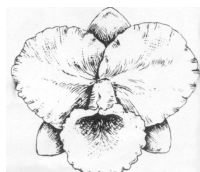


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NEXT MEETING of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held in the Collins St. Hall, cnr Collins St & Shaftesbury St. South Perth, Friday 25th March 2011 commencing at **8.00p.m.**

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

PREPARING & ENTERING PLANTS IN SHOWS
READING THE SCHEDULE

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APRIL MEETING DATES

Judging Panel 7.30 pm Monday 4th
OSWA Committee 7.30 pm Friday 1st
General Meeting 8.00 pm Friday 15th

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

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Birthdays:

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

April: 5th - Alex Szabo **7th** - Rosemary McGrath **10th** - Bernadette Campbell **12th** - Karen Carless **13th** - Hector Patfield **17th** - Mike burgess **21st** - Anne O'Callaghan **23rd** - Ron Brown **24th** - Rod Pohl **29th** - Ian Duncan

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)

- **Shed cleanup day:** Sunday 3rd April 10 am. A Sausage Sizzle will be provided.
- **April General Meeting: CHANGED DATE** - As our regular meeting date falls on Good Friday, the meeting will be held on **FRIDAY 15TH APRIL 2011. Please note this is the 3rd Friday not the 4th.**
- **April Item:** Silent auction and the auctioning of the OrchidWiz. You can bring anything along for the Silent Auction, it doesn't have to be only orchid plants. 100% of proceeds from this auction go to the club.
- **Garden Week:** 7th—11th April 2011. OSWA is going to be in attendance this year, John Walton is the co-ordinator and is paying the fee for the stall. He will be manning the stall throughout the week. OSWA will give away a 12 month free membership of the Society and a plant to the new member after their second meeting attendance. Members may sell plants at the stall, but must arrange with John in advance (by phone the night before) to organize admission to the grounds. They **MUST BE PRESENT** to look after their plants during the day, and must take home their unsold plants at the end of the day. The usual 10% commission on member's plant sales will go to OSWA. John also requests donations of icecream containers & the loan of bread crates. Donations of suitable raffle plants to raffle would also be appreciated. Please check the February General Meeting Minutes for other details.
- **Dates for your calendar:** Autumn Show- Stocklands Riverton 4-7th May, setup 3rd May 6-7 pm. Plant sales daily.
- Winter Show - Scout & Guide Hall South Perth 16-17th July, setup 16th July 8-9 am. Plant sales daily.
- Saturday 16th July - Casserole Night with the orchids on the evening of our winter Show in the Scout & Guide Hall South Perth
- Spring Show - Kardinya Shopping Centre 31st August - 3rd September, setup 30th August 6-7 pm. Plant sales Thursday, Friday & Saturday.
- Royal Show: Display 1 - 8th October, setup Fri. 30th September, take down Sun 9th Oct.
- Potting Workshop - Scout & Guide Hall South Perth Sunday 16th October. Plant sales.
- Saturday 3rd December - Annual Christmas dinner to be held at RAAF Bull Creek
- **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.

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

Class 1C (5)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen 2. Mike & Edna Burgess 3. Henry Eaton	C. FitzEugene Dixon 'Paradise' Slc. Dream Cloud Blc. Bimayo Thin x Red Empress
Class 3A (1)	1. Fred & Jean Herbert	<i>Paph. Dianthum</i>
Class 3C (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Paph Macabre x Ruby Leopard 'Kuotangsu'
Class 4C (2)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen 2. Jack & Betty Rensen	Den. Burma Fancy 'Orange' Den. Jacqueline Concert
Class 5E (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Phal. Yung Ho Princess x Tan Swee Kim
Class 7B (2)	1. Murray & Arni Baker 2. Fred & Jean Herbert	V. Pat Delight 'Hildos' Vasco. Pine River 'Pink'
Class 8B (1)	1. Fred & Jean Herbert	Den. Pauline

Novice:

Class 15C(2)	1. Merrilyn Brechin 2. Merrilyn Brechin	C. Lulu 'Pink Blush' C. Interglossa 'Blumen Insel'
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POPULAR VOTE:

Open: V. Pat Delight 'Hildos' - Murray & Arni Baker

Novice: C. Lulu 'Pink Blush' - Merrilyn Brechin

Schokman Trophy Points: C. FitzEugene Dixon 'Paradise' (68 pts) - Jack & Betty Rensen

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

The hot summer weather pattern will continue during March, with the temperature well in the high 30'sC range, so creating enough humidity to combat the dryness will be our biggest job.

