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## MONTHLY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next Monthly meeting will be held at the LUTHERAN CHURCH HALL, Windsong Court, CHRISTIE DOWNS on Tuesday 13th September at 8 p.m.

Our Theme for this meeting is; Dividing & repotting, with several of our club members demonstrating & explaining these processes. We found a similar meeting last year well appreciated and have decided to have another. The actual demonstrations will be carried out in the body of the hall and in several locations, which will ensure all members good viewing. Come prepared to Look, Listen & Learn.

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The speaker we had at our June Meeting, Mr. Clive Halls of Mt. BEENAK Orchid Nursery has intimated that he has now on hand Mericlones of a rather well known and awarded Odontocidium. TIGER BUTTER 'Miami', which can be grown in a cold glasshouse in South Australian temperate areas. Club members who may be interested in these plants are to make enquiries from the club treasurer.

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The Committee desire to thank the two very dedicated ladies who have had the care of our club library, Mrs. Viney and Mrs Crouch, over several years now but, who have indicated their desire that other members be appointed to have the opportunity to share in this capacity of assistance to the club. It is therefore that the appeal is issued for any two club members, even a husband & wife team would be very acceptable, but to be a success, librarians would need to always be at the hall by 7 p.m. on cultural meeting nights to set up the book display. Any two folk who would like to make up a team for this important part of our club would be welcomed by any member of the committee, or the current librarians.

MEMBERS are again reminded of the Club Dinner on Saturday 26th November. Deposite of 410 payable with booking. President Mr. H. VINEY, Phone 296 3636 .

### ORCHID HISTORY

Condensed from A.O.S. Bulletin, 1967.

George Barrault, a Frenchman who collected mainly orchids for a Mrs. G.B. Wilson of Philadelphia, during the late 1880's. The collection of Mrs. WILSON was reputed to be in excess of 20-thousand plants in greenhouses at her estate. Barrault's principal goal was the acquisition of large showy orchids to grace Mrs Wilson's greenhouses - and in that quest he had a number of death-defying experiences. After two years of collecting in Columbia, Barrault returned to Bogota with his expedition in order to ship the orchids collected to Philadelphia. He started the plants northward on rafts up the Magdalena River to the Port of Barranquilla, then prepared to return to his orchid hunting grounds. Through no fault of his own however, he was forcibly detained and became swallowed up in a national revolution. On the day set for the start of his return to the jungles, he was approached by government officials who questioned him at length, and discovered that he had previously served in the French Army, conscripted him against his will, as a captain in the Colombian Army. Immediately he and his company became engaged in battles and skirmishes against rebel forces around Bogota, and Barrault's successes as a soldier made him a hero of the government forces. His advice was eagerly sought on military matters and he and his company were always assigned to the post of honour - the greatest danger. In his seventh battle against the rebels, about six months after being 'drafted' into the Colombian Army, the plucky orchid collector led his troops to the crest of a hill, himself carrying the company flag. Suddenly he was struck by an enemy rifle ball, faltered and fell. Seeing their captain fall, his troops retreated in panic. And so, severely wounded, the five foot four collector-soldier was taken prisoner by the rebels. He was imprisoned and left to heal as best he could. Gradually Barrault healed and one night about six months after his capture he escaped by knocking one of his guards on the head. Dodging their bullets he fled into the forest and stealthily he made his way, subsisting on roots and herbs until he came upon a secluded village untouched by the revolution. Here he enlisted the help of another set of native guides and tree climbers and began a search for a mysterious snow-white orchid which he had been told of. He hired 20 Indians who spoke excitedly of a wonderful large orchid - "as white as snow on the mountain tops". They directed their course to the mountains overlooking Bogota. Bad luck came as the mules were winding their way along a mountain shelf overlooking a 2-thousand foot deep precipice. Barrault's saddle girth broke and he flew over the precipice's edge! One hundred feet down however, his fall was broken by a tree.



His amazed companions hauled him up with ropes and miraculously he only suffered some scratches. Two weeks later while gathering orchids from a particularly rich area 'swamp fever' struck the party. Two natives died and finally Barrault himself contracted the fever as well as the last, well, Indian. In later letters to Philadelphia he stated he never really understood how they managed to stay alive and regain their health. Just before making another expedition in orchid hunting his guides robbed him of all his possessions, the mules and even his orchids. Laboriously he worked his way on foot out of the dense forest and after a week's travel and partial starvation, found refuge in a small mountain village. Here he rested for a week, and with gold supplied by his American employer organised a fresh expedition. This hunt went smoothly until Barrault and two of his guides stumbled into an army of black ants which instantly swarmed over them inflicting searing bites. A frantic race to the nearest forest stream half a mile away ensured, through dense underbrush where they were able to rid themselves of the ants.

