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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 26th October, 2018**, commencing at **7:30 pm**.

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

SLIPPER ORCHIDS
TREVOR BURNETT

NOVEMBER MEETING DATES:

OSWA Committee 7:30 pm Friday 2nd
General Meeting 7:30 pm Friday 23rd

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Birthdays

October: 16th Barbara Burnett. **November:** 10th George Price, 18th Trevor Burnett.

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.

Christmas Dinner: Itsara Restaurant, 25 Stirling Highway Nedlands. Sunday 11 November 2018.

The OSWA Christmas Dinner will be held in the evening of Sunday November 11 at Itsara Thai Restaurant, 25 Stirling Highway Nedlands. The OSWA dinner will be held in a special garden area of the restaurant adorned with vanda, cattleya, dendrobium and phalaenopsis orchids, vertical gardens and other tropical plants. Itsara deflasks their own vanda orchids and plants may be available for sale on the night. The dress code is smart casual. The restaurant is fully licensed and BYO is available.

If you have not already registered your attendance and wish to attend, please do so by emailing Harry at harry.ashton@live.com.au as soon as possible. For those who have already registered, payment of \$50 per person is required by the general meeting on October 26th. Cash payments can be made to Kirsty at the general meeting. Alternatively payment can be made by direct deposit to the Orchid Society of Western Australia Inc, BSB 036069 Account 457265. If paying by direct deposit please include your full name(s) and 'Itsara' as the transaction description.



Free Orchids

Occasionally we receive offers of free orchids from members of the public who are no longer able to look after their collections and would like to see their beloved plants go to a good home. If you would like to be contacted when we receive offers of free orchids, just let Murray know. You should be aware that if you accept free plants, you do so at your own risk. Please take care to only add healthy plants to your collection.

Potting Workshop: Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre

The workshop will be held on Sunday 21 October, 10 am until 4 pm. Setup from about 9 am. **Please bring along plants in flower for the display.** As well as the display, there will be sales of orchids and orchid-related paraphernalia, talks, scones and other snacks, and plants will be repotted. Potters & helpers needed. This is an

excellent event for anyone wishing to learn more about potting and other aspects of orchid culture (and members get in for free!). **Reminder: Sales of pots, fertilisers, etc., at OSWA Shows and other events, including the Potting Workshop, are at non-member prices.** Members are welcome to place orders with Kirsty for discounted prices for items at our meetings.

It is time to bring the Trophies back!

Could members who are holding the trophies please return them by the October General Meeting, as they need to be engraved during November, before our Christmas Meeting and presentation night. If you wish to polish them please use Silvo. Thanks to those who have already returned them.

Membership Subscriptions are Due on 1 November 2018.

Since OSWA's financial year runs from 1 November to 31 October the following year, membership subscriptions for 2019 are due on 1 November 2018. Kirsty will be happy to accept subscriptions a few days earlier, at the general meeting on 26 October.

Neutrog Delivery

Purchases will be available for collection on Sunday 21st October, after 1 pm, from Rosemary's place, 2 Morrish Place, Como, ph. 0401 508 667. Unfortunately the WhoFlungDung could not be delivered, but it should be available late November or in December. Watch this space.

Orchidup Farm Open Day.

Orchidup Farm (run by David and Liz Edmonds) is having open days on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th October, from 10 am to 4 pm. Orchidup is near Walpole, and it is a nursery well worth a visit. For more info, see <http://www.orchidup.com.au> or email David at jacksplace@westnet.com.au.

For Sale: Eucalyptus oil @ \$8.00 per 100 mL.

Courtney recommends a spray made from 10 mL eucalyptus oil + 500 mL water + 500 mL methylated spirits to control mealy bug and scale. Contact Courtney on 0407 049 717 prior to a meeting to arrange purchase

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (OCTOBER/NOVEMBER) - based on notes from Henry Eaton.

