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MONTHLY MEETING

Our next Monthly Meeting will be held at the LUTHERAN CHURCH HALL
Windsong Court CHRISTIES DOWNS on TUESDAY 14 December at 8 P M.

PROGRAMME

Brenda Lynch will speak on the Australian Orchid Conference recently held in Brisbane and will show slides of same.
Presentation of prizes in connection with Monthly benching of plants.
Benching of plants - this will be for 1983 competition.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Christmas raffle will offer 12 prizes of orchids of assorted genera.
Tickets 20c each.

SUPPER

Will members please bring along a plate suitable for a Christmas meeting.
The Club will be augmenting the members contribution.

TRADING TABLE

Will members please note that there will be no Trading table at this meeting.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE BEARERS

Members are again reminded that nominations for the positions of:-
President., Vice-Presidents (2), Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer, and three
members of Committee will close at the conclusion of the December meeting.
Nomination forms available from the Hon Secretary.

A CHRISTMAS GESTURE

A collection will be taken up in aid of the Lutheran Child Care Centre.

NO JANUARY MEETING

Members are advised that there will be no meeting in JANUARY.
The next meeting will be for 1983 the Annual General MEETING
to be held FEBRUARY 8.

MOVING ON

The following members will move into Divisions as under:-
From 1st to Open - D & T Mills
From 2nd to either 1st Division or Open - H & B Viney, Don Gray,
Malcolm Mangelsdorf, Allan Robertson.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JUDGING?

The Committee would like to hear from any member who has an interest
in becoming a Judge. For enquiries contact the Hon Show Secretary.

JUDGING OF PLANTS AT MONTHLY MEETINGS

There is to be a change in procedure at the judging at Monthly meetings.
At present a Judge does the Judging and a Recorder records his findings.
When this is completed the prize cards are then made out.

What is proposed is that the Judge will judge, the recorder will list
his findings and then another member (called a runner) will take a slip
to prize card writers who will then progressively make out the cards.
This will enable the meeting to proceed to the stage of the main item
on the programme more smoothly and prevent delays.

What is required is members who will be prepared to act as runners (they
listen to the comments of the Judge when judging) and also members with
a neat handwriting to make out the prize cards. Members prepared to
assist are requested to hand in their names to the Hon Show Secretary.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are extended to Keith Northcote on having in August 1982
been awarded by the Faculty of Agriculture & Forestry of the Melbourne
University the Degree of Doctor of Agricultural Science. The Degree will
be conferred in December 1982.

REMINDER XMAS MEETING NIGHT.
TUESDAY 14 DECEMBER AT 8 P M
MEMBERS BRING A PLATE
COME ONE COME ALL

CATTLEYA CULTURE

As more of our members are finding that these showy plants can be fairly easily grown in conjunction with cymbidiums and by this is meant the cold growing variety of Cattleya, here are a few questions and answer snippets.

- Q. How do you develop a specimen plant without the plant in its pot.
- A. If a plant does have a natural tendency to develop many leads, you may force portions of the plant with dormant eyes to grow by cutting the rhizome right through in the pot i.e. 3 - 4 lead divisions. If the back bulbs (rear portions of the plant) still have good leaves and roots they may be cut away from the front portions of the plant and just left in the pot. At least one or more of the dormant eyes on these portions will start to grow. The rear portions will form flowering size plants with one seasons growth.
- Q. What is the best method of re-establishing cattleya plants after repotting or dividing.
- A. Plants that have been repotted or divided establish more quickly if they are placed in the warmest position in the house and shaded quite heavily. They like humidity, for they do not have the root system of an established plant. Much of the moisture must be taken in through the leaves. Spray them lightly over the leaves and lightly spray the surface of the mix twice a day if possible. Continue spraying often enough to prevent excessive shrivelling of the bulbs or wrinkling of the leaves. Until good root action shows, do not water. After rooting, resume normal watering and other care. Spraying the leaves once a week with a fertilizer solution is beneficial when the plant is getting established.
- Q. What is the basic rule on watering cattleyas?
- A. When you water - soak them. When you don't. Don't. Cattleyas like to get good and dry between waterings. Water often enough so the front bulbs are plump. A little shrivelling of the rear bulb does not hurt.
- Q. What do I do when my flower sheaths turn yellow or brown?
- A. Cut off the top half, then slit the bottom half down the edge to let any moisture dry out. In most cases the plant will go ahead and bloom
- Q. How long does it take for a cattleya raised from seed to bloom?
- A. It varies from 2½ years to 7 years on the average, depending on the parentage. Straight cattleyas flower sooner than sat Laeliocattleyas.

MONTHLY MEETINGNOVEMBER MEETINGOPEN DIVISION

| | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------|---|
| Aus Native Epi. | Cym. suave | W J Nicholls | 3 |
| Species Paph. | barbatum 'Penang Hill' | W J Nicholls | 3 |
| Species | Stauroopsis luzukensis | W J Nicholls | 3 |
| | Den. parishii | W J Nicholls | 2 |
| | Eria cylindrostachya | W J Nicholls | 1 |
| Division Flower of Month | Stauroopsis luzunensis | W J Nicholls | |

1ST DIVISION

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| Aus Native Epi. | Den. discolor | P Barnes | 3 |
| Cymbidiums | Sensation 'Edna' | G Spear | 3 |
| | Conquistador 'Pizardi' | G Spear | 2 |
| Cattleyas | C. Bob Betts 'Tomi' | D & J May | 3 |
| | Lc. Schilleriana | D & J May | 2 |
| Miscellaneous. | Ada. Aurantiaca x Bra. | | |
| | Brachiata | P Barnes | 3 |
| | Wils. Salgrin | P Barnes | 2 |
| | Onc. Phillis Wells x Harry Jensen | J Leeder | 1 |
| Phalaenopsis | Ravel | E D Pollitt | 3 |
| | Tyler Carlson v Carl Hausermann | E D Pollitt | 2 |
| | Gloria Rookes | E D Pollitt | 1 |
| Paphiopedilum | Edithiae | P Barnes | 3 |
| | Lathamianum | D & J May | 2 |
| Species Paph. | argus | D & J May | 3 |
| Species | Cym. lowianum | G Spear | 3 |
| | Den secundum | P Barnes | 2 |
| | Ren. imschootiano | P Barnes | 1 |
| Division Flower of Month and Presidents Flower | Paph. argus | D & J May | |

2ND DIVISION

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|---|
| Cymbidiums | Burgundian Chateau | D & B Gay | 3 |
| | Cygnus 'Janet' | H & B Viney | 2 |
| | San Francisco 'Dos Pueblos' | Peter Lawry | 1 |
| Mini Cyms. | Pumilow 'Glandore' | D & B Gay | 3 |
| Cattleyas | Blc. Kelix | H & B Viney | 3 |
| | Lc. Fiery | T D Howard | 2 |
| Species | Epidendrum Mauve | H & B Viney | 3 |
| | Cym. lowianum | D & B Gay | 2 |
| Division Flower of Month | Mini. Cym Pumilow 'Glandore' | D & B Gay | |