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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SPRING SHOW PRIZE WINNERS.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Tuesday 13th October 1992  
Lutheran Church Hall, Windsong Crt, Morphett Vale  
Benching of plants to be completed by 7.45pm  
for judging to commence.  
Meeting begins at 8.00pm.

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Roger Stoeckel will address the meeting. His topic will be Paphiopedilums. Roger and his wife Lynne are the proprietors of Endeavour Orchids at Fairview Park. They specialise in Cymbidiums and Paphiopedilums although other genera are also grown.

**SUPPER:**

Mrs Trix Anderson will be in charge of Tea, Coffee and biscuits.

**HALL SET-UP:**

Would all willing to assist please arrive by 7pm.

**DAY-TIME CHAPTER:**

2pm. Thursday 15th October 1992, South Brighton Community Hall, Dover Square Reserve, Broadway, South Brighton. Mr Syd Monkhouse will give a talk entitled 'Is Orchid Growing a Disease'. Syd who was the first speaker to the group at its inaugural meeting on the 15th Oct.1987, is always interesting, informative and entertaining. Yes, the Day-time Chapter will be 5 years old this month to the day. Be there.

**TRADING TABLE:**

Mr. Dennis Daykin and Mr Barry Nurse will help sellers and prospective buyers.

**COMMITTEE MEETING:**

Tuesday 20th October 1992, 7.30pm at the South Brighton Community Hall.

## VALE

The sympathy of the Club, and in particular the Day-time Chapter members, is extended to Mrs Joy Roberts and Family on the recent passing of her husband.

## DAYTIME CHAPTER by R and B. Clark

Four visitors were among the members welcomed by Keith 'on an afternoon with a touch of Spring' for the September meeting.

Mrs Grace Prosser from the Fern Society was welcomed and spoke on incorporating ferns in Orchid Displays. Among many which can be grown in baskets or pots and featured in this way would be Giant Maiden Hair, Holly Fern - a shiny darker green- Hare's Foot, Hen and Chicken, Sword, Shield and of course Bird's Nest. All have different forms of growth, a variety of shades and textures. Tree Ferns can also be grown for this purpose and hollowed-out trunks make spectacular 'pots' for orchids. To give height totem poles can be made to feature a number of ferns at different angles. Grace brought a variety of ferns to demonstrate their features and suitability.

Some slides of ferns in their natural habitat were also shown.

On display were two orchids (in flower) that were purchased on the Melbourne Trip - they gained much admiration.

From the benched orchids the members gave their vote to Lc. Trick or Treat 'Orange Magic' followed by Paphiopedilum Invincible, while two intermediate Cymbidiums Scotts Sunrise 'Aurora' and Frank Slattery tied for third placing.

John Nicholls Orchids supplied the raffle plants.

The O.C.S.A. display at the Royal Show had been enjoyed by many and voted as superb.

A pleasant chat and 'cuppa' concluded the afternoon.

Don't forget our 5th Birthday Meeting in October.

## NEW MEMBERS

It is with pleasure that we welcome to the club-

Robert J. Smith of Oaklands Park and Allen and Marie Mitchell of Plympton Park.

We hope that you will find your time with the club a happy and fulfilling one.

## FAREWELL

Farewell and **many, many thanks** to Dot and Terry Howard who this month leave our State to take up residence in Queensland.

## CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Marion Hotel will be the venue for our Christmas Luncheon this year. It will be held on Sunday the 6th of December commencing at 1pm.

\$5 deposit is to be paid at the October meeting please, with the full payment of approx. \$15-50 to be finalized at the November meeting.

## TOWNSVILLE FLOWERS

Once again we managed to get together 3 boxes of blooms to go to Townsville. Thanks must go to the few members who willingly donated spikes.

## DISA uniflora by H.J. Edwards

Our Disa uniflora is thinking about sending up a flower spike. It has spent the last two years on top of our barbeque, living in its self watering pot that is filled with spagnum moss.

It flowered last year, with the flowers starting to open between

Christmas and New Year. Our plant has multiplied this year and I guess next year (after it has flowered, we hope) we will have to look at repotting it.

Not many people seem to grow Disas in South Australia, although a few were purchased from Gary Sobey when he addressed the Orchid Club of S.A. earlier on and also on our Melbourne trip. We have heard a variety of growing conditions recommended but for us Disa uniflora likes the barbeque all year round and the hybrid of uniflora that we possess, called Betty's Bay, likes the barbeque in winter and the glasshouse in summer. We did have one more hybrid but I'm sorry to report that it has gone to that gorgeous garden in the sky.

