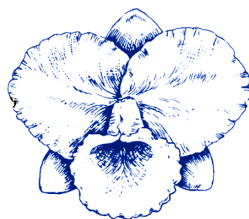


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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:
BREEDING NOVELTY ORCHIDS - KEVIN**

MARCH MEETING DATES:

Judging Panel 8.00 pm Monday 5th
OSWA Committee 7.30 pm Friday 2nd
General Meeting 8.00 pm Friday 23rd

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Birthdays: March 9th – Bob Jones 11th – Merrilyn Brechin 14th – Maree McDonald 19th – Jack Rensen & John Walton 24th – Raye McIntosh 25th – Lorna Dodd 26th – Kaye Baylis & Peggy Stacy 31st – Kon Doornbusch

April: 7th – Rosemary McGrath 10th – Bernadette Campbell 12th – Karen Carless 13th – Hector Patfield 17th – Mike Burgess 21st – Anne O’Callaghan 24th – Rod Pohl 29th – Ian Duncan

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

New Members: Jeanette Houldsworth, Ian & Chris Paton, Ryan Craig

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.
- **The Opportunity (sales) Table:** If you want to make space in your shade house, you don’t need to wait for an auction to sell your excess plants. Consider bringing in plants to a meeting to sell on the Opportunity Table, especially if they are in flower. We have quite a few new members at the moment who may be looking for new plants to expand their collections. Plants will be sold on commission (10% to OSWA).
- **Annual Shed Clean-up:** Tentative date for this is 29th April. There is generally a clean-up of the shed followed by a sausage sizzle. Confirmation of date and details in the next Bulletin

AGM: Election of Patron.

I must apologise to Trevor, Roy and the members of OSWA for my error with the election of Patron. I contravened the constitution – Clause 11, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, Nomination & Election of Office Bearers.

Trevor had sent his nomination in on the correct form and by the correct procedure. I did not realise that if a nomination is received for a position, then it is filled by that person who has filed the nomination form with the Secretary. No other nominations are called for.

The Returning Officer can call for nominations from the floor only if there are no nominations received or if there are not enough nominations received to fill the required number of positions. For example, if there are four Committee members required but only three nominations received, then he can request if there are any nominations from the floor.

I congratulate Trevor on his appointment as our Patron and thank him for his nomination. Having known Trevor for many, many years I know that our society has gained a very supportive, knowledgeable and loyal Patron.

My apologies to everyone for a very honest mistake on my part.

Kaye Baylis

President OSWA

RESULTS OF MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (FEBRUARY 2012)**Open:**

Class 1C (2)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Blc. Yen Corona 'Green'
	2. Gillian Marsh	Lc. Mini Purple 'Anon'
Class 3B (2)	1. Howard Tan	Paph. Envy Green
	2. Phil Taylor	<i>Paph. primulinum</i> 'Steve' x <i>Paph. philippinense</i> 'Doll'
Class 3C (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Paph. Macabee x Paph. Ruby Leopard 'Kuontang'
Class 3D (2)	1. Howard Tan	Paph. It's Doll 'HT'
	2. Howard Tan	Paph. David Hadinata
Class 5A (3)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Phal. tetraspis alba</i>
	2. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Phal. cornu-cervi</i> forma <i>flava</i>
	3. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Phal. borneensis</i>
Class 7B (1)	1. Gillian Marsh	Angcm. Longiscott 'Hihimanu'
Class10B(2)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Barbosella australis</i>
	2. Edna Burgess	<i>Dendrobium cobbianum</i>
Class11b(1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Promenea Florafest 'Cheetah' x Prom.Norman Gault

Novice:

Class 15B(1)	1. Merrilyn Brechin	C. Gladys Oumae 'Roy'
Class 18C (1)	1. N/A	
	2. Valerie Cooper	Den. Unknown
Class 21A(1)	(Display) Ryan Craig	<i>Microcoelia exilis</i>

Junior:

Class 14	1. Dana Mitchell	<i>C. bowringiana</i>
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Schokman Trophy points – Blc. Yen Corona 'Green' (70 pts) – Jack & Betty Rensen

Popular Vote: Open – Paph. It's Doll 'HT' – Howard Tan

Novice – Den. Unknown – Valerie cooper

CYMBIDIUM CULTURE NOTES (MARCH/APRIL 2012) by Roy Brown

Although officially it is now autumn, March can be a very hot month. We still have plenty of hot weather ahead of us, however by the end of the month and during April, the temperature will be noticeably cooler. This will allow a more humid atmosphere during the night which the plants will thrive on. Once again I must stress the importance of adequate watering.

