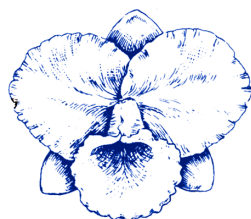


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NEXT MEETING of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held in the Collins St. Hall, cnr Collins St & Shaftebury St. South Perth, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2012, commencing at **8.00 p.m**

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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:  
PREPARATION OF PLANTS FOR THE  
SHOWS – J. O'HARE**

**MAY 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:** April: 7<sup>th</sup> – Rosemary McGrath 10<sup>th</sup> – Bernadette Campbell 12<sup>th</sup> – Karen Carless  
13<sup>th</sup> - Hector Patfield 17<sup>th</sup> – Mike Burgess 21<sup>st</sup> – Anne O'Callaghan 23<sup>rd</sup> – Ron Brown 24<sup>th</sup> – Rod Pohl  
29<sup>th</sup> – Ian Duncan May: 7<sup>th</sup> – Dorothy Walton 9<sup>th</sup> – Ellen Dixon

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

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#### General News:

- **OSWA Coffee Morning:** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 10:30 am at Myers Café (Gloria Jeans) 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Myers, Galleria Shopping Centre, Morley. Just a get together before our Autumn Show and perhaps discuss the coming 19<sup>th</sup> AOC Conference. Husbands & wives all welcome, this is not just for the ladies. Come and have a social morning before we set up our show at Stockland Riverton that evening.
- **2012 Show Dates: Autumn Show** – Stockland Riverton Shopping Centre, Cnr of High Road & Willeri Dr. Willetton. Set-up Tues. 8<sup>th</sup> May (6-7pm). Judging 7:15 – 9:30pm. Open to the public 9-12 May. Member plant sales daily.
- Winter Show:** Scout & Guide Hall, Pilgrim St. South Perth. Set-up Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> July (8-9:30am). Judging 9:30–11:30 am. Open to the public 21<sup>st</sup> (12 noon) & 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Member plant sales daily
- Spring Show:** Kardinya shopping Centre, south St. Kardinya. Set-up Tues. 28 August (6-7pm). Judging 7:15-9:30 pm. Open to the public 29 August –1 September. Member plant sales Thurs-Sat.
- Perth Royal Show Display:** at Claremont Showgrounds. Set-up Friday 28 September (12 noon). Open to the public 29 September-6 October. Take down Sunday 7 October early a.m.
- Potting Workshop:** Scout & Guide Hall, Pilgrim St. South Perth Sunday 21 October, set-up 8:30 am. Workshop commences & open to the public 10am-4pm. Plants potted, talks, sales, display & refreshments available.
- **Other Dates to put in your calendar: Casserole evening** Saturday 21 July, Scout & Guide Hall, Pilgrim St South Perth 6:30pm for a 7pm start. Bring a casserole or sweet for sharing. BYO drinks & a plant or gift for the raffle. We hold this event in with our Winter Show orchid display – a great conversation piece, a lot of fun, terrific company & food. All for \$5 per person.
- **Home Open:** Trevor & Barbara Burnett's home, 33 Salisbury St. Beechboro, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2012 from 11am. BYO drinks, chair, and bring a salad or a sweet to share. \$5 per person for the sausage sizzle. Also bring a plant or gift for the raffle. OSWA does supply the sausages, onions & rolls.
- **19<sup>th</sup> AOC Conference:** 11-16 September at the Burswood Entertainment Complex. Open to the public from 13-16 September inclusive. OSWA is putting on a display and also having a sales area. If you can help in any way with plants or a couple of hours, please let Kaye, Murray or a committee member know. The Conference Committee will also need people to help with a variety of sections at the Conference. A list of the areas that require people to help will be printed in the Bulletin. Please, if you can spare a couple of hours it will help to make life a little easier for the hard working Conference Committee. Please let Kaye or Murray know of your intentions to help. Remember "many hands make light work"
- **Shed Clean-up morning:** Sunday 29 April at 10am. Our shed always needs a little sprucing up for the beginning of our show season. The shed is located in Clydesdale St Como, behind the stables and the old Manning Home. We usually have a sausage sizzle which OSWA supplies. The clean-up usually only tkes a couple of hours, so if you can come & help it would be very much appreciated.
- **Malcolm & Ann Davis' Home Open:** This was excellent and enjoyed by all who attended. To the new members, this is an fantastic way to see how other orchid enthusiasts grow their plants. We have a great social time and there is also lots of orchid talk. We do charge \$5 per person for the sausage sizzle, and the funds we raise help keep our subscriptions down. You bring a salad or a sweet to share and a chair. A plant or small gift for the raffle also helps the funds. I would like to say a big thank you to Malcolm & Ann for the wonderful day and the support you give to the club.
- **Annual Plant Auction:** To be held at the July General Meeting. As well as plants there will be a copy of OrchidWiz Express 2012 up for auction. OrchidWiz Express includes basic information about cultivation of species & hybrids, 4000 colour photos of the most common orchids, comprehensive genealogy charts, an orchid journal to keep track of your plants and more. For more information visit [www.orchidwiz.com](http://www.orchidwiz.com). We will have a demonstration of the software before the auction
- **Orchid Virus Test Kits:** Kits to test for the most common orchid viruses (Cym. Mosaic virus & Odontoglossum Ringspot virus) can be purchased from a supplier in the Eastern states. The kits work a bit like pregnancy test strips. Each kit contains 25 test strips and will cost about \$300 inc. freight. or about \$12 per test strip. The cost will come down a little for larger orders If anyone is interested in a group purchase of a kit (or more), contact Murray Baker

