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MONTHLY MEETING - CULTURAL SECTION

Our next Monthly Meeting will be held at the Lutheran Church Hall, Windsong Court, Christie Downs, on Tues. July, 10th at 8.00 p.m.

## PROGRAMME

Members are reminded that the July Meeting will, of course, be our Winter Show. With the amount of plants coming into bloom now, no doubt there will be a wonderful display of plants tabled at the Show. We hope you all can contribute plants for the show and make the meeting a most successful night.

During the judging, there will be a Floral Art demonstration.

We wish to remind you that if you are an Unfinancial Member of the South Coast Club, you are not eligible to show any plants at either our Club monthly meetings or the Winter or Spring Shows.

Good luck to all members with your exhibits!!!

## NEW MEMBERS

We wish to make welcome the following new members:-

Mr. G.L.Farnall, 30 Surrey Pde., Morphett Vale, S.A.

Mr. & Mrs. C.L. Christianson, 70 Balmoral Ave.,

Warradale, S.A. 5046

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## JUNE MEETING

The Guest Speaker at the June Meeting was Mr. Harry Lambert, who gave us a very interesting and informative talk on the necessary requirements when judging orchids, Showbench and Export orchids.

Harry stressed the need to own Showbench Orchids that will flower at the right time, i.e., Showtime. When buying orchids, buy the best. Look for shape, size, colour, spike habit, texture, substance and proliferousness - these are all points that cymbidiums are judged on.

With Export Orchids, the requirements differ a little with the shape to be reasonable, clean flowers, upright spikes with the flowering time to be from June through to December. Different colours are also a very important requirement.

Harry concluded his talk with a good variety of slides showing some beautiful cymbidiums flowering.

Mr. Syd Monkhouse presented Les and Neal Poole with a gift from the Club of two engraved silver goblets and spoke extolling Les's virtues which have been appreciated by many members of our club.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

The August and September meetings will be most entertaining with the Guest Speaker being Mr. Syd Monkhouse. The subject he will be discussing is "South African Swinging Safari" - venue for the 10th World Orchid Conference 1981 together with some slides.

## JULY COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Brenda Lynch, 23 Holder Road, Hove, S.A.

## NEW ZEALAND ORCHID CONFERENCE 1980.

Invitations have been extended from the New Zealand Orchid Society to attend the Orchid Conference for 1980. Travel arrangements can be made through Stewart Moffatt World Travel Service who are the official Travel Agents for the Australian Orchid Council.

THE VERSATILE ORCHID  
(by Mr. Syd. Monkhouse)

(extract from the S.C.O.C. Bulletin Nov. '74.)

What is it that attracts us to the Orchid Growing cult?

For a start, the word "orchid" has a magical attraction to the uninitiated, although if we were aware of its derivation, perhaps our enthusiasm would be a little blunted. The next attraction that most of us encounter is the orchid show and, as these are generally Spring Shows, the flower we initially fall for is the Cymbidium.

A Cymbidium collection is the first ideal amongst the average enthusiasts but, after a little time, a couple of doubts appear in our minds - most of our flowers appear during the spring months only, and the cymbidium is beginning to bore us slightly with its limited form and restricted range of colours.

It is at this stage that the orchid really asserts itself as a plant out of the ordinary. About the time that the daffodil grower sickens of daffodils, or the dahlia grower tires of dahlias, the orchid grower suddenly discovers that he has not even started to scrape the surface of true appreciation of the orchid family. So many are the different types of orchids that can be grown easily by the most amateur amateur, and so varied are their forms and colours, that, having reached this stage, the enthusiast is really "hooked" and headed for a lifetime of discovery and enjoyment that appeals to young and old alike.

The following brief list covers a few of the so-called "miscellaneous" orchids that can be grown in a shadehouse, in the garden, on trees, or in a very modest unheated glasshouse. The orchid is a very adaptable plant and will acclimatise itself to widely varied climatic conditions if given the chance.

Don't expect a plant that has been growing in a lush heated glasshouse, to go on as if nothing has happened if you suddenly thrust it out in the shadehouse. Don't purchase plants that have not been hardened off and put them in harsh cymbidium shadehouse conditions at any other time of the year than Spring, as they could very well perish before acclimatisation to extremes of weather.

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Give plants time to get used to new conditions. For example, a cattleya taken from a glasshouse and put out in the shadehouse, even during Spring, will probably shrivel and lose vigour for quite some time. However, it will produce new growths and these will be harder, thicker and tougher than previously and after 12 months the plant will be quite happy with its new environment.

In other words, HAVE PATIENCE!! After all, it would take you a while to acclimatise if you were suddenly dropped "starkers" in the South Pole!!!

