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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 28th October 2012, Commencing at **8.00 pm**

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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:
PHOTOGRAPHING ORCHIDS – EDNA
BURGESS**

NOVEMBER MEETING DATES:

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

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Birthdays:

October: 5th – Nathan Carless; **16th** - Barbara Burnett. **November: 10th** – George Price; **18th** – Trevor Burnett.

Best wishes to anyone else celebrating Birthdays or Anniverseries. 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

New Members: Paul Serra from Nollamara, Therese and Irene Thorn. Welcome to the society, we hope you enjoy a long and happy membership.

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.
- **Perth Royal Show Display:** Another great success, and I would like to thank those who helped out. Special thanks go to Rosemary and Ian for the amount of time they gave to manning the display. To Rosemary and her helpers in setting up the display, what a great job you did, it was greatly admired by the public. Thank you all.
- **Potting Workshop:** Sunday 21st October 2012 in the Scout Hall, Pilgrim St, South Perth.
Set up 8:30 am. Close 4 pm
Open to the public 10 am – 4 pm

We need helpers – potters, speakers, door entry, collecting money for plants that have been potted, and just speaking to the public.

Plant sales on Sunday 21st October, so bring along your spare plants and earn some money for Xmas (or more orchids). It is very unfortunate that Jim & I will be unable to attend our potting workshop as I have to be in Cairns judging for Interflora at that time. This will be the first workshop that we have missed, so I am thanking you all, in anticipation, for your help.

- **AOC Conference:** I would like to thank the members who have contributed in helping, manning the sales table and supplying plants. Special mention to our Patron Trevor for his "wheeling and dealing" to obtain the gorillas, waterfall and pump. Also to his wife Barbara for the great job done on our ticketing cards for the orchids in the display and organizing a timetable so that it ran smoothly and to schedule, with no hiccups. Thank you both. There were a few other members who gave their time willingly to help make our display a great success. I would feel badly if I named them and left someone out, but you all know who you are – those who attended our morning teas, busy bees etc. Thanks a million.

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.) would like to congratulate the 2012 Conference Committee on the running of a great Conference.

- **Kardinya Show:** My congratulations to the prize winners and to the members who entered their plants. You are all winners in my eyes and I thank you one and all. We did have a little hiccup, but everything turned out excellent. Thank you to the members who helped man the display and worked on the sales table. With the longer shopping hours now, it makes it difficult to get enough helpers, but thanks to all who did.
- **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.
- **Annual Christmas Dinner:** This will be held on 1st December 2012 at the RAAF, Benningfield Rd Bull Creek. More exact detail will be in the next Bulletin. Please keep the date free and come and enjoy the evening with friends. We do have a door prize, so each person bring something along so that everyone will leave with a gift.
- **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

- **Floraplant Tour:** Are there any members who would like to go to Floraplant Nursery as the owner has offered OSWA a Saturday morning tour. We need to get back to him and let him know how many people would like a tour. Please let me (Kaye) know on 9337 6210, or Murray on 9310 2800
- Would there be any member who would like to give a talk at Four Seasons Garden Club in Midland, re: displays and growing? Please let Rosemary know if you can help on 9367 9306
- **Thank you to Volunteers at AOC Conference:** Mavis Watkinson (Volunteer Coordinator, 2012 AOC Conference) sends a big "thank you" to the members of OSWA who did volunteer work for her at the conference. Without your help it would not have been possible.