RESULTS OF MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (March 2012)**Open Class:**

from Class 1A (2)	1. Ian Duncan	<i>C. bowringiana</i>
	2. Rosemary McGrath	<i>C. bowringiana</i>
Class 1B (4)	1. Jim & Kaye Baylis	C. Clark Herman 'Carl'
	2. Maxine Godbeer	Bc. Marcella Koss 'Pink Marvel'
	3. Maxine Godbeer	Blc. Mahina Yahiro x Blc. Tribute 'Independence Day'
Class 4C (2)	1. Bob & Nancie Jones	Den. Wooleng
	2. N/A	
Class 5A (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Phal fasciata</i>
Class 6B (3)	1. Rosemary McGrath	Onc. Unknown
	2. Rosemary McGrath	Onc. Unknown
	3. Jim & Kaye Baylis	Onc. Unknown
Class 6E (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Howeara Lava Burst
Class 7B (1)	1. Bob & Nancie Jones	V. Mamo Tease Late
Class 8A (1)	1. Jim & Kaye Baylis	<i>Den. bigibbum</i> var. <i>compactum</i>
Class 11A(1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Phrag. Conchiferum

**Novice Class:**

Class 15A(1)	1. Marilyn Brechin	<i>Enc. radiata</i>
Class 15B(1)	2. Marilyn Brechin	C. Natalie Cannepelli 'Moon Shot'
Class 15C(1)	1. Marilyn Brechin	<i>C. forbesii</i> x <i>C. violacea</i>

**Junior:**

Class 14 (1)	1. Dana Mitchell	Bc. Marcella Koss 'Pink Marvel' x Lc. Pink Costume
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Schokman Trophy Points: *C. bowringiana* (71 pts) – Ian Duncan

Jim Grantham Memorial Trophy Points: Phrag. Conchiferum (73 pts) – Maxine Godbeer

POPULAR VOTE: Open: Onc. Unknown – Rosemary McGrath

Novice: *Enc. radiata* – Marilyn Brechin

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (APRIL/MAY 2012) by Roy Brown

Hopefully the hot, dry weather should be behind us and we can look forward to a weather pattern more suited to growing Cymbidiums. We will have to adjust the watering to suit the needs of the day now on. Unless we have rain, watering will be needed once a day, preferably in the morning.

The regular feeding programme can be continued with the addition of a little extra Potash. During the formation of flower spikes the plants require this extra Potash to ensure strong, sturdy stems giving plenty of flowers.

The early flowering Cymbidiums have their flower spikes well advanced by now, and during these next few months, the flower buds will appear from under the protective sheaths (some in fact will be in full bloom). It's from here on that extra care will be needed to protect the buds from any rough weather or damage from insects. If you have a flowering house, then move plants under cover as soon as the buds appear. A start can be made on re-potting your plants that need it now that the hot days have gone. If your cymbidium collection is large, then make an early start this year so that you won't be caught with too many left undone at the end of the season.

