

THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB GAZETTE

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JUNE 1989

NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE. 13th 1989.
BENCHING TO BE COMPLETED BY 7.45pm.
MEETING COMMENCES 8.00pm.

PLEASE NOTE NO PLANTS WILL BE ACEPTED AFTER 7.45pm. AS WE WISH JUDGING TO START AT THIS TIME.

GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Adrian Walter will give a talk on species he grows, which include the Genus Masdevallias and Dracula's. Adrian is a very entertaining person. Members will gain a lot of information, as the above genus will grow quite happily with cyms.

GENTLE REMINDERS.
Why not have a look at our new book shop, and the seedling table.
SUPPER ROSTER

Mrs. B. Viney.

HALL ROSTER.

Mr. G. McMartin, Mr. R. Ansell

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Donald Mc Allister, Tracey Guppy. We wish to welcome these two New Members to our Club, and hope they enjoy themselves.

A.P.O.C. 3

ANY CLUB MEMBER WHO WISHES TO SHOW IN THE A.P.O.C. SHOW MUST BY THE 3rd AUGUST 1989 REGISTER AS SUCH.

As there is two Show Schedules if you do not register as OPEN for A.P.O.C. you will be entering in the normal O.C.of S.A. Show Schedule.

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE AND TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION.

The Club is not putting in a Club Exhibit,

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

Please take note a vote will be taken at the June Meeting to amend clause's 29 and 30 of the Constitution, for Taxation purposes.

FOLIAGE PLANTS.

Could members please loan foliage plants, for the Club's Winter Show. We need as many as we can get to fill in around the Devonshire Tea area. Would you please put your Show Numbers on the pot, so we know who the plants belong to, if you can help please see Ray Goodall.

WINTER SHOW VIDEOS

Ron Parish has indicated he will be available to take videos of members plants at the Winter Show. Which members can purchase, if any members wish to take up this offer please contact the Secretary, before the Winter Show.

ORCHIDS AUSTRALIA

Would members who have not picked up their second edition of the magazine Orchids Australia please do so at the June Cultural Meeting.

N.P.K. RATIO

All fertilisers in Australia have branded on them their N.P.K. percentage ratio, i.e. nitrogen phosporous and potash content. Therefore, a fertiliser showing an N.P.K. of 30:10:10, such as one of the Grow Lush range, indicates a high nitrogen fertiliser, whereas an N.P.K. of 10:30:20 would indicate a low nitrogen fertiliser but high in phosphorous and potash.

FERTILISERS

<u>High Nitrogen</u> - Urea, Sulphate of Amonia, Blood & Bone, Fish Emulsion, Nitrosol, Formula 20 and Potassium Nitrate.

<u>Low Nitrogen</u> - Growlush - Blossom Booster Sturdy

ACCEPTABLE SLOW RELEASE FERTILISERS

Magamp, Osmocote, Growwel - Grandulated blood & Bone and Nitrophoska.

ON THE BENCH by Brenda Lynch

Gomesa is a small genus of epiphytic orchids resembling Oncidium in their general appearance and allied to Odontoglossum and Miltonia. The 20 species are all found growing in Brazil.

The psuedobulbs are usually ovate with 2 or 3 oblong leaves. The flower spikes are produced from the axil of the leaves as in *Odontoglossum* and are arching or pendulous. Colour of the flowers varies, but most species are yellow or green. The flowers are very small, but are borne densely on the inflorescence and are sweetly scented.

Gomesa grow well in pots in a compost that is suitable to Odontoglossum and prefer shady humid conditions. There need warmth in winter, preferably a minimum of 15C. Although the species need a rest period water should not be withheld completely and care must be taken so the psuedobulbs do not shrivel.

Normally Gomesa flower in the Spring but in our Autumn Show there was a beautiful plant of Gomesa recurva exhibited by Adelaide Orchids. The small plant had two multiflowered arching spikes of yellowish-green flowers with a delightful perfume. It was growing in a compost of fir-bark and isolite in a cool glasshouse condition.

