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NEXT MEETING of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held at the **Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre, Manning, on Friday 11th December 2015, commencing at 7.30pm**

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

JANUARY MEETING DATES:

Judging Panel	Recess until 2016
OSWA Committee	Recess until Feb '16
General Meeting	7.30 pm Fri 22 nd Jan.

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Birthdays: December: 6th Val Seaman, 27th Maxine Godbeer

January: 17th Liu Shen-Pohl, 31st John Carless

Best wishes to anyone else celebrating Birthdays or Anniversaries.

To any member on the sick list we wish you a speedy recovery & may you soon be well.

General News:

- 2016 January Meeting Friday 22nd January at Ann & Malcolm Davis' home, 5 Ryans Court, Redcliffe, commencing at 6.30pm Phone 94774248 BBQ Please BYO drinks, meat, salad or sweet & a gift (preferably an orchid plant). The theme will be celebrating Australia Day. There won't be a plant competition but please bring along any unusual plants to show. Extra chairs would also help.
- **Membership Subscriptions** for 2015/16 are now due. \$26 double, \$21 single. Please pay Ian Duncan at the December meeting or send a cheque payable to The Orchid Society of WA to: OSWA, 58 Gladstone Rd Leeming 6149 or to the Treasurer, 5 Salen Court, Ardross, 6153.
- **December Christmas Meeting** will be on the **2nd Friday**, 11th December at 7.30pm. Presentation of trophies and Christmas Festivities. Members to bring a plate of finger food to share. Drinks are supplied by the Orchid Society of WA.
- **OSWA Annual Christmas Dinner:** By the time you will have received this Bulletin we would have already celebrated our Christmas Dinner
- **FEBRUARY 2016 AGM:** Election of office bearers at the AGM (February 2016): Please consider nominating for committee or some other role to help OSWA next year. Nomination forms (at the end of this Bulletin) which need to be submitted at or before the January General Meeting.
- **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.
- **2016 Home Visits:** The members enjoyed a very busy year in 2015 visiting Nurseries & several Home Visits. If you would like to participate in this programme please let the Committee know when & where we could hold these events in 2016 or where you would like to visit.
- **General Meeting Opportunity Table:** This table is set up at all our monthly meetings. Please bring anything you would like to donate, i.e. any orchids, other plants, products from your pantry, articles you no longer need, books, magazines, fruit & vegetables. All donated items will be greatly appreciated. If there is anything you wish to take from the table, remember to put a small donation in the box provided. This table is separate from the usual OSWA table where fertilizers, plants, hangers, books, etc. are sold at set prices (the Sales table will not be available at the December Meeting).
- Another article worth reading & listening to-
<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/ockhamsrazor/edith-coleman-pseudocopulation-danielle-clode/6938808>

2016 CALENDER of SHOW EVENTS:

- **January 2016 BBQ & Social Night:** Jan 22nd at Malcolm & Ann Davis' home more details see above
- **Annual Christmas Dinner:** RAAF 5th December 2015
- **Autumn Show:** Stocklands Riverton 4-7th May 2016 Set up 3rd May
- **Winter Show:** Manning Senior Citizens Centre Sat 9th July Set up Friday night 8th July 2016
- **Spring Show:** Kardinya Park SC 31st August – 3rd September 2016 Set up 30th August
- **Inter Society Display & Workshop:** Venue & date to be finalized (6-7th August)
- 10th & 11th September 2016 **OSWA Anniversary** –keep these dates free
- **Royal Show:** Saturday 24th September – Saturday 1st October 2016
- **Potting Workshop:** Sunday 23rd October 2016

MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (November 2015)**(Please ensure all names are clearly printed so we can record the plant names correctly)****OPEN:**

1 A (2)	1. Maxine Godbeer	L. purpurata
	2. Ian Duncan	Psh. cochleata "matcos" x alto
1 C (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Blc. Husky Boy
1 F (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Encycl. Bees Knees
3 B (2)	1. Howard Tan	Paph. Fanaticum (malipoense x micranthum)
	2. Maxine Godbeer	Paph. Ho Chi Minh (delenatii x vietnamense)
3 C (1)	1. Howard Tan	Paph. Transvaal "Rock & Roll"
3 E (1)	1. Howard Tan	Paph. St. Swithins
5 A (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Phal. cornu-cervi fm flava
5 C (1)	2. Rosemary McGrath	Phal. Name Unknown
6 A (2)	1. Rosemary McGrath	Onc. sphacelatum
	2. Maxine Goodbeer	Onc. stramineum
6 D (2)	1. Peter Kissell	Mps. Holguin x Mps Pink Puff
	2. Rosemary McGrath	Odon. Tiger Barb "Yellow"
8 A (2)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Den. O'byrne
	2. Maxine Godbeer	Den. wassellii
9 B (1)	3. Ian Duncan	Cym. Kuranda
10B (3)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Bulb. macranthum
	2. Maxine Godbeer	Bulb. sinapsis
	3. Maxine Godbeer	Pescatorea cerina
11A (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Phrag Grande 'Chinaman'

NOVICE:

15F (1)	1. Jack Krishnan	Encyclia Bees Knees
16B (1)	1. Malcolm & Ann Davis	Cym. Australian Midnight "Gowrie"
17D (1)	1. Rod Pohl	Paph. Henrietta Fujiwara
17C (2)	1. Rod Pohl	Paph. lowii Madame Butterfly x St. Swithins "Angle Flight" AM/AOC
	2. Rod Pohl	Paph. Hsinging Leopard 'Red Shift'
17E (1)	1. Rod Pohl	Paph. Berenice
19E (3)	1. Malcolm & Ann Davis	Phal. Muntclair 'Valentine'
	2. Valerie Cooper	Phal. Unknown
	3. Malcolm & Ann Davis	Phal. Tarde White x floride Snow
20A (1)	1. Rod Pohl	Onc. sphacelatum
24B (1)	2. Rod Pohl	Ansellia africana

JUNIOR:**POPULAR VOTE:**

Open	Rosemary McGrath	Odontocidium Tiger Barb "Yellow"
Novice.	Valerie Cooper	Phalaenopsis Unknown

SCHOKMAN TROPHY: Maxine Godbeer L purpurata 70 points.**JIM GRANTHAM MEMORIAL TROPHY:** Maxine Godbeer Phrag Grande "Chinaman" 72 points**RICHARD NICHOLS TROPHY:** No Lycastes were benched

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (DECEMBER 2015 / JANUARY 2016) 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 replot 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.

