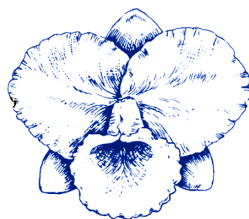


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NEXT MEETING of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held in the Collins St. Hall, cnr Collins St & Shaftesbury St. South Perth, Friday 24th June 2011, commencing at **8.00 p.m**

PATRON: Mr Roy Brown

THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

POTTING MIX

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Judging Panel 7.30 pm Monday 4th
OSWA Committee 7.30 pm Friday 1st
General Meeting 8.00 pm Friday 22nd

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Birthdays: June 2nd – Tom Seaman 6th –Edwin Jacks 9th – Fred Herbert, Edna Burgess 17th – Liu Shea Pohl, Maggie Longmore

July: 1st – Kevin Butler 15th – Dana Mitchell 16th – Maureen Grantham 18th – Roy Brown

Best wishes to anyone else celebrating Birthdays or Anniverseries. To any member on the sick list, may you soon be well.

New Members: Thanawan Robinson of East Fremantle, Steve Dyer & Florence Clark. Welcome to the Society, we hope you enjoy a long & happy membership.

General News

- The **OSWA Bulletin** (and other information) is now available at www.orchidsocietywa.net.au
- **WAROO** is putting on a display at the World Orchid Conference this November, to advertise the 2012 AOC Conference in Perth. If you are able to contribute cut flowers or old bush camping and mining equipment for the WAROO display in November, please let a Committee member know.
- **A visit to the Wajon property near Mt. Barker:** Members who would like to visit Eddy Wajon's property around September, please register your interest with Ian
- **A visit to Gingin.** Anyone interested in visiting Frank Grosvenor's property, please let Murray know. Frank grows Vandas well plus other genera, and a visit is very enjoyable. Now is a good time or Oct-Dec.
- **From your Committee: Members are requested to wear their name badges when picking up their plants from Shows please. Unfortunately there are a few dishonest people in the community and when dismantling a Show there are always many members of the public milling around, and since we may not know all members in the Society, this will safeguard your plants from being given to the wrong person.**
- **Winter Show** - Saturday 16th July – South Perth Scout & Guide Hall, Pilgrim St Sth Perth (behind the Sth Perth Community Hosp.) 8:00am -9:15 am. Judging starts at 9:30am. Plant sales Sat. & Sun. Dismantle show at 3:30pm Sunday. Casserole Night July 16th 6:00pm for 6:30pm start. \$5.00 per head. Please bring a casserole or a sweet. BYO drinks & a glass. Also bring something for a raffle. We hold this evening among the orchids at the Scout & Guide Hall.
- **Inter-Society Challenge:** 6th & 7th August. Please let Kaye, Jim or Roy know if you are able to help us out with plants to be entered in the show or the display. A dinner is held on Saturday 6th August, cost \$35 per head.

Vale Ken Rex: 2 May 1921 – 3 June 2011

Ken joined the Society in 1962 and was Secretary of OSWA when Jim & I joined the society in 1969. Ken lost his wife Joan later that year. He became President in 1973 for 2 years, and again in 1978 for 3 years. Ken was a judge from 1970 and was a fantastic designer of our shows. We used to have working bees making props for the shows and this was enjoyed by the members who attended. Ken wrote the miscellaneous notes for the Bulletin from April 1976 through to August 1988. He was Registrar of the Judging Panel from August 1986 until September 1988. Ken has been Patron of OSWA since 1992. A Life Membership was bestowed on Ken in 1974 for all the work he had done for the Society.

Ken grew beautiful orchids, especially Phalaenopsis. One of his Phalaenopsis Judith x Doris won the 1969 Championship at the Perth Town Hall. This plant had 132 white blooms on 4 inflorescences. I can remember it being absolutely spectacular, and I think that was when I said "one day I will grow this genera of orchids!" Hasn't really happened as yet, perhaps one day! Ken married Dixie and they moved from Yokine to Samson. Dixie passed away September 2008. Ken was a perfectionist with everything he did. He joined the Wood Turners Club and the work he has done is amazing. His trophy for the Most Points for a Novice Grower was always a well sort after trophy because it was one of Ken's wood carvings. Ken has carved orchids into some of our trophies to represent what genera the trophy is given for.

