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Congratulations to all who exhibited in the Winter Show. Champion results inside Gazette.

THE NEXT MEETING of The South Coast Orchid Club will be held at 8pm on August 10th 1999 at the Calvary Lutheran Church, Windsong Crt, Morphett Vale.

THE GUEST SPEAKER will be our one and own Bill Fisher. His subject will be *Zygopetalums*.

MEMBERS wishing to show plants are reminded that they need to be benched by 7-45 for judging to commence. Please put your name beneath the pot. All financial Members can show plants.

MEMBERS willing to help set-up the chairs and trestles please be at the Hall by 7pm.

DAYTIME GROUP will meet at 2pm Thursday 12th August 1999 at the South Brighton Community Hall, Dover Square Reserve, Broadway, South Brighton.

SUPPER PEOPLE for this month will be Shirley and Mervyn Steele.



DAYTIME GROUP



We have several Members on the sick list this month. Our thoughts and best wishes for a speedy recovery are with you.

Jane welcomed nearly 30 members and friends including our guest speaker Kel Staples and his wife Gwen, Rebecca Greenwood and Flo Elliott. Jane presented Peg Gilchrist with a Certificate of Appreciation for years of service to the Club. Peg has been the Tea person for the night-time meetings as well as at Shows for quite a few years.

Then Lesley arrived after attending another meeting, what a busy girl.

Lesley introduced Kel who presented an interesting talk on Cattleyas.

Notes from Kel's talk.

The Staples' backyard houses heated and unheated glasshouses, the Cattleyas grow in both.

Kel considers Cattleyas the favourite of the many genera he grows, although they are usually untidy plants and need to be continually tied up.

Correct **light** is a very important component in the successful growing and flowering of orchids.

On an average cattleya plants are **watered** once a week although in winter this might be too much and may need to be delayed a few weeks. More plants die from over watering than under watering. When plants are actively growing more water is required, when resting plants are best kept on the dry side.

Potting mix: Mainly bark with small quantity of charcoal and foam granules, although bark alone is probably quite satisfactory. The size of the bark (and pot) is dependant on the size of the plant. Small plants require a fine grade of good quality bark whilst larger plants medium to large bark.

Probably the most prevalent **pest** on catts is scale. This is often first evident by yellowing of the leaves. White oil is the product used to control this, maybe with the addition of Malathion. Slugs and snails can be controlled with snail pellets.

Less rather than more is Kel's approach to **fertilisers**. The slow release pellets are fine as they release a small amount of fertiliser with each watering. Any water soluble fertiliser can be used at the recommended rate when the plant is in active growth.

When repotting or snipping off sheaths **always** use **sterilised tools**. Kel prefers to flame them however trisodium phosphate may be preferred.

At the conclusion of Kel's interesting talk and slides he was asked to choose the 'best' flowers on the bench. 1st *Bc. Pastoral* 'Innocence' grown by Tony DeLonno, 2nd *Den.* Anne's Rainbow Surprise grown by Charlie & Helen Edwards, 3rd *Den.* Hilda Poxon x Aussie Charm grown by Don Biebrick. Members chose 1st. *Bc. Pastoral*, 2nd *Blc.* Bonanza Queen grown by Charlie & Helen and 3rd a *Paph* Denehurst hybrid grown by Berna & Harry Viney.

EDITOR'S MAIL BAG

ORCHID PRODUCTS

From time to time we need products that don't seem to be readily available, however, recently I received a note from Florists Suppliers, 1 Marlow Road, Keswick, 82935544, and they have a range of products for the Orchid Grower. Included in this range is Nie-Co-Rolls, for straightening stems of orchids, Chrysal Cog, a product for extending the life of cut flowers, orchid boxes, vials and tubes.

Also in the mail-bag were brochures for several products from Hortex Australia, 026746690. Sometime ago we 'looked at' Pest Oil, however, this product is now registered for Aphids and Mealy Bug as well as Mites, White Fly and Scales. A big advantage of Pest Oil is the low application rate starting at only 5ml per 1 litre compared to the old white oils of up to 50mls per litre.

Kgw.?

