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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 October 2011, commencing at **8.00 p.m**

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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:
MERLE ARRAH ON AOC CONFERENCE
DISCUSSION OF PLANTS ON DISPLAY**

NOVEMBER 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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Birthdays: October: 5th – Nathan Carless **16th** – Barbara Burnett **November: 10th** – George Price
18th – Trevor Burnett

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

New Members: Thomas Tan (Thornlie), Paul Atherton and Sue Bantis (Bullsbrook), Val Cooper (Melville) and Gloria Talbot (Melville)

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.
- **Home open:** Sunday 6th Nov. 2011 starting 10 am, at John & Dorothy Walton's home, 29 Menli Place, Orelia ph: 9419 6253 Cost is \$5 per person, bring a chair and a plate to share. Come and see how John grows his orchids and enjoy the food and good company of fellow OSWA members. John will also demonstrate deflasking. For a nominal fee, members and guests will be able to buy and pot their own seedlings (a vandaceous hybrid).
- **Christmas Dinner:** 3rd December 2011 at Air Force Assoc. in Bull Creek, 6:30 pm for 7:00 pm start. Put it in your calendar now. More details in the November Bulletin
- **The November meeting** will be a plant auction (preferably orchids!!). This will be a good chance to enlarge your collection with some quality plants, or sell some of your divisions and make space for some more plants. The society's digital camera will also be up for auction: Panasonic Lumix DMC-FZ50, with instructions, battery and charger, SD card, USB cable, tripod, carry case. This is a full featured digital camera, up to 10 megapixels, 12X optical zoom, in mint condition. Comes with software for Windows, interfaces seamlessly with iPhoto on Mac. For more information about the camera, contact Murray.
- **Trophies:** Please bring in all perpetual trophies to the October General Meeting so they can be engraved for the next winners. They will be presented at the November meeting.
- **Thank you:** to all members who helped in any way with the display at the Royal Show, whether by providing plants, manning the display or with set-up or take-down your help was much appreciated.

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

Class 3D(1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Paph. Sally Berndt
Class 4D (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Den. Unknown
Class 5A (1)	1. Peter & Shirley Masters	<i>Phal schilleriana</i>
Class 5B (3)	1. Peter & Shirley Masters	Dtps. Joy Angel Voice 'Selene'
	2. Jack & Betty Rensen	Dtps Brother 'Red Hot' x Brother 'Success'
	3. Peter & Shirley Masters	Phal. Da-Chien Spider Beauty
Class 5C (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Phal. Join Angel 'Snow' x <i>Phal. amabilis</i>
Class 5D (2)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Phal. Little Mary Queen
	2. Peter & Shirley Masters	Phal. Carmela's Pixie
Class 13(1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Phal. Doo-Dii 'Golden' x Haur Jin 'Diamond'

Novice Class:

Class 15B(1)	1. Rod Pohl	Bc. Raspberry Parfait 'Pink Sprite'
Class 23B(3)	1. Merrilyn Brechin	Den. Lynette Banks x Den. Aussie Now Sharon'
	2. Merrilyn Brechin	Den. Aussie Wave x (Den. Eureka x Wonga)
	3. Merrilyn Brechin	Den. Memoria Lloyd Bradford

Schokman Trophy Points: Bc. Raspberry Parfait 'Pink Sprite' (70 pts) – Rod Pohl

POPULAR VOTE: Open: Dtps. Joy Angel Voice 'Selene' – Peter & Shirley Masters

Novice: Den. Aussie Wave x (Den. Eureka x Wonga) – Merrilyn Brechin

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2011) by Roy Brown

Do not leave the spikes on your Cymbidium plants for too long. The flowers will last a month or more if they are left, but this causes quite a drain on the pseudo bulbs and also retards the new season's growths. In some cases the young growths won't come away until the spikes are cut off, and if the plant is to be expected to flower again next year, then these new leads must be given the benefit of the full season's growth time.

If you are only re-potting your plant into a larger size pot, and the root system isn't disturbed in the process, then it doesn't much matter at what time of the year you do this: but if you intend to break up and divide the plant, then this should be done by the end of October. After this time the weather becomes too hot, and the plant could suffer a setback through the pseudo bulbs shriveling.

After dividing, keep the newly potted plants in a cool place with a little heavier shading for 2 or 3 weeks and spray the leaves often with water. This will help until the plant becomes established and the new roots become active again.

With our plants in active growth again, we can increase the fertilizing to either weekly or fortnightly intervals. Provided Cymbidiums receive ample light, and I would suggest you grow them under 46% or 52% Sarlon shade cloth, they will respond to this extra attention. We must always remember though, when using any fertilizer, the plants must receive plenty of water to wash away any excess salts that may build up in the pots.