RESULTS OF MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (SEPTEMBER 2012)

Open Class:

Class 1A (2)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>C. amethystoglossa</i>
	2. Maxine Godbeer	<i>C. amethystoglossa</i>
Class 1B (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Lc. Aloha Case 'Ching Hua' x Blc. Hsinying Home 'Ching Hua'
Class 1C (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Pot. Kate Son 'M' x Blc. Fuchs Orange Nugget 'Lea'
Class 1D (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Slc. Fairyland ;Miramatsu'
Class 2A (1)	1. Courtney Rogasch	Cym. Glowing Sands Delight
Class 2C (1)	1. Sue Banks	Cym. Bedivere Highbury
Class 5B (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Phal. Pinlong Memory x Fong Ping
Class 5C (2)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Dpts. Mount Lip 'Chou'
	2. Jack & Betty Rensen	Dpts. Joy Angel Voice 'Selene'
Class 5E (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Phal. Yung Ho Princess x Phal. Tan Swee Kim
Class 7A (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Aerangis citrata</i>
Class 8B (2)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Den. Xdelicatum
	2. Sue Banks	Den. Xdelicatum 'Patio Snow'
Class 11B (1)	1. N/A	

Novice Class:

Class 15B (2)	1. Gloria Talbot	?? Queen Elizabeth
	2. Valerie Cooper	C. Kum Ma Nee Tong
Class 15C(1)	1. Valerie Cooper	Blc. Hadvai Delight x Blc. Srisil Gold
Class 16A(1)	1. Valerie Cooper	Cym. Up Creek Bright x McArtney Gold Rush

SCHOKMAN TROPHY POINTS:

Lc. Aloha Case 'Ching Hua' x Blc. Hsinying Home Run 'Ching Hua' (72 pts) – Jack & Betty Rensen

NB: This plant is now registered as Rhyncolaeliocattleya (Rlc.) Memoria Daphne Irene

POPULAR VOTE: Open: Dpts. Joy Angel Voice 'Selene' – Jack & Betty Rensen

Novice: Blc. Hadvai Delight x Blc. Srisil Gold – Valerie Cooper

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (OCTOBER/ NOVEMBER 2012) by Roy Brown

Do not leave the flower spikes on your plants for too long. The flowers will last for a month or more if they are left, but this causes quite a drain on the pseudo bulbs and also retards the new seasons growths. In some cases the young growths won't come away until the spikes are cut off, and if the plant is to be expected to flower again next year, then these new leads must be given the benefit of the full seasons growth time.

If you are only repotting your plant into a larger size pot and the root system isn't disturbed during the process, then it doesn't much matter at what time of the year you do this. If you intend to break up and divide your plant, this should be done by the end of October. After this time the weather becomes too hot, and the plant could suffer a setback through the pseudo bulbs shriveling.

After dividing, keep the newly potted plants in a cool place with a little heavier shading for 2-3 weeks and spray the leaves often with water. This will help until the plant becomes established and the new roots become active again.

With our plants in active growth again, we can increase the fertilizing to either weekly or fortnightly intervals. Provided Cymbidiums receive ample light, and I would suggest you grow them under 46% or 52% Sarlon shade cloth, they will respond to this extra attention. We must always remember though, when using any fertilizer, the plants must receive plenty of water to wash away any excess salts that may build up in the pots.

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2012) 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 repotted. 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 need to 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 will 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 the roots to grow more than 2-3 cm long before potting as longer roots are more likely to be broken in the process of potting. When potting, choose a pot size one step up from the pot you had used until then, eg 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 mix from the front. Push the mix in so that the plant is firmly held in the pot. If adequately immobilized, you can usually lift the plant up by its 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 repotted 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.

PAPHIOPEDILUM CULTURAL NOTES (OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2012) by Trevor Burnett

This month is about getting our newly potted plants into full growth. The growths will need to mature in order to produce flowers next year. With the warmer weather, the fertilizer programme can be increased to weekly or fortnightly at $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ strength with a high nitrogen based fertilizer, to promote good development of the new growths.

In our repotting process we usually end up with plants being repotted into larger pots or divided into several pieces, so be very mindful not to cram your plants together like sardines. They still need space between plants with good air movement. If we cram plants together this provides a wonderful place for all sorts of bugs to hide and also restricts the air flow around plants. Good air movement around plants is essential for good healthy plants and greatly reduces the problems of disease.