On a later expedition six of Barrault's guides plotted to kill him and he fortunately awakened in time to see them advancing on his tent armed with long, sword-like machettes. Snatching up his sword, Barrault sprang out and his army training stood him in good stead. three of the Indians fell wounded and the other three fled. He continued his collecting in subsequent trips, amassing over one thousand orchids but while making arrangements for them to be shipped to Philadelphia he learned that both the Colombian and the rebel troops were watching for 'that little dare-devil French orchid collector'. so the job of shipping the plants had to be entrusted to friendly guides upon whom he could depend. With the knowledge that the plants were safely on their way upriver, Barrault and his followers returned to the forests and mountains still obsessed in his quest for the wonderful white orchid. The last knowledge available are printed in his own words, "I shall keep on hunting for orchids and protecting rare specimens now in my possession, hoping to bring back a specimen of the wonderful 'Snow-white flower' that the Indians had told me about when I first arrived in this country four years ago". George Barrault was merely one of the hundreds who have played adventurous roles in orchid history.

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#### CYMBIDIUM NOTES

With the approach of THE SPRING SHOW upon us extra care must be given to the final preparation of all orchids to be put up for both judging and exhibition.

It has seemed to me that most of the slugs, caterpillars, little snails and green grubs in existence have chosen my plants to be host to them. Spraying, laying of bairts and hand plucking after dark with the aid of a strong light have all been tried and religiously carried out, but scarcely has reduced the number that still appears whenever it is damp or really wet.

CYMBIDIUM NOTES.....Cont.

Plants on mesh shelves 3 feet off the ground have still been under attack, as are the pots standing on cement shelving, which are covered with an inch or two of fine gravel. The speed that caterpillars can cover the length of an orchid spike is amazing and horrific.

Keep hard at the job of protection which will also include added care about the watering of orchids. One can be misled into thinking that the few light showers we get at this time of the year adequately water our larger pots. Dense foliage inhibits the entry of light rain and the resultant dry period can be harmful to the best display of your flowers, particularly bearing in mind the week of personal attention that will be denied them if they are included in a display under indoor conditions. We would remind growers to make sure that after using cotton-wool or tissues to straighten up flowers on a raceme, that they are removed before placing your plants upon the bench for judging. We were shown a mistake like this at the August cultural meeting. Most embarrassing!

Some improvement in the weather will make many of us realise that the buds will open in time for the show, but if you are superstitious perhaps crossed fingers or a rabbit's foot may help, for man can't do much than we do to open the flowers. What a fine display of first flowering cymbidium seedlings are beginning to make themselves known at recent shows. It is very interesting and exciting to know that parents carefully chosen are coming up with progeny to fulfil predictions made for them. One wonders how much larger or more vivid will be the colours of the future/ We all realise what we owe to the people who have pioneered the way for our present enjoyment, and to those who still remain in this world to reap their success, we wish them well.

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DENDROBIUM 'SPECIOSUM' Hybridising (Cont. from August Gazette)

The registered crossing.....

Eleven hybrids of *Dendrobium 'speciosum'* have been registered. They are:

- Den. *Speciosum* x '*gracillimum*'
- Den. *Speciosum* x '*kingianum*'
- Den. *speciosum* x '*falcorostrum*'
- Den. *Speciosum* x '*tetragonum*'
- Den. *Speciosum* x '*tangerinum*'
- Den. *Speciosum* x '*adae*'
- Den. *Speciosum* x '*fleckeri*'
- Den. *Speciosum* x '*star of gold*'
- Den. *Speciosum* x '*hastings*'
- Den. *Speciosum* x '*delicatum*'

Although *Den. 'Speciosum'* hybridising within the section *Dendrocoryne* has produced interesting and valuable results and will continue to do so, it would seem that venturing into crosses with hardcane species and primary hybrids offers exciting prospects.

(Ed.) It will be interesting to see whether in fact some of the above crosses show up at cultural meetings and on the show bench here in South Australia. It is known that some above have now acquired Varietal names. i.e. Den. 'Speciosum' x 'Hastins' has become, Den. 'Wonga'.

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S.C.O.C. Spring Show will be a highlight of 1983. Members are again asked to keep the Show Theme "ORCHIDS IN MELODY" forefront in their minds as the Show is just now a few weeks away.

