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November 12th. is the date to set aside for our next club meeting to be held at the R.S.L. Hall, Morphett Vale, at 8p.m. All plants for competition to be tabled by 7.45p.m.

Do not forget the opportunity table, which has been sadly neglected lately. Members are able to sell any plants which they wish to dispose of, benefitting the club by 20%, and enabling others to purchase new plants at a reasonable price.

Well, our spring show is over, and now we can get down to the job of repotting, dividing, and potting on. A potting demonstration on Cymbidiums will be presented by Ross Gowling assisted by Aileen. This is a must for new growers.

Syd Monkhouse will also give his monthly 'what to do' talk. I am sure these talks are very helpful to all members, old and new, and all questions are welcome, so do not be afraid to speak up.

We will be discussing the Floor displays of the show with Mr. Jim Hay of John Martins. Jim was the judge who officiated at the show (and very fine taste he has).

The Committee wishes to thank the following Commercial growers for their donations of a \$10 orchid plant for our Spring show raffle. Adelaide Orchids, Johnstons Orchids, Mick Ryan Orchids, & Bernie Hansen.

For those members who did not attend our last meeting, the following monthly competition result will give you some idea of the spectacle you missed. We will blame the wet night.

<u>OPEN CLASS</u>	No exhibits.	
<u>NOVICE CLASS</u>	Cymbidium California 'Cascade'	Merv Donhardt. 3 pts.
Aust. Natives	Cym. 'Madidum'	Merv Donhardt 3 pts.

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The following is a list of the Prize Winners at our Spring Festival. Congratulations to all winners and thanks to all members who exhibited and/or helped us in the putting up and taking down of the show. Remember the old saying "Those who put in the most work get the most enjoyment", remembering also that those who do the most work make the most mistakes, but I am sure no gentleman would criticize, that is unless they wanted the job of running the Show.

GRAND CHAMPION BLOOM      MARY ANN "Simplicity"      Adelaide Orchids

RESERVE CHAMPION BLOOM      VALYA CRAIG "HACKHAM"      L.H.& C.G. Poole

DISPLAY PRIZES (Excluding Commercial Growers)

1st. prize      Peter Speer & John Maddern  
2nd. "      Mr. & Mrs. Peter Summers  
3rd. "      Mr. & Mrs. Les. Poole  
4th. "      Messrs. Ted Work, Cliff George & Roy Hargreaves

DISPLAY PRIZES (Commercial Growers)

1st. prize      Mr. & Mrs. Bernie Hansen  
2nd. "      Mr. & Mrs. Jack Hoffner  
3rd. "      Adelaide Orchids

OPEN SECTION

Champion Cymbidium	MARY ANN 'Simplicity'	Adelaide Orchids
Reserve Champion Cym.	VALYA CRAIG 'HACKHAM'	L.& C. Poole
Best White Cymbidium	MARY ANN 'Simplicity'	Adelaide Orchids
Best Red "	MUSITA 'JESS PALM'	B. & L. Hansen
Best Green "	JOYCE DUNCAN 'KERSBROOK'	A. & M. Fullston
Best Pink "	VALLEY FLOWER 'CHERRY RIPE'	VALLEY ORCHIDS
Best Brown "	BURGUNDIAN 'CHATEAU'	E. Work
Best Yellow "	SAYONARA 'AUREOLIN'	E.Work
Best Pure colour "	DURHAM CASTLE 'CARLTON SOUTH'	Adelaide Orchids
Best Any other colour	SAN FRANCISO 'THE BEAT'	G. Adams
Best Decorative	SAYONARA 'GOLDEN DOLLAR'	A. & M. Fullston
Best Export	LAGOON 'VALLEY HIGH'	Valley Orchids
Best Seedling	SUSSEX DAWN X MARY ANN	Mick Ryan Orchids
Best Specimen std.Cym.	Cym. lowianum	J. & A. Hoffner
Best Miniature Cym.	Cym.(PALOMAR x pumilum)'KERSBROOK'	A. & M. Fullston
Best Novelty "	TIGER TAIL 'MAY DAY'	Adelaide Orchids
Best Min.or novelty Spec.	LADY BUG 'SENTINEL'	B. & L. Hansen
Best Cattleya	Ave Maria 'Christine Barnett'	Adelaide Orchids
Best Paphiopedilum	GROVE 'MONARCH'	Adelaide Orchids
Best Phalaenopsis	Hakaha x Surfrider	J. & A. Hoffner
Best Species (Not Aus.Nat.) Cym.	lowianum	J. & A. Hoffner
Best Den. Hybrid	Den. name unknown	B. & L. Hansen
Best Aus. Native	Den. heckleri	J. & A. Hoffner
" " " Hybrid	Den.gracilicaule x Den.kingianum	Adelaide Orchids
Best Misc. Orchid	V.Rothschildiana x Aslo Yip Sum	Wah
		J. Maddern

