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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 & Shaftebury St. South Perth, Friday 23rd September 2011, commencing at **8.00 p.m**

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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:
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OCTOBER MEETING DATES:

Judging Panel 7.30 pm Monday 3rd
OSWA Committee 7.30 pm Friday 14th
General Meeting 8.00 pm Friday 28th

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Birthdays: September 9th – Nalini Naidu **14th** – Bob Longmore. **October: 5th** – Nathan Carless
16th – Barbara Burnett

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

New Members: Mrs Manuela Maftai from Woodlands

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
- **Thank you:** To all members who helped on set-up night and dismantling, and the great number of helpers manning the show throughout the week. It did make the work load a lot easier for us all. It was a great show and was well received by the public and the shopping centre management. Thanks to the Judges for a job well done.
- **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:** 6th Nov. 2011 at John & Dorothy Walton's home. More particulars available later.
- **Royal Show: Setup Fri. 30th Sept. 2011 at 11 am .Breakup Sun. 9th Oct. at 8 am.** If you can help in any way please let us know. We will need plants and helpers for the setup. Please contact Rosemary if you can help during the week of the show. The Monday is **not** a Public Holiday this year. Rosemary has the shifts in 3 hr lots, so please help if you can spare 3 hours plus your travel time. Parking is usually at a premium, so perhaps think about taking the train
- **Potting Workshop:** Sun. 16th Oct. 2011 at the Scout & Guide Hall, Pilgrim St. South Perth. Committee to set up at 8 am. Open to the public 10 am to 4 pm. There will be plant sales, talks & potting of plants. We will need members who can help repot orchids, man the door, the kitchen or perhaps give a talk. More info at the General Meeting.
- **Christmas Dinner:** 3rd December 2011 at Air Force Assoc. in Bull Creek. More info, cost & menu later

Vale Henry Eaton 30th August 2011

Henry joined OSWA many years ago and had been a long serving Committee Member. He was always free with his knowledge and very willing to help in any way. The Committee have, for the last couple of years, met at Henry & Myrna's home where we were always warmly welcomed. Henry was the first to put his hand up for talks on Cattleyas and had written the cultural notes for Cattleya in the OSWA Bulletin since 2002. Also in 2002, Henry received a Special Recognition Badge for his services to our Society. He will be sadly missed by all his friends at OSWA. Our love & prayers are with Myrna and her family. Look after those Cattleyas well in God's Garden Henry.

A Poem I have written for Henry – Kaye.

Henry was one of the best

A very fine gentleman now at rest

He will be sadly missed

By orchid friends & his family who gave him a kiss.

His knowledge and expertise on Cattleyas was great

Henry was always willing to help out his Orchid Mates.

Our Committee meetings will not be the same

Henry you will always be there in name.

OSWA can't thank you enough

Writing Cattleya notes since 2002

Now what is OSWA going to do?

It is always sad to say goodbye

One day we will meet in Heaven, up in the sky

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

Class 2A(4)	1. Phil Taylor	Cym. King Karri 'Phil'
	2. Phil Taylor	Cym. (Margaret Thatcher x Mini Splash) Emerald x Cym. Tracey Reddaway 'Marie'
	3. Phil Taylor	Cym. Vanessa's Gift 'Charlotte'
Class 2B (1)	1. Phil Taylor	Cym. Owzat
Class 8A (2)	1. I. Duncan	<i>Den. speciosum</i>
	2. Bob & Nancie Jones	<i>Den. speciosum</i>
Class 8B (5)	1. Gillian Marsh	Den. Anne's Rainbow 'Surprise' x Den. Hilda Poxon
	2. Gillian Marsh	Den. Colonial Surprise x (Aussie Springtime x Kim)
	3. Bob & Nancie Jones	Den. Colonial Surprise 'Kingrose'

Novice Class:

Class 15B(1)	1. Ann & Malcolm Davis	C. Unknown
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POPULAR VOTE: Den. Anne's Rainbow 'Surprise' x Den. Hilda Poxon – Gillian Marsh

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

We are now entering into the Spring months when we see the majority of our Cymbidiums flowering once again. Also these are the months when the Orchid Societies hold their annual Spring Shows, so give those plants that are in spike that little extra care and attention and enter them in the show so that everyone can enjoy them with you.

I should start off this month with a few hints on preparing your plants for exhibition. First, give the pots a good cleanup. Next, wipe the leaves over with a soft, clean damp cloth. Trim up the ends of the leaves, some may have dead tips and these can look rather unsightly. Always remember to sterilize the cutting instrument after attending to each plant. Then probably the most important point, make sure those plants that need it are properly staked so they can present their flowers in a proper manner. It really doesn't take long to prepare each plant for a show, but it does make all the difference to the finished product. Finally, on the morning of the day the show is to be set up, give your plants a good watering; they may have to be on display for 3 or 4 days.

