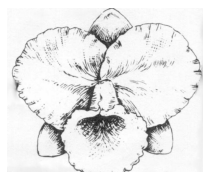


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NEXT MEETING of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held in the Collins St. Hall, cnr Collins St & Shaffesbury St. South Perth, Friday 27th May 2011 commencing at **8.00p.m.**

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

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JUNE MEETING DATES

Judging Panel 7.30 pm Monday 6th
OSWA Committee 7.30 pm Friday 3rd
General Meeting 8.00 pm Friday 24th

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

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Birthdays

May: 7th - Dorothy Walton **9th** - Ellen Dixon

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

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.

New Members: We welcome Florence Clark of Lynwood and Steve Dyer of Booragoon to our Society and wish them a long and happy association with us.

OSWA Bulletin: The Bulletin (and other information) is now online at www.orchidsocietywa.net.au.

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)

- **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, Kaye or Murray. The trip last year was enjoyed by all who attended. Lots of native orchids were in flower.
- **Tour: World Orchid Conference, Singapore & Kuala Lumpur:** Leaves Perth on Sunday 13th November 2011 to Singapore via Kuala Lumpur. Three nights at top hotel Furama Bay Resort including a full breakfast. Monday 14th November: Orchid conference. Tuesday 15th free. Leave Singapore Wed. 16th November lunchtime for flight to Kuala Lumpur. Stay 4 nights at the Park Royal Hotel, including full breakfasts. There are 3 full day tours in our own luxury coach included. Sunday full day to shop etc. then a late flight back to Perth. All transfers from airport to hotels and back to airport in both Singapore and Kuala Lumpur are included. All in price is \$1555. the price is firm at today's airline price but can, and will, increase as you get nearer to the date of departure. There is currently room for 4 persons preferably 2x2. Single bookings cost an extra \$710. Anyone interested can contact John Walton on 9419 6253 or samuel55@tpg.com.au
- **Dates for your calendar:** Winter Show - 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 Assoc. Bull Creek
- **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.**
- **May Item - Pest control & keeping orchids healthy in cold, wet weather:** Winter is a challenging time for orchid growers, with plants slowing down and being more susceptible to pests and diseases than in the warmer months. This month's meeting item will be a discussion about tips and tricks for keeping our orchids healthy during winter. Come along and share your experience with your fellow orchid lovers.
- **A visit to Frank Grosvenor's place.** Frank is a Vanda specialist and is happy to host small groups of OSWA members to visit his property at Gingin to see how he grows his Vandas. He advises that the best time for a visit is either about now or in October-December. Let Murray know if you are interested in visiting Frank's place.

RESULTS OF MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (APRIL 2011)OPEN

Class 1B (3)	1. Henry Eaton	Blc. Mem. Crispin Rosales 'Sandy Spearman'
	2. Ross & Alice Lang	C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin' x Blc. Good News 'No.1'
	3. N/A	
Class 2C (1)	1. Ross & Alice Lang	Cym. ZigZag 'Kiwi'
Class 4B (2)	1. Ian Duncan	Den. (Dals Queen x Aran Princess) xx Den. Aran Princess
	2. Ian Duncan	Den. Maikhong
Class 4E (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Den. Hot Lips x Den. Kuranda Classic
Class 8A (2)	1. Ian Duncan	<i>Den. bigibbum</i> var. <i>superbum</i>
	2. Ian Duncan	<i>Den. lichenastrum</i>

NOVICE

Class 15B(2)	1. Merrilyn Brechin	Blc. Kabooki
	2. Malcolm & Ann Davis	Unknown
Class 22A(2)	1. Malcolm & Ann Davis	<i>Den. bigibbum alba</i> x self
	2. Malcolm & Ann Davis	<i>Den. monophyllum</i>

JUNIOR

Class 14	1. Dana Mitchell	<i>C. forbesii</i> x <i>C. violacea</i>
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POPULAR VOTE: Open - Cym. ZigZag 'Kiwi' - Ross & Alice Lang

Novice - *Den. bigibbum alba* x self - Malcolm & Ann Davis

Schokman Trophy Points: Blc. Mem. Crispin Rosales 'Sandy Spearman' (67 pts) - Henry Eaton

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (May/June 2011) by Roy Brown

The hot summer weather pattern continued on through March and April, and here it is May and finally a noticeable drop in daytime temperatures.

The early flowering Cymbidiums have produced their flower spikes and some have their flower buds protruding through the protective leaf on the stem. Extra care should always be taken when handling these plants as they are easily damaged.

Watering is still vital during the next month and when fertilizing, a little extra Potash to help the young flower buds to develop.

As I mentioned last month, should you be handling the pots or looking for signs of young flower buds, be very careful to replace the pot with the young flower spike facing the same direction as before, this will save the plant having bent and twisted flower stems.

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (MAY/JUNE 2011) by Henry Eaton

Autumnal weather has at last been established with relatively cold nights and warm days. This has meant that those plants that flower in Autumn have begun to do so with plenty of blooms. The weather forecasting boffins predict that the La Nina effect that has been determining our weather patterns is now diminishing, and normal weather patterns for this time of year should return.

As always culture of your plants will be determined on the prevailing weather. Because of the cold there will be a slowing down of activity in the plant so that watering needs will lessen and fertilization can be reduced to once month or so.

This is not a good time for repotting unless the mix in the pot has deteriorated badly or new roots are being formed and are over the edge of the pot. In the latter instance, an alternative is to place the whole plant in a larger pot without disturbing the mix and fill the remaining space with moist fresh mix. Repotting can be completed in Spring. The other method is to place a pot full of mix beneath the roots spilling over so they can establish themselves in it and not be air pruned as would otherwise occur. As the intensity of the sun now declines, all shading can be removed and the plants will benefit from the increased warmth and light.

