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***The
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Inc.
Gazette***

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*Happy New Year & may all you
orchids Bloom and Grow.*

*The Annual General Meeting of The
South Coast Orchid Club will be held at
8pm Tuesday 8th February 2000, at
the Calvary Lutheran Church Hall,
Windsong Crt, Morphett Vale.
This will be followed by the Monthly
Cultural Meeting.*

*The Guest Speaker will be
Dr Tony Bourne whose subject will be
'Orchids in the home'.*

*Prizes for the Aggregate Point
Winners will also be presented at this
Meeting.*

*Members wishing to show plants are
reminded that they need to be benched
by 7-45pm.*

*The Daytime Group will meet at 2pm
on February 10th at the South
Brighton Community Hall, Dover Sq.
South Brighton. The Guest Speaker will
be Mr Bill Fisher.*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1999

by Jane Higgs

I can't believe that 1999 is already over and that the new century is about to begin – the year has simply flown by. However, the year was a reasonable one for the club – we gained some new members, always very welcome, and unfortunately lost some, mainly due to age or illness.

There was one major change in the orchid world this last year and this was the formation and starting of SAROC. This is the South Australian Regional Orchid Council and is made up of fourteen clubs out of the sixteen in South Australia. The South Coast Orchid Club is a member of this. SAROC acts as a medium between S.A. member Societies and the Australian Orchid Council (AOC) in the promotion of orchid culture through these societies and provides support and financial assistance to the independent S.A. Regional AOC Judging Panel.

Our three shows held at Colonnades, Noarlunga Centre in Autumn, The Hub, Aberfoyle Park in Winter and Westfield Marion in Spring were very successful, thanks to the organizers and also members for putting their plants into the shows and their participation.

We had an interesting September meeting when we invited other clubs' members to our dinner and meeting when we had special guest speakers Rita Cusack and Clive Hayman to speak on Phragmipediums. This was greatly enjoyed by everyone who attended.

The Inter-club Competition Day was a fun day and although we did not win, we were not too far behind considering the few members who participated. We also had a great day when we visited the Fuschia Nursery and Vic Goode's home to see his masdevallias. Also the year was finished off very nicely by the BBQ held before the December meeting – thanks to Geoff for this and a special thank you to Father Christmas for his visit.

There are many other people to thank for their work throughout the year. Firstly all the committee members, with special thanks to Murray as Secretary, Graham our Treasurer, Lesley, Vice President, Liason Officer and

Daytime meeting Convenor and Helen, Editor of the Gazette and creator of prize cards and signs etc. and organizer of guest speakers for the year. Thanks to Moss, our Show Marshall and Don, Registrar, the judges, typists, runners and scribes etc. for their help at the shows and also to Don and the team of judges for their work at the meetings.

Also thanks to Rosalie for her help in getting the Gazette out to members, Harris, Secretary at the Daytime meetings, Berna for tea duty, the people who have helped with supper at night, Norm for 'Sight and Sound', Joan Kelly and Peter Fenton for organizing and selling raffle tickets, Norm and Sylvester for Librarian duties and Bill for manning the Trading Table. Thanks also to people who have helped to 'set up' and 'dismantle' the hall. I hope I haven't left anyone out, but if so, thank you also.

One last word, and that is if our club is to continue to grow and flourish we need new members, new ideas and input from existing members – we are also still in need of some committee members for the new year, so please think about this.

I wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year (and century) and your orchids the same.

DAYTIME CONVENOR'S REPORT

by Lesley Fenton

We had another very successful year with an average of 23 people per meeting which is an increase from last year so is very good to see.

Our year started with Richard Fishlock giving a talk on growing cymbidiums & the virus that can affect them.

Don Biebrick told us how he grows paphiopedilums which sounded oh so easy.

This year our visit was to Rosalie Moore to see how she grows her various orchid genera.

John Gay gave us a very interesting insight into what to grow with our cymbidiums.

Graham Eakins told us how he grows soft cane dendrobiums.

Cattleyas was the topic for Kel Staples whilst Jill Taylor gave us an interesting talk and slide program on her involvement with orchids.

Colin Jennings took us on a visual and verbal tour of North America, the Vancouver World

Orchid Conference, Alaska and the U.K.

During the year we have also had a Question and Answer session and a potting demonstration. At the end of October we had a very successful coach trip to Weald View Fuchsia Nursery and Vic Goode's at Bahannah to see how he grows masdevallias. Lunch was at the Oakbank Hotel which was most enjoyable.

At the Christmas breakup Helen showed us some very nice slides of zygopetalums which was followed by our Giant raffle and festive afternoon tea.

Thank you everyone for supporting the Daytime Group. Hope to see you all again in 2000.

FROM THE EDITOR.

