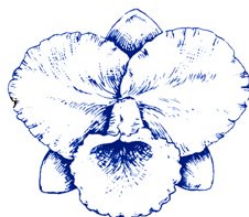


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NEXT MEETING of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held at No.18 Wheyland St. Willagee, on Friday 27th January 2012, commencing at 7:00 pm

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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:
SOCIAL BBQ AT J & K BAYLIS' HOME**

FEBRUARY MEETING DATES:

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

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Birthdays – January: 21st – Faye & Hector Patfield (Anniversary) **26th** – Francesca Lombardi
31st – John Carless

February: 6th – Maxine Perry **7th** – Jim Baylis **11th** – Nancie Jones, Lenny Munnings **20th** – Lois McFarlane **25th** – Betty Rensen

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

New Members: Mrs. Valerie Yates, Mrs. Lutetia Daniel, Mrs. Greer Dunsford

Welcome to the Society, we hope you enjoy a long & happy membership.

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

General News

- **Membership Fees:** Membership fees for 2012 are now due. These can be paid in person at a meeting or you can send a cheque payable to the Orchid Society of WA, to I. Duncan, 5 Salen Ct., Ardross, 6153. A single membership is \$21.00, a double membership is \$26.00.
- **PLEASE NOTE: The January General Meeting on Friday 27th January 2012 - DON'T FORGET THE CHANGE OF VENUE FOR THIS MEETING ONLY!!!** Collins Street Hall in South Perth (our usual meeting hall) is having the floor resurfaced, so we are having a social BBQ get together – to be held at Kaye & Jim Baylis' home, 18 Wheyland St. Willagee (cnr of Caple St). The BBQ is at 7 pm, BYO meat, drinks, chair & a salad or sweet to share. There will be tea and coffee for those who would like a cuppa.

If you have an unusual plant or one that you wish us to see, bring it along so we can have a discussion about it. There will be no judging of plants but there will still be a raffle held.

Please enter through the side gate which is in Wheyland Street, parking can be in Caple Street which is not quite as busy as Wheyland Street. Wheyland Street runs off Leach Hwy, opposite Melville Mitsubishi car yard. Heading towards Fremantle on Leach Hwy, it is the 2nd street on the left after the North Lake Road traffic lights (Bunnings on the corner at traffic lights). Hope you can come and have an interesting night. Jim & Kaye.

- **The AGM is coming soon and we need nominations for committee etc.** OSWA's AGM will be held on Friday 24th February 2012 and will include election of office bearers. Nominations for members to join the committee or for other positions are welcome. If you have not served on the OSWA committee before, please think about being nominated this time. Being involved in the committee is a good way to get to know OSWA and its members better, and OSWA will benefit from the new ideas that new committee members will bring. We also urgently require someone with a flair for writing, to be our correspondent for Orchids Australia (to write summaries about our shows etc. for the magazine). Anyone wanting more information about what is required of a committee member (and it is not an onerous task) may wish to ask one of the current committee members at Kaye and Jim's place on Friday 27th January.
- **OrchidWiz:** The producers of OrchidWiz software have kindly donated a copy of **OrchidWiz Express 2012** for the club to auction to members. OrchidWiz Express is a version of OrchidWiz software that focuses on the beginner to intermediate hobby grower. It retails for US\$95, and includes 4000 images, a complete hybrid database, information on 30,000+ species, basic cultivation information, and the ability to keep track of your orchids in an Orchid Journal. The software will be demonstrated at a general meeting prior to our next auction. Further info can be obtained from www.orchidwiz.com
- **AOC Conference and Show, 11-16 September 2012:** Early Bird registration \$180 for Registrant, \$120 for accompanying Registrant (partner) closes on 31st January. After that date, Registration will cost \$50 more per person

