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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 13 December 2013, commencing at **8:00 p.m.**

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

"ZIMBABWEAN ORCHIDS — BY BRADLEY CROUKAMP", FOLLOWED BY TROPHY PRESENTATION NIGHT & XMAS FARE

JANUARY 2014 MEETING DATES:

Judging Panel 2.00 pm Saturday 11th
OSWA Committee no meeting
General Meeting 6.00 pm Friday 24th

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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.

New Members: Jacinta Lee (Como)

Welcome to the Society, may your membership be an enjoyable experience.

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.

General News:

December Meeting: This meeting will include a **guest speaker, Bradley Croukamp from Zimbabwe**, who will give a short presentation on Zimbabwean Orchids. Bradley has requested that there be some Zimbabwean (or at least African) orchids on display for him to talk about, so if you have any in flower at the moment (Angraecums, Ansellia, etc) please bring them along even if they aren't competition standard. Also, this meeting will include our **Trophy Presentation Night, followed by a supper of Xmas Fare**. It would be appreciated if all members supplied a plate of finger food to share. OSWA will supply drinks (both alcoholic and soft) or tea and coffee for those who prefer it. **Please do not forget that this meeting will be held on the 13th December (2nd Friday of the month).**

OSWA Christmas Dinner: This will be held at Wings Restaurant, RAAF Centre, Bull Creek Dr. Bull Creek on **Saturday 7th December 2013 at 6.30 pm**. The menu consists of Soup, Roast Turkey or Ham with vegetables, Xmas Pudding, Tea & Coffee. Members are requested to bring a plant or small gift for the Secret Santa, so each can go home with a gift. This is always a great social night, enjoyed by all. Please come along and join us. Drinks can be purchased at the Bar.

January General Meeting: Will be held on Friday 24th January 2014 at 6.00 pm. This meeting is a social evening with a **BBQ. BYO meat, chair, drinks & a salad or sweet (to share)**. We do have at least 22 chairs so if you forget yours we won't be short. This meeting will be held at Jim & Kaye Baylis' home, 18 Wheyland St (cnr Caple St.) Willagee. Bring along any problem plants, or anything special or simply one you need advice on how to grow. There is no Monthly Plant competition. This is a great social evening and a great way to start the year.

Meeting Items: Members are encouraged to contact any Committee Member with any suggestions you may have for a Monthly Item (talk). It is the only way to make us aware of what you are interested in hearing someone talk about. Now is the ideal time, as we can then make enquiries and arrangements to acquire the speakers well ahead of time, also giving the speaker time to put a programme together and reserve the date in his/her calendar.

The President and Committee wish all Members a Happy & Healthy Christmas and New Year. May 2014 be all you could wish it to be.

RESULTS OF MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (November 2013)**OPEN**

Class 1A (3)	1. P&S Masters	<i>Anacheilum baculus</i>
	2. M. Godbeer	<i>Brassavola perrenii</i>
	3. P&S Masters	<i>L. lobata</i>
Class 1B (3)	1. I. Duncan	Rlc. Sylvia Fry 'Wallacia'
	2. J&K Baylis	Blc. Lim Theing Hin
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Class 1C (2)	1. J&K Baylis	Lc. Elsie Bier 'Doreen Patricia'
	2. J&K Baylis	Slc. Jewel Box 'Sherehazade'
Class 1F (3)	1. I. Duncan	Epi. Star Valley 'Lake View'
	2. J&K Baylis	Epi. Wedding Valley 'Sakura Komachi'
	3. I. Duncan	Epi. Florida
Class 3B (2)	1. J&B Rensen	Paph. Vanda M. Pearmon
	2. J&B Rensen	Paph. Vanda M. Pearmon
Class 3D (1)	1. J&B Rensen	Paph Norita Hasegawa x <i>Paph. delanatii</i>
Class 4C (1)	1. I. Duncan	Den. C.K Ai 'Oka'
Class 6A (1)	1. P&S Masters	<i>Miltonia flavescens</i>
Class 6E (2)	1. J&K Baylis	Colmanara Jungle Monarch 'Everglades'
	2. J&B Rensen	Onc. Golden Anniversary 'Enos'
Class 7A (2)	1. P&S Masters	<i>Sederia japonica</i>
	2. P&S Masters	<i>Angcm. compactum</i>
Class 7B (2)	1. J&B Rensen	V. Panchong Blue
	2. J&B Rensen	Ascda. Mem. Sally Vilders x Ascda. Seang Udom
Class 10B(4)	1. M. Godbeer	<i>Grammangis ellisii</i>
	2. M. Godbeer	<i>Bulb. longissimum</i>
	3. M. Godbeer	<i>Bulb. sinapsis</i>
Class 11A(3)	1. M. Godbeer	Phrag. Grande
	2. M. Godbeer	Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice
	3. M. Godbeer	Phrag. Vampire Slayer