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CYMBIDIUM NOTES FOR LATE MAY TO END OF AUGUST

- 1. Reduce feeding of fertilizer to every 2-3 weeks
- 2. Use balanced fertilizer. Supplement with occasional fertilizing with a high phosphorous potash boost.
- 3. Keep compost to a neutral ph.
- 4. Keep protective measures against snails, slugs and birds.
- Keep an eye out for thrip and red spider. Use an insecticide in the form of a dust as liquid insecticide on buds from now on can cause flower malformation.
- Ensure buds are obtaining adequate light.
- 7. Stake or string flower spikes, care is needed.
- 8. Manipulate flower buds in the warmer part of the day to give your spike that correct display. Extreme care is required and do a little at a time otherwise a spike can be easily ruined with a bud finishing in your hand [its happened to everyone]

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CATTLEYA CULTURE TIPS.

- 1. Do not repot too soon before flowering if a plant needs repotting, if you have winter flowering plants the best time to repot them is in Spring or Summer. They will then have time to be well established by Autumn when the buds. A tip which you may not like but when there is a plant that you think is not strong enough to flower is to pinch the sheath out making sure to stake the buds, the plant will then be able to put its energy back into the plant hoping for better times next season.
- 2. Cattleyas like to be dry in between waterings, when you water give a good soaking water rather a little. Give sufficient water to keep the forward growing bulbs nice shiny green and plump, a little shrivelling in the rear growths does not hurt, so don't worry if this happens.
- Cattleya roots like to wander and to keep you plants nice and tidy you can trim the roots that have grown over the edge of the pot with a sterile knife, this will induce a root growth by branching out in the pot. Make sure that you do not cut roots that have grown from rhizomes that are growing outside of the pot.

AUTUMN SHOW 1989

GRAND CHAMPION

Den. cochliodes X Den. johannis grown by Betty Wyly

RESERVE CHAMPION Pa	aph. Makuli X Enchantress —00000—	grown by Adelaide Orchids			
	: Paph Makuli X Enchantress : Den cochliodes X Den johannis n : Den. D'Bush 'Pansy'	Adelaide Orchids Betty Wyly Charlie & Helen Edwards			
SECOND DIVISION					
Aus Native Epi Cattleya Novelty Cattleya Intergeneric	Liparis reflexa Slc. Pink Doll 'Marion' Sl.(Psyche X Mini Purple) Slc. Pink Doll Tttna. Dark Prince	M Tiggerman 3 C & H Edwards 3 D & I Attenborough 2 C & H Edwards 1 C & H Edwards 3			
Inter Cym. Dendrobium	Ayako Tanaka 'Shot Silk' D'Bush 'Pansy' Bedford 'White Foam' X schoederanu Sandcay X phaelanopsis 'Alba'	D McAllister 3 C & H Edwards 3			
Judged by Murray Weston, Rick Pankoke recording					
FIRST DIVISION					
Aus Native Epi	Cadetia taylorii Liparis reflexa	L Chambers 3 L Chambers 2			
Aus Native Terr	Liparis reflexa Ptst. obtusa Ptst. fischii	D Biebrick 1 R & B Anderson 3 B Wyly 2			
Inter Cym.	Peter Pan X Earlyana	H Gerber 3			
Cattleya	C. Bob Betts 'The Virgin' Lc. Puppy Love 'True Beauty' C. (Sister J Karen X luteola)	R & B Anderson 3 B Wyly 2 H Gerber 3 B Wyly 3 B Wyly 2 R Goodall 1			
Novelty Cattleya	Slc. Golden Wax	R & B Anderson 3			
Cluster Cattleya	C. Chocolate Drop 'Kodama'	L Chambers 3			
Species Cattleya	C. bowringiana 'Purple King'	T & D Howard 2			
Oncidium	Onc. Confetti	H H Pankoke 3			
Miscellaneous	Z. Artur Elle 'Aranel'Ephs. VeitchiiZ. John Banks 'Purple Lips'	B Wyly 3 B Wyly 2 D Biebrick 1			
Dendrobium	cochliodes x johannis (Tomie X Ann Richards) X bigibbum Kyoshiizumi X Janet Shimizo	B Wyly 3 W Barrett 2 W Barrett 1			
Paphiopedilum	Gigi X Redstart Chilton Phips	R Parish 3 R Goodall 2			
Novelty Paph.	Turpe	R Parish 3			
Species Paph.	tonsum 'Red Leaf' tonsum 'Curtisiifolium' spicerianum	R Parish 3 R Parish 2 R Goodall 1			
Species	Enc. cochleata Odont. bictoniense Z. mackayii	B Wyly 3 H H Pankoke 2 L Chambers 1			

