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Our next meeting will be held at the Morphett Vale R.S.L. Hall on Tuesday, 14th November. This will be our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, and will commence at 7.30 p.m.

Vacancies occurring are: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, two Committee members and an Auditor. All nominations must be in the hands of the Secretary, Mr Peter Summers, before the start of this meeting, and must be proposed and seconded by two financial members and accepted by the nominee.

Please note the earlier start of this meeting. We hope to get the election over as early as possible, because this will not be of much interest to visitors and proposed new members coming for the first time.

This will be a beginners' night, and several potting demonstrations will be carried out, and help and advice given where required. Mr Jack Hofner will demonstrate Cymbidiums, Mr Nicky Zurcher—Slippers, Mr Mick Chenoweth—Cattleyas, and Mr Wes Harris—Natives.

Our librarian, Mrs Ellie Shaw, tells me there are still a lot of overdue library books. Will you please return these as soon as possible, as we have a number of members waiting for these books.

The trading table will be open as usual, so bring along any plants you wish to sell, and give some of our new members a chance to start their collection with good plants at a reasonable price, helping the club at the same time.

LADIES. We are having an extra meeting this month, as we have so much to be done before the December Christmas party. We will meet on Saturday, 4th November at Dulcie Grave's house, States Road, Reynella, at 2 p.m., and again on Saturday, 18th November, 2 p.m., at Mrs Hazel Chenoweth's, Rialto Street, Morphett Vale.

Our October meeting was held on a very cold and miserable night, but we had quite a few visitors and new members turn out for it. Mr Ross Gowling gave us a very interesting talk on the raising of seedlings in a tent, and he has supplied our Cultural Notes for this month, giving more details of his tent and raising methods.

We also had a potting demonstration by Mr Bernie Hansen. and I know this was found very helpful by some of our new members. Bernie also carried out the judging of plants, the results being as follows:-

OPEN SECTION: Cymbidium Gurrana 'Hazel' (Mr & Mrs C. Chenoweth) 3 points, Cym. Lady Aug 'Sentinel' (B. Hansen) 2 points, Cym. San Francisco 'Wodonga' (G. Adams) 1 point; Bc. Golden Myth x Slc. Anzac 'Orchidhurst' (G. Adams) 3 points, Bc. The Globe 'Mrs Simon Gay' (W. Harris) 2 points; Bc. The Globe 'Mrs Simon Gay' (W. Harris) 1 point; Paphiopedilum tonsum (W. Harris) 3 points, Paph. Rosy Dawn 'Sunset' (W. Harris) 2 points, Paph. Pliny (B. Hansen) 1 point; Dendrobium kingianum (J. Hofner) 3 points, Dendrobium beckleri (J. Hofner) 2 points, Dendrobium kingianum (G. Adams) 1 point; Biffrenaria harrisoniana (Wes Harris) 3 points, Miltonia Beethoven (G. Adams), 2 points, Brassavola digbyana 'Chase' (W. Harris) 1 point.

NOVICE SECTION: Sarcophilus hartmanii (Mrs M. Lang) 3 points, Dendrobium kingianum 'Pink Rock' (Mr L. Carr) 2 points, Sarcophilus hartmanii (Mrs M. Lang) 1 point.

POPULAR VOTES: Orchid—Cym. Swallow 'Jewel' (Les Poole); INDOOR PLANT—Anthurium (Wes Harris).

CHRISTMAS PARTY—Our December meeting will be our prize giving and Christmas Party. All members should attend, to collect show prizes and also the Aggregate Winners will be announced. You are all asked to bring a gift to the value of 50c suitable for the same sex as yourself. Further details of this meeting will be in the December bulletin.

CULTURAL NOTES by Mr Ross Gowling

Tent Construction and Potting Media for Young Seedlings.

Base: 16 gauge galvanised iron. Sides and top of clear plastic sheeting. From base to eaves not less than 18" high. The gable to have enough pitch to allow fogging and yet not too flat or the condensation will drip onto plantlets. If the tent is 3' wide the gable should be 1' higher than the eaves.

The sides and top of tent to be as airtight as possible.

Place ¼" or ½" foam sheeting in tray and cover with shellgrit to a depth of ½"; this allows tent to breath.

The seedling media consists of equal parts peat moss, fine vita bark and isolite.

Mix 1 teaspoon of Manganese, 1 teaspoon of Potash in two gallons of water (rain water preferably) then add sufficient to moisten the above mix and place in a plastic bag a week before use. Place remainder of solution in a plastic container.

At approximately four to five weeks feed 1 tablespoon of the above solution to a 60 mm pot.

In approximately eight weeks flush pots through and feed a high nitrogen chemical fertilizer in soluble form (do not use organic). The tent should be placed in a cool shaded area with good air circulation. (Do not place in a heated or cold glass house.)