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Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 13th June 1972, at the Morphett Vale RSL hall at 8 p.m. At this meeting we want all members to take an active part. **For the ladies, there will be a prize given for the best flower spray made up.** Any type of flower can be used, as orchids are not easily available at the moment. Bring along your materials and let us see you all making your own individual effort. **There will also be a prize for the best ingenious gadget or any useful commercial appliance used.** Bring along anything that you have made or purchased, that you find particularly useful in your plant growing. Even the simplest thing such as a piece of wire bent in any particular way for a special purpose, could be of interest to other growers, and could win a prize.

**Let us see all members present at this meeting, 'doing their own thing'.** Guests are welcome.

Members are also asked to bring along any problem plants for discussion. Information will be given on spikes or any other advice required. The owner's name will not be disclosed if they wish to remain anonymous.

The opportunity table will be open as usual, so bring along any plants which you wish to sell, but sales will not be made until the meeting is over, so that all members have a chance to make a purchase.

We would like to get more definite numbers for our Annual Dinner in October. If you cannot attend the June meeting and you are interested, please contact Mr Peter Summers 98 2461.

Do not forget our July Winter Show, which we hope to make an outstanding success. Also, plans are proceeding well for our Spring Show, to be held at the Marion Shopping Centre, so keep busy with your plants in preparation for these displays.

The next ladies' spraymaking class will be held on Saturday, 17th June at 2 p.m. at Mrs Marjorie Lang's home, 3 Emerald Road, Morphett Vale.

At our last meeting we had a very interesting talk on Insecticides by Mr Doug Frith from Agchem. Mrs Ellie Shaw also gave a very helpful demonstration and talk on corsage assembly.

The judging of plants was carried out by Mr Mick Chenoweth, and points awarded as follows: - **Novice Section**—*Cattleya bowringiana* x *labiata* (Mrs Tregenza) 3 points, *Lc. Gattton Lily* x *Lc. Amabilis* (D. Lang) 2 points, *Brassidium Estrelita* (John Maddern) 3 points, *Zygopetalum mackayii* (D. Lang) 2 points. **Open Section**—*Cattleya bowringiana* (W. Harris) 3 points, *Lc. San Mirelle* (Mr & Mrs Poole) 2 points, *C. Esther Larsen* (W. Harris) 1 point, *Paph. Ethyl* (Mr & Mrs Poole) 3 points, *Paph. Krastia* (Wes Harris) 2 points, *Paph. Alma Gavaert* (Wes Harris) 1 point, *Oncidium sarcatum* (W. Harris) 3 points, *Catasetum fimbriatum* (J. Hofner) 2 points, *Zygopetalum mackayii* (J. Hofner) 1 point. **Popular Votes** went to *Lc. San Mirelle*, grown and exhibited by Mr and Mrs Les Poole.

## A WEEK-END'S WORK! by Bernie Hansen

Festival times 'a-comin'' and 'flowerin'' times are here! So it's time to do all your pre-festival 'titivating'.

Firstly, let us look at the flowering area. Clear away all weeds and check corners, etc., for slugs and snails. All benches should be checked and repaired, if necessary. If benches are made of wood these can be painted with a good wood preservative. Spray the whole area with a weedicide, and a pesticide, and then with a fungicide.

On the outside of the flowering house check shading if it is not covered with Sarlon cloth. Not many flowers require clear glass to get the colour into them, unless the skies remain dull. This was noticeable with the early flowering of Lustrous Betty x Henry Davies. The flowers in my glasshouse were washed out, although the later spikes on the same plants are nicely coloured.

Now the plants themselves, provided the buds are not showing, can be given a good spraying for red spider, aphids, etc. Clean up the plants by removing all dead leaf tips, old husks. Stake the spikes, tie loosely to stake with a twisty. Sprinkle the plants with 'Baysol' slug and snail 'knockeroff'er' (Baysol may cost more than some of the others, but it can be used sparingly with best results.)

**Remember**—Sterilize all utensils used for cleaning up the orchids by dipping the tools in methylated spirits and then flaming them.

Use a dust for wogs once the buds are showing. I use Folidust plus a 25% addition of Metaldehyde. A word of caution: don't use Arsenate of Lead on plants. It is all right for spraying surrounding areas.

Lastly, do look after your blooms as we will need a lot for our Festival at Marion.