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## EXTRACT FROM 'ORCHIDS IN NEW ZEALAND'

### Cymbidium Culture Notes

by Gordon Maney of Palmerston North

Here is the two months we've been waiting for; all the months of hard work, of T.L.C. to bring those new seedlings and mericlones to flowering for the first time.

If you have taken every care, with slug bait regularly thrown around your plants, kept your benches and walks dampened down, and generally sprayed for red spider etc, the pleasure you'll get from lovely clean blooms will be your reward.

Every year I see many hundreds of blooms spoilt, because none of these simple precautions have been followed.

I have said in past culture notes, if your houses are hot and stuffy, your flowers will suffer, particularly after watering. The humidity will rise and without fresh air spotting will occur, and buds will yellow and drop. For this reason when you're

building, allow plenty of fresh air, in other words, as much ventilation as possible without cold draughts.

If you have a cool fan, set the thermostat to come on at 17°C this will keep the air moving, and is a great help as the days get warmer.

From the first day of September, start your feeding programme.

The early flowering varieties you should have started feeding in July. Nitrosol, Atlas fish emulsion, Nitrophoska etc, as liquid feeds once a week, use a different one, in other words alternate.

~~Now with dry fertiliser, four parts super, four parts blood and one part potash once~~ a month through to November. Use approximately one tablespoon to a 25cm pot. Less of course to smaller pots. Make sure you sprinkle round the outside of the plant, not in the leaves or you'll burn them.

Remember to water well the day before feeding, never ever feed a dry plant; and water first thing in the morning to allow the plant to dry out by nightfall.

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SPRING SHOW FESTIVAL 1983GENERAL ARRANGEMENTSFriday 30 September

There will be a working bee at 'Colonnades' commencing at 6 p m for the purpose of marking out display areas and erecting protecting fencing. Provided sufficient number of members attend the time should not exceed 2 hours. It is anticipated that fencing will be delivered to each level but if it is delivered to service area only then a vehicle will be used to transport same to upper level. Names will be taken at the September meeting of members willing to assist.

Saturday 1 October

Displays to be arranged from 1 p m onwards. Entrance via service area for Open Division or unloading of vehicles 'On site' permitted provided that the vehicle is removed immediately it is unloaded. Upper level to be approached through entrance doors relative to the K Mart Store. Members are requested not to block the doorway. All displays to be arranged on the Saturday.

SUNDAY 2 October

Judging to commence at at 10 a.m. All judges, Associate and Student Judges members of the Club to attend.

OPENING OF SHOW

The Show will be opened by His Worship the Mayor of Noarlunga at 2.45 p m and all Club members are invited to attend. Entrance can be obtained by the wearing of Membership badge through the North Central door on upper level adjacent to National Bank Travel. Major prizes will be presented. NO FURTHER INVITATION WILL BE ISSUED.

PLANTS FOR SALE

All plants for sale must be in good clean condition. Struck back bulbs must be established by root growth and be in a container approved by the Club containing potting media which will allow the bulb to grow on. Members must supply a list of plants on the form approved by the Committee and must not be just left but actually checked with a member of the Club nominated to receive them. No plants will be received after 4 p m on the Saturday; additional plants may be received during the Show provided that they are checked in the same manner as for those delivered on the Saturday. It is recommended that members retain a duplicate of the list which they tender to the Club. Plants to be labelled with the name of the plant, flowering time, colour, members number and price on labels made available.

REMOVAL OF PLANTS ON SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER

All exhibitors are expected to assist in the removal of fencing on this day and generally to assist in cleaning up. This will commence at 12.30 on the Centre Court level and at 1 p m on the upper level.

THE REMOVAL OF PLANTS BEFORE THE FENCING IS REMOVED IS PROHIBITED



MONTHLY COMPETITION (Cont)Second Division

Aust. Native	Ps. Pedunculata	A.R & M J MOFFATT	3
Mini Cyms	Oriental Legend		
	'Abbeville'	V J Rogers	3
	Gawain 'Lewes'	T DdIonno	2
	Mimi 'Lucifer'	V J Rogers	1
Intermediate Cyms	Tricia Allen	S & J Nicholls	3
	Mimi 'Sarah'	J & B Gay	2
	Lynette 'Dorset'	S & J Nicholls	1
Species	Zygo 'MacKayii'	T & D Howard	3
	" "	A Kuchel	2
	" "	S & J Nicholls	1

Division Flower of Month

Intermediate Cym  
Tricia Allen S & J Nicholls

President's Flower of the Month Tricia Allen : S & J Nicholls

PLANT SALES, WINTER SHOW TRADING TABLE.

