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Our next meeting will be held at the RSL Hall, Morphett Vale, on Tuesday 10th October at 8 p.m. We hope to have quite a few visitors or prospective new members at this meeting, after arousing their interest at the Marion Show.

We have been fortunate enough to get **Mrs Ross Gowling to come along and give a talk on his method of raising seedlings in a small tent.** This should be a very interesting item. **Also, we will have a talk on Cymbidiums and a potting demonstration.**

Nomination forms for officers for the Committee will be available at this meeting, as the **Annual General Meeting will be held on 14th November, 1972.** All nominations, proposed and seconded by two financial members and accepted by the nominee, must be lodged with the Secretary, Mr Peter Summers, before 8 p.m. on 14th November.

All members of the South Coast Orchid Club are authorised to sell tickets for the lottery to be held at the Marion Show, and by the time we meet in October, the show will be over, and we hope the club will be in a far better financial position, so that we can gradually obtain more library books and equipment to help all club members.

Our annual dinner is to be held at the Rex Hotel on Friday 27th October and if you have not already given your name and deposit, please contact Don Deal or Peter Summers (Phone 98 2461), as soon as possible, so that final arrangements can be completed.

The next ladies' spraymaking afternoon will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, 14th October at Gwenda Lang's home, 3 Emerald Road, Morphett Vale.

We would like to thank Mr and Mrs Tregenza very much for donating a number of Cymbidium seedlings to be sold at the Marion Show.

Our last meeting was held on a very cold and miserable night and it was nice to see so many of you brave the elements. We had the pleasure of a talk by Mr Neil Christoph, about show arrangements, and I am sure some of us picked up some useful information to help us with our show display. Mrs Ellie Shaw also gave us some hints to help the ladies with their floral art exhibits.

Once again, we had a good show of plants, and the results of the judging by Mr Bernie Hansen were as follows:-

OPEN SECTION—Cymbidium Sussex Dawn x Claudona (Valley Orchids) 3 points, Cymbidium Spartan Queen x Sensation (Cyril Chenoweth) 2 points, Cymbidium Sussex Pearl var. Rotunda (Les Pool) 1 point; Cattleya Susa Keruka var. 'Aclandiae' (John Maddern) 3 points.

NOVICE SECTION—Cymbidium Buxom (Chris Heinrich) 3 points, Cymbidium Sussex 'Laelia Sasso' (Chris Heinrich) 2 points, Cymbidium La Novia 'Mona Vale' (Chris Heinrich) 1 point; Paphiopedilum Sanacen (L. & I. Carr) 3 points, Australian Natives: Dendrobium gracilicaule (Mrs M. Lang) 3 points, Dendrobium gracilicaule (L. & I. Carr) 2 points, Dendrobium tetragonum (Peter Speer) 1 point; Miscellaneous Orchids: Dendrobium gracillimum (Peter Speer) 3 points.

THE POPULAR VOTE went to Cymbidium Pearl var. Rotunda grown and exhibited by Les Poole.

NOTES BY BERNIE HANSEN:

Well the Show is over and I am sure we have all learnt something. Fill-in Orchids are a necessity when arranging a show and one type I would like to deal with now is 'Australian Natives'.

To the Novice Grower sometimes the thought of growing small plants with small flowers does not appeal to the ego, but on considering them this is what you get: (1) A plant that will grow with the Cymbidiums, with the same care. (2) A plant that can be handled very easy. (3) A plant that normally only needs potting on once every two or three years. (4) A plant that normally flowers consistently every year. (5) A plant that normally can be purchased at a reasonable price.

The following is a list of Australian Native Orchids and Hybrids that will grow quite happily in your shadehouse: Dendrobium Bardo Rose, Dendrobium gracilicaule, Dendrobium speciosum, Dendrobium lingueforme, Dendrobium kingianum, Dendrobium delicatum, Dendrobium suffusum, Dendrobium Susan, Dendrobium fleckeri, Sarcophilus hartmannii, etc.

All these plants flower in the spring and reasonable size plants can be purchased from \$2 upwards. The above Dendrobiums will grow well in ordinary half size firbark—3 parts and 1 part Isolite. The Sarcophilus Hartmannii will grow in standard Cymbidium mix.

For those of you who saw the Orchid Club of South Australia Spring Orchid Festival at John Martin's, you may remember the Dendrobium Bardo Rose plants that were dotted around the hall. These showy plants create a lot of comment and help to liven up the foreground of the displays.

Well? See you all at the Annual Dinner—a function that should not be missed by any member.

Please wear an Orchid Corsage.