Judged By Peter McCauley, Assisted by K Northcote Helen Edwards recording

AUTUMN SHOW 1989

OPEN D	IVISION			
	ative Epi	Liparis reflexa	K & B Lynch	3
	•	Liparis reflexa	K & B Lynch	2
		Liparis reflexa	McGrath Orchids	2
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		Ptst. angusta	L & R Moore	1
Cymbio	dium	Luana 'Pink Champagne'	K Northcote	3
-,		Betty may 'Pearl'	Denlia Orchids	2
Mini (Cvm.	Peter Pan X Morialta Falls	Denlia Orchids	3
	-/	Pendragon Broadmoor'	Guest Orchids	2
		Morialta Falls `Morialta Falls'	A DeInno	1
Inter	Cvm	(Peter Pan X Earlyana) "Lisa"	Denlia Orchids	3
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		Marrong 'Lemon Mahogany'	K Northcote	1
Specie	es Cym.	munronianum	J Nicholls	1 3
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	erythrostylum	McGrath Orchids	2
Cattle	eva	Blc. Mt. Anderson 'Norm Tator'	Adelaide Orchids	2
	-/-	Blc. Languedoc `Singapore Welcome'	Guest Orchids	2
Cluste	er Cattleya	C. intermedia X C. Claesiana	Guest Orchids	2 3 2 1 3 3 2 3 2
		C. Portia Monty'	L & R Moore	2
		C. Chocolate Drop 'Kodama'	L & R Moore	1
Novel	ty Cattleya	Slc Little Hazel `Auburn'	L & R Moore	3
	generic Cat.	Hknsa. Alice Iwanga 'Ruby Fire'	L & R Moore	3
53,537	es Cattleya	C. bowringiana `Purple King'	J Nicholls	3
		C. bicolor	L & R Moore	2
Odont	. Alliance	Mclna. Pagan Lovesong 'Ruby Charles'	K & B Lynch	3
		Onc. Splinter x longipes	J Nicholls	2
		Mclna. Pagan Lovesond Ruby Charles'	L & R Moore	1
Phalae	enopsis	Zuma Holiday X Zuma Happiness	L & R Moore	3
	pedilum	Makuli X Enchantress	Adelaide Orchids	3
		Flamenco `Angus'	Adelaide Orchids	2
Novel	ty Paph.	Fairiechant	Adelaide Orchids	3
		glaucophylum x lowii	Adelaide Orchids	2
Specie	es Papph.	niveum	Adelaide Orchids	3
•	and the second second	hookerae	Adelaide Orchids	2
Specie	es	Gomesa recurva	Adelaide Orchids	3
The Enter NV SAME		Z. crinitum	K M& B Lynch	2
		Phal. violacea Borneo Blue'	J Nicholls	1

Judged By Thoral Tormet & Stephen Monkhouse Wayne Farqhar as Recorder

At the May Committee Meeting at the request of the Registrar of Judges to consider the judging matter at our Cultural Meetings your Committee has pleasure in announcing the appointment as South Coast Orchid Club of S.A. Inc Judges the following Student Judges of the O.C. of S.A. inc.

