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MONTHLY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next Monthly Cultural Meeting will be held at the Lutheran Church Hall, Windsong Court, CHRISTIE DOWNS on Tuesday 8th May, at 8 p.m.

Our main topic for the night will be an illustrated talk entitled "Growing Paphiopedilums in a glass, "Build it Yourself" Solar Heating System. Our speaker will once again be a member of our own club in Mr. Ron Parish and we thank him in anticipation of a very interesting and informative time. This particular subject should create a lot of interest to many of us who are not well informed in orchids other than cymbidiums. We are anticipating a good meeting and encourage members to come and bring along your flowering plants for the monthly plant competition. The trading table will be in operation as usual, with the regular supper raffle and the plant commentary given by the judges of the three competitive divisions.

It was very good to see the assistance and support given to the appeals in our March Gazette for both the supper and the trading table. Thank you also to the men who willingly completed the setting up of the hall both before and after the meeting. Keep it up, I'm certain that in this way members will get to know each other better and at the same time providing muscle and support for a smooth running meeting. We are seeing an increase in flowering plants as the year passes by and soon our benches will fill up as blooms begin to open. After all, this is an important part of an orchid lovers life and we look forward to it in the Winter and Spring months ahead of us.

Advance notice is given that arrangements have been made between the committee and our Hall landlords to alter the date of our September Meeting forward one week, to the FIRST TUESDAY in that month only because of a special invitation to our club to join the Orchid Club of S.A. on Tuesday the 11th, September, More information will be given as we near that date and reminder announcements made at appropriate times.

A Rose by any other Name:

Most orchid growers are quite particluar to see that all pots of orchids are correctly labelled, some even to the extent of providing two labels to each pot in case of accidental loss and this is commendable. It is very confusing to newer growers to listen in on conversations between more experienced orchidists and become confused at the way names roll off the tongue but, when we pause to think upon this of course we acknowledge that it is their greatest experience in reading, writing, talking and growing orchids that enables this kind of talk to occur. It depends mostly on just how dedicated one is to a hobby or business. Some people red all the books they can get in their hands, others don't even read their monthly newsletters. It's all in our attitude naturally and rightly so. What is important to us as a club is to get to know each other better so we make the suggestion that you always wear your name badge at all meetings and more importantly, write your favourite name on it to enable others to read and learn. Some folk would rather make use of an other than 'given' name if that is what they prefer, so if you like a name to be used by others such as (Tom) Brown instead of Mr. T. Brown, then print it on your name tag and encourage others to use it. We all have a common interest as orchid lovers so let's be socialable and friendly and encourage friendliness in other members.

NEW MEMBERS:

Mr. L.C. (Lawrie) Chambers, 35 Pine Avenue, Warradale, 5046.
 Mr. M(Malcolm) Tiggerman, 59 Tiller Drive, Seaford, 5169.
 Mr. A.G. & Mrs. P.J. Carn, 5 Bessie Street, Dover Gardens 5048.
 A warm welcome is extended to these new members and we trust that they will be 'At Home' in our club and join in our many activities.

Our sympathies are with members who have recently suffered damage and loss through the recent wind storms that have battered our shade houses. It is profitable to make frequent inspections of these structures particularly after such storms as severe damage can be caused by neglected areas. Plants can be endangered if exposed for too long to inclement weather, not to mention animals etc. having access to our best pots.

CYMBIDIUM NEWS

The fine and also cooler variable weather over the last month has caused quick growth in the flowering spikes and in many instances also given rise to new growths which cause some sighs of disappointment when it is realised that these too are not future flowers for this season at least. The biggest amount of flowering sized plants should have spikes above the compost by the end of May each year, except those bred for the late flower market or shows. Some still show up at later times to confuse the issue and this of course is what continues to give the element of final satisfaction in such cases, especially if the plant has been nourished for years and not flowered before for the grower. The warmer and sunny days which are a bonus at this time of the year certainly make many spikes put on rapid growth and warning is again given that frequent inspection is necessary to enable the emerging spikes a clear passage. Staking of the taller ones need to be checked daily or bends between the ties will occur and once hardened in this position will be almost impossible to straighten. If left too long in this position will be almost impossible to straighten. If left too long in this condition with loops of stem between the ties, some will break and all buds will be lost. Don't be in too big a hurry to take your plants into warmer flowering houses and miss on any future sunny days or this can cause yellowing of the buds and loss, as well as depriving the plants of sunlight essential to continued sturdy growth. It has been the practice of some growers to try to speed up the developing buds for early flowering, but though successful in some cases, it can work differently in causing weaker flowers and also loss of colour if too shady for the yellows, pinks, reds and browns. Arguments for and against this practice will continue, but there is a lot to be said for the grower who leaves his plants in their growing situation until the buds begin to 'puff' and get close to opening. A warning to watch out that you don't get caught into thinking that the showers of light rain received lately will completely water your pots, especially if it has been windy as well. Adequate watering is still required until winter rains really set in. For our study on flowering plants which have won prizes over the last 8 to 10 years during the month of JUNE, the following are some that have been prominent.

