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Our next meeting will be our WINTER SHOW ON Tuesday July 10th.
at the R.S.L. hall Morphett Vale at 8 p.m.

The Hall will be open between 1p.m. and 3p.m. for setting up the display area, and then from 6p.m. The display will be in our normal monthly sections, but ferns and foliage plants will be required to set off the display. We hope this will be our biggest and best Winter show yet. You should all have a prize list which was sent out a couple of months ago, and we are pleased to say that Mr. Syd. Monkhouse will be coming along to judge the show.

Ladies - you are permitted to put more than one entry into the Floral Art section, if you wish.

Remember to put your name tag on or under the plants, to assist the judge to name the winners.

Visitors will be very welcome, and we hope we can interest them enough to encourage them to become members.

We will also have a potting demonstration by Mr. Ross Gowling, some little tip can usually be learnt even by experienced growers, from the methods of others.

At our last meeting we had a Floral Art Demonstration by Mrs Iris Hutchins. This was very interesting the ladies, who managed to pick up a few more helpful hints.

Mr. Geoff Adams kindly brought along a number of plants to demonstrate the preparations necessary and ways of setting up a display. We recognise the difficulties in bringing a lot of plants along to the hall, and appreciate his efforts.

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Our judge for the night was Mr. Neil Christoph, who also gave us some more details of the Orchid Conference. He was assisted by Mr. Mick Chenoweth, and results were as follows:-

OPEN SECTION

Cymbidium	Stanley Fouraker x		
	Earliana Starlight	Valley Orchids	3 pts.
	Lunagrad Elanora	Valley Orchids	2 pts.
	San Miguel " Mayday"	Valley Orchids	1 pt.
Mini Cyms.	Alice Williams v. Camden	Mr. & Mrs. Gowling	3 pts.
	Pumlar x Cerka Sander	Mr. G. Adams	2 pts.
	Pumilum Gyokki x Rio rita radiant	Mr. & Mrs Gowling	1 pt.
Cattleya	BLC mem Geo. Butler	Mr. Wes. Harris	3 pts.
	C Guttata leopoldi x Elstead Gem	Mr. & Mrs. L. Poole	2 pts
	BC MtAnderson Abbeville	Mr. M. Chenoweth	1 pt
Australian Natives	Dend. Rigidum	Mr. W. Harris	3 pts.
	Dend. Bigibum	Mr. G. Adama	2 pts.
Paphiopedilum	Warrior Greens var.	Mr. Wes. Harris	3 pts.
	Bahram x FC Puddle	Mr. M. Chenoweth	2 pts.
	Owlswick	Mr. & Mrs. L. Poole	1 pt.
Species	Zygopetalum Mackayii	Mr. C. Chenoweth	3 pts.
	Cyp. Fairreanum	Mr. B. Hansen	2 pts.
	Paph. Sukhakuui	Mr. W. Harris	1 pt.
Misc. Genera	Oncid. Sarcatum	Mr. W. Harris	3 pts
	Den. Top Hat	Mr. W. Harris	2 pts.
	Den. Takicuchi x Bangkok	Mr. & Mrs. L. Poole	1 pt.

NOVICE SECTION

Cattleya	SC Cleopatra Dragonsblood		
	x IC Issy Tall Chief	Mr. D. Deal	3 pts
Aus. Natives	Liparis Reflexa	Mr. D. Deal	3 pts.
Species	Zygopetalum Mackayii	Mr. H. Nash	3 pts.
	Epi. Cat. Nebo	Mr. H. Nash	2 pts.
	Insigne	Mr. C. Heinrich	1 pt.
<u>POPULAR VOTE</u>	Zygopetalum Mackayii	Mr. C. Chenoweth	

LADIES

Our next meeting is on Saturday July 14th. at Mrs Neil Poole's home, 1, Rothesay Avenue, St. Marys.

MARION SHOW

Our show marshall Mr. Keith Shaw is very busy with his plans for this big Spring show. It will greatly assist him if you will let him know as early as possible how many plants you are likely to be entering. Also, if there are any late entries for the Commercial Section please notify Keith as soon as possible.

PRIZES - A further section for SEEDLINGS will be in the list of prizes at the Marion show. There will be \$10 each for Commercial, Open & Novice. This section will be judged under new rules as published in the Australian Orchid Review June 1973. A copy of this is in our library if you have not seen one.

This will be the FINAL alteration to our PRIZE LIST.

A number of well grown plants and flowers will be needed for sale. Large flowering plants for splitting up, and small plants in flower will be needed. If you have any plants or flowers which you wish to sell at Marion, please give your name and address to Mr. Les. Poole, so that a list can be made of anything available. Last year we had a mad rush round after a busy day, to find enough flowers etc. ready to sell the next morning, so this year we hope to be prepared and know where we can get anything that is needed, at the same time helping our members to sell anything good that they can offer.