NOVICE:

Class 15A(1)	1. M. Donald	Lc. Aqua Finn 'Natures Best'
Class 15F(1)	1. V. Cooper	Lc. Dakoo 'Flammea Enami'
Class 20A(1)	1. M. Donald	<i>Onc. robustissimum</i>

POPULAR VOTE:**OPEN:** V. Panchong Blue – J&B Rensen**NOVICE:** Lc. Dakoo 'Flammea Enami' – V. Cooper**Schokman Trophy Points:** Lc. Dakoo 'Flammea Enami' (69 pts) – V. Cooper**Jim Grantham Memorial Trophy Points:** Phrag. Grande (74 pts) – M. Godbeer**CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (DECEMBER 2013/JANUARY 2014) by Roy Brown**

The new seasons leads are well underway now and during the next couple of months the growth will be rapid. Keep your fertilising programs going, either weakly or fortnightly, whichever you prefer. This helps to increase growth and so makes bigger leaf and bulb development, which in turn, will give better flowering next year.

Don't grow your plants under too heavy shade conditions and allow ample space between pots, don't crowd them all together. This is probably why some plants don't flower. I recommend that you grow them under 50% Sarlon shade cloth for flowering size plants. For young seedlings, perhaps a little more shade would suit them better.

It's too late in the year now for dividing and repotting. Any plants that were not attended to will be better left until next autumn. However, you can always pot on, that is repot the plant into a larger pot without disturbing the roots. This can be done at any time of the year and won't cause the plant any setback at all.

Always keep a neat and tidy house, free from weeds and dead leaves, and you should have a house free from insect pests.

This being the December notes, I would like to wish all Cymbidium growers the Compliments of the Season.

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (DECEMBER 2013/ JANUARY 2014) from notes of the late Henry Eaton

We should, now that summer has arrived, be ready to cope with the hot days (over 35C) that will undoubtedly occur. These very hot spells will lead to some retarding of growth while they last. To counter these effects, we need to increase the shading if necessary, to about 70% and maintain an adequate water supply to the plants. This is one time of the year when watering your plants in the evening may be more helpful than during the day, as this will cool the place down and will increase the humidity. At this time of the year, fertilising your plants can be undertaken if the temperatures are below 35C, but above this level, because of the slowing growth, it would be best to withhold the fertiliser until temperatures fall.

Because of the dryness and high temperatures, it would be wiser to avoid repotting etc unless we experience a cool spell. The only justification for repotting is if the plant being stressed by being in a decaying mix, as shown by shrivelling of the pseudo bulbs and limpness of the leaves. Also be on the lookout for plants that could be sunburnt because of gaps in the shade cloth. These, at first, may show reddening of the leaves. Try to attain a stage where the leaves on the plants are not dark green but a yellow/green, which indicates adequate exposure to light.

PAPHIOPEDILUM CULTURAL NOTES (DECEMBER 2013/ JANUARY 2014) 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 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 coming to maturity, ready for the flowering season ahead.

