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NEXT MEETING of the South Coast Orchid Club will be held at 8pm on October 13th.

THE GUEST SPEAKER will be Marjory Chance whose topic will be 'growing Paphiopedilums.' Marjory is a Member of OCSA, NOSSA and Gawler Orchid Clubs. She is also an Australian Orchid Council Judge.

THE DAYTIME GROUP will meet at 2pm Thursday 15th October at the South Brighton Community Hall, Dover Square Reserve, Broadway, South Brighton. The Guest Speaker will be Reg Shooter and his topic will be *Sarcochilus*.

REMINDER :

Interclub Social Day will be held on 18th October at the Thebarton Reception Centre, Corner August Street and South Road, Thebarton.

Program of Events

10.00 am -11.30 Setup of plants & socializing
11.30 am -12.00 Selection of plants for Judging
12.00 am - 1.00 Lunch, sausage sizzle
1.15 pm - 2.00 Guest speaker, Mr Clive Ziegeler will be giving a talk on Orchid Stamps of the World, Judging of Plants
2.00 pm - 2.30 Presentations
2.30 pm - 3.00 Entertainment
3.00 pm Afternoon Tea
4.00 pm Finish

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DAYTIME GROUP

On a pleasant afternoon Lesley welcomed 21 Members to the Meeting. Once again the Guest speaker had let us down so Jane Higgs and Bill Fisher stepped in and we had an informative question and answer session.

There were 13 plants benched. Of these the Judges chose Den. (*kingianum* x Aussie Quest) 'Flourish' 1st, 2nd Den. (Toooloom - Peter x Bardo Rose) 'Hope', 3rd Den. Yondi Bridge 'Eliza'.

Members chose 1st. Cym. Warringa x Powder Puff, 2nd Den. (*kingianum* x Aussie Quest), 3rd *Ludisia discolor*. The latter is commonly called the Jewel Orchid. This terrestrial herb with a creeping rhizome, is grown primarily for its beautifully coloured, velvet-like leaves. It is distributed through India, Indo-China and Indonesia hence its preference for humid conditions. Lesley and Peter, who owned the benched plant, tell me it is grown with their African Violets, a friend grows hers successfully over her spa. *Ludisia discolor* likes to be grown in shallow containers and has small white flowers with a yellow lip.

Thank you to Members who bought in plants for us to admire.

GET WELL

Get well wishes again to those on the sick. We are thinking of you and wish you all the best.



MELBOURNE TRIP 13-16TH AUGUST 1998 by Colin Grigg Happy Tripper

On Thursday the 13th August 23 intrepid travellers left by Bus on an 'Orchidholic Trip' to the Melbourne International Orchid Show at Collectors Corner, Keysborough, and visits to adjacent Nurseries. 'Trippers' included Members of Five Orchid Clubs, South Coast, Murray Bridge, Orchidaceous, Orchid Club of SA, and NOSSA.

The countryside looked an absolute picture as the result of abundant seasonal rain.

After a picnic-type lunch, in the Park at Horsham, we travelled on, arriving in Melbourne in time for

the peak traffic exodus from the City, and for 20kms or so moved en masse in bumper to bumper traffic. We arrived at our Hotel/Motel at about 6-30pm. glad to be Adelaideans, with just a smidgin of pity for the commuters committed to such torture on a daily basis.

Time for a quick wash then off to a delicious Smorgasboard at Smorgy's.

Friday AM, and off to the Show. Cartons taken along for the purpose were soon filled with potential Showbench winners, Orchids of many genera gathered from the huge sales area. Talk about kids in a Chocolate Factory! Decisions, decisions. So pleased were the management with our custom they donated a large flowering Cymbidium as a raffle prize for the trip home.

The Orchid Show held in an adjacent marquee (rental cost \$8,000), housed a large display of superb Orchids of many genera. A feature which made us feel proud South Australians, was a large display of Cymbidiums presented by the Cymbidium Club of SA. Included in the many prizes was The Grand Champion of the Show, a magnificent specimen plant of Cymbidium Ice on Fire 'Nikietta', and the Champion Intermediate Cymbidium, One Tree Hill 'Solstice Gold'.

Friday night saw us enroute to the Crown Casino. Passing a well-lit BMW Showroom several 'Sportyjobs' were identified for purchase with anticipated winnings, no such luck, we mostly contributed to Kennett's

Coffers.