Helen

After 10 years as Editor of this Gazette I have decided that I will not nominate for this position for 2000. The main reason for this is that we will be moving to Queensland some time early this year.

I have enjoyed bringing you this Gazette and shall miss having to produce it but I'm sure I shall find other things to do.

As I write this, my last Gazette, the Club has not had a member volunteer to hold this position. PLEASE can you help?

Someone is also needed to keep a list of members, record whether their subscriptions have been paid and obtain a Show number for them. This needs to be kept up to date as only financial Members can show plants.

Address labels for the gazette are printed from this information as are the lists of financial members for the Registrar of Judges at Shows.

Happy New Year to you All.

DECEMBER DAYTIME GROUP

Helen

Lesley welcomed 22 Happy Members to the Christmas Meeting.

Helen showed Zygopetalum Alliance slides courtesy of Florafest Orchids. After the program I was asked to give a plant commentary which wasn't difficult as they were all mine. Members chose a very delicate coloured Cattleya named Blc. Chancemaker as best on the bench, although the flowers were not large they were quite eye-catching.

The raffle was then conducted with everyone winning a prize, some even two.

Meeting concluded with a delicious afternoon tea.

Thanks Lesley for being our Daytime Meeting Convenor for 1999.

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to Norm Woodend who is promoted to 1st Division.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2000

Subscriptions for this year will be the same as 1999.

Single Membership	\$20 p.a.
Concession	\$18
Joint Membership	\$25 p.a.
Concession	\$22.50

If you have not renewed your membership please do so at the next meeting or forward payment to The Treasurer, Box 314 Oaklands Park, SA 5046.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2000

The Annual General Meeting of The South Coast Orchid Club will be held prior to the February Cultural Meeting commencing at 8 pm.

As nominations for positions did not exceed vacancies elections will not be required.

The following nominations have been received for Committee 2000:

Jane Higgs
Murray Baulderstone
Graham Shevlin
Mervyn Steele
Lucy Spear
Norm Woodend

Carry over Member is :-
Geoff Spear

Other appointments i.e.

Show Marshall
Registrar of Judges
Editor of Gazette
Publicity Officer
Librarian
Daytime Group Convenor
Tea person
Trading Table Convenor
Hosts
are all appointed by the Committee.

At the time of writing this Gazette we DO NOT HAVE people to fill the Committee appointed positions IF YOU CAN HELP IN ANY WAY PLEASE CONTACT MURRAY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

APPRECIATION

At the January Committee meeting Jane thanked the retiring committee members, Sylvester Ng, Lesley Fenton and Helen Edwards for the work they had done over their time on committee.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS Helen

There's always some plants in our collection that never make it to a meeting or show but make a lovely display. *Brassia verrucosa* and *Oncidium flexuosum* are two of these. *flexuosum* is currently carrying 2 spikes of 90 gorgeous small yellow flowers waving around in the summer breeze (it is mounted on a slab and grows under shadecloth over the *Den. speciosums*) and *verrucosa* has 24 spidery flowers on 2 spikes. (The genus *Brassia* was named by Robert Brown, an English botanist, in honor of William Brass in the early 1800s. There are over 30 different species in the genus. They grow in a wide range of conditions. *Brassia verrucosa* is native to Mexico and Guatemala and is recognised as a cool grower. The flowers seem to open progressively with the younger ones being perfumed. The older ones often show discoloration by the time the youngest flower opens.) Our plant grows in the pergola area under 70% shadecloth. It is potted in a bark mix.

One plant that is now in flower but wouldn't get taken anywhere and I doubt that even its Mother would love it is *Epidendrum anceps*. This 'little treasure' is described as having 'yellowish-brown to greenish-brown, shiny flowers up to 1.5cms across. Lip pale green, flushed pink.' It flowers many times throughout the year for us but because of the nondescript colour you could walk past it without realising it is even in bloom. *Epidendrum anceps* is common throughout the American tropics and was first described back in 1763.

In our glasshouse *Colmanara* Wildcat 'Panther' has one lovely large 'spike' with the flowers all open also a few phalaenopsis are just hanging on and a couple of cattleyas, so we have had a few flowers to admire over Christmas.

EPIDENDRUM & ENCYCLIA

Many of the plants previously classified in these genus have been moved to the Genus *Prosthechea*.

A list is in the Magazine of the American Orchid Society, Orchids, November 1999, but

includes those previously named *Encyclia cochleata*, *fragrans* and *radicans*, all plants that have been recently benched by our members.

Please alter your labels accordingly.

BLACK SPOT FUNGUS

by Bill Clark

Black spot fungus cannot be cured, so prevention and control becomes the important issues.

It is important to understand the life cycle and requirements of the fungus. If we start with the fungus spore, we have an organism that becomes airborne and looking for a good home on which to establish itself. Cold damp leaves are ideal. Here the spore can grow and reproduce.

