

THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB GAZETTE

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MONTHLY MEETING:

Notice is hereby given that the next monthly Cultural Meeting will be held at the Lutheran Church Hall, Windsong Court, Christie Downs on Tuesday 11th June at 8 p.m.

Our guest speaker for the night will be Mr. Mick Chenoweth his topic will be "COOL GROWING GENERA".

Mick is an accredited Judge with the Orchid Club of South Australia, with his knowledge and expertise in growing orchids much sought after.

An interesting and informative evening is assured, with the emphasis being on informality, so make an effort to attend.

NOTICE : PURCHASERS OF "DISA UNIFLORA"

The club committee have decided that the members may have been misled into purchasing the above plants - the mortality rate has been extreme to say the least. One member however is the exception to the rule. Harry Viney has assured us "that my Disa is growing very well - but is only half its original size". Those who have lost their plants may have them replaced without cost, with a seedling of the Odontoglossum Alliance currently held by the Club. This offer is only available for the June meeting, please apply at the Trading Table.

TRADING TABLE:

The South Coast Seedling competition plants are available again at \$7.00 per plant. There is only a limited supply so get yours now.

A reminder, if you wish to sell your plants, struck back bulbs etc. through the trading table they must be appropriately labelled with colour and flowering time etc.

Further assistance is sought at the Trading Table as Anne Peterson will be absent for approximately 1 month.

UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS:

This is the last reminder for those who have not as yet become financial - if you are unfinancial you are not eligible to participate in club activities and will be removed from the club mailing list.

MINIATURE CYMBIDIUM SPECIES.

What do we know of the species cymbidiums from which our modern hybrids originate? A short study of some of the dwarf cymbidium species which have been used by hybridisers, should be of interest to all who have succumbed to the charm of the "Miniatures"

Cymbidium 'pumilum';- A native of China, has small pseudobulbs about 1" high and 3-5 lance shaped leaves 6-12" long. Spikes are 4-5" long with flowers about 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter. There are a number of varieties. Normally the flowers are brownish red, but 'album' or 'haakun' is apple green sometimes suffused with brown. Other varieties are the red "Shira-toma", "yashima", "Titsiyetsii" and "Gyokki". These latter varieties are from Japan. This species flowers mainly in the Spring but its hybrids do not necessarily flower at this time, and can flower over a long period. C. 'pumilum' has been used more than any other species for miniature hybrids.

Cymbidium 'devonianum';- A medium sized plant with 3-5 leaves per growth 7-14" long and rather broad. The spikes are pendulous with many 1-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " flowers colored olive green spotted with purple or buff coloured streaked with purple. Native of Himalayas, Khasia Hills growing on trunks and forks of decayed trees, flowering in Summer

Cymbidium 'madidum':- A native of North Queensland, has large pseudobulbs, large smooth light green leaves up to 2" long. Spikes 1-2' long, flowers 1" in diameter are waxy, light green to chartreuse to olive in color. The flowers are fragrant and produced in Spring.

Cymbidium 'canaliculatum';- This is the most common cymbidium in Australia and is fairly widely distributed. The plant has thick grey-green leathery leaves 12-18" long and fairly large pseudbulbs. There are often many spikes per growth, the flowers are waxy and highly variable in color from yellow to brown to maroon. Var. Sparkesii is dark maroon-red. The spikes reach 18" long and the flowers are up to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter. Flowers early Spring.

Cymbidium 'suave';- A Native of New South Wales and Queensland, having narrow leaves and no pseudobulbs. An epiphyte, growing on trees, it flowers profusely in Spring. The spikes are pendant with many small variable coloured flowers (from green to yellow) $\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter.

Cymbidium 'tigrinum':- A Native of Burma, Malay Peninsula and S E Asia. Originally discovered growing on rocks on mountains near Tenasserin at 6,000 feet. The 3-5 leaves are 3-6" long and there are globose pseudobulbs. Spikes have 3-5 flowers about 2" in diameter, coloured yellowish green spotted and lined with red. The lip is large, white and the side lobes are striped reddish-purple. Flowers in Summer.

Cymbidium 'dayanum':- A fairly small plant, rather grass-like in growth with short leaves 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " long. The spikes are about 9" long with about 10 star-shaped flowers 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " diameter, sepals and petals are white with a central crimson line. The lip and column are coloured reddish purple. A Native of Sikkim and Assam, Malay Peninsula, Sumatra and Philippines. Flowers Summer to Autumn.

Cymbidium 'ensifolium':- This cymbidium has no pseudobulbs, leaves are grass-like about 12" long and $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide. Spikes are about 12" long with 3-7 flowers 2" in diameter. Fragrant and of variable color, white, yellow to pale green lined red - lip pale green spotted red. Habitat: Ceylon, Assam and South China. Flowers late Spring.

Cymbidium 'hoosai':- Has growth characteristics similar to C. 'ensifolium', but somewhat larger. Native of South China and Formosa. The mainland 'hoosai' is dark purplish-red and is often called 'bokuran' (black cymbidium). The Formosan 'hoosai' is paler.

Cymbidium 'kanran':- Also similar to C. 'ensifolium' but with longer, narrower leaves and larger flowers. Native of Japan and Formosa. The flowers are fragrant and are produced in late Autumn and Winter.

Paphiopedilum fairieanum

A native of Assam and some mystery surrounds its first introduction. A flowering plant was exhibited in London in 1857 by the grower Mr. Fairie after whom the plant was named. This is the orchid that became 'lost' and a huge price, over \$2,000, being paid for a plant that came to auction nearly 100 years ago. It is a real gem and should have an honoured place in any collection. It has a character that many a hybrid lacks.

