucosa* - Merrilyn Brechin

Schokman Trophy Points - L. Pulcherrima (74 pts) - Maxine Godbeer

Jim Grantham Trophy Points—*Phrag. caudatum* (76 pts) -Maxine Godbeer

POPULAR VOTE: Open— *Phrag. caudatum* - Maxine Godbeer

Novice - *Brs. verrucosa* - Merrilyn Brechin

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

During the next few months, we can expect very hot, dry weather and with it easterly winds that dry the potting mix out very quickly. So we must give out plants extra protection to enable them to keep growing during the summer months.

Cymbidiums will not grow in a hot, dry position; they must receive plenty of moisture and humidity.

Next, see to it that the plants receive the correct amount of shade. You can't allow the sun to shine directly on the plants or they will get bad leaf burn. I find 50% Sarlon Shade Cloth gives the best protection, anything lighter than this will allow the plants' leaves to burn during a heat wave. At this time of the year you may find the Cymbids leaves have become a yellowy green in colour. This is because of the high light intensity we experience during the summer months, there being very little cloud to break the sun's rays. I don't consider this slight yellowing of the leaves to be detrimental to the plant, however, I could suggest that you use a fertilizer with a higher content of Nitrogen during the summer (or growing period) and then switch over to one having more Potash when flower spikes start to show.

Finally don't let any weeds get a hold in the pots, get at them as soon as they show. With the extra water and fertilizer the plants are now getting, weeds can become a pest and rob the plant of its nutrient.

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

This is usually the hottest period in summer with low humidity, bright light. And little or no rain. Culture should. Therefore, be geared to counter these changes.

Beating the heat may be achieved by installing fans, the usage of an evaporative cooler and some increase in the shading with, if necessary, another layer of shade cloth. If possible this layer should be held about a foot above the existing layer so as to allow the air to circulate beneath it.

Watering frequency needs to be increased because of the higher rate of drying out of the mix, while the low humidity is tackled by keeping the floor of the greenhouse damp.

When watering, give the plants a good soaking so that the water escapes from the drainage holes of the pot quite freely. Do not water again until the weight of the pot is significantly lighter. Good root growth is enhanced by this type of wet/dry cycle. Keeping the mix wet all the time restricts oxygen penetration into the mix with the possibility of rotting. If in doubt about watering, erring on the side of dryness is better than keeping the mix too wet.

As the plants are in full growth, fertilizing should be kept up, with the proviso that it is done on a day when the temperatures are in the low 30's or below.

Many of the plants may by now. Be showing flowering sheaths and should be staked appropri-

ately and defended by slug and snail baits while keeping a look out caterpillars, grasshoppers etc who would like to take out bits from the buds and flowers.

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)

Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth, on Friday 17th December 2010

Welcome: The President opened the meeting at 8.02 pm and welcomed the members and visitors present. The President then advised members of the passing of Mr John Fleming and asked the members to observe 1 minutes silence.

Attendance & Apologies: As per register

Minutes: Moved M. Perry, seconded A. Lang that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted . **Carried.**

Business arising: Nil

Confirmation: Moved T. Dixon, seconded P. Masters that the Business Arising has been resolved. **Carried**

Correspondence Inward:

- E-mail from Eddy Wajon..
- E-mail from Strahan Consultants re Garden Week 2011.
- Invoice from the AOC for our membership.
- E-mail from Water Corporation re permits to use water on orchid plants. Once exemption is approved you are permitted to use water on orchid plants for ten minutes per area once per day before 9 am or after 6 pm.
- E-mail from AOC requesting details of Club contact and Annual Shows .
- Society Newsletters

Correspondence Outward:

- E-mail to Eddy Wajon thanking him for and Donna for their hospitality shown to members who travelled to his property.
- E-mail to Amanda & Jez in reply to their enquiry to join the club
- Get Well card to Ken Rex
- E-mail to Water Corporation re permits to use water on orchid plants
- E-mail to Coralie Hills, Treasurer of AOC and Editor of Orchids Australia

- advising of the passing of Jean Herbert and also requesting a copy of the invoice for our membership to the AOC for the current year as we have no record of having received it.

Business Arising: Matters arising from the Inward & Outward mail were dealt with when read.

Confirmation: Moved B. Rensen, seconded H. Eaton, that Correspondence Inward & correspondence Outward be endorsed. **Carried**

Financial Statement: Financial details were given by the Treasurer.

Moved M. Grantham, seconded B. Rensen that the financial statement be received. **Carried.**

New Members: Nil.

Reports: The President reported on the Christmas dinner which all that attended, agreed it was a great success..

General Business: I. Duncan stated that the article in October Orchids Australia on potting mixes, was in his opinion, one of the best he had ever seen on this subject.

Trophies for the year were then presented by the President:-

The Lester Schokman Memorial Trophy to H. Eaton

Harold Hill Memorial Trophy to J&B Rensen

Cypripedium Championship Perpetual trophy to H. Tan

Vera Kennedy Perpetual Trophy to R&A Lang

Cymbidium Championship Perpetual Trophy to P. Taylor

J&C Sullivan Trophy to P. Taylor

George Marshall Trophy to J&B Rensen

W&L Janney Perpetual Trophy to J&K Carless

Richard Nichols Memorial Trophy to G&A O'Callaghan

Jim Grantham Memorial Trophy to F&J Herbert

C&L Friar Perpetual Trophy to R&N Jones

K&D Rex Trophy to R&A Lang

The following Certificates were presented:-

Judges Choice to P&S Masters and F&J Herbert (equal)

AOC Most Pre-eminent Entry to T&V Seaman, Autumn show

I. Duncan, Winter Show

J&B Rensen, Spring Show

Junior to D. Mitchell

Raffle: J. Keogh, J. Rensen, F. Patfield, J. Walton, J. Keogh, F. Patfield, R. Ellis

The President thanked K. Butler for the extra raffle plants.

Door Prize: F. Patfield

Evening's Programme: Christmas supper & get together

Meeting closed at 10 pm