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (APRIL/MAY 2012) by Henry Eaton

While penning these notes at the beginning of April, in spite of the occasional day when the temperatures are over 30C, autumn weather is certainly here. With culture at this time both watering frequency and fertilizing can be reduced because of the slowing of growth. Also the moisture level in the pot is increased by reduced evaporation. Be careful as to when you water your plants as they should be dry by nightfall when temperatures can fall to around 10-12C. Any moisture held up in the axil of the leaves predisposes to fungal and bacterial attack and rotting. By now most plants that will flower in Autumn, should be showing buds in the flower sheaths or in the terminal leaf axils. Those likely to flower in Winter will be showing flower sheaths. Treat affected plants as soon as an attack is seen.

Stake up the pseudo bulbs to display the flowers as well as possible. Keeping plants well separated from each other, without altering their orientation to the strongest light, allows for good air circulation and less chance of insect attack from contact between plants. If any re-potting is done now, make sure that new roots are appearing first before you do so, as many plants will die back their older roots with the onset of colder weather. Be careful particularly with yellow flowered plants and miniature Cattleya.

PAPHIOPEDILUM CULTURAL NOTES (APRIL/MAY 2012) by Trevor Burnett

With the development of cooler conditions, any summer shading can be gradually removed. As the conditions cool, reduced watering will also be necessary. I personally reduce my watering back to twice a week, but am always mindful that we could still get some of those unexpected hot days, when watering will need to be monitored.

As the plants growth starts to slow, the fertilizer programme needs to be adjusted, going on a fortnightly or monthly basis for small plants (depending on your time restraints) at ¼ - ½ strength. Over the past few years I actually cut out all fertilizer for flowering size plants, as I have found out that more plants tend to send up flowers if they are not receiving fertilizer in this period.

This is also the time of the year that we start to see and enjoy the fruits of our year's growing, with plenty of the early flowers now beginning to appear. As flower spikes appear, mark the pot with a wooden skewer with a piece of foam on top, so you are aware of all the plants that are going to flower. This also serves as a reminder to be careful when moving or cleaning nearby plants, so as not to knock off the valuable, long awaited buds.

With buds appearing, this is the time to flush out any snails or slugs that may be in hiding, just waiting for your prize plant to bloom so they can start the festive season with nice flowers to munch. If you do not wish to use chemical based baits, you can simply cut up some lemons and place around the bench. The lemon does not kill any snails or slugs, but it does attract them. Once you know their whereabouts, you can easily eradicate them with a number 10 shoe – or in my case a number 7.

Continue to remove any dead leaves from plants and also have a general cleanup of the area.

I would ensure that all of my small plants that are not expected to flower are repotted to ensure they have a nice clean, open mix before going into winter. Winter and wet feet don't mix.

THE ORCHID SOCIETY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S NEW PATRON: TREVOR BURNETT

I consider it a great honour to have been nominated and elected as the Patron of The Orchid Society of Western Australia.

It was back in 1969, after attending one of the shows at the Perth Town Hall, that I joined The Orchid Society of WA. and thus began my long association with the society. At just 18 years old and being a new member of the society, I remember well those first few meetings, not knowing anyone and feeling overwhelmed by my lack of knowledge. However, I persevered and have had the privilege of meeting some wonderful people because of orchids over the last 40 years.

My first encounter with orchids was when I was just fifteen years old. My mother bought me three Cymbidium orchids from a shop in Perth and gave me the challenge of getting them to flower, so my journey commenced with reading about how to grow and flower these things called orchids. The three orchid's names were Cym. Erica Sander 'Sailor Bay' (a green), Cym. Edzel Elizabeth, (a pink) and Cym. Swallow 'Daffodil' (a yellow), but I had no idea what colour they were until I got them to flower. It took 2 years for me to flower them and from then on, the rest they say is "History".

Over the years, I have won many prizes around the shows, beginning in the 1970's with my collection of cymbidiums. When cymbidiums no longer posed a challenge, I began growing a mixture of other genera although in the early days, I sent many paphiopedilums to that place we call orchid heaven. Since then I have gained valuable knowledge and experience in growing orchids of different genera, although now I enjoy growing and

hybridizing mainly exhibition paphiopedilums. Some of the paphiopedilum plants from my breeding programme have been awarded both here in WA and in the eastern states.