Far in the lead are still the 'Luanas' of all varieties having won over 33 prizes. (I have been corrected in the belief that many of these are not available, they still are, locally). Second on the list are the 'Bethlehems' with the variety 'Early Times' taking out 22 prizes and 'Magi' just 2. The month of June begins to bring out the bigger range of cymbidiums in either miniature, intermediate and standard. Crossings including Cym. pumilum show up very often (radak x Pumilum) 'Morialta Falls' gaining 12 wins, Pumilum x Musita 6, Pumilum x Rio Rita Radiant 6 also. Other pumilum crossings won 6 prizes also.

There appeared over 60 crossings other than those above which were successful in the area researched, and this did not include Shows but only cultural meetings and those in a fairly limited zone. Ones to watch are Luminya, Melinga, Geraint, Boronia, Katydid, Wilpena, Pelleas, Pymble Hill, Speeing Valley Splendour, Mini Mint, Mini Dream, Puppy Love, Insikhan and others. No orchid grower should complain that flowering plants are not obtainable for June flowers in Adelaide and metropolitan areas.

Additional information to add to the illustration printed in this issue of the Gazette re the watering of Cattleyas is this brief article;

Cattleya Very showy Epiphytic orchids including around 65 species. All are tropical American in origin, ranging from Mexico to Brazil, Peru and Argentina. The genus is divided into 2 types based on growth habit. Both have prominent psuedobulbs from 10cm to 1 metre or more tall. The unifoliate have a single leaf on each psuedobulb while the bifoliate have two leaves.

The flower stalks arise from the top of mature psuedo bulbs and may be enclosed in a sheath. Most cattleyas are easy to grow and require intermediate to warm conditions although some will grow quite cool. Free draining potting medium is necessary and a position receiving bright light will give best results. While in active growth plenty of water and frequent applications of fertilizer should be given. Cattleyas like a short rest on completion of new psuedo bulbs. Resume normal water when new growth and or root action is apparent.

Brassia Allied to Odontoglossum and Oncidium, natural distribution is from South Florida, Mexico, West Indies, Peru and Brazil. The flowers are large and showy, often with a strong fragrance. The flowers are typically 'Spidery' in appearance with long narrow petals and sepals, and in many species flowers may be 30 cm or more long. Usually a decided rest period during Winter in a rather high light after completion of new bulb is beneficial. Any free draining standard potting material is suitable.

Coelogyne A large genus of typically epiphytic orchids from all Himalayas, South East Asia, Indonesia and the Philippines. All have psuedobulbs with 1 to several leaves at the apex. Flower stems may arise from the centre of the expanding growths in some species while others produce pendulous spikes from the base of the newest psuedobulbs. The flowers are typically fragrant and range in colour from white to cream, yellow, green or brown, often marked with very contrasting colours. Depending on their place of origin coelogyne grow in cool, intermediate

Coelogyne (Cont).....

or warm conditions, however all prefer a slightly shaded position. the warm growing types generally do not require a rest period. The intermediate to cool types should be given a short rest period after the new growths have matured.



We just couldn't resist the 'bait' of reprinting the following extract from the recent issue of the Australian Orchid Review.

For Slugs and Snails:

Take 3 parts of bran, cement, plaster of paris (or lime), to 1 part of Metaldehyde. Mix with water until a workable paste is obtained and then spread it out upon a hard surface, asbestos, flat iron, three ply, or similar. When partially dry, (this is the paste) not the mixer, draw grooves each way across the paste roughly 1 inch into squares, then allow mix to thoroughly dry. Break up into squares and use them as baits to catch slugs and snails. It is supposed to remain effective even though wet with rain or in watering and has the power to attract pests for a considerable time. (Having tried several places to buy Metaldehyde unsuccessfully, I am using crushed up pellets that can be bought easily as a basis for the provision of Metaldehyde. Ed.)



Financial members:

Constitution of the South Coast Orchid Club of S.A. Inc., reads:

'Any member who has not paid his annual subscription by the fifteenth day of April in any year shall no longer be financial and shall forthwith cease to be a member of the Club!

This extract is a reminder to all members who have not as yet become financial before the issue of the next Club Gazette (June), will cease to receive that copy or be entitled to bench any plant at Cultural Meetings or Shows of the South Coast Orchid Club Inc.



DIAGRAMIC CHART SHOWING WATERING PROCEDURES IN RELATION TO THE GROWTH CYCLE OF A CATTLEYA.

Plants in active growth require ample watering. This is diagrammatically illustrated by the watering can administering MUCH WATER to plants in this stage.