Now that the shows are over for this year, we will be getting into the season for assessing the needs of our plants to be repotted or potted on. 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:

- (a) seedlings that have been more than six months in the pot;
- (b) plants where the front growth is over the edge of the pot, or where the next growth will take it;
- (c) plants showing signs of being unhappy in their current mix;
- (d) plants that need breaking up because of their large size.

When to pot can 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 new roots to grow more than 2-3 centimetres long before potting as longer roots are more likely to get broken in the process of potting.

When potting on, choose a pot size one step up from the pot you had used till then, e.g., from a 125 mm to a 150 mm 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 with mix from the front. Push the mix in so that the plant is held firm in the pot. If adequately immobilised, 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 sterilised cutting instrument and do not make a division smaller than 3-4 healthy bulbs.

PAPHIOPEDILUM CULTURAL NOTES (OCTOBER/NOVEMBER) by Trevor Burnett

This month is about getting our newly potted plants into full growth as 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 ¼ to ½ 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 for good air movement. If we cram plants together, we provide a wonderful place for all sorts of bugs to hide and also restrict the airflow around plants. Good air movement around the 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 32 °C for three consecutive days, then I would bring back my watering to every 4 days.

It is also an ideal time to see if that plant you admired from one of the growers has been divided and a piece may be available to purchase. Remember this is the ideal time to reflect on your cultural success and sharing your growing success with friends and club members. Good luck and good growing for the summer months ahead.

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (OCTOBER/NOVEMBER) - based on notes from Roy Brown

Repotting should be in full swing, but by the middle of November the temperature will be fairly high, so it would be advisable to have all the repotting done by the first week of November at the latest. When dividing your plants, try not to break them up into sections that are too small. A three bulb piece will have a better chance of flowering the following year. Try not to overpot your plant. Select a pot that will hold the plant and its root system and will allow for a further two years growth.

When repotting, hold the plant firmly in one hand one inch below the top of the pot, then using your fingers work the fresh pine bark between the plants roots. Fill the pot to about a centimetre from the rim, firming the bark in as you go. The plant should now be sitting neatly in the centre of the pot, with the base of the bulb just below the top of the bark.

Give the plant a good watering and place it in a cool, shady position for about a week, until the roots start into active growth again.

When the flower spikes have been cut and the plant repotted, you will find the new season's leads will shoot ahead. Keep them growing strongly by increasing the fertilizing to weekly or fortnightly intervals. In the growing season, Cymbidiums love plenty of light, water and a regular feeding programme.

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)**Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Manning Senior Citizens Activity Centre, Manning, on Friday 28 September 2018**

Welcome: 7:45 pm

Apologies: As per Register

Birthdays: September: 6th Alan Prosser, 14th Bob Longmore. October: 16th Barbara Burnett

Meeting Item: Spotlight on a Member — with prompts and photos from Courtney Rogasch, Murray Baker talked about his experiences growing orchids.

Signup sheets: circulated for Springfield Orchids Sunday 7 October (bus leaves 10:30 am) and Christmas dinner at Isara, Sunday 11 November.

Garden Clubs of Australia: Eric Bateman encouraged members to contribute photos of their gardens to raise WA's profile in GCA, and to approach himself or Jacqui for further info about GCA.

Growing Orchids DVD Set: Donated to OSWA library by Graham Esmond, available for loan to members.

Break for popular vote.

Minutes: Moved M Rathbone, seconded R Taylor that the Minutes of the July Meeting be accepted. Carried.

Business arising: Nil.