Ken had a stroke in December 2010, and had fought back strongly to get back on track, having just begun to walk without the walking frame, before suffering a setback and sadly passing away.

Ken you will be truly missed by us all. A great supporter of OSWA, a true friend for 42 years of Jim & me and of many other older members of the Society. Goodbye dear friend, 'til we meet again. Our love and prayers to his children Judith, John, Merilyn and their families. To his brother Bob, our deepest sympathy.

RESULTS OF MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (MAY 2011)**Open Class:**

Class 1A (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	<i>C. walkeriana alba</i> x 'Light Pink'
Class 1B (6)	1. Henry Eaton	Lc. Drumbeat 'Triumph'
	2. Ian Duncan	Blc. California girl 'Orchidlibrary'
	3. Peter & Shirley Masters	Blc. Pastel Pageant 'April Delight'
Class 1D (1)	3. Henry Eaton	Slc. Golden Wax 'Galaxy'
Class 1E (1)	1. Ross & Alice Lang	Ctt. Molly Tyler
Class 3A (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	<i>Paph. spicerianum</i>
Class 3D (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Paph. Sally Berndt x Greyii x <i>sukakulii</i>
Class 4B (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Den. Toni McFarlane x Den. Kuranda Classic
Class 4C (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Den. Honey
Class 5C (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Dtps. Champion Lightning 'Splash'
Class 5E (3)	1. Peter & Shirley Masters	Phal. Orchid world 'Zuma Canyon'
	2. Jack & Betty Rensen	Phal. Taisuco Maki
	3. Jack & Betty Rensen	Phal. Penang Jewel x <i>Phal. cornu-cervi alba</i>
Class 6B (1)	1. Fred & Jean Herbert	???
Class 6E (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'
Class 10B(1)	1. Peter & Shirley Masters	<i>Aerangis biloba</i>
Class 11B(1)	1. Ian Duncan	Z. Artur Elle 'Essendon'

Novice Class:

Class 15B(1)	1. Merrilyn Brechin	C. Laura Thayer 'Red Velvet'
Class 22A(1)	1. Malcolm & Ann Davis	<i>Den. bigibbum alba</i> x self
Class 25B(2)	1. Steve Dyer	? Unknown
	2. Peggy Stacy	Z. Unknown

Junior class:

Class 28(1)	1. Dana Mitchell	C. Warnum Beauty
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POPULAR VOTE: Open – Dtps. Champion Lightning Splash – Jack & Betty Rensen

Novice – C. Laura Thayer 'Red Velvet' – Merrilyn Brechin

Schokman Trophy Points – Lc. Drumbeat 'Triumph' (70 pts) – Henry Eaton

Growth Technology has generously sponsored our Winter Show to be held 16th & 17th July at the Scout & Guide Hall, Pilgrim Street, South Perth.

Growth Technology's range of orchid fertilisers is on sale at the Opportunity Table at OSWA Meetings at very competitive prices.

Please take the opportunity to support our sponsor and our Society

CYMBIDIUM CULTURE NOTES (JUNE/JULY) by Roy Brown

The next two months are cold wet months, with windy and blustery weather. Cymbidiums will grow quite well under these cold wet conditions, provided the pots have good drainage, allowing all the excess rain water to drain away freely. Strong winds can tip the pots off the benches, causing damage to any young flower spikes, so I would advise you to protect the pots from very blustery weather.

Should you experience frosts in your particular district, then you will have to bring those plants in spike under cover when frost is forecast, otherwise the flower spike will wither and die if frost settles on it overnight.

The flower spikes will need to be trained as they develop if you want them to be presentable. Don't just allow them to grow out over the edge of the pot in an unruly fashion. Tie them to stakes and train them so that eventually when the flowers open, they will present themselves in a pleasing manner. This does make a difference to the whole appearance to the plant, if you are going to exhibit it in any of the forthcoming shows. This is absolutely a must!

