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Our next meeting will be held at 8p.m. at the R.S.L. Hall, Morphett Vale on Tuesday September 11th.

We will have a demonstration by Mr. Mick Chenoweth on setting up flower spikes for the Spring Show. None of you, especially the less experienced members, should miss this, because our show opens at Marion shopping centre on Sunday September 30th.

The show will be fully discussed at this meeting, so if you have any queries at all this will be your last chance to have them straightened out.

Our judge for the night will be Mr. Trevor Jacobs.

At our last meeting we had a large number of members and visitors present. We welcomed one new member, Mrs. Rita Lang, Windebanks Road, Happy Valley, and also a special visitor, Mr. J. Provis, Past president of the Port Lincoln Club.

We were shown some slides by Mr. Dick Styles, of his recent holiday in New Zealand. These were very interesting and showed some beautiful scenery.

Unfortunately our judge Mr. Bernie Hansen, was unable to come that night, and with the absence of another of our member judges, Mr. Mick Chenoweth, we had to form a judging panel consisting of our visitor Mr. J. Provis, Mr. Wes. Harris and Mr. Claude Hammond. There was a fine display of plants, Claude gave us a commentary on the Cymbidiums and Wes. gave a commentary on the rest of the plants.

Judging results were as follows:-

OPEN SECTION

Cymbidium	Valley Heights	Mr. G. Adams	3 pts.
	Bud March 'Rosetta'	Valley Orchids	2 pts.
	Sleeping Dream 'Goldmine'	Valley Orchids	1 pt.

OPEN SECTION cont.

Miniature	Lois Graves 'Nagano'	Mr. D. Lang	3 pts.
Cymbidiums	Sweetheart x Rayon	Mr. G. Adams	2 pts.
	Tommy Adelaide	Mr. D. Lang	1 pt.
Cattleya	B.L.C. Shere	Mr. W. Harris	3 pts.
	S.L.C. Mazac	Mr. W. Harris	2 pts.
	C. Highburiensis	Mr. G. Adams	1 pt.
Paphiopedilum			
	Sukhakulii	Mr. L. Poole	3 pts.
	Oncidium splendidum	Mr. W. Harris	2 pts.
	LAELIA lundii	Mr. L. Poole	1 pt.
Australian	DEND. gracilicaule	Mr. G. Adams	3 pts.
Natives	" teretifolium	Mr. G. Adams	2 pts.
Phalaenopsis	Mount KOALA x DEBBIE MARKIAN	Valley Orchids	3 pts.
	RAYCROFT	Valley Orchids	2 pts.
	BASTIA 'WONDABAH' x M.J.DUPONT	Mr. L. Poole	1 pt.
Species	Paph. JOHN KEELING x ORIENTUM	Mr. G. Adams	3 pts.
	" BLAGROSE	Mr. W. Harris	2 pts.
	" ALLENDALE x SMALL WORLD	Mr. W. Harris	1 pt.
<u>NOVICE</u>			
Cymbidium	ERICA SANDER 'TANANDRA'	Mr. L. Carr	3 pts.
	ARABELLA	Mr. L. Carr	2 pts.
Cattleya	ESBETTS x CLAESEANA	Mrs. J. Tregenza	3 pts.
	BOB BETTS 'TOMI'	Mrs. J. Tregenza	2 pts.
Species	C. loddigesii	Mrs. J. Tregenza	3 pts.
Paph.	SANASEN	Mr. L. Carr	3 pts.
Aust. Natives	D. gracilicaule	Mr. L. Carr	3 pts.
Popular vote	- RHYNCOSTYLIS gigantea		
Indoor plants	First, second & third	Mr. W. Harris	

Should there be any queries on the above results, please contact me on 70 2194 as 'yours truly' forgot to take any result sheets last month and it was rather a job to follow.

The gadget night proved a failure, not one male member brought anything along, perhaps you all preferred to watch the ladies make their sprays, or Les do his potting demonstration.

The ladies made some very attractive sprays, our thanks go to Mrev. Dunn for bringing along a supply of cymbidiums. Three of our 'mere male' members judged the sprays, and the winners were, 1st. Mrs. Dulcie Graye 2nd. Mrs Aileen Gowling 3rd. Mrs. Lang

ANNUAL DINNER

Reservations have been made for our dinner to be held at the Marion Hotel on Saturday October 20th. Anyone still wishing to go who has not paid their deposit, should give their name and deposit to Mrs. Harry Nash no later than the next meeting, and we may still be able to book a few more places.

MARION SPRING SHOW - Sunday September 30th. to Saturday Oct. 6th.

We will need all the help possible during show week, so give your names, dates and times to our Show Marshal Mr. Keith Shew Ph. 83 3056, so that a roster can be made up. Members are needed to make and sell sprays, flowers, and raffle tickets, help with the potting demonstrations and selling of plants etc. and we must get a roster worked out beforehand so that we have help arranged for every hour of every day.

All available plants will be needed in the show, we cannot all grow champion blooms, but every plant is needed to fill in the space, including ferns and foliage plants. If TRANSPORT is needed, notify Keith, Ph-83 3056 All pots should be marked with your club number, and the Show Marshal will arrange the class markings. Novice will be Green, Seedlings red, and the open section will be unmarked.