**LAELIA 'anceps'** - Hardy Mexican species which excels in outdoor conditions. Must have a very open potting mix - either 50/50 Vita Bark & Isolite or tie it to the northern side trunk of a deciduous tree. Remove all roots and potting material if you follow this latter practice. 'Anceps' has mauve flowers and deeper throat. Blooms are approx. 4" across. Other LAELIAS that succeed similarly are L. 'gouldiana' - a deep vibrant purple; L. 'speciosa' var. MAJALIS - a paler pinky mauve, and L. 'autumnalis' - midway between the above two. Flowers late summer.

**ODONTOGLOSSUM 'grande'** - Another Mexican. Grow in Vita Bark and Isolite and house in the cymbidium house, preferably hanging from the wall. Dry the plant right out at the end of February in order to initiate flower spikes. Flowers autumn. Blooms bright brown and yellow barred, 7 or so to a spike and all 6" across.

**LYCASTE 'deppoi'** - Very hardy species. Grow in cymbidium mix alongside the cym. Honey coloured blooms of tulip shape which bloom at Christmas time. This plant is deciduous. L. 'aramatica', heavily perfumed, is quite similar.

**ZYGOPETALUM 'mackayii'** - Grow with the cymbidiums in cymbidium mixture. These very hardy orchids bloom prolifically on the new growths, with tall spikes of brown petalled flowers with broad mauve-pink lips.

**ONCIDIUM 'sphacelatum'** - There is a huge family of Oncidiums. This species blooms late November with 4 ft. long spikes of bright yellow and brown flowers. A very hardy plant once it has acclimatised to shadehouse conditions.

MONTHLY COMPETITION RESULTS - JUNE, 1979.OPEN SECTION - Judged by Mr. Bill Kiely.

CYMBIDIUM	Luana 'Pink Champagne'	R. & A. Gowling	3
	Luana 'Early Charm'	" " "	2
	Luana 'Imperial'	" " "	1
CATTLEYA	C. Guttata 'Leopoldii x L.C. Elstead 'Gem'	L. & N. Poole	3
	Pete Kilvea x Nigritan 'King of Kings'	" " "	2
PAPH.	Kay Rinaman 'Goldentough'	Adelaide Orchids	3
	Diny 'Sable'	" " "	2
	Blanche Sawyer 'Snowman'	Tom Burian	1
MIN. CYM.	Morialta Falls	H. & E. Krastins	3
NOVELTY CYM.	Pendragon 'Broadmoor'	R. & A. Gowling	3
	Pinafore 'Comet'	" " "	2
AUST. NATIVE.	Den. Bigibbum	L. & N. Poole	3
MISC.GEN.	Den. Sybil Jones x Sensation 'Limberlost'	L. & N. Poole	3
PAPH. SPECIES	Insigne	L. & N. Poole	3

The Open Division Flower of the Month was Ross and Aileen Gowling's cymbidium Luana 'Pink Champagne'.

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1ST DIVISION - Judged by Mr. Syd Monkhouse.

CYMBIDIUM	Highlander 'December Charm'	Mr. & Mrs. W. Kiely	3
	Melinga x Coraki	Mr. Roy Hill	2
	Wallane 'Margaret'	" " "	1
CATTLEYA	C. Bob Betts x Blc. Mt. Olympus.	M. & C. Strout	3
	C. Bowbells x C. Portiata	" " "	2
	L. Anceps x B. Glauca	Mr. & Mrs. Kiely	1
PAPH. SPECIES.	P. Fairrieianum	Mr. & Mrs. Nicholls	3
	P. Insigne	Mr. & Mrs. Kiely	2
	P. Novelty B. LEEANUM	" " "	1
MINI CYM.	Korintji x Madidum Unknown	Mr. & Mrs. Nicholls K. Northcote	3 2
AUST. NATIVES	Bulbophyllum 'Antantiacum'	K. Northcote	3
	Liparis 'Reflexa'	Mr. & Mrs. Kiely	2
	Dend. 'Falcorostrum'	M. & C. Strout	1
SPECIES	Cym. 'ensiflorum'	Mr. & Mrs. J. Nicholls	3
	Phalaenopsis Lindenii	" " "	2

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1ST DIVISION (Continued)

MISC.	Asc. Yip Sum Wah	Mr. & Mrs. J. Nicholls	3
GENERA.	Den. 'Spellbound'	" " " "	2
	Calanthe 'William Murray'	" " " "	1

The 1st Division Flower of the Month was Mr. & Mrs. M. Strout's Cattleya - C. Bobbetts x Blc. Mt. 'Olympus'.

2ND DIVISION - Judged by Mr. Tom Burian.