The early flowering varieties of Cymbidium are now producing their flower spikes, which is another reason the plants must not suffer a set-back through dry compost. With the advent of flower spikes, be very careful when handling the pots, these young flower spikes are easily broken off if accidentally knocked.

Keep up with the regular fertilizing programme, and if you like, a little extra Potash can be added. This will give the young spikes an added boost.

It might be a good idea during the next month, to spray with one of the insecticide sprays if you are troubled with red spider mite, scale and other such pests. However be very careful using systemic sprays, always protect yourself from the spray.

Have a good general clean-up in and around your shade house to keep the area well weeded and free from any dead vegetation. Sprinkle a few Baysol pellets around, this will help to keep the snails and slugs at bay.

CATTLEYA CULTURE NOTES (MARCH/APRIL 2012) by Henry Eaton

Although March is technically the first month of Autumn, we can still expect days when the temperature goes quite high and there is little, if any, rain around to increase the humidity. The light may be decreasing slightly but the heat still requires that you maintain shading as for the summer months. Watering and fertilizing your plants will still follow a summer pattern, unless there is rain, when you can miss a watering if needed. Cattleyas are plants that revel in a wet/dry cycle where they like to dry out nearly fully before being watered again. You can gauge this by lifting up the pot after watering when it should feel heavy. The pot loses weight when drying out, giving you the signal to re-water.

At this time of the year, due to the cooler nights, check your plants after watering to make sure no water has collected in between the upper leaves. This is essential, as at this time many plants will be producing flowering sheaths and buds, and water retained around them could cause rotting. If water has collected, dry it up with a tissue. While attending to your plants, also stake the pseudo bulb bearing the buds or flower sheaths erect so that when the flowers emerge they will be pointing towards you and not every which way.

If you have a flowering house out of the rain etc. make sure that the plant is pointing in the same direction in which it was grown, as otherwise the buds may open in an unsightly fashion.

NB. As from this month we welcome Trevor Burnett to our Culture Notes Panel. Thank you to Trevor, who will write notes for the culture of Paphiopedilum.....Ed.

PAPHIOPEDIILUM CULTURE NOTES (MARCH/APRIL 2012) by Trevor Burnett

Even though summer has officially finished, the summer pattern is still with us. We may still have some hot days over 35 degrees to come, so we need to be mindful of this and adjust our watering accordingly. At this time of year I water 3 times a week, early in the morning with overhead sprinklers, so the plants are well saturated. This will allow time for the plants to dry out before the sun gets too high and will prevent any possibility of water burns. This will also ensure plants are dry before nightfall.

If excessive heat is forecast over consecutive days, you will need to watch plants in small pots and increase watering as necessary. Watering is highly dependent on the composition of your potting mix and its ability to retain moisture (for beginners, a test pot of just potting mix in the growing area is recommended until you understand the water holding capacity of your mix). You can empty the pot at any stage to see what water is retained.

As the plants are still in active growth, keep a weak fertilizer programme going, on a weekly or fortnightly basis depending on your time restraints, at a ¼ to ½ strength. Ensure that you flush the mix with water between fertilizing.

In the glass house, the use of misting sprays under the benches will be beneficial, by increasing the humidity levels on very hot days. It is equally important that plenty of fresh air, which is essential for the plant's health, is available in the glass house.

At this time of year the paphiopedilum will have some leaves that have died over the summer months and these should be removed in preparation for the forthcoming flowering season, to prevent ant unwanted vermin having an ideal hiding place.

