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MONTHLY MEETING

The next Monthly Meeting of the Club will be held on TUESDAY 8 APRIL at the LUTHERAN CHURCH HALL Windsong Court CHRISTIES DOWNS at 8 p m.

PROGRAMME

Mr M R (Mick) Chenoweth will speak on the culture of Cattleyas.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The following is an extract from the Constitution of the Club regarding subscriptions:-- 'Any member whose subscription is unpaid after a period of three months from the commencement of the financial year in any year, shall cease to be a member of the Club.....'.

Will all members who have not paid their subscription kindly attend to the matter. It will be appreciated that the benefits of the Club can only be extended to those who are financial and the Committee is reluctant to take action but is forced to do so if a subscription is not paid. Be financial in April.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members -

Mr. & Mrs. B. Baker, 35 Moorong Road, O'Sullivans Beach. 5166
Mr. B.J. Beaumont, 3 Nellie Avenue, Mitchell Park. 5043
Mr. & Mrs. G. Forrest, 111 Sydney Street, Glenunga. 5064
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MAYOR OF NOARLUNGA NOW CLUB PATRON

It is with pleasure we advise Club members that His Worship the Mayor of Noarlunga, Mr W Maurice Hunt, accepted with alacrity the position of Club Patron. His Worship conveyed his acceptance with the comment 'I would consider it an honour' and convincingly demonstrated his sincerity by inviting Club members to Council Chambers on March 7 at 4 p.m. Mr Hunt was supported by the Mayoress, Mrs Hunt The Deputy Mayor, Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk, Town Planner, Administration Officer together with their wives. Understandably all South Coast Members could not be accommodated and your Committee selected representation on the basis of Management Committee, Judges, prize winners in all competitions held in 1979, winners of Grand Champion awards and nurseries associated with South Coast -- in all over 40 Club members. His Worship additionally invited the Promotions Manager of 'Colonnades' Mrs Kay Schmid.

Speaking on behalf of Council, His Worship stated how pleased they were that the Club had made the decision to concentrate all its activities in the Noarlunga Area. The warmth and friendliness of the occasion left no doubt in the minds of Club members that it was indeed an historic occasion as pointed out by Keith Northcote when responding on behalf of the Club. He thanked His Worship for his acceptance of the Office of Patron, and for the hospitality accorded by himself and Mrs Hunt and by Council. Keith also thanked Mrs Kay Schmid and Mr John Leeder (Show Secretary) for their considerable part in bringing to fruition plans made by the Management Committee more than 12 months ago.

THAT QUESTIONNAIRE

At the February meeting a questionnaire was distributed for the purpose of endeavouring to ascertain the feeling of Members concerning the conduct of the Club and to seek suggestions for the future. Generally 75% were well satisfied with the monthly meetings regarding them as interesting with good plant commentaries and finishing time satisfactory. Guest speakers, potting demonstrations, general information on culture with more emphasis on genera other than Cymbidium were in demand. Planning of programmes will proceed accordingly. Understandably Cymbidiums proved to be the popular genera with a strong interest in Paphiopedilum and Cattleya and to a lesser degree Dendrobiums, Australian Natives and Species. Answers to all other questions indicated that the Committee had a correct understanding of Members requirements.

Some members requested information in the Gazette on cultural advice. The publication 'A Book for Orchid Lovers' priced at \$2.50 is a must in every members home and with 20,000 copies sold and a reprint on the way this publication has established itself as a first rate reference book. Copies are available from the Treasurer. Nevertheless a section of the Gazette will in future be devoted to 'Helpful Hints' and the Committee expresses its appreciation to John Nicholls who has undertaken to write same and to all members for their co-operation in completing the questionnaire.