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

Class 1A (5)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>L. purpurata</i> 'Telfa'
	2. Gillian Marsh	<i>Brassavola perrenii</i>
	3. John & Dorothy Walton	<i>Brassavola digbyana</i>
Class 1F (3)	1. John & Dorothy Walton	<i>C. loddegesii x aclandiae</i> 'Dark'
	2. Maxine Godbeer	L. Pulcherrima
	3. Murray & Arni Baker	Enc. Tropical Bees x self
Class 3A (1)	1. Phil Taylor	<i>Paph. moquettianum</i>
Class 3B (1)	1. Phil Taylor	<i>Paph. primulinum</i> var. <i>purpurescens</i> x <i>delenatii</i>
Class 3C (1)	1. Gillian Marsh	Paph. Red Fusion 'Spotted Leopard' x Paph. Macabre 'Merlene'
Class 4A (2)	1. Peter & Shirley Masters	<i>Den. lindleyi</i>
	2. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Den. hercoglossum</i>
Class 4C (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Den. Unknown
Class 6A (1)	1. Phil Taylor	Onc. Sphacelatum
Class 6C (1)	1. Peter & Shirley Masters	Tolumnia Capalaba Sunrise
Class 6E (1)	1. Phil Taylor	Brs. Eternal Wind 'Summers Dream'
	2. Phil Taylor	Onc. Ismathianum x Splinter
	3. Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan	Psychp. Kalihi
Class 7A (3)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Angcm. magdalenae</i>
	2. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Asctm. miniatum</i>
	3. Murray & Arni Baker	<i>V. tessellata</i>
Class 7B (2)	1. N/A	
	2. Phil Taylor	V. Charles Goodfellow x Asco. Khobfah
	3. Peter & Shirley Masters	Vasco. Blue Fairy
Class 8A (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Cym. madidum</i>
Class 10B (2)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Pescatorea cerina</i>
	2. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Pescatorea lehmannii</i>
Class 11A (2)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Phrag. Grande 'Chinaman'
	2. Maxine Godbeer	Phrag. Mem. Dick Clements
Class 11B (2)	1. Gillian Marsh	Masd. Machu Picchu 'Jay Vee'
	2. Murray & Arni Baker	<i>Lyc. aromatica x deppei</i>
Class 12A (12)	1. Phil Taylor	Onc. Gold Dust
	2. Phil Taylor	<i>Lyc. aromatic x Lyc. deppei</i>
Class 13A (1)	1. Phil Taylor	Paph. (Peter Black x Mem. Arthur Falk) x Paph. Asteroid 'Jamboree'
Novice Class:		
Class 15B (1)	1. Ann & Malcolm Davis	C. Unknown
Class 15F (1)	1. Merylyn Brechin	Lc. Dellensis 'Violet Eloquere' x <i>L. purpurata</i> 'Sutusteriana
Class 20A (1)	1. Ann & Malcolm Davis	<i>Onc. sphacelatum</i>

Schokman Trophy Points: Lc. Dellensis 'Violet Eloquere' x *L. purpurata* var. *sutusteriana* (72 pts) – owner Merrilyn Brechin

Jim Grantham Memorial Trophy points: Phrag. Grande 'Chinaman' (74 pts) – Maxine Godbeer

Richard Nichols Trophy points: *Lyc. aromatica* c *Lyc. deppei* (68 pts) – Murray & Arni Baker

POPULAR VOTE: Open: Masd. Machu Picchu 'Jay Vee' – Gillian Marsh

Novice: Lc. Dellensis 'Violet Eloquere' x *L. purpurata* var. *sutusteriana* – Merrilyn Brechin

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2012) by Roy Brown

Possibly the biggest problem we have here in Western Australia when growing cymbidiums, is the very hot and dry summer climate. We are subjected to long periods of above century heat, and this, coupled with the hot drying effect of the easterly winds, does not help in the culture of Cymbidiums. However, over the years, we have learnt how to combat these adverse conditions, and we can grow and flower our Cymbidiums very well.