NOVICE SECTION

Champion Cymbidium	VALYA CRAIG 'JUDY'	Mr. H. Lambert
Reserve Champion "	SAYONARA 'Aurealin'	Mr. R. Styles
Best White "	Unknown	Mr. R. Styles
Best Green "	BARCELONA "MAJIC WAND"	Mr. H. Lambert
Best Pink "	BALKIS LUATH x Sensation 'Vieux Rose'	Mr. R. Styles
Best Yellow "	Valya Craig "Judy"	Mr. H. Lambert
Best Any other colour	Burgundian 'Chateau'	Mr. H. Lambert
Best Decorative	Girrahween "Zenzi"	Mr. A. Traegar
Best Export Cymbidium	BARCELONA "MAJIC WAND"	Mr. H. Lambert
Best Seedling "	MARION LENFESTY x Regency	Mr. R. Styles
Best Miniature "	LADY BUG 'Elizabeth Ann'	Mr. & Mrs. H. Nash
Best Specimen Mini. Cym.	Jill	Mr. & Mrs. H. Nash
Best Paphiopedilum	SANACEN	Mr. & Mrs. L. Carr
Best Phalaenopsis	Sputnik x ANN CAVACO	Mr. & Mrs. H. Nash
Best Species (Not Aus. Nat.)	Bletilla "striata" "Alba"	Mr. & Mrs. P. Summers
Best Species (Aus. Nat.)	Den. Kingianum 'Pink Rock'	Mr. & Mrs. L. Carr
Best Miscellaneous	Bletilla 'striata' 'Alba'	Mr. & Mrs. P. Summers

FLORAL ART

1st. Prize	Mrs. D. Grave
2nd. "	Mrs. D. Grave
3rd. "	Mrs. H. Chenoweth
4th. "	Mrs. I. Nash
5th. "	Mrs. B. Weller
Special Mention	Mrs. L. Harvey
Special Mention	Mrs. J. Carson

CORSAGES

1st. Prize	Mrs. H. Chenoweth
2nd. "	Mrs. L. Harvey
3rd. "	Mrs. L. Hansen
4th. "	Mrs. D. Grave

ONE ORCHID WITH LIVE FOLIAGE

1st. Prize	Mrs. A. Gowling
2nd. "	Mrs. L. Gray
3rd. "	Mrs. B. Weller
4th. "	Mrs. D. Grave

POSIES

1st. Prize	Mrs. E. Mackirdy
2nd. "	Mrs. J. Carson
3rd. "	Mrs. I. Nash
4th. "	Mrs. C. Holder

LOTTERY RESULTS

1st. prize No. 06236	B. Carthew	8th. No. 01607	M. E. Rowe
2nd. 08081	Joyce Pink	9th. 01523	Mick Ryan
3rd. 02042	Miss A. Olinga	10th. 02648	S. Courtney
4th. 06581	Leonie Crase	11th. 02815	Mike Richardson
5th. 00664	H. Lambert	12th. 01662	Jane Kerr
6th. 02861	C. Hill	13th. 06083	M. Bray
7th. 07472	A. Law	14th. 00849	Mick Chenoweth.

We were pleased to see that three of our Club members were amongst the lucky winners.

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The following are the results of our September meeting, which were not available in time to go with our October bulletin.