MONTHLY COMPETITION MARCH 1980

OPEN DIVISION

Cattleya	Blc Holiday Gem x Lc Albert		
	Heinrcke Green	John Nicholls	3
	Forbesii x Bowringiana	R & A Gowling	2
Paphiopedilum	Sukhakulii x Praectans	Tom Burian Orchids	3
Mini Cym	Minuet	R & A Gowling	3
Miscellaneous	Miltassia 'Estrelita'	John Nicholls	3
Species	Trichoglottis 'Brachiata'	John Nicholls	3
	Kingiella Philippinensis	"	2
	Phal Equestris	"	1
Division Flower of Month	Trichoglottis 'Brachiata'	John Nicholls	

1ST DIVISION

Mini Cym	Peter Pan 'Greensleeves'	K H Northcote	3
	Peter Pan 'Greensleeves'	R Hill	2
	Minuet	Mr & Mrs D May	1
Cattleya	C. Bowringiana x C. Little		
	Angel	Mr & Mrs D May	3
	C. Forbesii x C. Bowringiana	Mr & Mrs R W Kiely	2
Division Flower of Month	C. Bowringiana x C Little Angel	Mr & Mrs D May	

2ND DIVISION

Mini Cym	Minuet	L & R Moore	3
	Minuet	Keith Clark	2
Division Flower of Month	Minuet	L & R Moore	
Presidents Flower of Month	C Bowringiana x C Little Angel	Mr & Mrs D May	
Popular Vote:--	Indoor Plant Pilea Macrophylla	John Nicholls	
	Orchid Blc Holiday Gem x Lc Albert	Heinecke Green	
		John Nicholls	

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HELPFUL HINTS

April is excitement time for orchid growers. Cattleyas are producing buds, phalaenopsis are producing early flower spikes, but most of all, Cymbidiums are confirming that the minute shoot of a month ago is now definitely a flower spike and you contemplate orchid seedlings that will flower for the first time, or the small show bench plant that last year produced a small spike, now has two or more fat spikes starting to come on. Unfortunately, between now and flowering time the excitement can turn to disappointment, if a few precautions and certain procedures are not taken. More blooms are lost or ruined by snails, slugs or caterpillars than all other causes, so start eradicating these pests now with baits and also check after early Autumn rains start to see where they gather. Place a spike alongside each spike so you can train it from the beginning according to its habit. Now is the time to reduce summer watering and dampening down can cease altogether. Also do not be too heavy handed with the fertilizers.

Floral Art

LIAISON MEMBER TO GENERAL COMMITTEE:6 MRS. LOIS HANSEN.

INSTRUCTOR:- Mrs. Iris Hutchins.

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The next Monthly meeting will be held at the LUTHERAN CHURCH HALL
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HOMEWORK

Open Class Winter Wonderland Arrangement
Div 1 Line arrangement

TOPIC FOR MEETING

Following on from our objectives and in particular the Winter Show
the demonstration will be:--

Open Class Interpretive arrangement
Division 1 Crescent arrangement

For work in class bring materials etc suitable for the two arrange-
ments to be demonstrated. Div 1 girls will need a low container
either round, oval, or similar in shape. The background material
should be curved, to make the crescent shape which is part of a
circle, and several flowers grading from bud to full flower.

Do not forget the buds and smaller flowers should have the longer
stems. When selecting your materials remember SCALE which is one
of the principles of design so see that the material is not too
large or too small for your container.

For the Open Class girls the following definition may help you with
your Interpretive arrangement.

INTERPRETIVE. This means interpreting a theme, or expressing a mood
a feeling, or an idea, etc., Effort should be made to make the de-
sign and material tell the story. Good design is essential.
In an arrangement accessories may be used.

AT ALL MEETINGS FOR THE PURPOSES OF INSTRUCTION IN BASIC LINES,
PRINCIPLES AND GROUND WORK, ANY MATERIAL AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS CON-
SISTENT WITH THE NEEDS OF THE INSTRUCTOR WILL BE USED. IN CLUB
COMPETITION ORCHIDS ONLY ORCHIDS WILL BE USED. MEMBERS WILL BE
BRINGING AND DOING.

GROUP MEETS FIRST TUESDAY IN EACH MONTH

7.45 P M

LUTHERAN KINDERGARTEN HALL WINDSONG COURT CHRISTIES DOWNS.