To combat this lack of summer humidity, we have to make use of our sprinkler systems and keep the shade house as cool and damp as possible. Watering the plants should be carried out twice a day from now on, first thing in the morning and again at night, making the evening watering the heaviest one. Use a fine mist spray and thoroughly saturate the pots and surrounding area.

Another way to help humidity is to spread a thick layer of sawdust on the ground under and around the plant benches. This helps to hold moisture and keep everything nice and damp.

Now that we are watering our plants more frequently, it is as well to check the pots every so often to make sure there are no drainage problems. The excess water must pass freely through the pots. If the water is not draining freely, then knock the plants out of the container and repot into fresh potting mix. Normally we do not repot at this time of the year, but if at any time the mixture in the pot is suspect, then never take risks with it otherwise rotting could develop.

Culture for the month will be as for summer conditions, which simply means water, regular fertilizing, and keeping a close watch to see the plants don't burn during the heat waves.

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON TO ALL CYMBIDIUM GROWERS.

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2012) by John Walton

Summer is now nearly on us so there are several items that we must attend to. Watering, probably the most important and depending on circumstances, is one that could do as much damage as good. A lot depends on your mix, large nuggets (pine bark) allows a free flow and watering daily should not create any problems. Most of us have a large mix of orchids, and therefore have different sizes in our pots, so you have to be careful of how you water as too much in a fine nugget mix could over wet the roots with dire results. I have a good friend, who has been in orchids for years, and every day he lifts each pot to test the weight, heavy means the mix is wet, but I am not saying we should all follow suit.

Heat – this might depend a lot on the type of unit you house your orchids in. I have two and both are under glass and with this type of weather 30C outside means it often reaches 40C inside. To combat this, I have fans in both greenhouses and misting systems to try and keep the temperature no higher than 34C. It is important to have a good airflow and if possible to utilize any wind coming your way. Damping down can also help and helps to create humidity as well.

New growth – by now most mature Cattleyas should be showing new growth and now is the time to help this new growth grow upwards instead of sideways. I use spatulas painted (to stop rotting) placed in front of the new growth, and as it grows and reaches the wood, it starts growing upwards. Anything you can do now will make presenting your orchid at our shows much easier. As the growth matures, do not let water settle inside where the flower will appear as this causes it to rot.

Pests – our dreaded pests also like the hot weather so watch out for slugs, snails and mealy bugs who all like to sunbathe under what remains of the plant they have just eaten. Take care and happy orchids.

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)

Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth, on Friday 25 November 2011

Welcome: The President opened the meeting at 8.08pm and welcomed those present..

Attendance & Apologies: as per register

Minutes: Moved M. Perry, seconded M Brechin that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. **Carried.**

Business arising:

Correspondence Inward:

- Barbara Jakuszewski asking if anyone has Stanhopeas for sale (replied by email)
- Maureen Bright requesting re-potting info (replied by email)
- City of South Perth (Leonie Moss) wishing Rosemary a happy Christmas & with info about the holiday shutdown period for bookings & re-flooring during January
- OrchidWiz: donation of OrchidWiz Express 2012 software for our next auction.
- Directory of Associations requesting Society contact details etc.

Correspondence Outward: Nil

Business arising: Nil

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

Financial Statement: I. Duncan presented the Financial Statement

New Members: Mrs Greer Dunsford (accepted), Jeanette Houldsworth (application received)

Report: Christmas Dinner: K. Baylis reported that the Christmas dinner was enjoyed by all who attended; good food, great company, and everyone who attended received a gift, but a number of members were unable to attend for various reasons. It is hoped that more can attend next year.