Correspondence:

- Garden Clubs: Bulletin and GCA Schedule, and info about subscribing to "Our Gardens" magazine and GCA Calendars for sale for \$10 each.
- Community News, re advert for Potting Workshop

- Ken Jones: Draft minutes of August OrchidsWA meeting for discussion with members. (7 pages, can be emailed on request.)
- From Allison Foster, offering 50 free orchids.
- Emails (about 60) to various members of other clubs re OWA draft new rules.
- Copy of Notes to accompany standard show schedule (requested and received from Maxine Godbeer).
- Notification of Asia Pacific Orchid Conference 2019 (will be in Kuching (Borneo, Malaysia) 24-28 July)
- Email from Michael Willoughby with AOC AGM and AOC BOM agendas and John Rees querying some of the motions in the BOM agenda.
- Email from Ken Jones with AOC AGM and AOC BOM agendas and request for comments/input to that it can be forwarded to WA delegate Trevor Burnett by 30 September.
- Evette Franklin and Brian Klepzig re delivery of WhoFlungDung to members who attended August GM.
- Email from Ken Jones re OWA AGM and GM to be held 18 November at Billy Dower Hall in Mandurah.

Confirmation: Moved H Ashton seconded P Kissell that Correspondence be endorsed. Carried.

Financial Statement: Prepared and presented by Kirsty Bayliss.

Confirmation: Moved K Bayliss seconded R Pohl, that the Financial Statement and Accounts for Payment be endorsed. Carried.

New Member: (Ms) Ishita Ratnaparkhi

Reports:

- **Spring Orchid Fair** C Rogasch reported that the Fair was very successful and that OSWA would probably be involved next year.

General Business:

- **Potting Workshop.** Arrangements were discussed.
- **Neutrog Bulk Order** - completed order forms with payment due tonight.
- **Bark order** —Pick up from shed this Saturday, 1-3 pm. Thanks to Leo, Paul and Geoff for unloading the shipment at the shed.
- **Christmas Dinner at Itsara** — sign-up sheet was circulated.
- **Springfield Orchids visit** — sign-up sheet was circulated and bus confirmed; to depart 10:30 am.
- **Home Visit with John and Karen Carless** — from 10 am on Sunday 14 October. No bus. Lots of orchids will be for sale.
- **Helper to collect free cymbidiums** — L Brooks requested a helper to collect free orchids donated by a member of the public.

Raffle: C Rogasch (kindly donated his prize to Ishita Ratnaparkhi). P Kissell, L Brooks, P Chadd, B Rowles. Thank you to Growroom Hydroponics (www.growroom.com.au, 1451 Albany Hwy Cannington) for donation of books on hydroponics that were raffled.

Popular Vote. Open: *Odontonia* Memoria Martin Orenstein 'Lulu', owner Ray Taylor.

Novice: *Phalaenopsis* unknown, owner Margaret Rathbone.

Badge Prize: Edna Burgess

Next Committee: Friday 5 October

Next General Meeting: Friday 26 October

Meeting closed at 9:25 pm

MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (SEPTEMBER)

(Note: Plants must have been owned by the grower for at least 6 months prior to entry in Monthly Meetings and Shows)

OPEN

1A	(3)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Cattleya skinneri</i> f. <i>oculata alba</i> 'Dayana'
		2	M + A Baker	<i>Rhyncolaelia glauca</i>
		3	M + A Baker	<i>Rhyncolaelia digbyana</i>
1B	(1)	1	P + P Chadd	<i>Cattleya</i> Angelwalker 'Encanto'
1D	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Guaritonia</i> Why Not 'Lee' x self
2B	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Cymbidium</i> Pee Wee (<i>pumilum</i> x <i>madidum</i>)
2E	(2)	1	P + P Chadd	<i>Cymbidium</i> Dr Len 'Dusky Imp'
		2	P + P Chadd	<i>Cymbidium</i> Black Silk
4A	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Dendrobium polyanthum</i>
5D	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Hsinying Romance x Atien Nasu