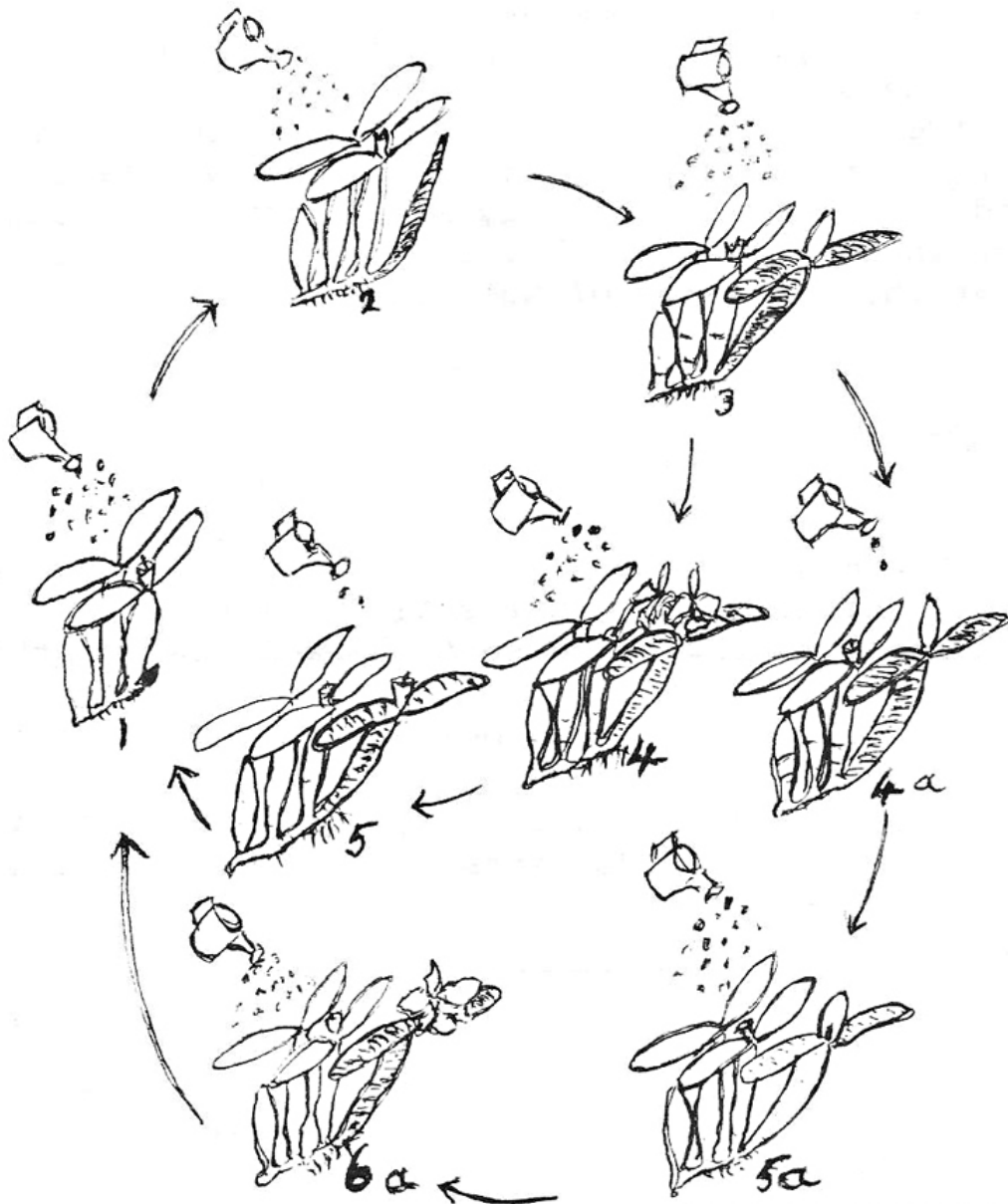
JUST ENOUGH WATERING to prevent shrivelling is indicated by the watering can at RESTING STAGES.

Figures 1,2,3,4, and 5 represent the type plant whose growth cycle matures a new lead (indicated by shading) with sheath, and then blooms immediately without resting.

Figure 5 depicts this plant in a resting stage during which the plant is given the MINIMUM OF WATER.

This procedure continues until the plant shows the beginning of the growth of the next lead.

Figures 1,2,3,4a,5a and 6a illustrate the type of plant which rests after maturing its new lead and sheath 4a, before again renewing its growth activity by developing the buds within the sheath.



Sketch by Mrs. J. Alden Thompson

GARDEN WEEK 1984

The display organized by the sub-committee appointed namely:- President, Malcolm Mangelsdorf, Show Secretay John Leeder and Club members Brenda Lynch, Harry Viney, Ray Goodall, Des Pollitt, Frank Bell and Stewart Morcom did an excellent job so much so that the judging Committee appointed by the Nurserymens Association awarded the Club the citation 'very highly commended'.

