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The next meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will be on Tuesday, 10th November, at 8.00 p.m. at the Morphett Vale R.S.L. Hall, and will be our Annual General Meeting. Also on the agenda for this coming meeting are beautiful slides on 'Close-Up Photography', and 'Potting and Culture of Slippers' – a short talk and demonstration.

In our last Monthly Meeting the following plants were awarded points: **NOVICE SECTION**—3 points, *Pterostylis baptistii* (Harold Gudsack); 2 points, *Cymbidium Wyalla Highbury* (Les Poole); 1 point—*Bletilla Striata* (Harold Gudsack). **OPEN SECTION**—3 points, *Brasso Cattleya The Globe 'Mrs Simon Gaye'* (Wes Harris); 2 points, *Cattleya Stella Crocker* (Mick Chenoweth); 1 point—*Brassavola digbyana* (Wes Harris). **THE POPULAR VOTES** went to B.C. The Globe (Wes Harris) for Orchids, and for Indoor Plants we had a tie – *Ixora* (Graham Harvey) and Hare's Foot Fern (Ellie Shaw).

The Plants were judged by Mr Syd Monkhouse (a Club Member!!) who is the Australian Registrar of Orchid Judges. Syd also gave an excellent talk on our Spring Show at the Reynella Shopping Centre as well as on our Club Exhibit in John Martins. Hope to see you again, Syd!!!

Annual General Meeting: All nominations for positions of office bearers and committee must be in the hand of the Secretary before the start of the November Meeting. They must be duly proposed and seconded and signed by the nominee.

Our last Spray Making Session was held at Ellie Shaw's house in Seaford, and we were taught how to make a bouquet, a shoulder spray, and a posy. Thanks to Ellie and the participants those 'Working Session' are always a great success and much appreciated. **Our Next Session** will be on Saturday, 7th November, again at Ellie Shaw's house, the Parade, Seaford, Telephone 83 3056 (at 2 p.m.), and we will be shown how to make our own Christmas Decorations.

Our capable Ellie also happens to be the Club's Librarian and has brought it to our notice that the library is not very much frequented. We may not have a lot of books yet, but what we have is very worthwhile perusing. Ellie has the literature and books on display at every meeting – don't miss this opportunity.

Our OPPORTUNITY TABLE will again be in operation at the next meeting, and now, in the middle of repotting time, there should be some very good and priceworthy divisions on sale. Remember the Club does get a percentage of the sales, and this will in turn pay for library books and other necessary items for your benefit. Already in this past year we have been able to acquire a P.A. System, and those of you who have attended a meeting on a rainy night know how very necessary this was. See you at the next meeting.

Your Editor, Anna Hofner.

CULTURAL NOTES

by Wesley Harris

Don't hesitate to apply a little more roof paint now that the days are longer, brighter and, near the roof-glass much hotter. I neglected to do this in September, and the lovely *Dendrobium pulchellum* suffered many burnt buds, leaving only three to open. The raceme of this tall plant was 8" from the glass roof. So: shading, ventilating, watering, fertilising and damping will claim more attention.

Many *Cymbidiums* may now be divided, repotted or 'potted on', finishing this in November (except the greens, they are best tackled in the cool autumn to prevent excessive shrivelling). Be content to give newly potted plants a frequent misting – DO NOT WATER – for a week or more until new roots need moisture. Then, in addition to the normal 'complete fertiliser', a weak fowl manure 'tea' and a slight sprinkling of blood and bone manure is acceptable food.

This period is suitable for similar treatment to *Cattleyas*. A good clean-up of these plants may be indicated. After watering, when the old brown sheathing is wet it can be gently removed, even to expose the new vegetative eyes, using tweezers. It is then simple to locate any infestation of target scale on leaf surfaces, for, if any is there, an associated white downy scale is almost sure to have nested under the sheathing, down to and around the new eyes. All this must be removed—I use a soapy water containing Malathion, which will penetrate the greasy pests. Treat all surfaces lightly, using a tooth brush, and wet the rhizome thoroughly so that the Malathion reaches the undersurfaces effectively. I am inclined to agree that ants introduce these pests so that they can feed on the sugars sucked from the sap-stream by the scale.

Hard cane *Dendrobiums*—the *Phalananthe*—are potted when root tips show on new canes, often during the Christmas—New Year period. *Paphiopedilums* are normally repotted soon after flowering; the species *hirsutissimum* at about this time.

Keep floors of brush-house and glasshouse wetted—many overseas growers have cement watertroughs of the full floor area. Railway sleepers placed on these troughs and spaced 1" apart make a solid path and a good foundation for benches, and so a high degree of humidity is maintained. Let's remember this tip and keep floors damp.

Wesley Harris.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR ENDING 20/10/1970

Receipts			Payments	
Balance 11.11.69				
in Bank	\$209.88		Hall Hire	\$69.00
Cash in Hand	<u>2.26</u>	\$212.14	Printing/Advertising	24.50
Bank Interest		7.51	Plant Purchases	5.06
Sale of Seedlings		9.00	Tea Costs	6.10
Subscriptions		105.00	Peat Sales	112.80
Tea Tickets		63.20	P.A. System	54.00
Donated Plants Sales		12.70 <i>AK</i>	Slides for Club Library	7.50
Members' Plant Sales		15.50	Insurance	11.16
Show Donations		12.00	Orchid Club Subscription	5.63
Sundry Items			Stationery & Stamps	41.30
Peat	114.40		Sundries	2.58
Raffle	10.80		Bank Balance 20.10.70	
Door Receipts	51.83		Credit	\$304.83
Flower Sales	25.61		Less O/C	<u>.27</u>
Sundries	<u>7.76</u>	210.40	Cash in Hand	2.76
		<u>\$646.95</u>		<u>\$646.95</u>

Signed: G. Harvey, President

Signed: C. Hammond, Treasurer

Audited and found correct:

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dated: 19.10.1970