If some of the plants are discarding some of the leaves from the older pseudo bulbs, then clean them up from the shade house floor. Don't leave them lying around to rot, this is where the insect pests could breed. Keep the Cymbidium house nice and clean from weeds and rubbish.

CATTLEYA CULTURE NOTES (JUNE/JULY) by Henry Eaton

With the onset of cold wintery weather, the foremost consideration is adjusting cultural practice to the cold. Orchid growth slows with the cold so the need for watering decreases and the use of fertilisers becomes a minor concern, unless your plants are being grown in a heated greenhouse. If your plants are grown in an open but covered area, to protect them from the rain, all shading, if not already, should be removed. This helps to warm the plants to some degree on sunny days and helps flowers opening now to do so with true colours. Heavily shaded plants appear to open flowers with less brightness in them. Due to the cold and dampness in the air, flowers are more likely to get infected with botrytis spores with the appearance of black spots on the petals. This can be averted to some degree by keeping the air moving gently over the plants with the use of a fan and avoiding overcrowding of the plants together. If the structure in which you grow your plants permits using hangers, pots hung up give flowering plants more space for flowers to open without obstruction and better air movement.

Flowering plants should also be closely observed for caterpillars and thrips which will damage them if untreated. Also make sure you have baits spread around to neutralize the snails and slugs that appear with the rain.

When watering, choose a forecasted sunny day to do so, so that the plants may dry out by nightfall and there is no water left in the axils of the leaves which could induce rots. It is also probably wise to wait until the sun is shining into your garden before watering, as by then the water in the pipes may have warmed up to some degree.

Avoid all potting activity, unless not doing so might kill the plant.

The 19th Australian Orchid Council Conference and Show will be held in Perth in 2012. Merle Arrah (the Conference Secretary) has requested donations of cut flowers and the loan of old bush camping or mining equipment (small transportable items only) to be used in a display to promote the 2012 AOC Conference, at the 2011 World Orchid Conference in Singapore in November.

Any members who can help out, please contact Merle; email aocconference@dodo.com.au or phone 0415 116 960 or Murray as soon as possible

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)

Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth, on Friday 27 May 2011

Welcome: The President, Mrs. Kaye Baylis, opened the meeting at 8:02 pm.

Attendance & Apologies: as per register

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

Carried.

Business Arising: Nil

Confirmation: Moved N. Jones, seconded M. Brechin that the Business Arising has been resolved

Correspondence Inward:

- Garden Clubs of Australia Bulletin
- Membership application (incl. cheque) from Mrs. Florence Clark
- WA Dept. of Commerce Associations Info newsletter
- Chiara Perino re 31 May meeting to discuss Floriculture section of the Royal Show.
- Bank West (statement)
- Growth Technology sponsorship cheque for Winter Show.
- Merle Arrah re 19th AOC Conference in 2012 (see General Business)
- Sue Pearson (SEOS) re Inter-Society Challenge (see General Business)
- Email from Marianna from Orchid Wiz
- Coralie Hills (AOC) re personal liability insurance for committee Members
- Society Newsletters

Correspondence Outwards:

- Neutrog to arrange speaker for August Meeting
- Letter and invoice to Stocklands Riverton SC for Autumn Show
- Email to Marianna thanking her for Orchid Wiz software we auctioned off in April

Business Arising: Nil

Confirmation: Moved M. Donald, seconded N. Jones that the Correspondence Inward and Correspondence Outward be endorsed. **Carried.**

Financial Statement: The Treasurer I. Duncan presented a summary of inwards & outwards transactions since last November and a summary of accounts for payment. Moved M. Brechin, seconded M. Davis, that accounts for payment be approved. **Carried.**

New Members: Mrs. Florence Clark & Mr. Steve Dyer. Steve Dyer received his free book. M. Viskovich received her new member free orchid, which was kindly donated by J. Walton.