The genus Disa consists of at least 120 species, that are distributed widely in tropical Africa, South Africa, Mascarene Islands and Madagascar. However, only 6 related cross fertile species form the basis of Disa breeding both here and overseas. These 6, including Disa uniflora, are indigenous to South Africa. The majority of Disa species prefer the temperate climates and are found growing either along streams, in seepage zones or in marshes and moist grassland. (There is a minority that grow along the coast in dry open grassland.)

The first Disa hybrid, Disa Veitchii was registered by Veitch in 1891 from a crossing of Disa racemosa and Disa uniflora. Disa uniflora is considered by far the most impressive. It is known as the 'Pride of Table Mountain' and 'Flower of the Gods'. Disa uniflora has large imposing flowers, a wide range of colours and outstanding lasting qualities. The colour forms include red, cerise, pink, orange and yellow, and generally the flowers are of a good shape with flat full segments. One to six flowers per raceme are the norm. The flowering

period extends from early Spring to late Summer. Thus Disa uniflora provides a wide genetic base from which to commence breeding.

From Veitch's first hybrid in 1891 to Black & Flory's Disa Julia A Stuckey in 1922 only 11 hybrids were produced. Of these 11, 10 had Disa uniflora as a parent or grandparent. Actually the last three Disas registered in that period, D. Blackii, D. Italia and D. Julia A. Stuckey were all Disa uniflora line breeding (i.e. crossing each successful hybrid back onto Disa uniflora). From 1922 to 1981 no hybrids were registered but from '81 to '86 a spate of registrations occurred and this has continued to date. Maybe the success in simulating the natural growing conditions in recent years has increased the rather intensive hybridization program.

The aim of any hybridization program should be to improve on the characteristics of the parent plants. The 'ideal' Disa is described as one in which the tips of the three sepals form an equilateral triangle so that lines drawn from the tips of the sepals to the central stigma form the typical 'Mercedes' symbol. In addition one would like the dorsal and lateral sepals to be full and flat.

Disa Veitchii has been remade frequently. It has proven an excellent hybrid, with spikes up to a metre tall and bearing as many as 18 flowers. They are about 2/3 the size of D. uniflora and have a similar shape, however the colour from the Disa racemosa seems to be dominant. Disa Veitchii is a very vigorous grower and reproduces well, both vegetatively and from seed. Unlike D. racemosa the majority of mature plants will spike.

Disa Diore (Veitchii X uniflora) which was first registered in 1898 has also been remade many times, often using various colour forms of D.



uniflora. This hybrid is superior to D. Veitchii, being taller, more robust and having up to 20 flowers per spike. It also has a long flowering season.

Disa Betty's Bay (Diores X uniflora) was first registered in 1981. With the third addition of uniflora the flowers are often larger than the parent D. uniflora and show greater variations in size, colour and combinations of colour.

Disa Foam (Betty's Bay X uniflora) represents a fourth addition of D. uniflora onto D. racemosa and was registered in 1982. This grex produced the largest flowers to date, some 12.5cm across. The flower count has been significantly reduced with only 1 to 4 flowers being produced. The pleasant perfume of D. uniflora has been intensified.

Disa Unifoam (Foam X uniflora) was registered in 1986, another addition of uniflora.

Although I have followed only D. uniflora, which seems to be the species most used by the hybridist, the resulting breeding is impressive. The vigor, wide colour range, increased size of the flowers and shape must be a hybridist dream come true. With the interest that has been generated in the last few years by articles in magazines and lectures by an Australian hybridist I would not be surprised if the genus Disa is the Judges' 'Nightmare of the Future' with flowers of almost every colour plus novelties and splash petals.

#### SHOW MARSHALL'S REPORT

Thank you to all that helped at the Spring Show. Thank you also to all the growers that exhibited and made our Show such a spectacle.

Please remember for our next show that if you indicate that you want

to exhibit and are unable to do so a phone call would be appreciated so that your area can be allocated to someone else. Thank you.

#### CAN ANYONE BEAT THIS ?

Gwen Lawrence was given an orchid plant 30 years ago but, although given plenty of T.L.C. has never bloomed. However, there looks to be a 'sheath' appearing at last! Will it prove to be a Dendrobium speciosum?

(I have had this little gem a couple of months and have not had an update. Is it Den. speciosum Gwen or has it had too much T.L.C. and refused to flower again ? Ed)

#### COFFS HARBOR CONFERENCE

H. J. Edwards

Charlie and I have just returned from an interesting trip to the Conference. We went by car so returned to Adelaide via Canberra Orchid Show and many nurseries.