The area covered a frontage of 45' by a depth of 10' and consisted of sections:-

Trading Post requested by the Garden Week Special Project Organizer and this had the support of:-

Gaydec Pots, Accurate Plastics, Hodgetts and Nitrosol. To these firms we express our appreciation.

A display of blooms supplied by our Life Member Les Poole now living in Maryborough Queensland and congratulations to Les on gaining a Special award in the International Section for an Unknown Dendrobium. Members plants arranged on benches supplied by W A Young & Co, Surrounding awater garden supplied by Billabong Water Gardens were exhibits by:-

Beall Orchid Company of America containing a very good variety of intergeneric plants of the Odontoglossum/Oncidium alliance.

The most outstanding bloom was an Aliceara (Brassia x Miltonia x Oncidium) being a crossing of Mtssa Citron x Onc Nona. This plant received First Prize in the International Section and was commented on by a large section of orchid growers, Other outstanding blooms in this display were:-

Wils Tiger Hambuhren; Odm Moonstone; Degarmoara (Miltonia x Brassia x Odontoglossum) Mtssa Cartagena x O. Golden Ransom; Wils Burnt Falls; Besides these intergeneric bred plants the display also included:- Beallaras (Miltonia x Brassia x Odontoglossum x Miltonia); Bakerara (Brassia x Oncidium x Odontoglossum x Miltonia); Odontocidium; Odontioda; Colmanara; A fine contribution of interesting blooms.

A display by Keiths Nursery of Townsville of tropical blooms. This display received a Silver Award from the judges of the Orchid Club of South Australia and contained the following prize winning blooms:- Ascocenda Vanda Ranathai, Renanthopsis Santa Maria

Beall's display also received a Silver Award and contained ten paphiopedilums two of which received prizes namely:- Bronze award - Yellow paphiopedilum Salmon Berry Creek and Bronze Medal Brown Paphiopedilum Ruth Wright.

Throughout the Garden Week Club members manned the display and the Committee expresses its appreciation to all helpers.

A feature of the display was a very fine arrangement of enlarged photos kindly supplied by Ian O'Daniel

Peats Soils again helped with orchid bark and the Club received support from a person who prefers to remain unnamed in the supply of Australian Native trees.

A fine beginning to what promises to be another exciting year in public relations.

MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION

APRIL 1984

OPEN DIVISION

Aust Native Epi.	Liparis reflexa parviflora	K Northcote	3
	Den. Hilda Poxon	L & R Moore	2
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Mini Cym	Cym Sue (Peter Pan x Showgirl)	W J Nicholls	3
Inter. Cym	Ensikhan Alpha Orient	"	3
Cattleyas	Lc Quadron Southern Bell	"	3
	B. digbiana x C Green Hart	"	2
	C. Elizabeth Anderson	Mr & Mrs Pollitt	1
Miscellaneous	Willim Thurston Orchidglade	W J Nicholls	3
	Miltassia Estrelita	W J Nicholls	2
	Onc. Crowbar Sun Valley	S Monkhouse	1
Paphiopedilum	Paph. Myth Splendins	S Monkhouse	3
Species Paph.	Paph purpuratum var. imp	"	3
Species	Lueddemanniana hieroglyphica	K Northcote	3
	Falcata var Houlettiana	W J Nicholls	2
	Violacea Blue Star	"	1
Division Flower of Month	Lueddemanniana hieroglyphica	K Northcote	

1ST DIVISION

Mini Cym.	Splendour Easter Show	Don Gray	3
Cattleyas	Bc Languedoc 'Singapore Welcome'	H & B Viney	3
	C. forbessi x mossaei	Frank Bell	2
	C. Rex x C. forbessi	"	1
Species Paph.	purpuratum	Ron Parish	3
Division Flower of Month	Bc Languedoc 'Singapore Welcome'	H & B Viney	

2ND Division

Aust. Nat. Epi.	Den. Hilda Poxon	Don Biebrick	3
	Liparis Reflexa	Rick Pankoke	2
	Liparis Reflexa	Mr & Van Der Wilk	1
Mini Cym.	Splendour	Ian O'Daniel	3
Inter. Cym.	Valentines Love	V J Rodgers	3
Cattleyas	Bc Lanquedoc 'Singapore Welcome'	C C Burfield	3
	Unknown	"	2
	C. harrisoniae x B digbyana	"	1
Miscellaneous	Vuyl. Celle Plush 'Dresden'	Ian O'Daniel	3
	Epi. King Red	Don Biebrick	2
	Epi. Apricot Queen	Ian O'Daniel	1
Species	Zygo. crinitum	Don Biebrick	3
Division Flower of Month	Vuyl. Celle Plush 'Dresden'	Ian O'Daniel	