I would repot small plants that are not expected to flower during this period, to ensure they have a nice clean, open mix before going into winter.

19th AOC Conference #8

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As a consequence of significant Early Bird Registrations, which closed at the end of January, the Conference Organising Committee has relocated the lectures from the Botanical Room to the Astral room at the Burswood Entertainment Complex. The Astral room is on the same level as the ballroom in which the show and marketplace will be staged. The Botanical Rooms, which are located one level down from the main ballroom, were deemed to be inappropriate in size & configuration for the Registration numbers already received. Further registrations are expected and this room change will easily accommodate additional participants & ensure a significantly better experience for the lecturers and registrants.

The excellent array of outstanding International & Australian Speakers confirmed to lecture has no doubt contributed to the better than expected registration numbers received so far. The 19th AOC Conference & Show in Perth presents a unique opportunity to hear some of the world's most acknowledged orchid specialists speak on their favourite topics, as well as presenting the opportunity to secure some of the latest hybrid & species orchids from the world's leading growers from Thailand, Taiwan, Singapore, China, USA, & Australia. This is to say nothing of experiencing our national show & conference in the excellent Burswood facility and of course having the opportunity to see Perth and its many wonderful attractions.

The conference Tours have been an outstanding success with Tour No.1, the Native Orchid tour, Tour No.3 the Home Visits & Nursery Tour & the Post Conference Tour of the South West now fully booked, but the Swan Valley tours, both Full Day & Half- Day still have some vacancies. Conference Registrants will be given first preference on all tours.

The Conference Dinner is now also sold out!!!

Bringing orchids to the Conference is something that is seen as a problem for many orchid growers in other States. The Western Australian Agricultural Dept. has come to the party in an effort to clear the air. Hobby growers can now get permits to bring up to 20 orchids into WA without going through the drama of having your orchids treated in your home State. They must, of course, be free of insect pests and diseases and inspected on arrival at the Ag Dept. site in South Perth. They tell me that, if you have a bit more than the 20 orchids, you can apply for a second permit to cover them. The full information is on the conference web page at: http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/Importing_ExportingOrchids.htm which also has the information you will need to take your orchids back to your home State. Please read the information fully & carefully. This information applies to orchids coming from other Australian States & not to orchids from overseas.

Vendors – our vendors list continues to increase with more than 15 vendors from overseas. There will be more orchids & a far wider selection at this event than has ever been seen in Australia. We are working towards obtaining catalogues from our vendors so that you can pre-order your orchids well before the Conference to be sure you will get those dream orchids that you really want. More on this in later Conference Bulletins.

Sponsorship – Perhaps your Society or individual members would also be interested in sponsoring individual classes or a major prize in the Australian Orchid Council Orchid Show? Any sponsorship, large or small, would be appreciated & would also be acknowledged in the Show Schedule & the Registrants handbook. Perhaps, too, you may know of a business that would be interested in sponsoring a major prize or individual classes, the Conference Committee would be pleased to hear from them. We anticipate a good public attendance & with radio, television & newspaper publicity, this would be a golden opportunity for any sponsor to have fantastic exposure with little outlay. In theory it will be 18 years before an AOC Conference returns to Perth, as it is held triennially & on a rotational basis, so as you can see it would be a long time before the opportunity arises again.

Further information regarding all our latest happenings can be accessed on the 19th AOC Conference web site at...

[http://waorchids.iinet.net.au/19th AOC Conference.htm](http://waorchids.iinet.net.au/19th_AOC_Conference.htm)

Tony Watkinson

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)

Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth, on Friday 24 February 2012

Welcome: The President opened the meeting at 8:00 pm & welcomed those present

Apologies: As per register

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

Business arising: None

Confirmation: Moved J. Brabin, seconded M. Donald that the Business Arising has been resolved

Correspondence Inward:

- Bruce Larson (AOC Conference) invoice for OSWA's sales table at the Conference
- Bridget Millar (Mandurah Districts Orchid Club) advising their Office Bearers for 2012
- David Willyams (Alcoa) enquiring about the importance of Native orchids in WA (M. Baker provided info & contact details for ANOS, WANOSCG etc)
- J. O'Hare (OJPWA) : Minutes of Registrars Meeting of 22 October 2011, judging schedules for 2012 & request for show dates
- Scott & Broad advising they are no longer doing the Garden Clubs insurance
- Garden Clubs advising of the new insurance scheme to start 1 May (current Scott & Broad expire on 30 April) – M. Baker to look into this more, download appropriate forms etc.
- Merle Arrah, requesting OSWA assist OSNSW with arrangements for their display at AOC Conference (committee agreed to do so)
- Bernie Arrah on the relative costs of awards in various states, requesting we advise members of issues so opinions can be canvassed for discussion at March WAROO meeting. Committee noted the

correspondence, but agreed it was not appropriate for OSWA to get involved since it was an OJPWA matter.

- Merle Arrah: prize list & show schedule for AOC Conference, request for sponsorship of prizes, advise that individual members wishing to put on displays must advise organisers by 30 April. (other clubs are sponsoring, we will look cheap if we don't also sponsor)
- Fliers for Okinawa International Orchid Show (2-11 Feb. 2012) & Asia Pacific Orchid Conference in Okinawa & 27th Okinawa International Orchid Show (2-11 Feb. 2013)
- Request from Erin Greaves (Community development Officer) enquiring whether we run educational programmes /workshops on identification of orchids (M. Baker directed her to WA Native Study & Conservation Group)

Shane Brown of Northam re details of past membership of Beryl Beazley (not at OSWA)

Correspondence Outward:

- Garden Clubs of Australia (info re OSWA affiliation with GCA and insurance)
- Cards to J. Smith, M. Brechin (2), C. Sullivan
- Welcome letters to Greer Dunsford & Jeanette Houldsworth
- Emails to some Societies requesting exchange of Bulletins by email (yes from OSNSW & MDOS)
- Email to Peter cross (New Town, TAS) re virus testing kits (~\$12 per test strip – contact Murray if you want to make a purchase)
- Stocklands Riverton SC (R Mcgrath) requesting confirmation of Autumn Show arrangements
- OrchidWiz thanking for donated software

Business Arising:

- AOC Conf. – need more info on accessibility for delivery of plants
- Sponsorship not confirmed
- AOC Conf. – J. Walton moved that we go ahead with the Sales Table, seconded M. Brechin
- Scott & Broad insurance to be discussed by Committee

Confirmation: Moved J. Walton, seconded M. Brechin that correspondence Inward & Outward be endorsed.
Carried

Financial Statement: I. Duncan presented the Financial Statement. T. Burnett moved the following accounts be paid – Copyworld \$18.55, EziGro \$30.80 x 2, AP \$60, City of South Perth \$139. seconded V. Seaman. **Carried**

New Members: Jeanette Houldsworth (Shoalwater), Ian & Chris Paton (Murdoch), Ryan Craig (Floreath)

Reports: January Meeting was excellent being held at Kaye & Jim Baylis' home, suggest we do it each year in January

General Business:

- January general meeting home visit/BBQ at Jim & Kaye Baylis' place was very successful. Committee recommends we have all future January meetings as home visits; more relaxed at the start of the year & would save on hall hire & judges costs. Does the general meeting agree?
- Bunbury OS Christmas meeting (breakfast) included their awards ceremony. Certificates were awarded for the judges choice (1 for each month) & a trophy was given to the overall winner for the year. Winners did not know until the awards ceremony. OSWA Committee feels this is a nice bit of recognition for contributors at meetings & would be adopted by OSWA. The Meeting agreed that it would be a good idea to give the monthly winners a laminated certificate at the end of the year & the overall winner a trophy as well.
- Special Recognition Badge was presented to Raye McIntosh. Congratulations Raye.

Raffle: Gloria Talbot, Dana Mitchell

Door Prize: Greer Dunsford

Evening's Programme: Wine & cheese

The Meeting was adjourned for the AGM at 9:02 pm, reconvened at 9:25 pm. Meeting closed at 9:26 pm