You should be hard at it with the dividing & re-potting by now and by doing each plant in turn after it has flowered you will save a lot of last minute hurried work at the end of October.

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

Now that the shows are over for this year, we will be getting into the season for assessing the needs of your plants to be potted on or re-potted. This is the start of the growing season and getting the plants off to a good start will result in better flowering next year. Plants that will be considered for potting will be –

(1) seedlings more than 6 months in the pot, (2) plants where the front growth is over the edge of the pot, or where the next growth will take it (3) plants showing signs of being unhappy in their current mix (4) plants that need breaking up because of their large size.

When deciding when to pot, be largely influenced by the appearance of new roots. When new roots appear you can be sure they will establish in new mix quite readily. Do not allow roots to grow more than 2-3 cms long before potting as longer roots are more likely to be broken in the process of potting. When potting select a pot size one step up from the pot you had used until then e.g from a 125mm to a 150mm pot. The mix you use should fit in with your schedule for having time to water your plants. The coarser the mix the more frequent the watering will have to be. At the time of potting, place the oldest pseudo bulb against the back wall of the pot and fill in with mix from the front. Push the mix in so the plant is firmly held in the pot. If adequately immobilized, you can usually lift the plant up by the leaves without the plant coming away from the pot. Stake the pseudo bulbs up vertically as far as possible and make sure the front growth cannot move around damaging the emerging new roots. Place the re-potted plant in a

shady spot in your growing area for a couple of weeks to counter the shock of replanting. Something like a seaweed solution watered through would also help counter shock. If there is a need to divide a plant, make sure you use a sterilized cutting instrument and do not make a division smaller than 3-4 healthy bulbs.

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)

Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth on Friday 26th August 2011

Welcome: The President, Kaye Baylis, opened the meeting at 8:00 pm and welcomed those present.

Attendance & apologies: as per register.

Minutes: Moved J. Walton, seconded B. Rensen that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted **Carried.**

Business Arising: Nil

Confirmation: Moved T. Dixon, Seconded J. Brabin that the business arising has been resolved.

Correspondence Inwards:

- City of South Perth info for booking Collins Street Hall & Scout Hall for 2012
- Directory of Associations request for update of OSWA contact details etc.
- Merle Arrah, requesting the opportunity to speak about the 19th AOC Conference at an OSWA GM
- AOC (Coralie Hills): bill for our Association Liability Insurance (\$131)
- Conor Doherty (Census): merchandise for Casserole Night.
- Bankwest: statements
- City of South Perth re revised fees for Collins Street Hall & Scout Hall
- Phone call from Mrs Hilary Greatwood.
- L Dodd (thank you card)
- Society Newsletters

Correspondence Outwards:

- Email to Brian Klepzig (Neutrog) re arrangements for his presentation at tonights GM
- Cards to Maureen Grantham (for buying kitchen supplies at Winter Show) Henry Eaton & Bob Jones (both Get Well cards)
- Thank you letter to Conor Doherty for Census merchandise
- Info about OSWA to Mrs Isdale
- Email to 2 members of the public in response to email enquiries from our website

Business Arising:

Mrs Hilary Greatwood is the widow of Mr Jack Greatwood, who was responsible for the RHS Orchid Register from 1970 – 1990. They worked together checking new hybrids for the Register and they went to many Orchid Conferences around the world during that time. Mrs Greatwood was born in Australia but spent most of her life in Sussex, and recently returned to Australia to live in a retirement home in Ferdale. She is keen to meet anyone who may remember her or Jack from their orchid days. She is 90 and has lots of interesting things to talk about. Anyone interested in contacting Mrs Greatwood may obtain her contact details from Murray Baker

Confirmation: Moved B Rensen, seconded M Donald that Correspondence Inward & Correspondence Outwards be endorsed. **Carried**

Financial Statement: The Treasurer I. Duncan presented a summary of inward & outward transactions, current balances and a summary of accounts for payment

Confirmation: Moved J Walton, seconded M Brechin that the financial statement be accepted & accounts for payment be approved. **Carried.**

General Business:

- I Duncan reported that Eddy Wajon regretted that he would be unable to host OSWA members for a visit to his property this year.
- K Baylis discussed arrangements for the Spring Show at Kardinya and our display at the Royal Show.

Raffle: J Rensen, V cooper (guest) T Dixon

Door Prize: S Bantis

Evening's Programme: Mr Brian Klepzig, Neutrog Fertilizers, gave an excellent presentation that was appreciated by all present. Brian generously provided all members present with Neutrog sample packs.