This is the period of the year when the early flowering Cymbidiums are producing their flower spikes. It is vital during the summer months that a decided drop in temperature is experienced during the evenings for the successful flowering of Cymbidiums, and so it is necessary that the plants receive a good watering in the early evening so this effect can take place.

Should you be handling your pots or looking for signs of early flower spikes, be very careful as they are easily damaged in their early stages of growth. I like to insert a thin stake in each pot as a sign that a flower spike is present, as I find them. It is also a reminder to be careful when passing that particular plant. Should you have to remove a plant that has definite signs of spikes, be very careful to replace the pot in exactly the same position as before, ie with the flower spike facing the same direction. This may not seem very important now, but will save the disappointment later on of having bent and twisted flower stems.

Keep up with the summer culture, that is plenty of light, plenty of water and your regular fertilising programme, with perhaps the a fertiliser having a little more Potash content.

Don't forget, you can order fresh supplies for orchid growing and potting at the Opportunity Table at each General Meeting.

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (MARCH/APRIL) by Henry Eaton

Although Autumn has arrived we are still largely experiencing summer weather with hot, dry days. There has been, however, a lowering of the night temperature into the high teens or low twenties. These changes then indicate that we should persist with watering the plants as in summer but avoid watering late in the day, so as to let them dry out by evening. The cool nights, combined with high day temperatures, means that growth can recommence in your plants. There is, at this time therefore, a window of opportunity between mid-March and mid-May to repot or divide plants that missed out being dealt with in Spring. Because temperatures may be high at times, it is best that you do not adjust the shading over the plants just yet.

Most of your mature plants should now be showing signs of an intention to flower with the appearance of buds or flower sheaths. When watering, try and avoid water collecting in the leaf axils, which leads to rotting of the buds. A high Potassium fertilizer or blossom boost one can now be employed at weekly or fortnightly intervals. Continue to stake up pseudo bulbs that will flower, so that the flowers, when they appear, will be well displayed. To promote a good display also arrange for the pots to be separated one from the other, so there is space for the flowers to open fully. A close watch has also got to be kept for possible attack by caterpillars, thrips, snails and slugs. Deal with them as appropriate. Also this is a good time to clean out the growing area of old fallen leaves, flowers etc. If in this process the plants are moved, make sure they are realigned in the direction they were pointing, as otherwise there may be twisting of the emerging buds or flowers on the spike.

As May is the start of the Show season, prepare your plants from now to appear there and good wishes for a successful result.

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)

Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth

On Friday 25th February 2011

Welcome: The President opened the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Attendance & Apologies: As per register

Minutes: Moved M. Brechin, seconded G. O'Callaghan that the Minutes of the previous meeting be received. **Carried.**

Business Arising: Nil.

Correspondence Inward:

- Colin Jennings, Australian Orchid Council (AOC) re our new subscription to Orchids Australia
- SEOS re Inter-Society Challenge (6-7th Aug 2011)
- Email from Angelique Cooper, Strahan Consultants, re Garden Week
- Thank you letter from Jeanette Smith & Maureen Grantham
- Scott & Broad (wording of Insurance Policy)
- Riverton & Kardinya shopping centres re OSWA Shows for 2011
- Society Newsletters

Correspondence Outward:

- Card to F. Herbert and J. Smith & M. Grantham
- Letter to Coralie Hills re E&M Burgess' unusual Cattleya benched at the January meeting.
- Riverton & Kardinya Shopping Centres re OSWA Shows for 2011

Confirmation: Moved G. O'Callaghan, seconded V. Seaman the Correspondence Inward & Outward

be endorsed. **Carried**

Financial Statement: No Statement was available.