The Show associated with the Conference was the largest to be held in the area. Plants and blooms came from as far away as Adelaide and Nambour, Qld. The hall used for the Show would have been similar in size to our Marion Recreation centre, maybe slightly larger, but the displays were just that, displays, not plants in pots on tables. It was quite amazing to see what small groups of people can come up with when confronted with a piece of floor, a heap of plants and a few props. Two displays even managed to incorporate a waterfall, how I don't know.

The Champion of the show was a Wilsonara grown by Philip Altmann of Victoria. (It was suggested that the prize money would help the Victorian economy). The Reserve Champion was a Phalaenopsis grown by Stuart Heyden of Queensland.

**COMPETITION RESULTS      SEPTEMBER      CULTURAL MEETING**

**SECOND DIVISION**

Judges      B. Carpenter  
                  R. Moore  
                  K. Northcote

Aust.Native Epi:Species	Den. speciosum	D. & I. Attenborough	3
	Sarc. hartmanii	Mr & Mrs Thompson	2
	Den. kingianum	P. & G. Flavel	1
Aust.Native Epi:Hybrid	Den xdelicatum	D. Lockitt	3
	Den. Susan	R. & J. Kelly	2
Aust.Native Terr:Species	Diuris longifolia	M. Tiggerman	3
	Chiloglottis trapeziformis	D. Stewart	2
	Ptst. pedunculata	D. Stewart	1
Standard Cymbidium	Judy Tessa	A. & V. Thompson	3
	Poetic 'Andre'	A. & V. Thompson	2
	Bud March 'Rossetta'	N. Gitsham	1
Intermediate Cymbidium	Mini Mint	J. & M. Cunningham	3
	Claude Pepper 'Cochise'	L. Gunn	2
	Tethys X Ruby Eyes	D. Lockett	1
Miniature Cymbidium	Starbright 'Copella'	J. & M. Cunningham	3
	Ruby Eyes 'Red Baron'	P. & L. Hallam	2
	Lancelot 'Paramour'	M. Tiggerman	1
Novelty Cattleya	*Blc. Fiesta Girl	L. Gunn	3

Odont/Oncidium Alliance      Lemboglossum bictoniense      N. Wolfendale      3  
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**FLOWER OF THE DIVISION : DEN. speciosum      grown by D. & I. ATTENBOROUGH**  
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**FIRST DIVISION**

Judges      B. Carpenter  
                  R. Moore  
                  K. Northcote

Aust.Native Epi:Species	Bulb. schillerianum	M. Cunningham	3
	Den. tetragonum	M. Cunningham	2
	Den. ruppianum	D. Biebrick	1
Aust.Native Epi:Hybrid	Den. Xdelicatum	J. Lewis	3
	Den. Rex	D. Biebrick	2
	Den. Ellen	D. Biebrick	1
Aust Native Terr:Species	Ptst. curta	D. Biebrick	3
Aust Native Terr:Hybrid	Ptst. curta X pendunculata	D. Biebrick	3
Standard Cymbidium	Odile 'Simpson Desert'	H. Gerber	3
Intermediate Cymbidium	Devon Lord 'Viceroy'	G. McMartin	3
	Chenara 'Christina'	H. Gerber	2
	Winter Fire X Chocolada	M. Cunningham	1