CLUB MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO SEE THE TREASUER AT THE SEPTEMBER CULTURAL MEETING TO RECEIVE YOUR MONEY FROM THE WINTER SHOW TRADING TABLE.

THIS ALSO APPLIES TO THE WINNERS OF PRIZE MONEY AT THAT SHOW. THE TREASUER, Mr. Lewis Moore, advises that these monies will not be posted and must be picked up from him at the next club meeting.

WE WELCOME NEW CLUB MEMBERS TO THE S.C.O.C. & SEEK MEMBERS CO-OPERATION IN MAKING THESE NEW FOLK WELCOME.

MRS. V.M. HORNBY.  
MR. & MRS. SUTTON.  
MR. & MRS. W.B. FARQUHAR.

THE FINAL REMINDER ON SPRING SHOW DATES FOR THE VARIOUS ORCHID CLUBS.AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE ORCHID SHOW:

ORPHANAGE HALL GOODWOOD, Corner Goodwood Rd. & Mitchell St.

Saturday: 17th. September: 12 noon - 8p.m.

Sunday. 18th. September: 12 noon - 5p.m. ADMISSION 50 cents.

GAWLER DISTRICTS ORCHID CLUB Inc.

SATURDAY - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 & 2nd. 1p.m. - 5p.m. & 10a.m. - 4.p.m.

Gawler College of Further Education, Finnis Street GAWLER.

ORCHID CLUB of S.A. John Martins. SEPTEMBER. 19th. - 24th.

ORCHIDACEOUS SOCIETY, TEA TREE PLAZA. SEPTEMBER 12th. - 17th.

S.C.O.C. COLONNADES. 3rd. - 8th, OCTOBER. (Shopping Hours.)

OUR THEME: ORCHIDS IN MELODY.

MONTHLY COMPETITIONAUGUST MEETINGOpen Division

Intermediate Cyms	Wilpena 'Sandra'	D & T Mills	3
	Arunta unnamed	W J Nicholls	2
	Pumisan x Charm	K.H Northcote	1
Cymbidiums	Cheryln 'Swansea'	D & T Mills	3
	Sylvation 'Crimson Glory'	O Trus	2
	Terama 'Luke David'	K H Morthcote	1
Dendrobiums	Den. Impact	W J Nicholls	3
	Caesar White x Jac Hawaii	W J Nicholls	2
Miscellaneous	Aerangis 'Calligerum x Kotschyana	T Burian	3
Phalaenopsis	Rodcos Lady 'Barb' x Klondike	K H Northcote	3
	Debbie Wallace x Showgirl 'Bonsaii'	W J Nicholls	2
Paphiopedilum	Hunters Point 'Terry'	Adelaide Orchids	3
	Futureworld 'Galaxy'	Adelaide Orchids	2
Novelty Paph. Species Paph Species	Bruno Model	" "	3
	Appletonianum	W J Nicholls	3
	Phal. Lueddemanniana var. 'Melita'	W J Nicholls	3
	Dendrochilon 'Glumacium'	W J Nicholls	2
	Den. Rhodestictum	W J Nicholls	1

Division Flower of the Month

Intermediate Cym.  
Wilpena 'Sandra' D & T Mills

First Division

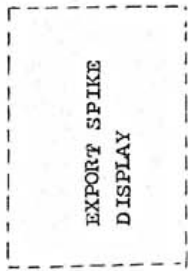
Aust. Native	Den. Teretifolium	L & R Moore	3
Mini Cyms	Alice Williams 'Camden'	C Patten	3
	Green Elf	Mr & Mrs Pollitt	2
	Sarah Jean 'Stenson'	Don Gray	1
Intermediate Cyms	Starbright 'Capella'	Mr & Mrs Pollitt	3
	Amesbury 'Frank Slattery'	Mrs Klavenieks	2
	Mary Pinchess 'Del Rey'	" "	1
Cymbidiums	Flagstaff Hill 'Nicolle'	Noarlunga Orchids	3
Cattleyas	Ave Maria 'Angelica'	J. Leeder	3
Paphiopedilum	Captivation x Cholsey 'Red Flame'	J Leeder	3
Species	Cym. Grandiflorum	Mr & Mrs Pollitt	3

Division Flower of the Month

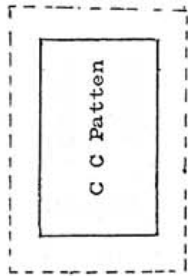
Mini Cym.  
Alice Williams 'Camden' C. Patten



THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA  
 SPRING FESTIVAL SHOW 1983  
 GENERAL PLAN OF EXHIBITS  
 SCALE 1 inch = 10 feet

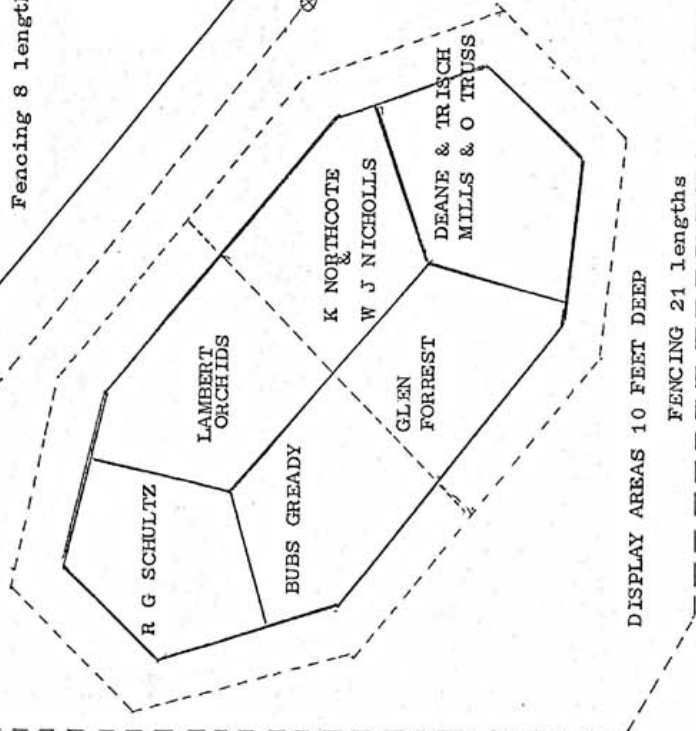


Fencing 8 lengths

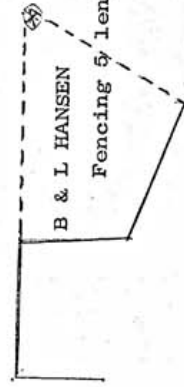


Fencing measurements  
 12 ft x 16 ft  
 Fencing 8 lengths

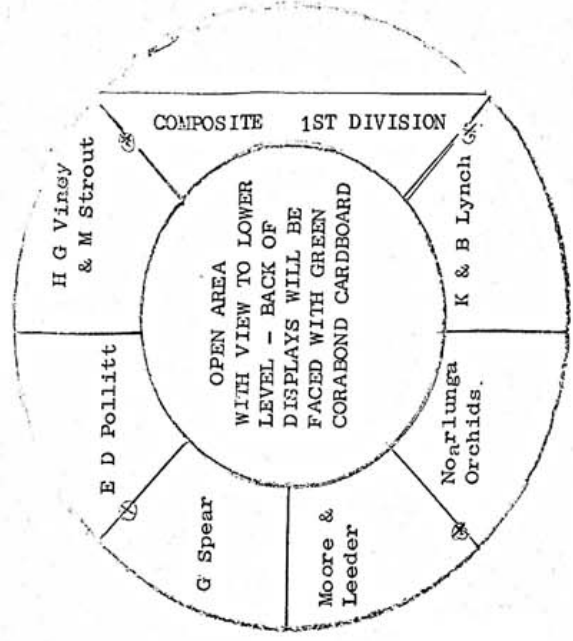
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 OUTSIDE 'K' MART AND AT TOP OF  
 TRAVELATOR



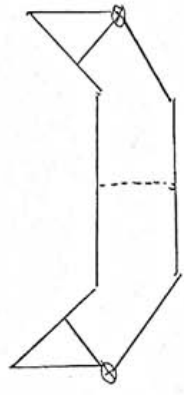
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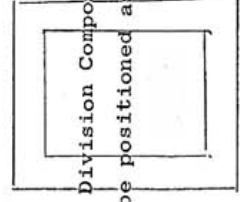
Fencing 5 lengths



Display area to be fenced - recommended depth of display 8 feet (can go to 10 feet)  
 Back of each display approximately 10 feet  
 If display 10 feet deep front will be 16 feet  
 Fencing 24 lengths



F Bell & P Lawry  
 Terry Howard, Will Vaughan, Mrs Van Der Wilk



To be positioned as suitable.

Fencing: - 20 lengths.