General Business:

- January General Meeting will be a BBQ at Jim & Kaye Baylis' place from 7:00 pm. BYO meat, drinks, salad or dessert and chairs. No plant competition, no cover charge
- February meeting is the AGM. Members are asked to please consider nominating for committee or higher office.
- Samples of Riversafe Eco Wetta Magic & Riversafe Potting Magic were given out to members. These products are respectively a soil wetting agent & a potting mix improver, and J. Brabin advised that they are available from some specialist nurseries (but not Bunnings)
- K. Butler was thanked for providing extra plants for the raffle.
- **Special Recognition Badges** were presented to R. McIntosh, M. Godbeer and D. Walton
- **Certificates of Appreciation** were presented to J. Brabin, M. Perry, M. Brown and M. Baker

Popular vote: Open – Masd. Machu Picchu 'Jay Vee' AD/OSCOV, owner G. Marsh

Novice – Lc. Dellensis 'Violet Eloquere' x *L. purpurata* var. *sutusteriana*, owner M. Brechin

Raffle: R. Brown, M. Baker, D. Mitchell, J. Keogh, T. Seaman, J. Baylis, P. Taylor

Door Prize: M. Brown

Evening's programme: Presentation Night + Christmas plate sharing.

- **Lester Schokman Memorial Trophy** (Cattleya - most points): M Godbeer (L. Pulcherrima - 74 points)
- **Harold Hill Memorial Trophy** (Best Phalaenopsis - Spring Show): J & B Rensen
- **Cypripedium Championship Perpetual Trophy** (Paphiopedilum - Winter Show): F Herbert
- **Vera Kennedy Perpetual Trophy** (Novice - Aggregate Points): M & A Davis
- **Vicki Browne Perpetual Trophy** (Champion Terrestrial Species or Hybrid - Spring Show): G Marsh
- **Cymbidium Championship Perpetual Trophy** (Champion Cymbidium - Spring Show): P Taylor
- **J & C Sullivan Trophy** (Best Specimen Plant Australian Native Hybrid or Species – Spring Show): G Marsh
- **George Marshall Trophy** (Open - Aggregate Points): J & B Rensen
- **W & L Janney Perpetual Trophy** (Best pure colour cymbidium - Spring Show) P Taylor
- **Richard Nichols Memorial Trophy** (Best Lycaste of the year): no award.
- **Jim Grantham Memorial Trophy** (Best Phragmipedium of the Year): M Godbeer
- **C & L Friar Perpetual Trophy** (Best Australian Native Hybrid Seedling - Spring Show): no award.
- **K & D Rex Trophy** (Highest Aggregate Points, Novice Section - Spring Show): M Brechin
- **Judges' Choice Certificate** - Best at General Meetings for year: M Godbeer (Phrag. caudatum, 76 points)
- **AOC Most Pre Eminent Entry – Autumn Show:** J & D Walton (Bulb. Longissimum x Run Esveerapan)
- **AOC Most Pre Eminent Entry – Winter Show:** F Herbert (Paph. Angel's Hair)
- **AOC Most Pre-Eminent Entry – Spring Show:** P Taylor (Angraceum veitchii)
- **Junior – Most Points Certificate:** D Mitchell

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

THE ORCHID SOCIETY OF WA (Inc) AGM

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth, on 25th February 2011

The President, Mrs Kaye Baylis, declared the meeting open at 8.40 pm, welcoming members & visitors present.

Business arising from the Minutes: Nil

Financial Statement: Not available

President's Report: The President noted with sadness the passing of a few of our long-standing members during the year; expressed the Society's best wishes to our patron, Ken Rex, after his recent stroke; thanked the many members who have helped out during the year; thanked the members for electing her as President; and expressed her pleasure and pride at having been the Society's President.

Election of Office Bearers

Trevor Burnett was appointed as Returning Officer. Ensuing elections resulted in the following appointments:

Acting Patron: Mr Roy Brown. Nominated by J. Walton, seconded I Duncan; elected
President: Mrs Kaye Baylis. Nominated by R. McGrath, seconded L. Dodd; elected
Vice-Presidents: Mr John Walton. Nominated by R. McGrath, seconded I Duncan; elected
 Mrs Lorna Dodd (continuing for 2nd year of two-year term)
Secretary: Mr Murray Baker. Nominated by K. Baylis, seconded I Duncan; elected
Treasurer: Mr Ian Duncan. Nominated by J. Brabin, seconded J. Walton; elected