Miniature Cymbidium	Ruby Eyes 'Claret Vale'	M. Cunningham	3
Standard Cattleya	Lc. Prism Palette	C. Amee	3
	Blc. Pamela Hetherington	F. Bell	2
	Bc. Donna Kimura	R.& B. Wilson	1
Novelty Cattleya	Blc. Horizon Flight 'Beth'	C. Amee	3
	Lc Frenchy's Cheek-la X	C. Amee	2
	L. pumila		
(Owner please advise Syd or Helen)	C. Portia X Bc. Mt. Hood ?		1
Dendrobium	Den. Pixie Princess	C. Amee	3
Standard Paphiopedilum	Spotted Leopard X Laila Emami	D. Biebrick	3
	Dazzler X Paeony	D. Biebrick	2
	Amanda X Rollright	J. Lewis	1
Novelty Paphiopedilum	Leeanum	J. Lewis	3
	victoria-mariae X moquettianum	D. Biebrick	2
	Copperware X callosum	D. Biebrick	1
Species Paphiopedilum	villosum	D. Biebrick	3
	fairieanum	D. Biebrick	2
Odont/Oncidium Alliance	Wils. Shirley Monkhouse	J. Lewis	3
Cattleya & Allied Genera	Pot. Amangi 'Orchidglade'	F. Bell	3
Vandaceous	V. Ohuohu X Asc. Meda Arnold	C. Amee	3
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<b>FLOWER OF THE DIVISION : CYMBIDIUM DEVON LORD</b>			
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OPEN DIVISION		Judges	
		B. Carpenter	
		R. Moore	
		K. Northcote	
Aust. Native Terr:Species	Ptst pendunculata	R.& B. Anderson	3
	Diuris longifolia	R.& B. Anderson	2
Nov. Cattleya	Slc. Jewel Box 'Dark Waters'	T. DeIonno	3
Nov. Cluster Cattleya	Lc. Trick or Treat	K.H. Northcote	3
	Lc. Trick or Treat X	R.& B. Anderson	2
	C. leopoldii		
Species Paphiopedilum	villosum	R. Moore	3
Odont/Oncidium Alliance	Ode. Elske	R. Moore	3
	Odm. Midnight Miracles	R. Moore	2
Species	Dendrochilum filiformis	R. Moore	3
	Soph. grandiflorum	R. Moore	2
	Onc. ornithorhynchum	R. Moore	1
Cattleya & Allied Genera	Pot. Lemon Tree 'Yellow Magic'	R.& B. Anderson	3

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**FLOWER OF THE DIVISION:** V. JOSEPHINE VAN BRERO X GORDON DILLON  
grown by R. & B. ANDERSON

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Please note \* denotes new registration. Please alter your label.

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**SPRING SHOW PRIZE WINNERS**

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| 1. GRAND CHAMPION                                    |          | SASH/GOLD MEDALLION   |
| Dendrobium speciosum                                 | grown by | T. & M. Richardson    |
| 2. RESERVE CHAMPION                                  |          | SASH/SILVER MEDALLION |
| Wood Lawn Glory X Jennie Hashimoto                   |          | R. & B. Anderson      |
| 3. Champion Open Division                            |          | Bronze Medallion      |
| Dendrobium speciosum                                 |          | T. & M. Richardson    |
| 4. Champion First Division                           |          | Bronze Medallion      |
| Dendrobium Pixie Princess                            |          | C. Amee               |
| 5. Champion Second Division                          |          | Bronze Medallion      |
| McIna. Pagan Lovesong X Oda. (Odm. Ophanto X Heanum) |          | W. Fisher             |
| 6. Champion Standard Cymbidium                       |          | Bronze Medallion      |
| Cym. Highland Mist 'Lalchere'                        |          | J. & J. Jacobsen      |
| 7. Champion Intermediate Cymbidium                   |          | Bronze Medallion      |
| Cym. Alison Shaw 'Valentine'                         |          | R. Moore              |
| 8. Champion Miniature Flowering Cymbidium            |          | Bronze Medallion      |
| Cym. Sarah Jean 'Grahams Choice'                     |          | R. Moore              |
| 9. Champion Paphiopedilum                            |          | Bronze Medallion      |
| Paphiopedilum venustum                               |          | R. Moore              |
| 10. Champion Odontoglossum/Oncidium                  |          | Bronze Medallion      |
| McIna. Pagan Lovesong X Oda. (Odm. Ophanto X Heanum) |          | W. Fisher             |
| 11. Champion Phalaenopsis                            |          | Bronze Medallion      |
| Phalaenopsis Paifang X Mt. Kaala                     |          | R. & I. Goodall       |
| 12. Champion Cattleya                                |          | Bronze Medallion      |
| Lc. Trick or Treat 'Orange Magic'                    |          | K.H. Northcote        |
| 13. Champion Dendrobium                              |          | Bronze Medallion      |
| Dendrobium Pixie Princess                            |          | C. Amee               |
| 14. Champion Australian Native                       |          | Bronze Medallion      |
| Dendrobium speciosum                                 |          | T. & M. Richardson    |
| 15. Champion Genera Not Yet Listed                   |          | Bronze Medallion      |
| Vanda Woodlawn Glory X Jennie Hashimoto              |          | R. & B. Anderson      |
| 16. Champion Species                                 |          | Bronze Medallion      |
| Dendrobium speciosum                                 |          | T. & M. Richardson    |
| 17. Champion Seedling                                |          | Bronze Medallion      |
| Paphiopedilum victoria-mariae X hennisianum X Turpe  |          | R. Moore              |

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL GROWERS**