CYMBIDIUM	Earlyana 'Bartons'	K. & B. Lynch	3
	Lucense 'November Charm'	R.M. Moore	2
	Bethlehem 'Early Times'	K. & B. Lynch	1
NOVELTY	Connie	R.M. Moore	3
MIN. CYM.	Geraint 'Malibu'	E. & G. London	3
SPECIES Paph.	Insigne	J. Attenborough	3
AUST. NATIVE.	Dendrobium Speciosum x Tetragonum.	J. Attenborough	3
	Dend. Speciosum x Tetragonum.	R. & E. Chisholm	2
	Acianthus 'Exurtis'	" " "	1

The 2nd Division Flower of the Month was Mr. R.M. Moore's Novelty 'Connie'.

PRESIDENT'S FLOWER OF THE MONTH

Cymbidium - Luana 'Pink Champagne' R. & A. Gowling.

POPULAR VOTES

Orchid - Luana 'Pink Champagne' R. & A. Gowling.

Indoor Plant - Variegated Peperomia Mr. & Mrs. M. Strout.

Plant Commentary - The number of plants displayed at our June meeting was, overall, very good particularly in the Cymbidium sections. Most of us by now, are beginning to flower our cym. so we should have a really good display of all genera at our Winter Show.

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GET WELL WISHES

To Mrs. Viney, our Librarian, after her stay in hospital with a bad back, we certainly hope you are on the mend again.

To Mr. Ron Lemmon, who has his leg in plaster, will be an expert now handling 'crutches!!!!'

FLORAL ART PRIZE MONEY FOR THE WINTER SHOW

<u>1st Division</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
Line Arrangement and name it.	\$5	\$3	\$2
Own Choice.	\$5	\$3	\$2
Arrangement using 3 Flowers.	\$5	\$3	\$2

Open

Rhythmic Beauty.	\$5	\$3	\$2
Interpretive Arrangement.	\$5	\$3	\$2
Modern.	\$5	\$3	\$2

Grand Champion from each Section - \$6

PROGRAMME FOR THE YEAR

<u>JULY</u>	Demonstration	Study in Contrasts.
	Homework	Mini Show.
<u>AUGUST</u>	Demonstration	Cool Beauty.
	Homework	Div.1. Line Arrangement. Open. Study in Contrasts.
<u>SEPT.</u>	Demonstration	2 Arrangements different styles. Div.1. Cool Beauty.
		Open. Any arrangement on Show Schedule.
<u>NOV.</u>	Demonstration	Christmas arrangement - or Shoulder Spray?
	Homework	Own Choice.
<u>DEC.</u>		Bring a Christmas arrangement.

SPRING SHOW

<u>Division 1.</u>	1. Modern arrangement using not more than 5 Orchids.
	2. Line arrangement (Name it.).
	3. Cool Beauty.

<u>Open</u>	1. Study in Contrasts.
	2. Two arrangements of different styles.
	3. Interpret a Mood. (name it)

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The Judge for the Floral Art Winter Show will be Mrs.  
Iris Hutchens.

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# Floral Art

LIAISON MEMBER TO GENERAL COMMITTEE: MRS. LOIS HANSEN.

INSTRUCTOR:- Mrs. Iris Hutchins.

The next Monthly Meeting will be held at the Lutheran Kindergarten Hall, Christie Downs on Tuesday, 3rd July, at 7.45 p.m.

Well girls, by the time you receive these Floral Art Notes, I hope you are well on the way of planning your entries for the Winter Show.

Here is just a reminder of the schedule.

Division 1. 1. Line arrangement and name it.  
2. Own Choice.  
3. Arrangement using three flowers.

Open 1. Rhythmic Beauty.  
2. Interpretive and name it.  
3. Modern.

The July Floral Art night, will be in the form of a Mini Show so that you can try out a few of your ideas on the homework bench. You may put up as many arrangements as you like in all classes. This will then help you to fill all classes in the Winter Show and make it a great success. Remember when exhibiting at a Show, it is not the winning of a prize that counts, but the enjoyment that you give to the viewing public, so, fill the benches girls and good luck, I know you won't let them down.

Here are a few hints that may help you for the show. Firstly, write down the names of the classes you are doing, now, by each one, write which container, pinpoint and stones, what materials, flowers, foliage etc. you will be using, then, when you start packing for the show, mark off each article as you pack it, this way nothing will be left at home.

Also put in a few extras in case a leaf, stem, flower etc. gets damaged in transit. Pack prepared materials for each arrangement separately, this makes for quicker and easier assembling when you arrive at the Show.

Finally, DON'T forget to cover your pinpoint and DON'T forget the water.-----

THOUGHT: At 20years of age, you can't wait for tomorrow to come. After 40, you never quite finish with the day before yesterday.....