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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 14th December 2012,
Commencing at **8.00 pm**

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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:
XMAS SOCIAL & TROPHY PRESENTATION**

JANUARY MEETING DATES:

Judging Panel	No Meeting
OSWA Committee	7.30 pm Friday 7th
General Meeting	6.30 pm Friday 25 th

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Birthdays:

December: 6th – Val Seaman **January: 21st** – Faye & Hector Patfield (Anniversary) **31st** – John Carless. Best wishes to anyone else celebrating Birthdays or Anniversaries. To any member on the sick list, may you soon be well

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

General News:

- **Name Badges:** If you haven't a name badge, please see Ian and let him know. When at our shows or displays we would like name badges to be worn, so it is easy to see that you are not one of the public helping themselves to orchids. Not all of our members are familiar with each other, so it is made easier if you are wearing a badge.
- **Please Note:** Our Christmas Meeting will be held on the **2nd Friday of December (14th December)**. Presentation of trophies and a social meeting so bring a plate of finger food to share. This year we are asking if you can bring something to go into a hamper. This will be a free raffle for the members who are in attendance. Our December Meeting is a social and trophy presentation night, so come along and enjoy the evening.
- **January 2013 General Meeting:** will be held at Jim & Kaye Baylis' home 18 Wheyland St (cnr Caple St) Willagee on Friday 25th January 2013 at 6.30pm for a BBQ. Please BYO meat, chair, drinks & a salad or sweet to share. A raffle will be held and if you have a troublesome plant that you like to have looked at, bring it along. There will not be any judging of plants as there is not a lot of room to display them for judging. Phone No. 9337 6210. We will be conducting a raffle, so if you can, bring something along it will be extra to the plants that we have at the meeting each month. This meeting last year was a great success as we discussed orchids and had plenty of time to socialize as well. Come along and enjoy yourselves.
- **Hothouse available:** Jenny Cuff has a hothouse (in good condition) for sale. If interested, contact Fred Herbert (ph. 9457 2670).
- **Enjoy the Christmas break. We wish a very Merry Christmas to all our members, and prosperous orchid growing for 2013.**
- **Election of office bearers at the AGM (February 2013):** Please consider nominating for committee or some other role to help OSWA next year. Nomination forms need to be submitted at or before the January General Meeting. Here are some nomination forms, but if you don't want to cut up your Bulletin, Murray will have more forms at the December and January meetings.

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

Class 1C (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Blc. Bingham Vick x Ctna Why Not
Class 2C (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Cym. Australian Midnight
Class 4A ((2)	1. Sharon Lyster	<i>Den. chrysotoxum</i>
	2. Jack & Betty Rensen	<i>Den. parishii</i>
Class 4C (2)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Den. Sadin White x <i>Den. bigibbum alba</i>
	2. Jack & Betty Rensen	Den. Jacqueline Concert
Class 6A (2)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Onc. stramineum</i>
	2. Ian Duncan	<i>Psy. papillio</i> var. <i>alba</i>
Class 6E (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Psy. Butterfly
Class 7A (2)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Aerangis elephantinum</i>
	2. Sharon Lyster	<i>Ascocentrum ampullaceum</i>
Class 7B (3)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	V. Mimi Palmer
	2. Jack & Betty Rensen	V. Gordon Dillon x Ascda. Yip Sum Wah
	3. Jack & Betty Rensen	Ascda. Mem. Sally Vilders x Ascda. Seang Udom
Class 10B(1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Bulb. sinapsis</i>
Class 11A(1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Phrag. Vampire Slayer
Class 11B(1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Ctsm. Penang Red

Novice Class:

Class 19C(2)	1. Ann & Malcolm Davis	Phal. Hsinying Ventura 'M' x Dtps. Leopard Prince
	2. Ann & Malcolm Davis	Phal. Unknown
Class 20A(1)	1. Meg Donald	<i>Onc. robustissimum</i>
Class 27A(1)	1. Meg Donald	Phal. Peoker x Lu-Ulia Lip

SCHOKMAN TROPHY POINTS:

Blc. Bingham Vick x Ctna. Why Not (72 pts) – Ian Duncan

JAMES GRANTHAM MEMORIAL TROPHY POINTS

Phrag. Vampire Slayer (73 pts) – Maxine Godbeer

POPULAR VOTE: Open: Ctsm. Penang Red – Jack & Betty Rensen

Novice: Phal. Montclair Valentine – Ann & Malcolm Davis

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (DECEMBER 2012 /JANUARY2013) by Roy Brown

Most of the dividing and repotting of our Cymbidiums should be completed by now because once we reach the middle of November the weather pattern will have changed from warm spring days to hot, dry days with easterly winds. These conditions, of course, are not suited to dividing up and repotting our plants. Any pots that were not attended to, will be better left until next autumn.

This is, of course, the start of summer culture which means added fertilizing, once a week or each fortnight, as you prefer. If you are not too certain of just how much fertilizer to apply, then always err on the lighter side. It is far better to give the plants two applications of half strength fertilizer, than one dose that is too strong.

During December the sun's rays are increasing and shining more directly overhead each day, and if it should shine directly through a break in the overhead shade cloth, the plants beneath could suffer with badly sunburnt leaves. This will, of course, affect the efficiency of the plant in producing the necessary plant sugars. Once a plants leaves have been sunburnt, they do not repair themselves and the scar will stay until the leaf eventually dies

With the extra dampness and humidity we create during the summer, watch out for slugs and other slimy pests. These can be eradicated by using Baysol pellets.