New Members: Nil

Reports: Nil

General Business:

- John Walton & Kaye Baylis outlined arrangements for OSWA's stall at Garden Week, being co-ordinated by John Walton. John will be paying the fee for the stall and will be selling his own plants, paying a commission to OSWA after recouping the stall fee. He will look after the stall throughout the week and have the usual OSWA brochures, membership applications etc. on display, and has prepared new signs for the club. Members may sell plants at the stall but must arrange with John in advance (by phone the night before or earlier if possible) to organize admission to the grounds, must be present to look after their plants during the day and must take home their unsold plants at the end of the day. Only a limited number of entry passes are available, so members wishing to sell plants should make arrangements with John as early as possible. The usual 10% commission on members' plant sales would go to OSWA. To obtain advertising via Garden Week publicity, OSWA will give away one free 1-year membership + one orchid when the new member attends their second General Meeting.
- The General Meeting for April has been re-scheduled for 15 th April so as not to clash with Good Friday.
- OrchidWiz disc to be auctioned at the April meeting.
- The April meeting will also be a Silent Auction, with items (anything not just orchids) to be donated for auction and all proceeds to go to OSWA
- Members were reminded that there will be a home open at the home of J&K Baylis on 20th March from 11 am.
- The President advised that our Patron, Mr Ken Rex, is still in hospital.
- J. Walton requested donations of ice cream containers and the loan of bread crates or similar containers to assist with arrangements for Garden Week.

Raffle: January - A. O'Callaghan, M. Viscovich. February - S. Lyster, C. Meahan

Door Prize: January - S. Lyster. February - F. Herbert

The meeting was adjourned for the AGM at 8:40 pm and reconvened at 9:00 pm

The President thanked members for re-electing her to a second term, and thanked members for their attendance and participation

Meeting closed at 9:05 pm

19th AOC Conference

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Dear Orchid Officionado

Once again we hard workers at the 19th AOC Conference committee have more Good News!!

But First!!

The incorrect date for the 19th AOC Conference has been reported in some magazines and some on-line publications. Please take note that the correct dates are the 11th to 16th September 2012.

And now the Good News

The list of world class orchid experts for our Lecture Programme is coming together rather well, and I am sure that you will be pleasantly surprised by the depth and quality of their expertise.

We are still in the process of confirming further Lecturers and the list below is far from finalized, so watch out for more to come.

These are the confirmed Speakers so far:-

Terry Root of the Orchid Zone, USA (Paphs)

Xavier Garreau de Loubresse, Director of Select Orchids, Vietnam (Paphs)

Roy Tokunaga of H&R Orchids, Hawaii USA

Johan Hermans, co-author of "Angraecoid Orchids" with the late Joyce Stewart

Robert Fuchs & Mike Coronado of R.F Orchids, Florida USA

Dr Henry Oakeley, UK, author of "Lycaste, Ida and Anguloa. The Essential Guide"

Ivan Portilla of Ecuagenera Orchids, Ecuador

Greg Bryant of Bryants Orchids, NSW

Andrew Brown, Threatened Flora Coordinator at the W.A Dept. of Environment and Conservation

Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids, Vista, California

The conference Show Schedule is slowly coming together and should be approved by the Western Australian Judges Panel and the AOC shortly.

The Early bird Registration details are being put together as I write and will be circulated via these Bulletins, and posted on the 19th AOC conference website by June this year.

Look for our promotion booth and display at the 20th WOC in Singapore which will be manned by members of the 19th AOC Conference Committee. Come and have a chat.

Further information regarding all our latest happenings can be accessed on the 19th AOC Conference website at: http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/19th_AOC_Conference.htm

We urge all orchid societies to feel free to reprint this Bulletin, and anything else from our website in your club newsletters.

Should you have any queries or questions regarding the 19th AOC Conference, feel free to contact the Chairman (email), the Secretary (email), or the Webmaster (email)