The Casino, WOW! What a huge complex. To see and marvel at the beauty of the massive Foyer with its changing ceiling light colours and retractible Chandelier, alone, made the visit worthwhile. The Casino complex houses some 28 restaurants, we soon found one and enjoyed a second Smorgasbord. At least a full day and night is needed to explore this place, without visiting the massive Gaming rooms.

Our group appreciated the assistance of Murray Weston, (Grand Champion owner and grower) and Moss Bray, who arranged visits to the commercial nurseries of Andy Leamon , and Peter Sunderland's Kimberly Orchids, and guided us to each in their own vehicle. Thanks Fellas.

We saw many eyecatching Orchids and, believe me, space in the cartons was at a premium.

Saturday night we joined the OSCOV Members at their presentation dinner, and yes, another smorgasbord. Good food plus the camaraderie of those present made for an enjoyable, relaxing evening.

Sunday morning saw a somewhat sated (food and orchidwise) group 'saddle up' for the bus trip home, with Orchid purchases taking pride of place in the Bus. Many thanks to Bill our driver, who successfully negotiated the minefield of Melbourne's traffic, and despite repeated admissions of being lost, got us safely to our destinations.

Finally, a Special 'Thank You' to Lesley Fenton, organiser extraordinaire, who conducted raffles and brainbuster competitions on the Bus, and whose efforts in Melbourne ensured a most enjoyable, hassle-free trip for all. Again thank you Lesley. As a gesture of our appreciation Lesley was presented with a pot of flowering Greenhoods (*Ptst. baptistii*). May they flower for years to come.

We look forward to doing it all again in 99.

(I seem to remember seeing the name of C. Grigg on a prize card at the Show but due to Colin's modesty this wasn't mentioned in the above article. Ed)

QUOTES FROM OTHER HAPPY TRIPPERS.

Had a lovely weekend - enjoyed seeing all the

beautiful orchids. Collectors Corner was fantastic but will be living on bread and water this week.

I am on my way to the Poor-house. Left all my money at Gardenworld.

After winning hormone tablets in a raffle on the Bus I was told to put them" under the bottom, they work wonders." I am still waiting!

THIS IS YOUR (ORCHID) LIFE GEOFF SPEAR as told to Helen.

How long have you been growing orchids Geoff?

About 20 years.

Always Cymbidiums?

Yes.

Any other genera at all?

Well just a few little odds and ends, little natives but mainly Cymbidiums.

Is Lucy interested too?

Yes.

Has she got any favourites?

Cymbidium Cronulla 'The Khan' she likes.

What potting mix do you use for the cym?

I use straight bark, with a fair amount of shellgrit mixed with it.

What about fertiliser?

Yes, well I make my own fertiliser, I use potassium nitrate, ammonium nitrate, and a few other ingredients.

Special ones?

Yes.

How often do you fertilise?

Around about once every three weeks, as I found that with the fertilising every week I wasn't getting the flower spikes.

And that's in Summer and Winter?

Yes.

How often do you water in Summer?

If the temperature is over 30C every day, and if it's over 40C probably about 3 or 4 times a day.

What about in Winter?

Once a week, especially the plants under the plastic cover.

What colour shadecloth have you got?

I have 70% black shade-cloth but looking around at some of the big commercial growers I would like to change to white, but, of course money is the problem, so I stick to the black.

About how many orchids do you think you've got?

A think around about 2,000.

Is that backyard covered in shadecloth?

Yes, 3/4 of a backyard that is.

Have you got the shadecloth a certain height?

I've got about 9 feet from the ground to where the roof starts.

Made out of pipe?

Yes, but in the flowering house I've got a pipe frame underneath with wire mesh where I slide plastic over it and use it as a flowering house.

When do you put the plants in the flowering house?

Just as the buds come out of the sheath, I put them under the plastic. Well that's whites and greens, the pinks and reds stay out under the shadecloth because the cold burns the colour into them.

When do you stake the spikes?

I put the stake in when the buds are clearly out of the sheath then I try to keep them straight with a clothes peg and hatters elastic. tying the spike with a loop the 3rd or 4th bud down, take the elastic up over the stake and as the spike grows it keeps the spike nice and straight.

What do you do with your flowers Geoff? Do you sell them?