To prevent black spot:-

1. Spray unaffected zygos with copper oxychloride.
2. Do not bring affected plants into your collection.

If you already have the infection:-

1. Discard all affected plants and spray the remainder with copper oxychloride OR
2. Cut away the older more affected leaves where possible AND
3. Spray regularly and paint the actual spots with green water based paint made into a thin paste with the addition of copper oxychloride.

This treatment is designed to seal the spots and prevent reproduction.

FOR SALE

Orchid plants etc. Mostly cattleyas, no cymbidiums. Also 2 Cub gas glass-house heaters. One is set up for mains gas. Contact Helen or Charlie on 82986689.

ACROSS MY DESK

Helen

This one is for the Members who have children or grandchildren with those dear little 'pets' kept in the pocket.

A French lady lost control of her car on a highway and crashed into a tree, seriously injuring her passenger and killing herself. The driver's attention had been distracted by her Tamagotchi key ring which had started urgently beeping for food as she drove along. In attempting to press the correct buttons to save the Tamagotchi's life the woman lost her own.

DECEMBER 1999

MONTHLY FLORAL COMPETITION RESULT

SECOND DIVISION

Std. Cattleya	C. Moroniae	D. & K. Cammack	3
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FLOWER OF THE DIVISION:

Cattleya Moroniae grown by David & Kay Cammack

FIRST DIVISION

Aust. Nat. Epi: Hybrid	Cym. Kuranda	S. Ng	3
Mini. Cymbidium	Cym. Phar Lap	S. Ng	3
Nov. Cattleya	Unknown	W. & R. Clark	3
Other Laeliinae	<i>Enc. (baculus x prismatocarpa)</i>	W. & R. Clark	3
	<i>Epi. Anderson's Special</i>	H. & B. Viney	2

FLOWER OF THE DIVISION:

Encyclia (baculus x prismatocarpa) grown by Bill & Ruth Clark

OPEN DIVISION

Aust.Nat.Epi:Species	<i>Den. prenticei</i>	M. Tiggeman	3
Aust.Nat.Epi:Hybrid	<i>Den.</i> (Aussie Ira x Mem. Ray Hill)	C. & H. Edwards	3
Mini. Cymbidium	<i>Cym.</i> Little Beauty	M. Tiggeman	3
Std. Cattleya Note Name	<i>Lc.</i> Irene Finney x <i>C. walkeriana</i> = Lc, Rosie's Surprise	M. & S. Steele	3
Nov. Cattleya	<i>C.</i> (Penny Kuroda x <i>aclandiae</i>)	R. & I. Parish	3
	<i>Lc.</i> Eugene Casey 'Chocolate Soldier)	R. & I. Parish	2
	<i>Slc.</i> Jewel Box	M. Tiggeman	1
Nov. Cluster Cattleya	<i>C.</i> Penny Kuroda 'Spots'	H. & U. Herrmann	3
Phalaenopsis	<i>Phal.</i> Yukamai x <i>Dtps.</i> Double Trouble	T. Garrard	3
	<i>Dtps.</i> (Modern Beauty x Sibling)	T. Garrard	2
	<i>Phal.</i> (Miners Bonanza x Michael Croker	P. & G. Flavel	1
Nov. Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph.</i> Pinocchio	H. & U. Herrmann	3
	<i>Paph.</i> (Bar-Maude x Pop Monkhouse) 'Rhumba'	H. & U. Herrmann	2
	<i>Paph.</i> Berenice	H. & U. Herrmann	1
Species Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. glaucophyllum</i>	H. & U. Herrmann	3
	<i>Paph. roebelinii</i>	H. & U. Herrmann	2
	<i>Paph. moqueffianum</i> 'Green Alien'	H. & U. Herrmann	1
Odont/Onc.Alliance	<i>Brs.</i> Rex	R. & B. Wilson	3
	<i>McLna.</i> Pagan Lovesong x <i>Oda.</i> Or- phanto x Heanum	H. & E. Van Leaveren	2
	<i>Onc.</i> Golden Sunset 'Fantasy'	D. & J. Higgs	1
Zygopetalum Alliance	<i>Prom.</i> Crawshayana 'Yellow Bird'	P. & G. Flavel	3
	<i>Z.</i> Helen-Ku 'Hongkong'	P. & G. Flavel	2
	<i>Prom.</i> Florafest Sparkler	C. & H. Edwards	1
Species	<i>C. loddigesii</i>	R & B. Wilson	3
	<i>Lyc. deppei</i>	R. & B. Wilson	2
	<i>Onc. sarcatum</i>	R. & I. Parish	1

FLOWER OF THE DIVISION:
***Cattleya loddigesii* grown by Richard & Beryl Wilson**