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm

Spring Show Results

Grand Champion, & Best Australian Native:

Den. speciosum, 8 spikes of good shaped, yellow flowers. Grown beautifully by Ian Duncan

Reserve champion & Best Paphiopedilum

Paph. Macabre x Paph. Ruby Leopard. A striking plant, dark maroon with spotted petals & striped dorsal. Grown by Howard Tan.

Best Cymbidium

Cym. Pink Karri 'Phil', carrying 10 beautifully shaped pink speckled flowers. Grown by Phil Taylor

Best WA Terrestrial

Pterostylis barbata, grown by Gillian Marsh

Best Phalaenopsis

Phal. D.A. Chien 'Spider Beauty' grown by Jack & Betty Rensen. A spray of 8 mauve spotted flowers

Best Seedling

Dpts. Hau Fair x Dpts. Hsingying Eve, carrying 3 beautiful mauve blooms, 11-13 cm across. Grown by Jack & Betty Rensen

Best Australian Native Hybrid

Den. Victorian Yondi 'Rusty bucket' x Den. Jesmond Sparkle 'Greg Hall'. Yellow/gold flowers edged with red, a very striking plant. Grown by Gillian Marsh

Best Dendrobium

Den. Star Dust 'H&R', a plant with clear gold/yellow flowers, grown by Jack & Betty Rensen

Best Vandaeae

Angcm. Veitchii, exhibiting 2 very tall racemes of clean white flowers. Grown by Phil Taylor

Best Cymbidium Seedling

Cym. Winter 'Swan Gold' x Cym. Red Panther 'Rajah's Ruby' showing 5 very good shaped, green/yellow blooms. Grown by Rosemary McGrath

Best Specimen Australian Native

Den. Law Rose 'Electric Mush' x Den. Cobber 'Yes Please'. White flowers with a touch of red/purple on the lip. Grown by Gillian Marsh

Best Oncidinae

Beallara Tshoms Glscier 'Ithan' which had 6 nicely presenting sprays & was grown by Phil Taylor

Best Laelinae

C. Ruth Gee 'Carmela Orchids', 3 large, white blooms that presented nicely. Grown by Phil Taylor

Best any other Genera

Coelogyne Unchained Melody, 6 sprays of white flowers with an average of 8 flowers each. Grown by Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan

Best Species

Oestraddella centradena, very dainty soft mauve flowers, a pretty plant to have in a collection. Grown by Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan

Best Novice

Cym. Bulbarrow 'Our Midge', displaying 5 hanging spikes of dark dusty pink flowers with a full burgundy lip. Grown by Meg Donald

Best floral Art

An upright arrangement in a tall pottery vase, containing good shaped flowers. Presented by Meg Donald

Thank you to all members who entered plants in the Show, helped with setup or takedown. Also those who gave time to look after the display or tended the Sales Table. It was a fantastic display for the shopping centre and a real team effort.

If you bring plants to display or sell at the shows, please be sure to remove all old labels from the pots first. One member of the public picked a plant out of the display & tried to purchase it for \$5 at the sales table. After some confusion it was discovered that the pot was a recycled one & had \$5 written on the side. Another member of the public picked up a plant from the sales table and attempted to purchase it for \$1. Again confusion ensued & again it was found that the pot had an old \$1 price written on it. The moral of the story is "Clean old labels off your orchid pots!"

Monthly Meeting Item: Deflasking. A flask of Cattlianthe Tan Khim Ser seedlings, pots & potting mix will be supplied. Members will be able to purchase seedlings for a small fee and pot them under the able guidance of John Walton.

INFORMATION SHEET FOR CUT FLOWERS FOR DISPLAY AT 20WOC IN SINGAPORE

Support for the display to be staged at the 20WOC in Singapore would be greatly appreciated. It is our opportunity to promote the 19th AOC Conference to be staged in Perth, September 2012 and also to promote the AOC on the international stage.

PACKING OF THE CUT FLOWERS

WHERE: Ezi Gro Orchid Nursery, Evandale Road, Darch

WHEN: Tuesday 8th November 2011 commencing at 10 am

DELIVERY OF FLOWERS: between 9.30 am and 10.30 am, Tuesday 8th November at Ezi Gro

If you are unable to deliver flowers on this date please contact Merle Arrah.

Information sheets and exhibitor entry forms are available for those wishing to provide cut flower stems for the display and should be available from your Society Secretary or you can complete them on the day at Ezi Gro. A sample of how the form is completed has been produced for exhibitors use also.

Coordinator, Merle Arrah, will allocate each exhibitor with a specific code that will identify their cut flower stems and this will make it easier when setting the display in Singapore.

If you have any queries please contact Merle Arrah, phone 0415 116 960 or email aocconference@dodo.com.au

Prior to 8th November

Merle Arrah

Conference Secretary

19th AOC Conference

12th September 2011