OPEN SECTION

Cymbidium	Tipperary "Olivine May"	Mr. & Mrs.W.Gray	3 pts
	Valley Gem 'Mayfair'	Valley Orchids	2 pts
	Wallarū 'Golden Glow'	Mr. H. Lambert	1 pt
Cattleya	C.Intermedia x LC Florence Machle	Mr. G. Adams	3 pts
	S.L.C. MOZAC 'B'	Mr. W. Harris	2 pts
	B.C. Delight	Mr. W. Harris	1 pt
Paphiopedilum	sukhakutii x robinsonii	Mr. J. Maddern	3 pts
	GENISTA	Mr. G. Adams	2 pts
	sukhakulii x glaucophyllum	Mr. J. Maddern	1 pt
Mini.Cyms.	Sarah Jean	Mr.& Mrs.L.Poole	3 pts
	Tommy 'Adelaide'	Mr & Mrs. D.Lang	2 pts
	Pathfinder "Golden	Mr. & Mrs.D.Lang	1 pt
Species	Onc. 'Tere'	Mr. W. Harris	3 pts
	Catt. Loddigesii	Mr. W. Harris	2 pts
	Laeliopsis 'domingensis'	Mr. W. Harris	1 pt
Aus. Natives	Den. 'gracilicaule'	No.37	3 pts
	P.Terostylis	Mr. J. Maddern	2 pts
	Den. Teretifolium	Mr. W. Harris	1 pt
Misc.Genera	Asco Y ip Sum Wah	Mr. G. Adams	3 pts
	Den. Maui Beauty	Mr. W. Harris	2 pts
	Phal.	Mr. W. Harris	1 pt
Aus.Native Hybrid	D. Gracillimum	Mr. G. Adams	3 pts
	D. "	Mr. P. Speer	2 pts
	D. 'falcorostrum' x 'gracillicaule'	Mr. G. Adams	1 pt

POPULAR VOTES

Orchids	Cym.Patricia Kerwood 'Leila May'	Mr.& Mrs.W.Gray
Indoor plants	ALOCASIA 'Cuprea'	Mr. W. Harris

NOVICE SECTION

Cymbidium	HAMSEY 'The Globe'	Mr.& Mrs.L.Carr	3 pts
	Lady Bug 'Sentinel'	Mrs. M. Lang	2 pts
	Arabian Nights "Woodfield"	Mrs. M. Martin	1 pt
Paphiopedilum	Senacen	Mr. & Mrs.L.Carr	3pts
Aus.Natives	Den. DAYLEYI	Mr. & Mrs. L.Carr	3 pts
	" gracillicaule	Mrs. M. Lang	2 pts
	" delicatum	Mr. & Mrs.L.Carr	1 pt

Our judge for the November meeting has still to be chosen, but please do bring along your flowering plants, they will definitely be judged.

A letter was received from Sir Francis & Lady Matters congratulating us on a job well done at Marion.

Verbal congratulations were also received from many visitors to the show. A growing interest in Orchids is very apparent from the number of plants and flowers that were sold during show week. Our band of helpers were certainly kept very busy with their spray making etc., and we would like to thank them all for their efforts.

There still seems to be a little doubt in some members minds about the length of time a person must be in the Club before they are full members and can enjoy all the benefits of the Club. From the minute their application has been accepted and they pay their subscriptions they are in, period. Their vote is equal, and this goes for borrowing library books or making suggestions, once you have paid you have all rights.

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Albino - Concolor - Non-staining - Pure color - Citrino - Aquaino - Rosino.

Where will it all end ? By. Bernie Hansen.

Long suffering Orchid growers have for years been educating themselves, learning names and even learning to spell some of them, and every now and then the botanists change an Orchid name or drop a letter or even change the genus name, and this puts all the books (countless millions) virtually out of date. What a shambles it is for a beginner who learns from an old book. Personally I think it is time to draw a line and say stop. I'm all for progress but this is something different,

Take the latest inovation on the Albino Cymbidiums. When I first started growing Cyms. they were called non-stainers - Albinos and concolors and now we have pure colors.

In the March issue of the Australian Orchid review we have three articles on the above type of coloring in Cymbidiums, what a headache for the beginner, it seems that every hybridist who dabbles in this line of breeding wants to coin his own description. I am sure that the average grower only wants a universal name to describe this line, not everybody's own private names.

Please don't think I am knocking these efforts by Hybridizers, I think they are doing a good job in giving us something different. There is a place in every collection for a few Albinos, but it is surprising the people who say " I would not give one yard room", but as they are improving every year I am sure that everybody's taste will be eventually satisfied.