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2011) by Henry Eaton

With the increase in daylight hours, there is evidence that Spring is here after a winter of cold nights and late winter rains. Your Cattleyas should now be showing signs of recovering from dormancy by growth buds beginning to enlarge in some and by the appearance of new roots in others. Where you see these

signs on plants they provide an indication that those plants are ready to be re-potted in new mix if they are growing out of the pot, or if the mix has been there for a long while and going stale, unlikely to last for another year in good condition. These plants should be inspected to see if they only need transfer to a larger pot, or whether they need to be divided. If division is contemplated, do not go for division of less than 4 mature bulbs each. If there appears not to be any new roots on the posterior divisions, the plant could be partially divided at the necessary spot and left for a couple of months to let a new growth appear, when the cut could be completed and the division made. This also reminds me that, when thinking of dividing a plant, make sure by removing any old sheaths around it, that there is a viable bud at the point of division. If none is found, do not divide it at that point but seek another spot.

When potting on a Cattleya it is worth choosing a mix that will be adaptable to the time you can give to watering your plants. If frequent watering is possible, a coarser, less absorbent mix can be used, while those people who cannot spare enough time to water the plants often should use a smaller sized mix which will hold water for longer. Cattleyas like a wet to almost dry cycle for best growth. Use a pot size you feel will be adequate to allow at least 2-3 years of growth before the need for re-potting arises. Do not over-pot. When re-potting, hold the plant so that the oldest bulb sits plumb with the back edge of the pot, giving the new growth at least 2 years of growth in front. After filling the pot with your mix, the plant should be anchored firmly enough for you to lift it up by the leaves without it separating it from the pot. A stake alongside the foremost growth to which it is tied is also worth considering if there is any doubt about stability. Water the plant well and leave it in a shady area of the shade house for a couple of weeks, before returning it to its normal spot. You can fertilise the plant with something like Seasol before commencing normal feeding after 3-4 weeks.

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)

Agenda of the General Meeting to be held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth, on Friday 23 September 2011

Welcome: The President opened the meeting at 8.02pm

Apologies: 12

Minutes' silence for Henry Eaton

Minutes: Moved M Donald, seconded B Rensen that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.
Carried.

Business arising:

Last month's plant winners to receive plants:

Gillian Marsh, Jack Rensen, Tom Dixon, Valerie Cooper, Sue Bantis

Gillian Marsh & Stephen Dyer (Tom's plant) were not at the meeting

(one of the prize plants need to be replaced as it was rotted)

Confirmation: Moved M Brechin, seconded J Walton that the Business Arising has been resolved.

Correspondence Inward:

- WAROO minutes (M Watkinson)
- Merle Arrah, re arrangements for donating and packing cut flowers for AOC display at Singapore WOC in November. Please deliver flowers to EziGro Nursery, Lansdale Road, Darch (not Evandale Rd as advised previously, Bulletin has incorrect info), 9:30-10:30 am 8 November, or call Merle Arrah (0415 116 960).
- WA Census Management Unit, certificate of appreciation for our support of Census through our Winter Show.
- Brian Klepzig (Neutrog) thanking OSWA for reception he received at August GM
- Neutrog fertilisers info bulletin
- Thank you letter from Lorna Dodd (thanking OSWA for the get well card)
- Society Newsletters
- WA Floral Art Society re October Display
- Thank you letter from Myrna Eaton for expressions of sympathy

Correspondence Outward:

- AOC (Pam Bartlett) requesting copy of AOC AGM agenda
- WAROO (M Watkinson) requesting item to be tabled for WAROO committee agenda.
- Merle Arrah re arrangements for her to speak at October GM about 2012 AOC conference.
- Brian Klepzig thanking him for his presentation at August GM.
- Letter + fully booked roster for OSWA display at Royal Show sent to RAS requesting entry tickets for display operators (R McGrath).

Business arising: WA Floral Art Society – unable to participate – lack of flowers available

Glad Hansen 9361 9271 has a large Laelia anceps for sale

Confirmation: Moved V Seaman seconded R Pohl, that Correspondence Inward and Correspondence Outward be endorsed. **Carried.**

Financial Statement: The Treasurer Mr I Duncan presented current account balances and accounts for payment.

New Members: Manuela Maftai (from Woodlands, approved), Thomas Tan (Thornlie, still to be officially approved)

New Members to be approved by Committee: Paul Atherton & Sue Bantis, Val Cooper, Gloria Talbot

Reports:

- Judging Roy Brown OSWA Show Kardinya

Grand Champ: Den speciosum owner I Duncan

Res Champ: Paph Macabre x Ruby Leopard, owner H Tan

The winners were announced from BOS, Mandurah & DOS, NDOS, WOS Shows

- WAROO: A bid for the WOC to be held in WA is to be made at the Singapore WOC.