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (DECEMBER 2015/ JANUARY 2016) from notes of the late Henry Eaton

We should now know 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 2015/ JANUARY 2016) 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

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)
Minutes of the General Meeting to be held at the Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre,
Manning, on 27 November 2015

Welcome: Mrs K Baylis opened the meeting at 7.35pm welcoming visitors, members.

Apologies: As per register.

Meeting Item: Ron Fauntleroy- Ron has been involved with orchids for 35 years, a Judge for 10 years & has a wealth of knowledge about all types of orchids. He spoke about the family of Epidendriums, commonly known as the Crucifix Orchid, so named because of the cross on the labellum. These orchids originated from Central & Southern America & come in all different colours, & are progressive flowering plants. Hybridization has shown the development of larger flowers and some unusual colours. Crucifix orchids come from a huge family of orchids & are very easy to grow & propagate. They prefer a northern aspect with light & warmth. To propagate cut below dead flowers & between two nodes. Kikies will develop from near the top of the plant & can be twisted off when roots are well developed or the cut off sections can be potted to produce new plants.

Plants are potted in a mixture of charcoal, pine bark & perlite. They are grown mainly for appreciation & not for Show bench, as they flower constantly all year if you don't cut the flower spike off. Roots often grow outside the pot so they can be hung like Cattleyas. For the new grower (& older ones like Ron) these orchids are easy to grow with rewarding colourful flowers all year
 Ron's orchids are all watered by an automated overhead misting system.

Break for tea and popular vote.

Minutes: Moved M Brechin, seconded R Pohl that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.

Carried.

Business arising:

A suggestion was made that as the public pay to enter the Workshop a stamp or ticket be given to them to show proof of payment

Confirmation: Moved M Davis, seconded T Seaman that the business arising has been resolved.

Carried

Correspondence:

- Received from Brian Klepzig, re-designed logo suitable for OSWA endorsement of Neutrog.
- To Brian Klepzig, questions about can we vary the Neutrog version of the logo for our own use.
- Email from Nado Lenkic about discounts at Springfield Orchids until the end of November
- Receipt for payment of AOS Subscription (US\$105) for 2016 (paid by M Baker, 20/10/15)
- Email exchange with Rachel Walmsley about the the opening of "Candy's Bush Reserve" in Moora (has native orchids).
- From Coralie Hills (AOC), invoice for Association Liability Insurance.
- Email re Australia's Biggest Morning Tea Thurs April 14 '16, contact Mary Easterbrook.
- Garden Clubs of Australia – update forms & Timeline for 2016 for secretary
- Enquiry through Kardinya – K Baylis contacted her- wanted to know how to grow crucifix orchid
- Responses to email enquiries from members of the public about where to obtain orchids, show and meeting dates, etc.
- Received: Society Bulletins and junk mail.

Business arising: Biggest Morning Tea – I Duncan to attend, M Brechin will assist with plants.

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

Financial Statement: prepared by I Duncan

Confirmation: Moved J Walton, seconded V Cooper that the Financial Statement and Accounts for Payment endorsed. **Carried.**

New Members: Sandra Rutherford (Byford) and Jeffrey Simper (Mosman Park), Caterina (Ci) Ottobrand (Brentwood), Harrison Crawford (Ravenswood), Vicki & Ryan Ainsworth (Kardinya). All were warmly welcomed into the Society.

General Business:

- Neutrog - members should be using their fertilizers. Seamungus liquid appears to be having great effect on the orchids. Next bulk order will be arranged for April.
- 2016 subs now due – thanks to those already paid
- Christmas Meeting Manning Activity Centre **11th December**- please bring a plate of food to share
- 2016 Christmas Dinner at the Wings Restaurant, Bullcreek Saturday 5th December \$37.00 per head, purchase drinks at the bar 6.30 sit down for 7.00pm start, please bring a secret santa gift.
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- Members were asked to keep Saturday 10/9/16 clear, for OSWA's 70th anniversary celebration Dinner, also Sunday 11/9/16 for maybe other celebrations.

Raffle: D90 Meg Donald, A44 Peter Kissell

Popular Vote:

Open: Odontocidium Tiger Barb "Yellow" owner Rosemary McGrath

Novice: Phal. Unknown owner Valerie Cooper

Door Prize: No. 14 Chris Sloan

Interesting Plants: Malcolm Davis showed his Cym. Australian Midnight, a primary hybrid native to NSW

Ian Duncan – maddidum

Peter Kissell – Miltonia – grown in mid to low 30deg. Temperature, mist regularly

Howard Tan - Paph St. Swithin x

Maxine Godbeer- Paph Ho Chi Minh; Bulbophyllum sinapsis- keep moist

Phrag Grande Chinaman- fertilize with high potash to encourage flowering, sits on rocks in a tray of water

Meeting Closed at 9.13pm

A very Happy Festive Season to all members

May you all enjoy the Christmas and New Year festivities.

Drive safely, remain well, and enjoy 2016.

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