6B	(1)	1	Courtney Rogasch	<i>Oncidesa</i> Gower Ramsey 'Sunkiss'
6D	(4)	1	Peter Kissell	<i>Oncidium</i> Vernal Aura 'Sunrise'
		2	Ray Taylor	<i>Odontonia</i> Mem Martin Orenstein 'Lulu'
		3	Peter Kissell	<i>Oncostele</i> Hot Pants 'Hot to Trot'
7A	(1)	1	M + A Baker	<i>Rhyncostylis gigantea</i>
7B	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Vanda</i> Rothschildiana
8	(1)	2	Ian Duncan	<i>Dendrobium kingianum</i> 'Red Devil' x 'Red Ink'
10B	(2)	1	Courtney Rogasch	<i>Dendrochilum cobbianum</i>
		2	Courtney Rogasch	<i>Zygopetalum critinum</i>
11B	(2)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Galeopetalum</i> (Giant x Arthur Elle) 'Old Port'
		2	Ian Duncan	<i>Fredclarkera</i> After Dark 'SVO Black Pearl' FCC
12	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Dendrobium</i> Esme Poulton x <i>speciosum</i> var. <i>speciosum</i> 'Windamere'

NOVICE

15D	(1)	1	Lynn Brooks	<i>Cattlianthe</i> Roblar
17D	(1)	1	Jacqui Bateman	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> unknown
19A	(1)	1	Nataliya Kulchytska	<i>Phalaenopsis schilleriana</i>
19C	(1)	1	Margaret Rathbone	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> unknown
24B	(1)	1	Jacqui Bateman	<i>Maxillaria porphyste</i>

POPULAR VOTE

OPEN	Ray Taylor	<i>Odontonia</i> Memoria Martin Orenstein 'Lulu'
NOVICE	Margaret Rathbone	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> unknown

SCHOKMAN TROPHY Ray Taylor *Cattleya skinneri* f. *oculata alba* 'Dayana' (75 points)
(Laeliinae)

Popular vote winners at our September meeting...

Open: *Odontonia* Memoria Martin Orenstein 'Lulu', grown by Ray Taylor. Ray uses a mix of 2 parts bark, 1 part Perlite, with some slow release fertiliser on top. As well, he regularly applies liquid fertiliser (Polyfeed or Strike Back Liquid). This orchid does not like to be overpotted. If the pot is too large, the orchid will fill the pot with growth but won't flower.

Novice: *Phalaenopsis* unknown, grown by Margaret Rathbone. Margaret has had this plant for about 5 years. It grows in a humid area near an indoor fishpond under a skylight. Margaret mists regularly with water, does a proper watering once a fortnight, and fertilises once a month.

Margaret's *Phalaenopsis*

Native terrestrial orchids at John Connell Reserve and Murdoch Station.

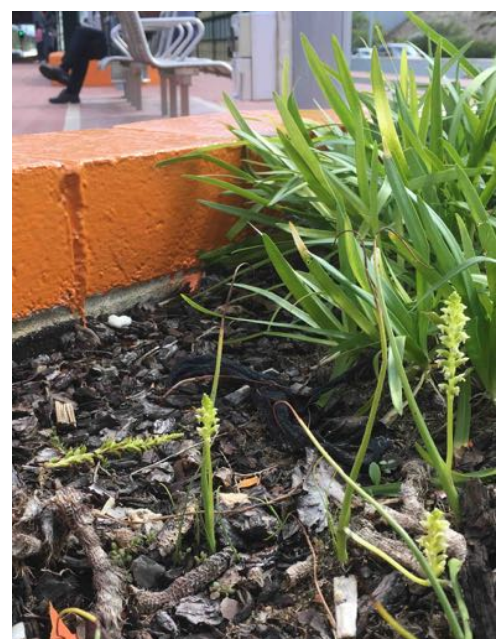
John Connell Reserve, just south of Melville Glades Golf Course, is an area of banksia woodland similar to the southern part of Murdoch University campus featured in the bulletin in September. This month there are plenty of orchids to see in John Connell Reserve, including spider orchids (*Arachnorchis* sp.), *Caladenia flava*, donkey orchids (*Diuris*), *Pterostylis*, and *Microtis*. *Microtis* grows like a weed (Kaye and Jim Baylis found some growing in the gutter of their roof one year). My favourite place to see *Microtis* is in the garden beds on the platform of Murdoch railway station, where it grows amongst dwarf agapanthus. The commuters seem oblivious to this beauty in their midst.



