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The next meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will be on Tuesday, 13th October, at 8.00 p.m. at the Morphett Vale R.S.L. Hall, and will feature **VARIOUS POTTING DEMONSTRATIONS**.

Mr Syd Monkhouse has promised to make an appearance at this coming meeting to give a commentary on our very successful 'Spring Festival' exhibition at the Reynella Shopping Centre as well as our Club Display in John Martin's.

In our last Monthly Meeting the following plants were awarded points: **OPEN SECTION**—3 points, *Dendrobium Phalaenopsis* Maui Beauty 'Gaye' (Wes Harris); 2 points, *Dendrobium Phalaenopsis* Lady Hay (Jack & Anna Hofner); 1 point, *Oncidium sphacelatum x sarcodes*. **NOVICE SECTION**—3 points, *Cymbidium* Regency No. 1 x Balkis Luath (Bob Styles); 2 points, *Pterostylis curta* (Harold Goldsack); 1 point, *Odontocidium* (*Oncidium abispum* x *Odontoglossum carniferum*) (Harold Goldsack). **The POPULAR VOTE WINNERS** were: *Laelia-Cattleya* Edgard van Belle x *Laelia-Cattleya* Lorraine Shiraz (Wes Harris) and *Azalea* Kerchive (Mrs Ellie Shaw).

The winners in our Spring Show at the Reynella Shopping Centre were: **BEST AUSTRALIAN NATIVE**—*Phaius Tankervilleae* (Claude Hammond); **BEST CYMBIDIUM, OPEN SECTION**—*Cym. Hyland Mist*; **BEST ANY OTHER ORCHID, OPEN SECTION**—*Oncidium papilio* (Wes Harris); **BEST CYMBIDIUM, NOVICE SECTION**—*Cym. Warra Wee* (Les Poole) and **BEST ANY OTHER ORCHID, NOVICE SECTION**—*Phalaenopsis Grace Palm* (also Les Poole).

I am very proud of our official effort at the Reynella Shopping Centre. We had a very beautiful exhibit, which, we can honestly say, was a real 'Club Effort'; we surprised a lot of visitors with beauty beyond their expectations, and now, of course, we all hope we were successful in attracting new members. I am sure St John's Ambulance Brigade also was very pleased with our effort, since the proceeds from this 2½ day exhibition will be in aid of St John's.

And now a word of advice: We are, of course, trying to show and tell you as much as possible about Orchid Culture at our Monthly Meetings, but surely you must realise that this is not the only purpose of our Club — its very important other purpose is to bring the Club members together. May I ask you, therefore, to please wear your name tags and approach the other members personally at the meetings and make arrangements to visit and/or invite other growers. I'm sure we're all most welcome at each other's place, provided we don't all show up at the same time. Jack Hofner will, for the next month or so, be potting around the *Cymbidium* Place every Saturday from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. If you wish to come, please do so! Remember, it takes the same effort and skill to flower a relatively inexpensive 'beginners' plant' as it does to flower an expensive division, a meristem or a seedling, and we can not bring our complete plant houses along to show you exactly where we grow and flower what!

Anna Hofner, Editor.

CULTURAL NOTES

by Wesley Harris

OCTOBER — **SHADING** is now a necessity to produce better growth during our very sunny months and damping the environments of plants will claim our attention. Ventilate glasshouses in milder weather, but close early to conserve sun heat. *Cattleyas* needing more root space or new compost may now be treated, so that good root growth is encouraged before Autumn. This applies to other genera such as the deciduous *Calanthes*, *Epidendrums*, *Eulophias*, *Miltonias*, *Oncidiums* and *Stanhopeas*. Wait a while with *Dendrobiums* until new growths show their roots—some of the hard cane types (the *Phalaenanthes*) are still blooming.

Early *Cymbidiums* should be in new compost by now and all others in order of flowering. Back bulbs may conveniently be planted—each with a label. I find that a standard fruit case, when cut down, makes three suitable 'flats' for 32–36 bulbs in four rows of eight or nine — that applies to my bulbs; those of pineapple proportions are planted according to size.

W.H.