I served as an Oechid Society of WA committee member in the 1990's, receiving a life membership of the society in 1996. I became a member of the AOC Judging panel of WA in 1978 and in 1989 I was elected as the State Registrar of the judging panel, a position I held for a number of years. During this time, I was also the Registrar for the 12<sup>th</sup> AOC Orchid Conference and Show held in Perth in 1991, hosted by The Orchid Society of WA. At that time, the AOC Judging panel was part of The Orchid Society of WA, then the state's parent body.

I have enjoyed supporting The Orchid Society of WA. in many different ways over the years and look forward to a rewarding and productive time as patron.

Trevor Burnett.

## **The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)**

### **Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth on Friday 23 March 2012**

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

**Apologies:** As per the register

**Minutes:** Moved V Seaman, seconded E Burgess that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. **Carried**

#### **Business arising:**

- AOC Conference – discussed under Reports
- Open Day at the Davis' residence – thoroughly enjoyable, raised \$121 for OSWA
- Next Home Open – Trevor & Barbara Burnett – Sunday 5 August 2012

**Confirmation:** Moved M Brechin, seconded M Donald that the Business Arising has been resolved. **Carried**

#### **Correspondence Inward:**

- Mavis Watkinson (WAROO meeting Minutes)
- Garden Clubs of Australia re new insurance (from LTM Risk Partners, Leederville)
- Neutrog, advising that hardcopies of newsletters will no longer be sent but Pooh Bah Club members can receive e-newsletters free.
- Margaret River Orchid Society, advising club info for 2012
- Merril Brechin and Dana Mitchell, thank you card.
- Garden Clubs advising new insurance rates (61-90 members = \$150, saving 71.4% over previous arrangement) and that our account will be direct debited on 30 April.
- Dept of Commerce associations info newsletter
- George Tsambourakis, asking if OSWA would like to join his new orchids portal [www.orchids-world.com](http://www.orchids-world.com)

#### **Correspondence Outward:**

- Thank you card to I Paton
- Garden Clubs of Australia (info re OSWA affiliation with GCA and insurance)
- Merle Arrah, informing that OSWA is happy to assist OSNSW for Conference

#### **Business Arising:** Nil

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

**Financial Statement:** Ian Duncan presented the Financial Statement .

**Confirmation:** Moved M Davis, seconded P Stacy that the Financial Statement be received. **Carried**

**New members:** Nil

**Reports:****• WAROO + AOC Conference Planning** (Ian Duncan)

1. Conference arrangements to date were outlined
2. Volunteers from OSWA will be needed to help out at the conference
3. A meeting at Burswood is needed prior to conference to discuss plant arrangements
4. Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September – clearing of conference displays, sales areas etc
5. John Pearson to speak at a meeting for volunteers for potting demonstrations – see notes in April Bulletin
6. WAROO AGM: President John Pearson, Secretary sue Pearson, AOC Delegate Stephanie Clarke.

**7. General Business;**

- Ryan Craig and Val Yates received their “New Member” letter/voucher for Ezi-Gro Orchids.
- Trevor Burnett kindly volunteered to write Paph. notes for the Bulletin
- It was noted that we need someone to write Cattleya notes for the Bulletin
- K Baylis welcomed Trevor Burnett as our new patron and apologized for the mix- up concerning the position of patron at the AGM (see March bulletin)
- Coffee morning: at Galleria 10:30 am (see Bulletin for details)
- M Brechin brought in an interesting write up of the 1991 AOC Conference from *WA Gardener*, August 1991 issue
- Shane Brown of Northam has contacted the society requesting information about Beryl Beasley, whom he thought was a member of OSWA

**Popular vote: Open:** Oncidium unknown, owner Rosemary McGrath

**Novice/Junior:** *Encyclia radiata*, owner M Brechin

**Raffle:** C37 Edna Burgess, C89 Edna Burgess (!)

**Door Prize:** Howard Tan

**Evening's Programme:** Breeding Novelty Orchids (Kevin Butler)

**Meeting closed at 9:30 pm**