In respect to watering, we must ensure that our plants do not become completely dry, as we have a nice new mix which, for the first couple of months will tend to dry out quicker than the old mix we have just replaced. At this time of the year I would water at 7 day intervals, unless the temperature goes above 32C for 3 consecutive days, then I would bring my watering back to 4 days.

It is also an ideal time to see if that plant that you admired from one of the growers has been divided, and a piece may be available for purchase.

Remember, this is the ideal time of the year to reflect on your cultural success and share your growing success with friends and club members. Good luck and good growing for the summer months ahead.

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)

Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Collins St. Hall, South Perth, on 28 September 2012

Welcome: The Vice President, Mrs. Lorna Dodd opened the meeting at 8:10pm welcoming visitors and members.

Apologies: As per the register

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

Business arising:

- Ian Duncan spoke to the residents of St. Ives re growing orchids.

Confirmation: Moved V. Cooper, seconded B. Rensen, that the Business Arising has been resolved.
Carried

Correspondence:

- Metway Real Estate (advice of payment made for Kardinya Show)
- From the AOC Conference, cheque for \$1000 and letter complimenting OSWA for its display at the conference.
- To Bruce Larson, congratulating his team on the AOC Conference and thanking them for their efforts & organization.
- Response to two email enquiries from members of the public about shows and where to obtain orchids
- Email exchange with Cynthia Comins about where to buy vanilla orchids (does any OSWA member have any to sell?), attending OSWA meetings, and possibility of OSWA members visiting Gidgegannup with Cy show native orchids growing in the area.
- Membership applications from Hassim and Ami Abdullah (already accepted) Therese and Irene Thorn (for next Committee Meeting)
- Letter and samples from Neutrog of the Kahooma fertilizer for acid loving plants
- Received Society bulletins & junk mail

Business Arising:

- No members indicated that they had a vanilla orchid for sale
- A few member indicated that they would like a trip to Gidgegannup, but it would have to be next year.

Confirmation: Moved M. Donald, seconded J. Keogh, that the Correspondence Inward and Correspondence Outward be endorsed. **Carried**

Financial Statement: Ian Duncan presented the Financial Statement and accounts for payment.

Accounts for Payment: Payment was required for 228 trays sold at the meeting & Conference.

Confirmation: Moved J. Scarvau, seconded P. Taylor that the Financial Statement & accounts for payment endorsed. **Carried**

New members: Hassim & Ami Abdullah (Murdoch); Paul Serra (Nollamara) subject to Committee endorsement.

Reports:

- **AOC Conference:** Awards given at the Conference – one to Kevin Butler & one to Norm Martin. Congratulations to both for achieving such a high standard.
Oswa Display looked amazing. Many thanks to those who organized it & provided plants.

General Business;

- **Royal Show:** A Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to OSWA for their participation.

The position of the Display is much more secure & looks great. Thanks to those who brought in plants for the Display & to the few volunteers who have volunteered their time to work at the Show.

- **Potting Workshop:** Sunday 21st October. We need helpers, especially to pot the orchids & to give talks. Thanks to those who have already volunteered.
- **Kardinya Show Prize Money:** congratulations to all winners.
- **Plant prizes** from last meeting were distributed (absent were T. Burnett, D. Mitchell, Val Yates)

Christmas Meeting: NB this will be on Friday 14th December which is the 2nd Friday of the month

Popular vote: Open: Dtps. Joy Angel Voice 'Selene' owners Jack & Betty Rensen

Novice/Junior: Blc. Hadvai Delight x Srisil Gold owner Val Cooper

Raffle: Julie Scarvau, Phil Taylor, Sue Banks. Thanks to Fred Herbert for the extra raffle plant.

Door Prize: Cindy Meehan

Evening's Programme: Peter Masters: Humidity for Orchids. Thanks to Peter for giving such an informative talk. Members really appreciated hearing from someone with such expert knowledge. Peter outlined conditions applicable to his conditions & how they would vary with smaller shade houses. Members asked many interesting questions.

