



Cattleya Suavior v. Aquinii

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The next meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will be on Tuesday, 10th February, at 8.00 p.m. at the Morphett Vale RSL Hall and will be in the form of a talk, and colour slides, entitled:

"ECONOMICAL GLASS AND SHADEHOUSE CONSTRUCTION" by our Vice President, Mr Bernard Hansen.

I am positive all of us can gain valuable knowledge from this demonstration, as we all know great savings can be made by doing things the correct way in the first place!

We sincerely hope that we will get some entries this month in the "Novice Section" as well as more "Open Section" and "Indoor Plant" entries. Our Monthly Plant Competition will also be held, with an award winner as first prize!

No "Novice Exhibit" was available in January, but in the Open Section the points were awarded to:-

Cattleya Era var. *Gaye*, A.D. – 3 points; *Sarcochilus Ceciliae* – 2 points; *Laelia-Cattleya* (LC) *Oshawa* – 1 point.

The Popular Vote for Orchids went to LC *Oshawa* and the Popular Vote for Indoor Plants went to "Croton". (All of the above mentioned plants were exhibited by Wesley Harris – We wish you well Wesley, but leave something for us, please!!)

The following is a tentative list of Programmes for the year 1970. (Due to the long period of time involved this programme could be subject to alterations!) Time permitting a potting demonstration will be held at each of our meetings.

March	Raising of Orchids from Seed, by Mr Rex Thompson
April	Orchid Growing in Europe, by Mr Nicky Zurcher
May	Growing Orchids on your Window Sill by Mrs Anna Hofner
June	Australian Native Orchids, by Mr Harold Goldsack
July	Winter Show and Slide Programme
August	Colour Slides of Awarded Orchids
September	Grooming Plants and Organising for Display
October	Growing of <i>Paphiopedilums</i> (Slippers), by Mr Graham Harvey Growing of <i>Cattleyas</i> and Allied Generas, by Mr Mick Chenoweth
November	Annual General Meeting
December	Presentation Night and Christmas Party.

I do hope all of you have enjoyed the beautiful slides and the very interesting talk given in January by Colin Jennings on "New Guinea Native Orchids" as much as I did.

Your Editor.

CULTURAL NOTES

FEBRUARY

by Wesley Harris

The cultural attention required for this month is substantially the same as mentioned in notes for January. If, by this time, we get summer weather, your plants will be very thirsty indeed, and hungry.

My remarks have been directed to cymbidiums so far, but I'm sure many of you have been thinking of other genera which, during our summer, will be equally at home in your brush or cool glass enclosures. I am thinking of *Zygopetalums*, *Lycaste depepei*, the Mexican *Odontoglossums*, *Stanhopeas* and many of our native epiphytes, such as *Dendrobiums*: *speciosum*, *falcorostrum*, *kingianum*, *teretrifolium*, the natural hybrid *Delicatium* and many others, and a collection of terrestrials (our ground orchids).

The Indian *Dendrobiums* – particularly the soft stemmed nobile types (pronounced Nobilee) – require attention in their growing period, which is summer. Feeding and watering is essential to produce lush growth. In winter they are kept dry to the extent of some shrivelling, then, in spring, according to the book, flower buds appear at many of the nodes. If they are watered during the dormant period, no flowers are seen, but instead adventitious plantlets appear.

Watch weather reports and generally concentrate on early watering – until about 2 p.m. After this hour, damp down around the plants, then, if a very cool evening and night is experienced any water will have dried in leaf axils and the 'damping down' will be beneficial overnight.