Three spider orchids in John Connell Reserve. The one on the right was growing just 20 metres from the cars on Roe Highway (the blueish tinges in the photo where the bush meets the sky are cars speeding by during the evening peak hour).



A colony of *Caladenia flava* in John Connell Reserve.



Microtis at Murdoch Station

Thank you to Nado Lenkic (Springfield Orchids)



Thank you to Nado for hosting OSWA at Springfield Orchids on October 7. Nado gave members a tour of his nursery and shared morning tea while he demonstrated his latest techniques for cymbidium culture. He also donated a plant of his own breeding, *Cymbidium Hit the Spot* (pictured), to be auctioned or raffled to OSWA members.

Nado will be our guest speaker at the November general meeting, but will not bring large numbers of plants to sell. Springfield Orchids has an online catalog (www.springfieldorchids.com.au), however, so any members wishing to buy plants from Nado can email their order and he will bring their plants to the November meeting. If you can't wait until then, just visit the nursery.

Thank you to John and Karen Carless

Thank you to John and Karen for welcoming OSWA members to their home on 14 October. The weather was lousy but those who braved the weather were rewarded with a morning tea and an impressive display in the shadehouse. The Baylises had some extra excitement — a tyre blowout in the rain during the trip home. Luckily they signed the book.

John had orchids from many genera in flower in his shadehouse. Prominent amongst his collection are some particularly impressive *Dendrobium kingianum* and *Dendrobium x delicatum* specimens, attractive *Epidendrum* hybrids, soft cane dendrobiums, and some striking *Zygopetalum* hybrids. He is starting to experiment with *Cattleya intermedia*.



John watching apprehensively as Courtney gets a bit close to the *Dendrobium* breeding stock.

More from the Carless home visit.



Zygopetalum Kiwi Choice 'Impressive'
x *Zygonaria* Zest 'Toni'