We also need plants and flowers for sale, notify Mr. Les Poole Ph. 76 1103 if you wish to sell or donate any. Give your names, addresses and phone numbers so that arrangements can be made which day you should bring them in or when they can be picked up. Should you wish to let us have these plants before the show, to get them out of your way, arrangements can be made.

You will find a copy of our amended bye-laws enclosed, part of this, 1 (b) (iv) "Seedlings" is necessary to come in before the show. Other parts i.e. 1 (b) (i) referring to registered Commercial businesses and companies will not apply until January 1974. Also the Intermediate Exhibitor 1 (b) (iii) will not apply to the Marion show, as we have no intermediate section.

MOSS GATHERING day is arranged for Sunday September 16th., bring along your lunch or barbecue and we can all enjoy a day out. We meet OUTSIDE the Morphet Vale Hotel at 10am.

Two lottery books are enclosed for you to sell if you did not notify Mr. J. Maddern to the contrary. Please return any counterfoils and money that you have, to Mr. John Maddern at the next meeting, and any further tickets must be returned by MONDAY OCTOBER 1st to enable them to be sold at the show.

Read Bernice Hanger's notes for further Show information.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Referring to out new intermediate section, anyone going from NOVICE to OPEN section since September 1971, can go back to the newly formed INTERMEDIATE section if they wish, by applying in writing to the Committee.

One of our members Mr. N. Packard will be pleased to help members with cameras and films if anyone is interested.

LIBRARY

We have a King Size book in our library now, on Australian Natives, this should be a very popular one.

NEWSY TITBITS

Was it expressions of relief or disappointment that came over the faces of a group of ladies recently sitting in the 'house with the red light', when a car slowed almost to a stop in passing. Prospective customer ?

Rumor has it that another of our prominent members are moving to the South. What is the attraction, better growing conditions by escaping from the pollution in the city and surrounding areas ?

THIS MONTHS SLECTION

One wife to another, "Don't worry if your husband flirts. My dog chases cars - but if he caught one, he wouldn't know what to do with it".

SHOW NERVES by Leora Harvey

(Dedicated to the unfortunate)

On Monday my champion's one spike had opened - The best, surely, ever grown.
On Tuesday I tended it; what a prize it was to own.
On Wednesday I admired it, as it proudly stood alone.
On Thursday I cleaned the leaves, you've never seen the like.
On Friday I numbered the pot, and carefully checked the spike.
On Saturday - I knocked the spike off ! How I cried to see it go -
For tomorrow was Sunday, and Sunday was our SHOW.

SHOW TIPS by Bernie Hansen

Well, it's finally here, our years growing is coming into fruition or as some growers will say 'I have nurtured this plant for 3 years', because in most cases a divided plant flowers better the 2nd and 3rd. year after being divided.

I do hope every body has had a good look at the plan of the show at Marion, worked out the size of exhibit they have, and put some thought into how they are going to display their Orchids.

Perhaps we should take a general view of 'what is an Orchid show?'

1. It is somewhere where members can put on show their plants.
2. There is the fun of winning prizes (and bragging a little).
3. Bringing our effort of joy to the Public
4. The chance of getting more people interested in the growing of Orchids.

So it is to our advantage to display our Orchids to their best advantage.

As we have to supply our own backdrop material, I have been constantly on the alert to find large pines etc. at nurseries who are selling them at reasonable prices, and these are few and far between. So contact the exhibitor who is back to back with your exhibit and find what sort of back drop material he is using, may be you can combine your backdrop material and work in with one another. Perhaps a list of material of needy items to take along to the Marion Shopping Centre on 'put in day' will help.

Orchid plants of all descriptions (Flowering of course)
Ferns large and small, shrubs in pots, indoor plants, and MOSS.

Staging Material

Extra pots or blocks to raise pots to just the right height.
Short planks, $\frac{1}{2}$ crates, in fact anything firm that will give your exhibit varying heights.

Tissyng up Material

White oil, bucket, rag, roll of tissue paper, a heap of old NEWSPAPERS
Twisties, extra stakes, watering can, Wiss Orchid shears or similar,
Plus 2 or 3 dozen approx. 5" pieces of wire to clip the hessian to the pots.

Theme Materials

Ponds can be made by using a ring of support material plus a sheet of plastic. When filled with water, sprinkle some sand or gravel to give the bottom a natural look. When mossing around the edge of the pool, do not let the moss touch the water as capillary action will syphon the water out of the pool.

The limb of a tree can be used as a tree by nailing a cross shape base to it. Moss and plants can be draped on the branches, and when placed out near the edge of the exhibit, the whole effect is much better.

Statues can be used but be careful, if fir argument you decide to do a Grecian scene, broken pillars, urns etc. would be useful adornments, but too big or too many nic-naes would wuin the whole effect.

In my opinion miniature models etc. are all out of proportion and do not really compliment the exhibit.

SHOW TIPS cont.

As some of you know, moss is not the only material for covering up pots. If you do wish to go to something else, perhaps a sandy beach scene with a few tufts of reed type grass to cover up the pots; an Autumn scene with leaves (collected last Autumn) sprinkled over and around the pots do a good job. Potted ground cover plants will also do a good cover up job. There must be lots of other materials that will fill in to your theme. P.S. Do not use Isolite for a winter scene otherwise it will be a big snow job.

For the inexperienced and those that know, take a good look at the exhibits at the Orchid Festival in John Martins the prior week, and maybe you will be inspired to do something really great.

All the best for a good show, let's make this one a beaut.

Bernie Hansen.