Yes, I sell flowers and pot plants. Having over 2,000 plants it takes a bit of money for fertiliser etc so I try to make it a paying hobby.

To increase your collection do you buy seedlings or mericlones?

I do quite a lot of my own hybridising, a few turn out alright but a lot go as pot plants.

Thanks a lot Geoff.

ACROSS MY DESK (again)

IF YOU ARE UNHAPPY

Once upon a time, there was a nonconforming sparrow who decided not to fly south for the winter, however, soon the weather turned so

cold that he reluctantly started to fly south. In a short time ice began to form on his wings and he fell to earth in a barnyard, almost frozen. A cow passed by and 'left a message' on the little sparrow. The sparrow thought it was the end, but, the manure warmed him and defrosted his wings. Warm and happy, able to breathe, he started to sing. Just then a large cat came by and hearing the chirping, investigated the sounds. The cat cleared away the manure, found the chirping bird and promptly ate him.

The moral of the story:

1. Everyone who 'leaves messages' on you is not necessarily your enemy.
2. Everyone who gets you out of the manure is not necessarily your friend.
3. And, if you're warm and happy in a pile of manure, keep your mouth shut.



FOR SALE

Glasshouse for Sale
9' x 12' with sliding door.
Benches and shadecloth included.
Disassemble yourself.
Make an offer.

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NEW FLASH

Congratulations to all you exhibited in the Marion Show. Thank you to all the helpers.

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY FLORAL COMPETITION RESULTS

SECOND DIVISION

Aust.Nat.Epi:Species	<i>Den. kingianum</i>	J. & M. Cunningham	3
	<i>Den. kingianum</i>	P. & G. Smith	2
Aust.Nat.Epi:Hybrid	Den. Andrew Persson	D. & K. Cammack	3
	Den. Gracillimum	G. & M. Voskamp	2
	Den. Gracillimum	N. Woodend	1
Std. Cymbidium	Persian Bronze	S. Ng	3
	Ovation x Gold Lamb	S. Ng	2
	Joyce Duncan x Susan Hughes	G. & P. Gilchrist	1
Inter. Cymbidium	One Tree Hill	S. Ng	3
	Else Sandersen x Katydid	S. Ng	2
	Kiata 'Nightshade'	S. Ng	1
Mini. Cymbidium	Janis Lin 'Emily Kate'	S. Ng	3
	Tanners Prima 'Double One'	N. Woodend	2
	Unknown	W. & R. Clark	1
Std. Cattleya	*Note name Bc. Lim Theng Hin	M. Baulderstone	3
	Pot. Lemon Tree	G. & M. Voskamp	2
Nov. Cluster Cattleya	Lc. Chocolate Treat 'Sunset'	G. & M. Voskamp	3
Other Laeliinae Hybrid	Epi Ibaguense	N. Gitsham	3
	Epi. Boundii	M. Smith	2
Odont/Onc. Alliance	Odcn. Purbeck's Gold	G. & M. Voskamp	3
Zygo. Alliance	(<i>crinitum x intermedium</i>) x Helen Ku	M. Smith	3
Species	<i>Ansellia chetah</i>	G. & M. Voskamp	3
	<i>Dendrochilum glumaceum</i>	G. & M. Voskamp	2

FLOWER OF THE DIVISION:

Lc. Chocolate Treat 'Sunset' grown by Gerald & Mina Voskamp

OPEN DIVISION

Aust.Nat.Epi:Species	<i>Den. kingianum</i> 'Corrigans Red'	D. Biebrick	3
	<i>Bulb. schillerianum</i>	M. Tiggeman	2
Aust.Nat.Epi:Hybrid	Den. Peewee x Gulginni	P. & G. Flavel	3
	Den. Telkon	R. & B. Anderson	2
	Den. Delicatum	T. DeLonno	1
Aust.Nat.Terr:Species	<i>Diuris conspicilata</i>	M. Tiggeman	3
	<i>Ptst. baptistii</i>	D. Biebrick	2
Aust.Nat.Terr:Hybrid	Ptst. Hoodwink	R. & B. Anderson	3
	Ptst. Dunkle	R. & B. Anderson	2
	Ptst. Hoodwink	P. & G. Flavel	1
Std. Cymbidium	Kiri Te Kanawa	M. Tiggeman	3
Inter. Cymbidium	Tris Guare 'Marie'	H. Gerber	3
	Queen of Hearts 'Dodi'	H. Gerber	2
	Night Time	H. Gerber	1
Std. Cattleya	Blc. Sylvia Fry 'Supreme'	R. & I. Parish	3
	Blc. Sheerwater x Mem. Crispin Rosales	R. & I. Parish	2
	Blc. Coronet Bay	R. & I. Parish	1
Std. Paphiopedilum	Keelat x Winston Churchill	H. Gerber	3
	Biedons World	D. Biebrick	2
	Rosy Dawn	D. Biebrick	1
Nov. Paphiopedilum	<i>acmodontum x wolterianum</i>	P. & G. Flavel	3
	Callo-Day	R. & I. Parish	2
Species Paphiopedilum	<i>appletonianum</i>	R. & I. Parish	3
	<i>wolterianum</i>	R. & I. Parish	2
	<i>hirsutissimum</i>	R. & I. Parish	1
Onc/Odont Alliance	<i>Dgmra.</i> Winter Wonderland	R. & I. Parish	3
	Odcdm. Cambalache	R. & I. Parish	2
Vandaceous	Ascda. Iris Araki	R. & B. Anderson	3
Zygopetalum	Advance Australia	R. Moore	3
	Unknown	H. Gerber	2
	Advance Australia	R. Moore	1
Species	<i>Serapias lingua</i>	M. Tiggeman	3
	<i>Sch. moyobambae</i>	R. & I. Parish	2
	<i>C. intermedia</i>	R. & I. Parish	1

FLOWER OF THE DIVISION:
Paphiopedilum acmodontum x wolterianum
grown by Peter and Geraldine Flavel

FIRST DIVISION

Aust.Nat.Epi:Species	<i>Den. aemulum</i>	H.H. Pankoke	3
Aust.Nat.Epi:Hybrid	Den. Toooloom - Peter x Bardo Rose	B. Fisher	3
	Den. <i>kingianum</i> x Aussie Quest	B. Fisher	2
	Den. <i>speciosum</i> x Aussie Mist	B. Fisher	1
Aust.Nat. Terr:Species	<i>Ptst. baptistii</i>	D. & J. Higgs	3
	<i>Diuris corymbosa</i>	D. & J. Higgs	2
Aust.Nat. Terr:Hybrid	Caladenia Fairy Floss	H.H. Pankoke	3
Std. Cymbidium	Valley Flower 'Cherry Ripe'	D. & I. Attenborough	3
	Warrinya x Powder Puff	H. & B. Viney	2
Inter. Cymbidium	Dr. Baker x Tropic Night	H. & B. Viney	3
	Ruby Eyes '85'	B. Fisher	2
	Embers 'Yowie Boy'	D. & J. Higgs	1

FLOWER OF THE DIVISION & of the NIGHT:

***Dendrobium aemulum* grown by Rick Pankoke**

SPRING SHOW CHAMPIONS

Champion Open Division	Cym. Jubilation 'Jeronimo'	grown by Moss & Rosemary Bray
Champion First Division	<i>Den. tarberi</i>	grown by Bill Fisher
Champion Second Division	Cym. Mimi x Pearly Queen	grown by Silvester Ng
Champion Std Cymbidium	Cym. Jubilation 'Jeronimo'	grown by M and R Bray
Champion Inter. Cym.	Cym. Devon Lord Viceroy	grown by J. & J. Jacobsen
Champion Mini Cym.	Cym. Bulburrow	grown by H. & E. van Leu- veren
Champion Paphiopedilum	Paph. <i>hirsutissimum</i>	grown by R. & I. Parish
Champion Odont/Oncidium & U. Herrmann	Odnta. Debutante Oxbow x Oda. <i>sanderæ</i>	grown by H
Champion Phalaenopsis	Phal. Doral Fargo	grown by M. & R. Bray
Champion Cattleya	Lc. Chocolate Treat	grown by G. & M. Voskamp
Champion Australian Native	<i>Den. tarberi</i>	grown by B. Fisher
Champion Zygopetalum	Z. Unknown	grown by H. Gerber
Champion Species	<i>Phal. amabilis</i>	grown by C. & H. Edwards
Champion Seedling	Cym. Queen of Hearts	grown by S. Ng
Champion Dendrobium	Den. Yodogimi	grown D. & J. Higgs

Congratulations to all.