Our lottery licence has been obtained, and a good list of prizes have been made available this year, the main prize being a Young's Shadehouse. Good flowering plants will be needed to go with these prizes if any of our bigger growers would care to donate any. We hope to have our lottery tickets shortly, so that we have a longer period of time for selling this year.

MEMBERS ANNUAL DINNER

A provisional booking has been made at the Marion Hotel for Saturday October 20th. The cost for a five course meal is \$5.00 per head. We would like to have definite numbers for this night so will all those interested, please fill in the application form in this bulletin and give to Iris or Harry Nash, with a deposit of \$2.00 per head.

Our Cultural notes for this month are written by Mr. Nicky Zurcher. I visited him last week and really studied these Paphiopedilums (Slipper Orchids) for the first time. There are some beautiful and fascinating specimens amongst them, but of course, most of them need heat. This is why I have never shown a lot of interest in them because we haven't the facilities for growing them. However, they are well worth seeing and I am sure Nicky would be pleased to see you any Saturday at 112, Augusta St., Glenelg.

PAPHIOPEDILUM NOTES by Nicky Zurcher.

Having won the year long battle to get our Slippers to bloom, many of us tend to think that that is the ultimate achievement without adequately preparing for our victory celebration. By this I mean arranging the flower so that we have an unrestricted view of it without having to lift the pot or bend down each time we want to admire our natural trophy.

Correct tying-up is most important. Supporting material should be light and of non-distracting colours.

I like to use green-cloured split bamboo canes. A delicate looking Ladies' Slipper tied to a finger-thick yellow bamboo stick looks like a tree log used as a garden fence post. Ideally the flowers should be at an angle to look straight into your, or the judges, eyes at the shows and immediately spark off an irresistible impression in its favour.

There is just one little snag in getting the flower into such an attractive position, and here I have to point out that the Slippers are the only orchids I know with only one bad habit. Naturally the flowers will look slightly downwards. Even when tied up just as they open, they will turn down to their original angle again. To overcome this 'shy downward look' I leave them unsupported with their stems tilting forward for at least a week. On some thin long-stemmed varieties the flowers do get too heavy and will fall onto the foliage of the adjacent plants. These, of course, need provisional support - sometimes even before the buds start opening. The stems are simply tied very loosely onto a firm forward tilting cane for a similar period. After this time the joint, where the back of the flower is attached to the seed pod, will have hardened. We now hold the stem with one hand at a right angle or slightly more, so that the flower looks at us, and with the other hand gently start pushing a pointed cane about one inch away from the growth into the compost to get the correct angle. Let the flower go again and firmly hold the pot to push the cane as deep into the pot as it will go. Finally, tie the flower just below where the coverleaf of the seed pod starts with either natural or plastic raffia.

PAPHIOPEDILUM NOTES continued.

The cane is cut a good inch above the knot so that the end is hidden behind the flower. Even a judge who is only half awake cannot miss a Slipper presented in such perfection. Remember it is not only shape and size which count, but also presentation. And last but not least you will enjoy the flowers far more.

Spray marks and dust on the leaves are best wiped off with ordinary dry tissues.

Incidentally, if you would like to share the exotic beauty with your family and friends, it does not harm a Paphiopedilum if it is brought into your sitting-room for a few weeks. These compact plants take up little space on or near a window-sill away from the draught and full sunshine.

NEWSY TITBITS

Have you heard about the man who was driven to distraction by his wife, so much, that in the rush to get away from it all, he went to work in an odd suit. Brown trousers and black jacket.

This month's selection

Lots of people have split-level homes, but we have split-level finances. Our income and our expenses are on entirely different levels.

Please complete the form below and hand to Iris or Harry Nash at the next meeting, if you wish to attend our Annual Dinner.

THE FANATIC (With apologies to the Author)

1. The Beginner.

First you take a little seedling and you put it in a pot,
Then you water it like crazy and it promptly dies of rot,
So you go down to a nursery, and there to your surprise,
Are thousands of Orchids of every shape and size.
Out goes that Philodendron that's been taking so much room,
But that sickly little Happy Thought refuses still to bloom.

2. The Amateur.

Now this can be a challenge, so you buy a little book,
And at every opportunity you take a furtive look.
You purchase bags of potting soil, and trowels and special forks,
You join the right Society, and follow all the talks.
The verandah is extended, the car stands in the drive,
The garage is your workshop, and you slave from nine to five.

3. The Hobbyist

Each seedling gets full treatment, more pots are needed here,
The children are neglected, "Sorry, dinner's late, my dear!"
"Don't throw that ball, don't touch that pot, put down that jar
of spray,
I'll have to put that party off, the members meet today.

4. The Professional

Your home becomes a glass house (the bedroom's had to go),
The kids are put in boarding school, your blooms make quite a show.
Your husband moves out to his club, in fact he's in the way,
You need his den for cultivars to add to the display.

5. The Pay-Off!

The gratifying moment comes, when all this seems worth while,
Your plants are shown among the best, please pardon the smug smile.
The judges place the first prize card on YOUR plant in the hall,
That grew from one sick seedling, that alas, began it all.