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (DECEMBER 2012/ JANUARY 2013) from notes of the late Henry Eaton

November was cool and wet, quite unexpectedly. We should therefore be even more awake to the onset of real hot summer weather in the next few weeks. With Cattleyas, remember they like to dry out after being well watered, before they receive their next drink. The important fact to remember is that you adjust the frequency of watering to suit the density of the mix you use, and growing good roots that can breathe freely will ensure that the green parts of the plants above ground will develop very successfully. One might have to increase the shading if temperatures soar too high (over 35C or so). Also a misting system beneath the benches will help, as well as fans blowing cool air over the plants. Keep the ground beneath the benches damp to increase humidity. Fertilise regularly to attain maximum growth, but perhaps go lightly once temperatures hit 35C or more.

Begin to look out now for the appearance of flowering sheaths on some of the maturing growths. If any are seen, try and position the plant so that water will not be retained in the axil of the leaf and any flowering sheath. Also make sure that you straighten out the bulbs so that they remain erect and will display the flowers as well as possible

PAPHIOPEDILUM CULTURAL NOTES (DECEMBER 2012/JANUARY 2013) by Trevor Burnett

We will certainly get some hot weather which may be extended over several days, so we need to monitor the conditions and adjust our watering programme accordingly.

Ensure the plants have sufficient shade to prevent any burning, as a setback at this stage will definitely affect our flowering season. If you have a mix of a variety of pot sizes, you will need to ensure that the smaller pots do not dry out completely before watering.

Paphiopedilum development should still be fully in progress with the new growths now coming to maturity, ready for the flowering season ahead.

Checklist for this month

- Keep good air movement
- If in a glasshouse, misting will assist with maintaining humidity
- Weekly fertilizing can continue
- Do not crowd your plants

- Check for pests and treat if necessary
- Keep area clean of dying leaves or material
- Increase watering to 3 times a week, or more often if plants have dried out
- Check all plants to see if there are any signs of stress
- Water in the early morning before the sun is too high

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)

**Minutes of the General Meeting to be held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth,
on 23 November 2012**

Welcome: The President Mrs Kaye Baylis opened the meeting at 8.12 pm welcoming visitors & members

Apologies: As per Register

Minutes: Moved M Davis seconded R McGrath that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. **Carried.**

Business arising:

- The Floraplant tour (17 November) was excellent and another is planned (24 November). We will present a certificate of appreciation to Eddy and Richard Dekkers.
- K Baylis will attend next WAROO meeting.

Confirmation: Moved M Davis, seconded B Rensen that the Business Arising has been resolved.

Correspondence:

- From Jim Shaughnessy (AOC President) advising of plans for AOC to use more internet communication and requesting contact details.
- From Sue Pearson (WAROO) requesting transfer of 1991 Conference funds to WAROO account.
- Garden Clubs of Australia (annual report)
- Phone call from Margaret Newton (Sunset Coast Garden Group, 9306 9535) requesting a speaker for 21 Feb 2013 (a Thursday).
- From Simona Landkroon, requesting donation (under our present Show arrangement) of one living arrangement to be displayed in the Wilkinson Gallery during the Royal Show
- From AOC (via Sue Pearson/WAROO) advice about election of President and Vice Presidents.
- Responses to email enquiries from members of the public about where to obtain orchids.
- Received: Society Bulletins and junk mail.

Business arising:

- Re Simona Landkroon, K Baylis to do an arrangement for the Wilkinson Gallery at the Royal Show in 2013.
- Re Sue Pearson letter, I Duncan discussed the confusion surrounding the circumstances of transfer of AOC Conference Funds from OSWA to NDOS.

Confirmation: Moved V Seaman seconded R McGrath, that Correspondence be endorsed. **Carried.**

Financial Statement: Ian Duncan presented the Financial Statement. Approval was given for payment of costs of engraving trophies.

Confirmation: Moved J Brabin seconded M Brechin, that the Financial Statement and Accounts for Payment endorsed. **Carried.**

New Members (confirmed at Committee): Rosalie McCallum Janet Kramer, Graeme Long, Vincenzina (Nancy) Princiotto

Reports:

- **Judging:** Roy Brown had resigned from the position of Chairman of the Judging Panel, and was thanked for serving in that role for 25 years. Trevor Burnett was congratulated on taking up the Chairman role.

General Business:

- Nominations were called for OSWA committee and office bearer positions (including President) (for AGM in February, nominations must be received by January meeting).

- Arrangements for the Christmas dinner were outlined.
- M Brechin received prizes from Spring Show.
- Monthly coffee sessions/luncheons to continue in 2013 every 2 months. Next one is Monday 4 February 2013 at the Burnett residence.
- M Donald noted that more information is needed during plant descriptions (eg more detailed info about fertilisers). More info would be very helpful for new members.

Popular Vote:

Open: Catasetum Penang Red, owners J & B Rensen. This plant is fertilised at every watering with calcium nitrate (1 teaspoon/40 litres) and Polyfeed (10 teaspoons/40 litres). It is planted in a mix of perlite and blue metal and is grown in a hothouse, and is watered all year round. (This watering regime is unusual--the conventional wisdom is that catasetums require a dry period when they lose their leaves.) This orchid has unusual flowers, which last for 4-5 days.

Novice: Phalaenopsis Montclair Valentine, owners M & A Davis. Malcolm cycles through Charlie Carp, Go Go Juice, Powerfeed, and about six other fertilisers for this orchid. The plant receives fertiliser at every watering, as foliar feeding.

Raffle: J Smith, Kaitlin (c/- T Burnett)

Door Prize: K Baylis

Evening's Program:

- **Maxine Godbeer** gave an interesting presentation about growing orchids on mounts, and showed a great variety of plants from her own collection that are growing very successfully on mounts.

Meeting closed at 9:48 pm

Little more than a year to go!



**Check the calendar and register to come to the
7th Australasian Native Orchid Society
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