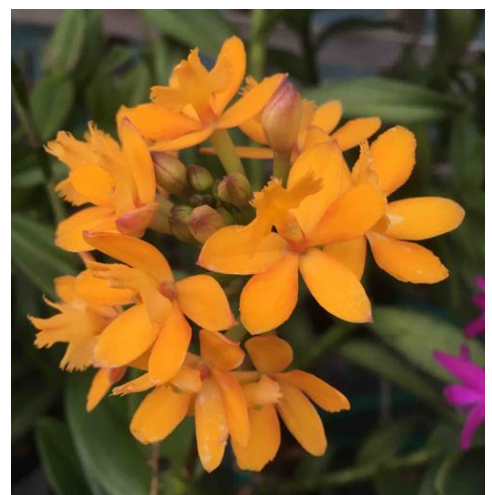
Cattleya intermedia



Dendrobium kingianum



Epidendrum hybrids



Dendrobium Lai's Yukisakura



Dendrobium goldschmidtianum

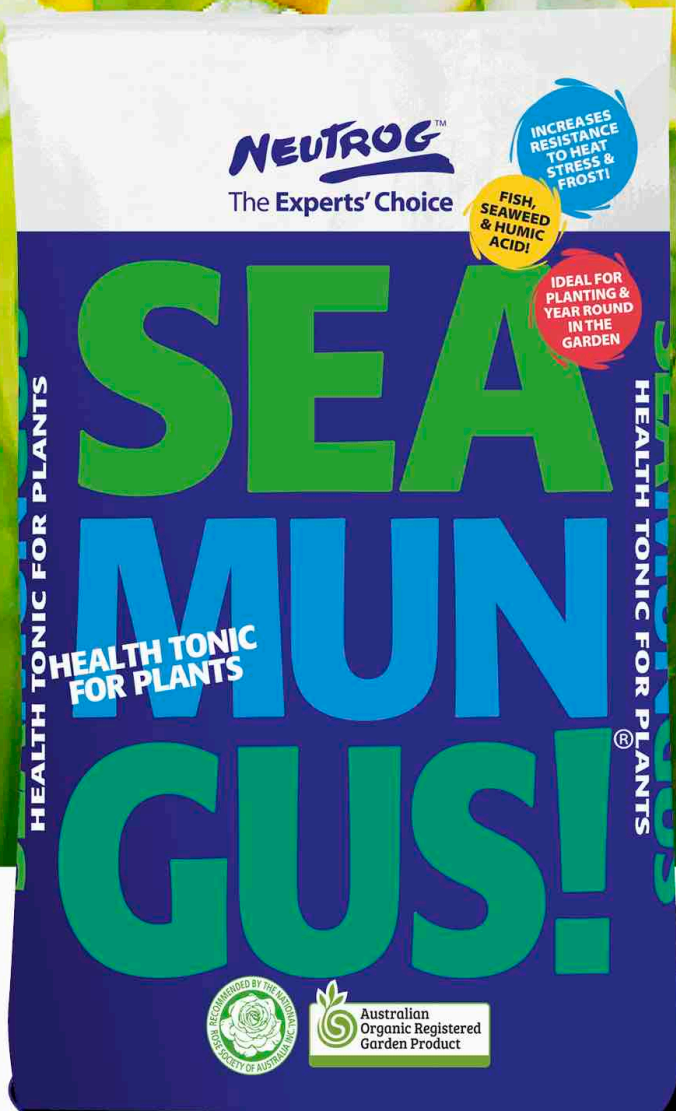
Results of the OSWA Spring Show, Kardinya Park Shopping Centre, August 2018.

Champion Cymbidium	Cymbidium Gwen Thomas "Golden Aura"	Courtney Rogasch
Best Laeliinae Alliance	Blc. Momilani Rainbow "The Gypsy"	Courtney Rogasch
Best Paphiopedilum	Paphiopedilum Hsin Ying Leopard x Red Shift	Howard Tan
Best Dendrobium (Excl. Aust. Natives)	Dendrobium Touch of Gold	Murray & Arni Baker
Best Australian Native	Dendrobium Candice	Courtney Rogasch
Best Oncidinae	Oncidium Gower Ramsey	Maxine Godbeer
Best Vandeae	Rhynchostylis gigantea	Murray & Arni Baker
Best Phalaenopsis	-	
Best Any Other Genera	Zygopetalum crinitum	Courtney Rogasch
Grand Champion	Dendrobium Candice	Courtney Rogasch
Reserve Champion	Cymbidium Gwen Thomas "Golden Aura"	Courtney Rogasch
Best Species (Excl. Aust. Natives)	Zygopetalum crinitum	Courtney Rogasch
Best Australian Native Species	Dendrobium speciosum var. grandiflorum	Ian Duncan
Best Australian Native Hybrid	Dendrobium Candice	Courtney Rogasch
Best Specimen (Excl. Aust. Natives)	Dendrochilum glumaceum	Maxine Godbeer
Best Specimen Aust. Native Hybrid or Species	Dendrobium Candice	Courtney Rogasch
Best Seedling (Other than Cymbidium or Aust. Native)	Paphiopedilum Hsin Ying Leopard X Red Shift	Howard Tan
Best Cymbidium Seedling (Excl. Aust. Natives)	Cymbidium Tom Dixon (Cymbidium Trinity Hall x Cymbidium Beau Guest)	Meg Donald
Best Pure Colour Cymbidium	Cymbidium One Tree Hill "Kapiti Gold"	Courtney Rogasch
Best Floral Entry	Floral Arrangement in a Container using Orchids	Meg Donald



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