Is this a secret society? No. It is the accepted abbreviation for the genus Kagawara. Still no wiser? When the natural orchid genus *Ascocentrum* is crossed with *Renanthera* and *Vanda* the name of the resulting intergeneric is Kagawara.

Kgw Christie Low, which is the name of the plant that was queried at the Daytime Group, is a crossing of *Renanthera* Nancy Chandler crossed with the *Ascocenda* Memoria Choo Laikem. The registration was made by the Royal Horticultural Society for Danny Low of Malaysia in 1983.

SEPTEMBER DINNER

Don't forget our Dinner prior to the September Night-time meeting followed by the talk by Rita Cusack from Victoria. Rita is an expert on *Phragmipediums* and

hopefully will be bringing some plants over for sale. Many of you may not have heard of this genus previously, except in the Gazette a few issues ago, however they are cousins of the *Paphiopedilums*. *Phragmipediums* are believed to have been first collected in Peru and Chile in 1778 but were not described until 1840. The majority of them are said to be easy to grow.

It will be very interesting to hear what Rita has to say and possibly purchase one or two to add to your collection.

SCREENSAVER

For the Computer buff and Orchid grower the Club now has available a screensaver program that will display in excess of 70 high quality, beautifully presented images of either species or hybrids.

For more details and costs contact Don Higgs or Helen Edwards

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

From the wall of a restaurant in Ballina, NSW.

Don't take life too seriously. You won't get out of it alive.

THE ORCHID THIEF

Some time ago Pam & John Beasley gave me a review of a new Orchid Book that was available overseas. I have now discovered that it can be purchased from Dymock's in Adelaide, the cost is \$27-95 for a hard cover copy. THE ORCHID THIEF is written by Susan Orlean and published by Random House and if the review is anything to go by it is a 'good read'.

Susan went to Florida, U.S.A. to examine the passions of orchid enthusiasts She is quoted as saying, "I found myself getting more and more drawn into the world I was studying, I was determined not to get hooked. But even **seemingly normal people** become orchid addicts. Once afflicted, even I fell under the spell."

Apparently the book has already been spectacularly successful in America. The basis of the story is the trial of four men who were 'arrested for stealing orchids from a state reserve in Florida, U.S.A.' stated Ron Berthal from the Associated Press.

I shall be purchasing a copy next week so will give you more information later. Ed

***McLna* PAGAN LOVESONG Grand Champion of the Autumn Show**

This beautiful plant, grown by the Flavel's, had 2 spikes of 19 and 8 mahogany and yellow flowers. It is grown under white shade cloth for most of the year but when it comes into spike it is moved under a plastic cover. The raceme measured 58 inches, Geraldine tells me, that is exactly 58 inches. The trailer is 58 inches high and the plant just touched the roof. The *McLna*. is potted in bark, gravel and styrene. It is treated just like the cymbidiums as for fertilisers and watering. It was purchased from Adelaide Orchids about 4 years ago, it has flowered previously but not as well as this year.

MacLellanara Pagan Lovesong was the first in this genus to be registered. (In 1978).

It is a cross between *Odcdm*. Tiger Butter and the species *Brs. Verrucosa*. The *Brassia* component is renowned for imparting flower size, vigor and inflorescence to its progeny and obviously this plant was in the right queue when all of these were 'handed out'.

Congratulations to Geraldine and Peter on a plant well grown and flowered.

There were many plants in the Show that aren't seen regularly on the Show bench as well as many of the regulars.

Masdevallia towarensis was an interesting little species well worth a second look, the *Phalaenopsis* Cassandra hybrid was a cutey, the large plants of Cymbidiums were once again the back-bone of the Winter show and the Paphiopedilums that looked like they had been varnished and the spectacular Zygopetalums all added up to two lovely displays.

Many thanks to all who helped at the Show, putting in plants, supplying the plants, scribing, judging, feeding the multitudes or even just supervising, thanks to you all.
Ed.