To protect the flowers from spotting with Botrytis, try and maintain a good flow of air around the plants by hanging them up or keeping a fan blowing gently over the plants. The flowers also need protection from slugs and snails by placing baits in the pot and near the flower sheath. Also keep water off the flowers by hand watering into the pot and growing the flowering plants where they are out of reach of the rain.

After flowering, plants can be grown in an area where they can experience a rest period, during which they receive little or no water, until they show signs of activity again with the appearance of new roots or a swelling growth bud at the base of the pseudo bulb.

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)

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

On Friday 25th March 2011

Welcome: The President, Mrs Kaye Baylis opened the meeting at 8:03 pm, thanking John Walton for presiding over the March Meeting in her absence.

Apologies: 9 apologies were received as per register

Minutes: Moved M. Brechin, seconded N. Jones that the Minutes of the previous meeting be received. **Carried.**

Business Arising: 1. Cut flowers are required for the 2011 WOC Display in November (Promotion for the 2012 AOC Orchid Conference). Also any bush or camping equipment. More details to follow.

2. thanks to those members who attended the shed cleanup, finished by 11.30am.

Correspondence Inward:

- City of Cockburn re updating our details for their database.
- Bank West (statement)
- Neutrog talk booked for August meeting.
- Society Newsletters

Correspondence Outward:

- Email to Pam Bartlett (AOC) to update our contact details (again) and request AOC Minutes
- Email to Directory of Associations to update OSWA details.

Business Arising; Nil

Confirmation; Moved M. Brown, seconded M. Brechin that Correspondence Inward and Correspondence Outward be endorsed. **Carried.**

Financial Statement: \$1460.66 Bank Balance only

Moved P. Stacy, seconded Heaton, that the financial statement be received. **Carried**

New Members: Nil

Reports: OJPWA - none.

Garden Week - thanks to John Walton for all his work - numbers down on last year - not really worth the effort as there aren't many orchids in flower at this time of the year. Thanks to Dorothy, Judy, Maxine, Lorna, Ian, Jack, Betty and Rosemary for helping out. The raffle raised \$102

General Business:

- Intersociety Challenge - to be discussed at Committee
- Change in General Meeting awarding of Popular Vote - much divided discussion, no decision reached, to refer back to committee.
- Floral Art—to encourage monthly entries, topics to be placed in the Bulletin.
- Mt. Barker return visit - maybe September - 4 interested so far.
- Evening's Programme - John Walton outlined the procedure for the Silent Auction. OrchidWiz to be auctioned first.
- Autumn Show - last minute details. Plants and helpers are required..

Popular Vote: Open: Cym. Zig Zag 'Kiwi' - owners R&A Lang

Novice: *Den. bigibbum alba* x self - owners M&A Davis

Raffle: J. Brabin. D. Mitchell

Door Prize: Number 8 (no-one recognized the signature, Kaye may know who won it)

Evening's Programme: Silent auction & OrchidWiz auction.

A very successful Auction - the OrchidWiz going to Howard Tan. A lot of fun was had with the Silent auction. Many thanks to John Walton and his assistant Dorothy for making it such a success

Meeting closed at 9:30 pm

OSWA AUTUMN SHOW RESULTS

The Autumn Show held at Stocklands Riverton Shopping Centre was a small but pleasing display arranged with Kaye's usual finesse.

Grand Champion was Phalaenopsis Orchid World 'Zuma Canyon' owned by Peter and Shirley Masters. This plant was flowering on racemes that had not been cut off for four years because of the progressive nature of the plant.

Reserve Champion was Phragmipedium Sorcerer's Apprentice owned by Maxine Godbeer. This plant displayed very tall racemes and again is a progressive flowerer so exhibits flowers over a long period of time. This plant has been in flower almost continuously since last June, as racemes reach the end of their life there are others taking their place

Champion Laeliinae Alliance was Blc. Pastel Pageant 'April Delight'. Another beautiful plant

belonging to Peter and Shirley Masters, it exhibited lovely large pastel pink blooms that displayed themselves to perfection.

Best Paphiopedilum was Paphiopedilum Ruby Leopard x Impulse, a tall vinicolor Maudiae style plant owned by Howard Tan.

Best Dendrobium was *Dendrobium bigibbum* var. *superbum* owned by Ian Duncan

Best Any Other Genera went to Phalaenopsis Orchid World 'Zuma Canyon' owned by Peter and Shirley Masters

Best Species Orchid was *Dendrobium bigibbum* var. *superbum* owned by Ian Duncan

Best Novice Entry was Blc. Kabooki owned and grown beautifully by Merrilyn Brechin

AOC Most Pre-eminent Entry went to *Bulbophyllum longissimum* x *Bulbophyllum Runesveera*-pan. This striking yellow/orange toned Bulbo was owned by John and Dorothy Walton.

Congratulations to all prize winners and to all who entered plants in the show. Numbers may have been down, but the weather has been so unusual this year that the poor plants don't know when to flower!!! Thanks to everyone who organized, entered and helped out at the show.

From time to time readers wish to access our AOC Website and would like to know of the direct link to the topic they want to find, instead of going to the Web Page and then accessing the page from the menu provided. It is also possible to access the site by simply typing Orchids Australia into a search engine and cached page for our site is listed—from this it is possible to access all of the pages on the site and the many linkages which have been created with other, selected, orchid- related sites.

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Australian Regional Shows & Conferences:

http://www.orchidsaustralia.com/regional_shows_conferences.html

Orchid Societies Australian & International:

http://www.orchidsaustralia.com/oa_oz_societies.html

AOC Awards Database: http://www.orchidsaustralia.com/award_list.html

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