Wayne Farquhar, Keith Northcote and Rick Pankoke.

By making this decision it is hoped that we will be able to answer those who believe that our meetings are too late in closing.

A DATE TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

The Day-time Chapter has agreed to visit the new Tropical-House about to be completed in the Botanical Gardens for their December Meeting.

WATCH FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

DAY-TIME CHAPTER

The next Day-time Chapter Meeting will be on June 15th 1989. The Guest Speaker will be Neil Christpoh, who will give a talk on Early Orchid Growing in South Australia. Neil is a senior judge with the O.C.S.A. and joined that club very early in the formative years. He is probably one of the few active Orchid Growers, from those early days so is well qualified to speak on this subject.

DAY-TIME CHAPTER.

by Kath Harris.

Our attendance has been excellent at every meeting and this speaks volumes for the quality speakers we have every month. Congratulations to the programme planners.

Kel Staples, who really knows his orchids, told us how to grow, divide and all the information needed for cool growing Cattleyas. It was a most informative talk, with questions answered in full. Maybe it is the smaller venue, but everyone can see the pant and what our speakers tell us to do. I know many are now keen to try this lovely genera - many thanks Kel.

A welcome to new member Mrs. Joan Duckett and apologies were received from Cliff Georg, Marian Davies and Lionel Foster - hope to see you all at the next meeting.

Thanks again to Guest Orchids for our Raffle Prizes - our Trading Table was nearly cleared, so all went well.

The popular vote was won by Richard Wilson, from Kel Staples, who said his plant was not to be included, but it caught the eye of so many the votes were given. Keith Northcote again appeared as the third vote - once again a fine variety of plants on the bench.

The Meeting closed with our cheerful ladies providing our cuppa for the friendly chit chat to finish the meeting.

Be sure to come on June 15th and hear Neil Christoph - you will learn about orchid growing and spend a very pleasant afternoon in good company.

COMPOST PH

Acid - release nitrogen tends to bind in phosphorous and potash.

Alkaline - releases phosphorous and potash and tends to bind in nitrogen.

<u>Acidity Additive</u> - phosphoric or hydrocloric acid and or garden sulphur.

Alakine additive - garden lime or dolomite.

1. Cym. Nonina 'Joy' 4N [mericlone]

A pumilum hybrid which has great potential. Although being an old miniature being converted to a 4N makes this an exciting possibility. These plants are in short supply.

Cym. Dag `Little Jewel' Auriga `Merrilong'

Dag `Little Jewel' is one of the parents of the well known Little Bighorn cross. This time however a superior 4N clone has been used with a strong yellow as the pollen parent. Should make excellent green /yellow intermediates with a strong red lip, could produce a few pure colours.

3. Cym. Esmeralda X Dr. Baker 'Bewitched'4N

Can expected bright red intermediates and miniatures from this cross of the well known dark red Dr Baker and a pure colour pendulous green standard.

The above plants are all brought in from Interstate and are

not readily available in S.A.

After a days work out in the shadehouse you may like to try the finished results of these two old time Lemon Recipes.

LEMON HAND LOTION

Mix together equal parts of lemon juice, glycerine and rosewater. Great for softening rough hands.

OLD-FASHION LEMONADE

4 juicy lemons, well scrubbed 700 gms granulated sugar 2 teaspoons of citric acid 2 teaspoons tartaric acid 2 pints boiling water

Peel the lemons just removing a thin skin, no pith. Squeeze the juice from the lemons and put into a large basin with sugar and citric and tartaric acid. Pour the boiling water into a 1.7 litre saucepan. Add the lemon rind and boil together for 2 minutes. Remove from the heat and strain the water over the lemon juice and sugar. Stir to dissolve the sugar. Strain the mixture and pour into clean bottles and seal securely. Keep the bottles in fridge, it will keep for several weeks. Dilute to taste with water or soda.