Reports:

- **Judging** (R. Brown): OSWA Autumn Show, 3/5/11: Grand Champion, Phalaenopsis Orchid World 'Zuma Canyon' HCC/AOC, owners P&S Masters. Reserve Champion, Phragmipedium Sorcerer's Apprentice, owner M. Godbeer. Eight Judges & three trainees in attendance.
Mandurah Autumn Show 4/5/11: Grand Champion, *Paphiopedilum praestans* x *glaucophyllum* x *liemianum* owner K. Gorey. Reserve Champion, Degamoara Flying High 'Stars and Bars' owner M. Heaton. Six Judges in attendance.
Bunbury OS Autumn Show, 11/5/11. Grand Champion, Oncidium (Margaret Reid x Arda) x (Yaria x Hanelton Gold 'Golden') owners N&J Martin. Reserve Champion, Cattleya Susan Holcombe 'Eaglewood Splash', owners N&J Martin. Nine local Judges and one New Zealand Judge in attendance.
NDOS Autumn Show, 4/5/11. Grand Champion Zygotepalum Advance Australia 'Edna' x Titanic 'Lowan', owner P. Taylor. Reserve Champion Otaara Jane Fumija "Hawaii" owner G. Marsh.

- **Autumn Show:** K. Baylis thanked members who assisted at the show, looking after the display and sales table, and congratulated the owners of winning exhibits. Prizes for winning plants were given out to those exhibitors present. The Centre was very pleased with our display.

General Business:

- The OSWA website is running again and has bulletins, show info, culture notes, photos and some useful links. (www.orchidsocietywa.net.au)
- **Inter-Society Challenge: Saturday 6 and 7 August, Cannington Exhibition Hall.** After a brief discussion it was agreed that we would have a 3m x 6m display. The Challenge Dinner will be at the Exhibition Hall, Saturday 6 August from 7 pm, \$35 per person.
- **Notes for OSWA Shows.** 1. It was agreed that members offering plants for sale at OSWA shows should help out with the sales table if possible. With late night shopping now every week night, extra help from members will be much appreciated; even a stint after work (6 or 7pm – 9 pm) would be great, to provide some relief to the retired members who look after the displays during the day
2. Members are requested to wear name badges, OSWA jackets or other distinctive clothing when collecting plants after shows. Show pack up time is always busy and occasionally members of the public try to help themselves to some of our plants during the chaos. If members wear distinctive clothes or name tags, it will be easier to notice any confused or unscrupulous members of the public trying to sneak off with plants.
- **Popular Vote at General Meetings:** Motion: “As long as there are three plants entered per section (Open or Novice/Junior) there will be a Popular Vote for each section; if there are not three plants in one section, then plants entered in both sections will be considered together for the Popular Vote”. Moved M. Brechin, seconded A. Lang. **Carried.** L. Dodd pointed out that this way of popular voting is a return to the way popular votes were originally conducted.
- **19th AOC Conference: 11-16 September 2012:** After a brief discussion it was agreed that we would put on a display and have a plant sales area at the Conference. Merle Arrah’s request for cut flowers and props for the display at November’s World Orchid conference to promote the 19th AOC Conference was discussed.

Raffle: F. Herbert, M. Baker

Door Prize: A. Lang (Door Prize unclaimed from April Meeting was re-drawn, winner N. Jones)

Evening Programme: Orchid Pests and Keeping Plants Healthy in Cold Weather. K. Baylis led an interesting and informative discussion, with lots of contributions from members present.

Meeting closed at 9:50 pm

Inter-Society Challenge 2011 Dinner Menu

Vegetable Lasagne /Chicken Curry/ John Dory fillets in White Wine Sauce/Platters of Cold Meats (Ham, Pork, Beef, Salami, Mortadella, Cabanossi with olives & cheese)

Accompanied by – Fluffy long grain rice/ Potato Bake/ Cauliflower Cheese/Tossed garden salad/ Waldorf salad.

Desserts – Lemon Meringue Pie/ Apple Crumble

Tea & Coffee.

The dinners at Challenges are always good fun and an enjoyable way to meet other West Australian orchid growers. **The cost is \$35 per person; if you would like to attend the dinner, please pay your money at the June Meeting as we need to have numbers and payment ready for the organisers by mid-July.** There will be more info about the Challenge in the next Bulletin.