So in summing up I think all I can say is "Love the Cym. hate the variations in terminology", and to the Botanists, remember good Orchid reference books are expensive, so please don't make them obsolete before they are current.

What is it that attracts us to the orchid growing cult?

For a start the word "orchid" has a magical attraction to the uninitiated although if we were aware of its derivation perhaps our enthusiasm would be a little blunted. The next attraction that most of us encounter is the orchid show and, as these are generally Spring Shows, the flower we initially fall for is the Cymbidium.

A cymbidium collection is the first ideal amongst the average enthusiasts but, after a little time, a couple of doubts appear in our minds - Most of our flowers appear during the spring months only, and the Cym. is beginning to bore us slightly with its limited form and restricted range of colours.

It is at this stage that the orchid really asserts itself as a plant out of the ordinary. About the time that the daffodil grower sickens of daffodils, or the dahlia grower tires of dahlias, the orchid grower suddenly discovers that he has not even started to scrape the surface of true appreciation of the orchid family. So many are the different types of orchids that can be grown easily by the most amateur amateur and so varied are their forms and colours, that, having reached this stage, the enthusiast is really "hooked" and headed for a lifetime of discovery and enjoyment that appeals to young and old alike.

The following brief list covers a few of the so called "miscellaneous" orchids that can be grown in a shadehouse, in the garden, on trees, or in a very modest unheated glasshouse. The orchid is a very adaptable plant and will acclimatise itself to widely varied climatic conditions if given the chance.

Don't expect a plant that has been growing in a lush heated glasshouse, to go on as if nothing has happened if you suddenly thrust it out in the shadehouse. Don't purchase plants that have not been hardened off and put them in harsh cymbidium shadehouse conditions at any other time of the year than Spring, as they could very well perish before acclimatisation to extremes of weather. Give plants time to get used to new conditions. For example, a cattleya taken from a glasshouse and put out in the shadehouse, even during spring, will probably shrivel and lose vigour for quite some time. However it will produce new growths and these will be harder, thicker and tougher than previously and after 12 months the plant will be quite happy with its new environment.

In other words HAVE PATIENCE! After all it would take you a while to acclimatise if you were suddenly dropped "starkers" in the South Pole !!

LAELIA 'anceps' - Hardy mexican species which excels in outdoor conditions. Must have a very open potting mix - either 50/50 VITA BARK & ISOLITE or tie it to the Northern side trunk of a deciduous tree. Remove all roots and potting material if you follow this latter practice. 'anceps' has mauve flowers and deeper throat. Blooms are approx. 4" across. Other LAELIAS that succeed similarly are L.'gouldiana' - a deep vibrant purple; L.'speciosa' Var. MAJALIS - a paler pinky mauve, and L.'autumnalis' - midway between the above two. Flowers late summer.

ODONTOGLOSSUM 'grande' - Another Mexican. Grow in Vita Bark and Isolite and house in the cymbidium house, preferably hanging from the wall. Dry the plant right out at the end of February in order to initiate flower spikes. Flowers Autumn. Blooms bright brown and yellow barred, 7 or so to a spike and all 6" across.

LYCASTE 'deppei' - Very hardy species. Grow in cymbidium mix alongside the Cyms. Honey coloured blooms of tulip shape which bloom at Xmas time. This plant is deciduous. L.'aramatica', heavily perfumed, is quite similar.

ZYGOPETALUM 'mackayii' - Grow with the cymbidiums in cymbidium mixture. These very hardy orchids bloom prolifically on the new growths, with tall spikes of brown petalled flowers with broad mauve pink lips.

ONCIDIUM 'sphacelatum' - There is a huge family of Oncidiums. This species blooms late November with 4 ft. long spikes of bright yellow and brown flowers. a very hardy plant once it has acclimatised to shadehouse conditions.

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I have another article on 'Watering', but owing to the length of it, I will hold it over until next month.

Our Annual Dinner at the Rex Hotel proved to be a very enjoyable evening. All aches and pains seemed to be forgotten whilst 'Bopping the Blues Away'. It could easily have been mistaken for HOGMANAY night.

This months selection

Policeman (to man pacing the sidewalk at 3 a.m.) - "What are you doing here?"

Gentleman: "I forgot my key, officer, and I'm waiting for my children to come home and let me in".