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The next monthly meeting of the club will be held on TUESDAY, 13 October commencing 8p.m.

PROGRAMME.

Guest Speaker for the evening will be Mr. David Smith of W.A. Young & Co. the topic will be "The use of shade cloth".

REMINDERS

Raffle books should be returned to Mr. J. Leeder by the October Cultural Meeting.

Members intending to attend the dinner on December 8th are requested to pay \$5.00 per head deposit, at either the October or November Cultural meetings.

VALE

It is with regret we advise on the passing of our esteemed member Mrs. E. (Chis) Chisholm. She will be sadly missed by all who know her. Sincere sympathy to Mr. Rod Chisholm and family.

COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Lois Hansen, on 20th. October at 7.30 pm.

SEEDLING COMPETITION

Plants for the Seedling Competition will be available to members at the October Cultural Meeting. The crossing will be CELADON X KHYBER PASS. and will cost \$4.00 each. Limit one plant per member. Any plants remaining will be sold at the November Cultural Meeting.

Presenting an Article submitted by a long standing Club Member,
Mr. Les Poole, now residing in Maryborough, Queensland.

Having recently joined the Maryborough Horticultural Society, I was invited to write some notes in reference to growing orchids.

I have been living in Maryborough for only 16 months since moving from a suburb of Adelaide. We brought with us one-third of our orchid collection, which filled a large semi-trailer van.

As South Australia is one of the best States for growing cymbidium orchids, naturally 80 per cent of my collection was of the cold growing types.

The species cymbidium originated from the Himalayan mountains, about 5000 feet above sea level, and therefore can withstand the hot sun as well as very cold nights. It does not require a heated house but only requires a covering here in our hot summers to prevent the foliage from burning. Therefore we build the orchid house with a covering of sarlon cloth with 50 per cent to 75 per cent shade value.

Here in Maryborough, with the long daylight and regular warm days, I have used two thicknesses of 50 per cent shade sarlon, and the plants are so far responding very well under those conditions.

To help the flowering cymbidiums it is necessary to cool the plants late in the evenings from November to March. These are the months when the plants set their flower spikes, so I spend some time trying to reduce the temperature in the growing house by keeping the floor very wet and misting the plants after sunset.

Another big help in gaining flower spikes is to add to your watering hydro-chloric acid (spirits of salts) at the rate of 5 drops to one gallon of water (rain water preferably) or, in a large quantity, one teaspoon to 5 gallons of rain water. This can be used almost the year round without its being harmful to the plants. I usually make a practice of using the acid after flowering has finished, until the flower spikes are well advanced the following year.

The plants need feeding and I prefer the natural fertiliser, using a very weak solution of either fowl or pigeon manure. There are many fertilisers on the market, such as fish emulsion, Nitrosol and Orchidol. Some growers prefer to use slow release fertilisers such as Osmocote, Nuticote and Megamp, but whichever is used, half strength will give the best results and less likely to burn the roots.

For the potting media in the climate here I prefer a very open mix which can be made up of good bark, clean charcole, peat moss and a good unsalted shell grit if obtainable. I have also known pine needles used.

I like to put about two inches of half inch washed gravel in the bottom of the pots for clean drainage. Cymbidiums prefer to be grown on mesh benches about nine inches from the ground, thus allowing good drainage and plenty of air to surround the pots. Once the plants start to come in flower it is a good idea to place a stake beside each spike and then tie a twistie around as the growth moves upwards.

There is so much to be known about these beautiful orchids that clubs have extensive collections in their libraries, and one can always gain by becoming a club member.

FLORAL ART

Floral Art arrangements may be tabled from 9.30 - 10.45 am. on Sunday 4th, October. Judging will commence at 11.00 am. Judge will be Mrs. Grace Prosser.

There will be no meeting in October, and the November meeting will be a visit to the Wayville Show grounds for an Exhibition on November 3rd. \$4.00 Cocktail party. Meet at hall entrance.

December meeting will be a Christmas arrangement with light refreshments Bubbly Supplied by Club.

PIN AIDS

Below we have received a price list which may be of interest to Floral Art girls.