Meeting closed at 9:45 pm

Little more than a year to go!



**Check the calendar and register to come to the
7th Australasian Native Orchid Society
Conference & Show.**

Held at Strathpine (Queensland, Australia).

Hosted by Kabi Group(Inc).

Full Conference - 22-24th August 2013

Public show days - 23-24th August

ANOS Gen. Meeting for affiliated members 25th Aug

For fuller details see www.ourshopfront.com/kabi and follow the Conference link.

You've got to be involved!

Back at the beginning of the century, in my early days in OSWA, I used to come to monthly meetings, look at the display plants on the back tables, borrow books from the library, and grab a coffee or two during the intermission between the boring administrative part at the beginning of the meeting and the interesting talk part at the end. It was maybe a year before I brought in my first plant to a monthly meeting (and I can still remember my joy at receiving a "2nd" even though my plant was the only one in its class.....and I still have that plant and love it dearly, so boo to the judges....but that's not the point of this story).

I can't remember if I went to shows back then, but I remember there was an Inter-society Challenge in one of my early years and I didn't go to that....I didn't feel like I was a real member of OSWA, I didn't have plants that were real showy (some things haven't changed), I was just this guy who came along to meetings to pick up growing hints. That changed at one particular meeting. As usual, I was lurking around the orchids on display at the back of the room, drinking coffee, when Tom Dixon asked me something like "Are you going to the Christmas Dinner?" Back then I never went to these sorts of things, it just wasn't the sort of thing I did, so I said "No", and gave some lame excuse. I was a bit taken aback when Tom replied, with feeling, "You've got to be involved!".

I felt pretty bad, and, perhaps to avoid any more of Tom's wrath, the next time there was an opportunity to "be involved", I took it. Since then, provided I haven't had work commitments, I don't think I've missed a casserole night or a Christmas dinner or a show or a potting workshop. I've been on the committee and I've become a judge. I'm not particularly proud of all this, and at times Arni has been an orchid "widow". It has taken a bit of my time, maybe an hour or so per week, but I think it has been time well spent. By being involved more, I have made many new friends, both within OSWA and without, and doing OSWA-type things, such as going to a casserole night or typing up minutes from a committee meeting, has turned out to be quite enjoyable. And, along the way, I have learnt a whole lot about growing orchids (although that probably doesn't show).

The February 2013 general meeting will include our AGM, where we will elect the Office Bearers who will do the visible things and the behind the scenes things that keep OSWA running smoothly. We need a President, Vice Presidents, a treasurer, a Secretary, Committee members, a Registrar, people to look after the library, the monthly meeting Opportunity Table, the Bulletin, auditors and a correspondent for Orchids Australia. Some of these positions have incumbents who are happy to continue, but we could really do with some new committee members, and help with the shows, the library, the Opportunity Table and Orchids Australia. As we approach our AGM, please consider becoming more involved in OSWA, especially if you are a new member. No special skills are required and many of the jobs that need to be done do not take too much time. Being on Committee, for example, only takes up 2 hours per month (the committee meets on the 1st Friday of each month); the Orchids Australia correspondent only needs to get a few photos and write a couple of paragraphs about each show (so that's maybe 6-9 paragraphs per year, and they don't need to be Shakespearean in quality).

The more people who are involved in doing these sorts of little jobs for OSWA, the better our club will be.

Murray Baker (Honorary Secretary)

Thanks to Murray for this article, I couldn't remember if I had printed it before, but even if I had it certainly bears a reprint. At the AOC Conference it was really brought home to me that since I "became involved", the number of people from all States & even overseas, that I have met and remembered, (and who have remembered me) was amazing. It was truly lovely "catching up" with those you don't get to see often.....Maxine (Ed)

Anyone who has anything interesting or "quirky", comments or questions, anything at all, can write it out & give to me to include in the Bulletin and I will fit it in whenever I have some spare space.

We also still need someone to write Cattleya Culture Notes for the Bulletin please. Maxine