WINTER SHOW CHAMPIONS

	Plant name	Grow/growers
GRAND CHAMPION	<i>McLna</i> Pagan Lovesong	Peter & Geraldine Flavel
RESERVE CHAMPION	<i>Paph villosum</i>	Mervyn & Shirley Steele
OPEN DIVISION	<i>McLna.</i> Pagan Lovesong 'Ruby Charles'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel
FIRST DIVISION	<i>Paph. villosum</i>	Mervyn & Shirley Steele
SECOND DIVISION	<i>Paph. insigne</i>	John & Pam Beasley
STD. CYMBIDIUM	<i>Cym.</i> Clarisse Austin 'Cape Knappers'	Lesley Gunn
INTER. CYMBIDIUM	<i>Cym.</i> Mini Mary 'Irene'	Helmuth Gerber
MINI. CYMBIDIUM	<i>Cym.</i> Sarah Jean 'Goldilocks'	John & Jytte Jacobsen
PAPHIOPEDILUM	<i>Paph. villosum</i>	Mervyn & Shirley Steele
ODONT/ONCIDIUM	<i>McLna.</i> Pagan Lovesong	Peter & Geraldine Flavel
PHALAENOPSIS	Note registered name <i>Phal.</i> Petite Snow	Moss & Rosemary Bray
LAELIINAE	<i>Blc.</i> Bonanza 'Panamint'	Tony DeIonno
DENDROBIUM	<i>Den.</i> Doreen x Anouk x Sagarik	Tony DeIonno
AUST. NATIVE	<i>Den.</i> Anne's Rainbow Surprise	Keith Northcote
OTHER GENERA	<i>Phrag.</i> Jason Fischer	Charlie & Helen Edwards
SPECIES	<i>Paph. villosum</i>	Mervyn & Shirley Steele
SEEDLING	<i>Phrag.</i> Jason Fischer	Helen & Charlie Edwards
ZYGOPETALUM	<i>Z.</i> Titanic	Rosalie Moore

REMINDER

If you are interested in a day out on October the 31st to visit Vic Goode in Balhannah and see his orchid collection and Weald View Nursery at Ashton, and have lunch at Oakbank for the cost of \$20 per head. Phone Lesley on 83327319 or see her at the next Meeting so the Bus can be booked.

JULY MONTHLY FLORAL COMPETITION RESULTS

SECOND DIVISION

Aust.Nat.Epi:Hybrid	<i>Den. Kim Heinze x speciosum</i>	D. & K. Cammack	3
	<i>Den. Hilda Poxon x Aussie Charm</i>	D. & K. Cammack	2
	<i>Den. (Zip x Ellen) x Aussie Starlight</i>	D. & K. Cammack	1
Std. Cymbidium	<i>Cym. Tracey Reddaway</i>	N. Woodend	3
Inter. Cymbidium	<i>Cym. Pure Destiny x Olymilum</i>	N. Woodend	3
Zygopetalum	<i>Zgna. (Z. crinitum x intermedium x Helen Ku</i>	M. Smith	3

FLOWER OF SECOND DIVISION:
***Cymbidium Tracey Reddaway* grown by Norm Woodend**

FIRST DIVISION

Aust.Nat.Terr:Hybrid	<i>Ptst. Nodding Grace</i>	G. & M. Voskamp	3
Std. Cymbidium	<i>Cym. Royal Fare</i>	G. Shevlin	3
	<i>Cym. Valley Furnace</i>	W. & R. Clark	2
Inter. Cymbidium	<i>Cym. One Tree Hill</i>	G. Shevlin	3
	<i>Cym. Willunga Eyecatcher x Rincon</i>	S. Ng	2
	<i>Cym. Willunga Eyecatcher x Rincon</i>	S. Ng	1
Mini. Cymbidium	<i>Cym. Wonderful One</i>	S. Ng	3
Note registered name	<i>Cym. Prolific</i>	W. & R. Clark	2
Std. Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. Tribute x Small World</i>	H. & B. Viney	3
	<i>Paph. Sherd Kee (Check label please as this name is not registered) x Denehurst</i>	H. & B. Viney	2
Species Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. insigne</i>	W. & R. Clark	3
Zygopetalum	Note registered name <i>Z. Pinnaroo</i>	M. Baulderstone	3
	Note registered name <i>Z. Pinnaroo</i>	W. & R. Clark	2
Species	<i>Masd. towarensis x self</i>	G. & M. Voskamp	3
	<i>L. anceps</i>	L. Gunn	2
	<i>Osmo. pulchellum</i>	G. & M. Voskamp	1