<u>PRICE AND CUBITT</u>	Shirley Price 296 2930 Annette Cubitt 276 2513	15, Noble St., BRIGHTON . 5048. S.A.
No: 150	1½" Round	\$2.05 2 per box
No: 200	2" Round	\$2.05 each
No: 212	2½" Round	\$2.60 each
No: 312	3½" Round	\$4.10 each
No: 123	3"x1½" Rectangle	\$2.90 each
No: 141	1½"x1¼" Rectangle	\$1.80 <u>SPECIAL</u> 2 per box
No: 300	3" Oval	\$3.20 each
No: 425	2½" Square	\$3.10 each

SPRING SHOW

This year will see the introduction of two new trophies for our exhibiting members Mr. Rod Chisholm and family have generously donated a perpetual trophy in memory of his late wife.

The trophy will be named, 'THE MRS. ELSIE CHISHOLM MEMORIAL TROPHY' and will be awarded for the 'Best Novelty Cymbidium displayed at the Spring Show.

The Savings Bank of South Australia has generously donated a perpetual trophy, to be awarded to 'The most successful Exhibition at both the Cultural and Floral Art Sections of the Shows'.

The Club is very grateful for the generosity shown by the Chisholm family and the Savings Bank of South Australia.

MONTHLY COMPETITION. SEPTEMBER '81.
OPEN DIVISION.

Cym.	Fortis Pink Beauty	Bubs Gready	3.
Novelty Cym.	Oriental Legend Samuri	" "	3.
Mini Cym	Pumilum Album x Primula	K. Northcote.	3.
Aust. Native	Den. Gracilicaule	" "	3.
	Den. Delicatum Alba	" "	2.
Phal.	Mt. Rokko x Surf City		
	x Betty Conroy	" "	3.
	Roffe Wilson x lueddemanniana		
	Elinor Schaffer	" "	2.
	Bobbie Gaye Lista x Amboinensis	" "	1.

BEST ORCHID OPEN DIV.

Cym. Fortis Pink Beauty	Bubs Gready.		
1st. Division			
Cym.	Valya Craig Sunset	W. & R. Moore.	3.
	El Capitan Mem Rob. Chrisman	" "	2.
	Sensation Chianti	R. & M. Kiely.	1.
Nov. Cym.	Mini. Mint Jean	W. & R. Moore.	3.
	Tricia Allen Jillians Gem	R. Wright.	2.
	Pelleas Morganor	" "	1.
Mini. Cym.	Tommy Amy	W. & R. Moore.	3.
	Pepita Red Gem	" "	2.
Nov. Paph.	Haynaldianum x Chamberlainianum	D. & J. May.	3.
Species Paph.	willosum	" "	3.
Aust. Native	P. curta	W. & R. Moore	3.
	Den. tetragonum	" "	2.
	Den. teretifolium	" "	1.

BEST ORCHID 1st DIVISION.

	Valya Craig Sunset	W. & R. Moore.	
2nd DIVISION			
Cym.	Borough Green Conference	G. Spear.	3.
	Bengal Bay Golden Hue	A. Robertson.	2.
	Anacapa Montecito	T. De ionno.	1.
Mini. Cym.	Dag Laguna	D. & G. Jordan.	3.
	Bedivere	H. & L. D'Rozario.	2.
	Pepita Royal Gem	" "	1.
Nov. Cym.	Rouge Cherry Wine	A. & M. Moffatt.	3.
	Evening Star Bethlehem	J. & P. Lewis.	2.
	Pelleas Turantot	G. Mc Martin.	1.
Paph.	Unknown	H. & L. D'Rozario.	3.
Aust. Native	Den. speciosum	J. & P. Lewis.	3.
	Den. falcorostrum	M. King.	2.
	P. pedunculata	L. Spear.	1.
Species	Odm. bictoniense	B. Baker.	3.
	Cym. tracyanum	D. Gray.	2.
	Lyc. skinneri	B. Baker.	1.

BEST ORCHID 2nd. DIVISION

Cym. Borough Green Conference G. Spear.

PRESIDENTS ORCHID OF THE MONTH

Cym. Fortis Pink Beauty Bubs Gready.

INDOOR PLANT Asparagus Fern Mrs. W. De 'Ionno.