Immediate Past President: John Walton

Committee: the following nominations for a 2 year term:

Mrs Maxine Perry. Nominated by I Duncan, seconded J. Brabin; elected
 Mr Fred Herbert. Nominated by M. Baker, seconded H. Eaton; elected
 Mr Jim Baylis. Nominated by R. McGrath, seconded L. Dodd; elected
 Mrs Rosemary McGrath. Nominated by K. Baylis, seconded J. Walton; elected
 Mrs Nancie Jones. Nominated by K. Baylis, seconded J. Walton; elected

Continuing (1 more year to complete term in office)

Mr Roy Brown
 Mr Henry Eaton
 Mrs Judith Brabin

OSWA Registrar: Mrs Maxine Godbeer	Show Marshall: Kaye Baylis
Opportunity Table: Mrs Rosemary McGrath	Show Secretary: Rosemary McGrath
Librarian: Mrs Rosemary McGrath	Show Sales: Rosemary McGrath
Bulletin Editor: Mrs Maxine Godbeer	

Orchids Australia:

Show committee:

Auditors: 1. Mr David Gardiner. Nominated by L. Dodd; elected
 2. Meg Brown

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.00 pm.

AOC Conference Bulletin #6

Here we are again with more great news from the 9th AOC Conference & Show to be held in Perth, 11-16th September 2012.

Earlybird Registration deadline is almost here. 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 address details. We now have credit card facilities for your ease of payment.

The details are now available on line at: <http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/Registration.pdf>

A number of conference committee members attended the WOC in Singapore in November where the WA team, with the assistance of 50 growers from around the country, staged an AOC display with some 500 orchid stems provided by those growers for the display which, although not winning a prize, was well received by the spectators. Four of those orchids earned Bronze Medals. The 50,000 koalas were a huge hit with the public and were to be seen all over Singapore by the end of the WOC. Our bid to win the 2017 WOC for Perth was unsuccessful, but was well received and we have been urged to bid for the 2020 WOC. 2017 WOC goes to Guayagil in Ecuador, so good luck to them. The 2014 WOC will be in Johannesburg, south Africa. A BIG thank you to all those who assisted with the AOC/19th AOC Conference display.

Momentum continues to build with a confirmed Speaker List of 23 world class orchid specialists, 16 of whom are from overseas. The latest inclusion to our quite remarkable line-up is Jim Cootes of NSW who will lecture on Philippines Orchid Species. Jim

wrote the book on this subject and is a world authority on species orchids of the Philippines. Plus we can also announce the inclusion of the dynamic duo from California, Mary Gerritson and Ron Parsons (who is no stranger to those of you who have attended the two WAOS Conferences in the past). Ron is an old favourite who always has something new and sparkling to present, this time it is "Miniature Orchid Species". Mary Gerritson will present her talk on "Hunting for Orchids in Borneo", about which we have heard rave reviews.

The video of packing cut flowers has been produced and is now available on the website at:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kC4fntKWOxs>

The 19th AOC Conference tours are now finalized and can be seen on the website at.....

http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/Conference_Tours.pdf

The One Day Orchid tour will cost \$70 including a packed lunch and be led by a noted expert on Western Australia's unique , and visit various orchid areas around Perth and the surrounding hills. Seats are going fast so be quick.

The Post Conference Five Day Orchid Tour of the south west of Western Australia from the 17th to the 21st September, will cost \$880, including twin share accommodation, all meals, a seat on the bus and the expertise of Andrew Brown and his team. As hotel rooms are scares in the south west, anyone wanting a room of their own will be required to pay double.

Swan Valley Tours, both Full Day and Half Day are planned, plus our Home Visit & Nursery Tour. Conference Registrants will be given first preference on all tours.

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 (email), the Secretary (email), or the Webmaster (email).

Tony Watkinson

Some highlights from recent OSWA meetings





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