FLOWER OF THE DIVISION:
***Cymbidium Royal Fare 'No. 5'* grown by Graham Shevlin**

OPEN DIVISION

Aust.Nat.Epi:Species	<i>Bulb. schillerianum</i>	M. Tiggeman	3
	<i>Dockrillia linguiforme</i>	D. & J. Higgs	2
Aust.Nat.Epi:Hybrid	<i>Den. Hilda Poxon</i>	P. & G. Flavel	3
	<i>Den. Miracle 'Marion'</i>	C. & H. Edwards	2
	<i>Den. Sofala 'So Good'</i>	B. Fisher	1
Aust.Nat.Terr:Species	<i>Ptst. abrupta</i>	B. Wyly	3
	<i>Ptst. abrupta</i>	B. Wyly	2
	<i>Ptst. concinna</i>	M. Tiggeman	1
Best Seedling	<i>Cym. Valley Gratitude x Solana Beach</i>	G. & L. Spear	
Std. Cymbidium	<i>Cym. Royal Fare 'Krista'</i>	V. Haskard	3
	<i>Cym. Coraki Gold 'Golden Wattle'</i>	M. & R. Bray	2
	<i>Cym. Valley Gratitude x Solana Beach</i>	G. & L. Spear	1
Inter. Cymbidium	<i>Cym. (Sensation x Bexley) x Solana Beach</i>	G. & L. Spear	3
	<i>Cym. Mini Mint 'Brenda'</i>	P. & G. Flavel	2
	<i>Cym.(Showgirl x Sarah Jean) x Kenya</i>	H. Gerber	1
	Sunset		
Mini. Cymbidium	<i>Cym. Amapolo</i>	D. & J. Higgs	3
	<i>Cym. Showgirl x Sarah Jean</i>	H. Gerber	2
Std. Cattleya	<i>Blc. Dream Trader</i>	B. Wyly	3
	<i>Bc. Pastoral 'Innocence'</i>	T. Delonno	2
	<i>Blc. Bonanza Queen</i>	C. & H. Edwards	1
Nov. Cluster Cattleya	<i>Lc. Scarlet Imp</i>	B. Wyly	3
	<i>Lc. Adelaide Ablaze</i>	R. & M. Wilson	2
	<i>Slc. Golden Wax 'Wu'</i>	R. & B. Wilson	1
Cocktail Cattleya	<i>Lc. Mini Purple 'Tamami'</i>	P. & G. Flavel	3
	<i>Blc. Pokai Tangerine x Honolulu Sunset</i>	P. & G. Flavel	2
	<i>Blc. Bellicent 'Valentine'</i>	P. & G. Flavel	1
Other Laeliinae	<i>Otr. Varut Serenity</i>	B. Wyly	3
	<i>Lctna. Peggy San</i>	D. & J. Higgs	2
	<i>C. Narooma - Kew x Ctna. Keith Roth</i>	H. & U. Herrmann	1
Std. Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. Harwin x Winston Churchill</i>	H. & U. Herrmann	3
Nov. Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. Lovesong</i>	T. Delonno	3
	<i>Paph. Unknown</i>	J. & J. Jacobsen	2
	<i>Paph. Maudiae coloratum 'Fireball'</i>	H. & U. Herrmann	1
Species Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. spicerianum</i>	H. & U. Herrmann	3
Odont/Onc. Alliance	<i>Milt. Red Knight</i>	D. & J. Higgs	3
Zygopetalum	<i>Zga. Eileen "Pulsar"</i>	B. Fisher	3
	<i>Z. mackayii</i>	P. & G. Flavel	2
	<i>Z. Pinnaroo</i>	M. Tiggeman	1
Miscellaneous	<i>Epi. Edith Arakawa</i>	M. Tiggeman	3
Species	<i>C. trianaei</i>	R. & B. Wilson	3
	<i>Osmo. pulchellum</i>	P. & G. Flavel	2
	<i>Enc. cochleata</i>	T. Delonno	1

FLOWER OF THE DIVISION:

Blc. Dream Trader grown by Betty Wyly