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Our next meeting will be at the Morphett Vale R.S.L. Hall at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9th.

We will have a short talk by Mr. Merv Dunn on "living humus". Also, we will have some slides on the 1973 Orchid Conference. This Conference is going to be a very big event for South Australia, and I am sure all of our members will find this item most interesting.

It is with regret we have to announce the death of one of our members, Mr. Wilf Jaffer. Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife and family.

At our December meeting, we had quite a large number present, including a lot of new members. Prizes were presented to the winners of our Spring Show and also our aggregate prize winners. Unfortunately, the medallion for Jack and Ann Hoffner for Champion bloom at our Winter Show, had not been obtained in time, but this will be presented at this meeting.

The spirit of Christmas was present in various forms. We had a lovely decorated Xmas tree and presents for everyone, also twenty gifts were provided for the supper tickets. Supper and drinks rounded off a very enjoyable evening.

Judging of the plants show at this meeting was carried out by Mr. Trevor Jacobs. Results being as follows over page:-

Cymbidiums, Cattleyas, Paphiopedilums and Miscellaneous Genera are being judged as a separate section at the judges discretion.

Cattleya	1st. C.Claesiana 'Gaye'	W.Harris	3	pts
	2nd. Laelia purpurata X L.C.Wheal Rose	G.Adams	2	"
	3rd. C.Undine	G.Adams	1	"
Paphiopedilum	1st. Clare de Lune	M.Chenoweth	3	"
	2nd. Harrisianum 'Ball's variety'	B.Hansen	2	"
	3rd. Clare de Lune	B. Hansen	1	"
Australian Natives	1st. Cymbidium suave	P.Speer	3	"
	2nd. Cymbidium canaliculatum	P.Speer	2	"
	3rd. Dendrobium fleckeri X gracilicaule	G.Adams	1	"
Phalacnopsis	1st. Valley Queen	L.Poole	3	"
	2nd. Grace Palm	"	2	"
	3rd. Doris X Zada	"	1	"
Species	1st. Vanda suaveis	G.Adams	3	"
	2nd. Epidendrum atropurpureum	W.Harris	2	"
	3rd. Paphiopedilum callosum	M.Chenoweth	1	"
Miscellaneous Genera	1st. Coelogyne pandurata	M.Chenoweth	3	"
	2nd. Brassia longissima X caudata	B.Hansen	2	"
	3rd. Vanda Rothschildiana	G.Adams	1	"
Popular Votes:				
Orchids	Vanda Rothschildiana	G.Adams		
Indoor Plants	Hoya bella	L.Poole		

The date of our next Spring Show at Marion Shopping Centre has been fixed for September 29th. - October 6th. We trust this will be a date that you will remember, as the success of the Show depends on each one of you. The Committee would appreciate any constructive criticisms or helpful suggestions that you may have.

NEW MEMBERS (Infact, all members)

We have an excellent library available for your use, and a visit to Mrs. Ellie Shaw at "Library Corner" could prove most beneficial. At "Opportunity Corner" you will find Mr. Bernie Hansen with plants available at reasonable prices and you can also bring along any Orchids or Indoor Plants that you wish to sell. The Club funds benefit by 20% of any sales made.

We would like to see more plants exhibited in the NOVICE Section. Are you scared? Don't you think they are good enough? Bring them along, you might have a pleasant surprise.

Also, the Indoor Plant Section has been sadly neglected lately. Even the Aspidistra in the old art pot might win a prize. Why not try!

LADIES:

We are having a Luncheon at the Morphett Vale Hotel on Wednesday January 10th. at 12 noon. Our next regular meeting will be on Saturday, January 13th. at Mrs. Ellie Shaw's home, 250 Esplanade, Seaford.

NEPSY TITBITS:

We notice that Merv Dunn (Valley Orchids) is staking a lot on the future of Orchids and his "living humus", by doubling the size of his unique glasshouse. This will then be the largest Orchid House in Australia.

One prominent member of our Club, who is noticeably late at most meetings, makes the excuse that he is an expectant father.

Mr. Dick Styles has made a remarkable recovery from a serious operation and we hope to see him at our meetings, once again in the near future.

Adelaide Orchids successfully made a hurried move recently to their new premises at O'Halloran Hill. We wish them success in their new abode.

THIS MONTH'S SELECTION:

Think twice before you speak - and you will find your wife has changed the subject.

We have noticed how all of our members, both male and female, can talk. Now we would like to see these words put into writing. Please submit any items, either Cultural hints, Comical experiences, News Items, or 'what have you', to your Editor, Mrs. Iris Nash, Hams Road, Happy Valley. The best of these will be printed in the Bulletin some time during the year and prizes will be given for those judged as winners.

Iris Nash - Editor.

CULTURAL NOTES:

Do Cymbidiums Require a Shock to Bloom

Now that many of our Orchid Collections present only Green leaves, our thoughts may turn to wondering whether a successful flowering season is in store this year.

Years ago we felt Cymbidiums must be allowed to dry at the roots in late Summer in order to shock them into producing bloom spikes. We grew out of that era learning by trial and error that these plants grew and produced much more successfully, by our providing instead a constant moisture level in a well drained potting media.

From the drying out method we moved along to the change of Fertilizer in Autumn era of growing. We have been in this era for about 20 years with only a slight deviation from that stated practice. That deviation came about when one of the guiding technical advisors to our trade suggested Cymbidiums should receive a constant balanced fertilizer level in all stages of growth, allowing that the plant would absorb what was needed to maintain a healthy balance.

We know that most Cymbidiums require a 20^oF. change of temperature between night and day temperatures to bloom. In areas where this does not occur naturally, it must be provided artificially by the use of air coolers or by lightly spraying with the hose, thereby lowering the root and bulb temperatures. This we find equals a shock method to reduce the day temperature to at least 20^oF. difference by night and results in better spiking. As this goes to press the temperature is well over the 100^oF. and the plants outside are drying out rapidly and more often watering is required. This is better done at early morning or at sunset.

Good luck for 1973.

(Green Leaves)