PLANT:- Leaves light green in color, very slightly tessellated, (indicating that some degree of warmth is needed), 9 to 10 inches in length by 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide.

It can flower at all times of the year if allowed to grow into a large plant, but resents division.

THE FLOWER:- A single flower is carried on a slender stem, well above the foliage. The stem can be up to 12" long. The flower is small - 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide by 3" deep but is very elegant. The dorsal sepal is oval, undulated along the margins and recurved at the top.

The petals droop, then turn upwards at the tips like an old time moustache. The ground colour of both sepals and petals is white with a basal stain of green, striped and edged with purple. The edges of the petals are fringed with hairs. The lip is elongated with infolded side lobes, dull green with subdued purple veining. The lip is more or less outlined by the ventral sepal. Flowers are long lasting (good point).

CULTIVATION:- It can be grown in intermediate conditions but will grow reasonably cool. Give reasonable amount of shade - more than cattleyas. Do not get water in the leaf axils during cold weather or rot could result. Compost? A good one is 80% bark,, 15% dry oak leaves, 5% granulated charcoal with a handful of hoof and horn to every 2 gallons of mix. Crock pot to $\frac{1}{3}$ of depth. August is a good time to repot.

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BUS TRIP:

One or two vacancies still exist for the Bus Trip On June 16th please let the Secretary or President know at the Meeting on June the 11th.

WINTER SHOW:

The following people have offered their assistance for the Winter Show: TRADING TABLE.... Mr/Mrs Kelly, Mary and Will Vaughn, Shirley Stirling, Rosalie Moore, Helen Milburn, Dick Styles, Sandy McKirdy. WORKS PARTY FRIDAY EVENING.....John Enders, Harry Viney, Tony De Inno, Mr.Rogers, Malcolm Mangelsdorf, John ± Nicholls, Dick Styles, Ray Goodall and Ken Maddock. RUNNERS FOR JUDGES.....Mary & Will Vaughn, Geoff Spear, Tony D'Ionno, Harry Viney, Mrs Brereton.

OPEN DIVISION

Aus. Nat. Ter.	Liparus refoexa Parvifloar	K Northcote	3
	Ptst aloto	L & R Moore	2
Aus. Nat. Epi.	Den. Hilda Poxon	"	3
	Den. bigibbum var Compactum	J E Leeder	2
Cymbidiums.	Alvin Bryant 'Ann'	W J Nicholls	3
Mini Cyms.	pumilum x Melinga	K Northcote	3
Intermediate Cyms.	Splendour x Sirius	"	3
	Pendragon x Peter Pan	D Mills	2
Cattleyas.	Lc Rosemary Heydon	W J Nicholls	3
	Blc Lucky Strike	Noarlunga Orchids	2
	Pot. Tripoli x Lc Edgard	"	1
Dendrobiums	Pauline	J E Leeder	3
Miscellaneous.	Wils. Shirley Monkhouse	E D Pollitt	3
	Vanda Roellingiana	W J Nicholls	2
	Onc. Splinter x Onc Longpipes	W J Nicholls	1
Phalaenopsis Species	lueddemanniana heiroglyphica	K H Northcote	3
Novelty Paph.	primulum Flavum x hennisianum	J E Leeder	3
Species	Barkeria Lindleyana x Self	W J Nicholls	3
	Trighoglottis rosa blunga	"	2
	Encyclia cockleata	L & R Moore	1
Division Flower of Month:-	Lc Rosemary Heydon	W J Nicholls	

FIRST DIVISION

Aust. Nat. Epi.	Den. Hilda Poxon.	Don Biebrick	3
Mini Cyms.	Mary Princess 'Shamrock'	A De Ionno	3
Cattleyas	C. Wonder ^P ink	C C Burfield	3
	C. Kew	"	2
Miscellaneous.	Milt. Charles Fitch	Ron Parish	3
Novelty ^P aph.	Rosette 'Goliath'	"	3
	F C Puddle	"	2
	Turpe	"	1
Species Paph.	sukhaultii	"	3
	spicerianum	"	2
Species.	Laelia anceps.	L Chambers	3
Division Flower of Month:-	Paph. sukhakulii	Ron Parish	

SECOND DIVISION

Aus. Nat. Epi.	Den. Hilda Poxon	A R & M J Moffatt	3
	Liparis reflexa	Brenda Brereton	2
Aus. Nat. Ter.	Ptst. baptistii	D & I Attenborough	3
Cymbidiums.	Luana 'Aurora'	Ray Goodall	3
Mini Cyms.	Morialta 'Morialta Falls'	A R & M J Moffatt	3
	Splendour	V J Rodgers	2
Intermediate Cyms.	Valentines Love.	"	3
	Ayaka Tanaca	"	2
Cattleyas	C. Portiata	Ray Goodall	3
	Bc. Groganiae	W & M Vaughan	2
	Lc. Aida x Montecas	Ray Goodall	1
Cattleyas Cluster	C. Kew	Syd Poole	3
	C. bowringiana x claesiana	I & D Attenborough	2
	Blc. Richard Nixon x Lc Mem.		
	Albert Heinecke	Ray Goodall	1
Miscellaneous.	Zygo. John Banks	V J Rodgers	3
	Zygo John Banks.	M & S Steele	2
	Dialalia Snowflake	Ray Goodall	1

Division Flower of Month:- Cym. Morialta 'Morialta Falls':- A R & M J Moffatt

Registrars Flower of Month:- Cym. Morialta 'Morialta Falls' A R & M J Moffatt

Judges for June Meeting:- Glen Forrest; Stephen Monkhouse; Brenda Lynch.