Discussion re: finances to be discussed at the next WAROO meeting. MOTION: that OSWA request that a full financial statement of WAROO accounts, including the AOC Conference accounts, be presented at the WAROO AGM, as legally required under the Corporation Act. Moved I. Duncan, seconded J. Walton. **Carried.**

General Business:

- Auction of Henry's orchids planned for Sunday 23 October.
Time 9.30am
Place: 37 Rossmoyne Drive, Rossmoyne
Bring a plate of finger food, Self serve Tea & Coffee
- Arrangements for Royal Show
- Arrangements for Potting Workshop Sunday 16th October
- Home Open John & Dorothy Walton Sunday 6th Nov 10.00am 29 Menli Place, Orelia
- Growth Technology have 44 gall empty drums - \$20.00
- Spring Show money was distributed. Congratulations to all winners

Raffle: Orange A7 Rod Pohl, Green C84 Paul Atherton

Door Prize: No. 14 Jeanette Smith

Evening's Program: Deflasking with John Walton

Members purchased deflasked plants for \$2.00 each. Many thanks for John's demonstration, it was very popular with all members present.

Meeting closed at 9.50 pm

19th AOC Conference 2012

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The 19th AOC Conference & show is to be held in Perth from 11-16th September 2012 continues to build momentum with a confirmed Speaker List of 19 world class orchid specialists, 12 of whom are from overseas. They are headed by Terry Root of the Orchid Zone, USA, who will be our Keynote Speaker.

The latest addition to the 19th AOC Conference Lecture Programme is Isobyl la Croix of the UK, the noted author and expert on African Orchids. Isobyl's lecture will compliment that of Johan Hermans' on the Orchids of Madagascar.

The unique Western Australian native orchids have not been ignored, with the inclusion of Dr. Mark Brandrett of the University of Western Australia, and Andrew Brown, Threatened Flora Coordinator at the Western Australian Department of Environment and Conservation and honorary Curator of the Orchidaceae and Myoporaceae at the Western Australian Herbarium. Our Lecture Programme is by no means done and dusted, so stand by for further updates.

Registration for the 19th AOC Conference & show is open and the details are now available on line at:

<http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/Registration.pdf>

And don't forget that Earlybird Registrations must be received by 31st January 2012. If you are unable to download the registration form, please contact the Secretary at the address above or email at:

aocconference@dodo.com.au with your postal details. We now have credit card facilities for your ease of payment.

Also attached to the Registration form is information regarding the Conference Tours.

The conference organizing committee continues to be pleasantly surprised by the level of international and interstate interest being shown by potential visitors. There is a particular interest in the 5 day South West Tour led by Andrew Brown, (see above) to see in situ, the wonderful range of unique native terrestrial orchids of Western Australia. Seats are limited so get in soon and avoid disappointment.

Our Show Marshal, Norm Martin, has received the final approval of the Show Schedule from the WA Judges Panel and the AOC. The Schedule can now be seen on line in either a Word File or PDF.

The Show Room Floor Plan of the Burswood Grand Ballroom is complete, with exhibition and vendor spaces (some already sold) having been provisionally determined along with a café/snack bar inside the conference area, and a public potting demonstration and cultural presentation area.

The Committee is in the early planning stages for a Photographic Competition to be run in conjunction with the 19th AOC Conference & Show. More about this in future Bulletins, but start your cameras clicking away.

A number of Conference committee members will be attending the WOC in Singapore in November and the WA team will stage an AOC display with the assistance of members from across Australia who are supplying cut flowers. The video of packing cut flowers has been produced and is in the final stages of editing and should be available on the website in October this year. We will also have a promotional booth (B30 in the marketplace) to promote the 19th AOC conference & Show, Perth, 2012. We have been generously supported in this by the State Government of Western Australia. There will be promotional material available, and a unique give-away to encourage visitors to Perth for the 19th AOC Conference & show.

Whilst in Singapore, Conference committee members will also make a presentation on behalf of the Western Australian Regional Orchid Organisation, in a bid to bring the 2017 World Orchid conference to Perth. This bid is being backed by the AOC and the Western Australian State Government.

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

Should you have any queries or questions regarding the 19th AOC Conference, feel free to contact the Chairman (Bruce Larson, bruce@pegasusconsulting.org), the Secretary (Merle Arrah, aocconference@dodo.com.au) or the Webmaster (Tony Watkinson, waos@iinet.net.au).