Checklist for this Month

- a) keep good air movement
- b) If in glass house, misting will assist with maintaining humidity
- c) Weekly fertilizing can continue
- d) Do not crown your plants
- e) Check for pests and treat if necessary
- f) Keep area clean of dying leaves or material
- g) Increase watering to 3 times a week or more often if plants have dried out
- h) Check all plants to see if there are any signs of stress
- i) Water in the early morning before the sun is too high

Enjoy the Christmas break.

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)

Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Collins St Hall, South Perth

On 22 November 2013

Welcome: Open 8:10 pm. President L. Dodd welcomed members and guests.

Apologies: As per register

Evenings Programme: Murray Baker: "Building and automating an orchid house". (a PDF version of the presentation is available on request)

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

Business arising: Nil

Confirmation: Moved J. Walton seconded N. Jones that the Business Arising has been resolved.

Key Correspondence:

Bank account details provided to Stocklands to facilitate payment for shows in future

Thank you cards to Tom Dixon and John Walton for recent contributions to OSWA

From Maxine Godbeer, Minutes of the registrars Meeting (aspects of shows/judging)

From WJOS: New Office bearers (Tony Watkison is President from 1 Jan 2014)

From Stocklands, re new arrangements for invoicing/payments

Email exchange with Bradley Croukamp from Zimbabwe, who will be visiting in December and agreed to give a presentation about Zimbabwean orchids.

Email exchanges with members of the public on miscellaneous matters of orchid identification, colour and sourcing

Received: Society bulletins and junk mail

Business Arising: Nil

Confirmation: Moved N. Jones seconded R. Pohl, that Correspondence be endorsed. **Carried**

Financial Statement: (posted on noticeboard for review by members)

New Member: Jacinta Lee (Como)

Reports: Judging: Maxine Godbeer outlined changes to the Monthly Meeting and Standard Show Schedules due to start in 2014. Main changes are: no Specimen Class; 66% rule no longer applies to any plants except for plants judged for AOC Awards; no Maudiae Kind Paph. Classes; Red & Pink Cymbidiums in the same classes for shows; a new class "non-standard Phalaenanthe kind" has been introduced for Dendrobiums to accommodate hybrids like Den. Sonia (Intermediate Class to be reserved for hybrids that show twisting of dorsal or petals and so are actually intermediate between phalaenanthe and spatulata types). Watch out for the changes when entering plants in competitions from 1 Jan 2014. The changes will be reviewed in 2 years.

General Business:

M. Baker advised that he had received a number of Cymbidiums (large, un-named and in need of repotting) from a member of the public. These were offered to members for \$5.00 each.

I. Duncan advised that the Darwin AOC Conference scheduled for 2015 is cancelled. Instead, the 2015 AOC Conference will be held at Mackay, Qld.

The fate of the AOC Conference funds was discussed again, including the possibility that the funds be used to support a submission to get the WOC in Perth. There was a strong feeling amongst members that the funds should be used to benefit the local orchid community (for example by promoting conferences in Perth hosted by individual clubs but open to attendees from all clubs) and there was no support for the idea of using funds to support a bid for the WOC.

It was requested that at the next WAROO meeting, the question of getting a replacement for the Inter-Society Challenge Shield (the current one is now filled) should be raised.

December meeting will have a special guest speaker, Bradley Croukamp on "Zimbabwean Orchids" to be followed by trophy presentation and supper.

Membership subscriptions are now due.

Lorna Dodd reminded members that the AGM is in February. Please think about helping out on the OSWA committee or in some other task. Nomination forms will be in the December and January bulletins. Members were also reminded that the December GM will be on 2nd Friday 13 December, Christmas meeting, so members should bring a plate to share. **Christmas Dinner** will be on 7 December, \$32 per person from 6.30 pm; **January meeting** will be a BBQ at the Baylis' residence (BYO meat, drinks, chair and a sweet or salad to share). No plant competition but members can bring a plant of interest to talk about.

Raffle: M. Perry, M. Brechin x 2, ; extra prize was an almost full bottle of Growth Technology "Bloom" fertiliser that had leaked during storage. **Door Prize:** Murray Baker

Meeting closed at 10 pm