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The next meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will be on Tuesday, ⁸15th September, at 8.00 p.m., at the Morphett Vale R.S.L. Hall, and on the agenda are:

Mr Wesley Harris: A travel talk and slides of his visits to various World Orchid Conferences (Chelsea—London, Honolulu, Long Beach—California, and Sydney)

Mr Graham Harvey: A demonstration on trimming plants and grooming them for exhibition

Mr Jack Hofner: A Cymbidium Potting Demonstration.

This meeting will also cover the organisation for our Club Display in John Martin's (to be displayed on Sunday, 20th September) and our Display at the Reynella Shopping Centre.

In our last meeting the following plants were awarded points: **OPEN SECTION**—3 points, Paphiopedilum Farnmore Rex x Blagrose (Wes. Harris); 2 points, Phalaenopsis Juanita (Merv. Dunn); 1 point, Paphiopedilum Maudiae 'Magnificum' (Merv. Dunn). **NOVICE SECTION**—3 points, Coelogyne *crystata*; 2 points, Cymbidium Wyalong x Alnwick Castle; 1 point, Cymbidium Faust 'Flanabeau' (all three by Les Poole!). **THE POPULAR VOTES** were tied for orchids — Wes. Harris' Brasso-Laelia-Cattleya Memorial 'George Butler' and Merv. Dunn's Phalaenopsis Raycraft; and Wes. Harris' Anthurium was voted for in the Indoor Plants Section.

A note to exhibitors: Any amount of moss can be used for our Composite Club Exhibit at Reynella.

Workbench Night (Learning how to make orchid corsages) — please contact Mrs Ellie Shaw at the September Meeting if you are interested.

Unfortunately, at the last meeting, Wes. Harris' Potting Demonstration and the Plant Commentary by Bernie Hansen was somewhat difficult to follow because of the rain and hail pounding on the roof, but we were at least lucky to have a break for Les Poole's excellent talk and slides on his visit to New Guinea. Also Ted Work's little talk on the various orchid slides could be clearly understood. Thanks again, Les and Ted.

Your Editor.

CULTURAL NOTES

by Wesley Harris

SEPTEMBER — It is suggested that most plants be given a little more shade — occasionally this month we experience a burst of sunshine (some years ago my *Dendrobium densiflorum* buds were burnt on such a day).

In my intermediate glasshouse (58 deg. F. minimum) *Brassavola digbyana* and semi-terete *Vandas* are given most light; then, in lesser amounts, the Cooktown *Dendrobium* and its hybrids; *Dendrobiums broomfieldii* and *discolor* and *Cattleyas* come next with *Oncidium splendidum*; Indian *Dendrobiums* follow with many other *Oncidiums* such as *ornithorhynchum*, *pulchellum*, *kramerianum*, *papilio* and the hybrid *Kalihi*. *Lycastes*, *Miltonias*, *Zygopetalums* and *Bifrenarias* similarly, then come *Phalaenopses*, *Paphiopedilums*, and lastly, two of the 'Jewel' orchids, *Haemaria dawsiana (discolor)* and *Anoectochilus Yatesae*. These two are found in humus on the floors of rain forests of Malaysia and New Guinea — often in dense shade.

During variable weather it is fatally easy to over-water newly potted plants.

Cymbidiums not flowering this year may be divided and repotted — this will greatly ease the situation in October, when the others may be repotted.