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The next meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club will be on Tuesday, 14th July, at 8.00 p.m. at the Morphett Vale R.S.L. Hall, and will be our **WINTER SHOW**. Also on the agenda for this evening is a Slide Programme, featuring Phalaenopses (a visit to Shaffer's Tropical Gardens) and an **Orchid Spraymaking Demonstration** by Mrs Hunt and Mrs Shaw.

The hall will be open from 3 p.m. onwards to enable members to display their plants in either individual or community displays. Prizes being awarded at our Winter Show will be presented at the Club's Christmas Party on 8th December. The hall will be heated.

Our last plant exhibition was judged by our member Geoff Adams, and the following plants were awarded points:

Open Section: 3 points to *Dendrobium Phalaenopsis Maui Beauty 'Gaye'* (Wes Harris), 2 points to *Paphiopedilum Haroun* (Wes Harris) and 1 point to *Miniature Cymbidium Pumilum x Monsoon* (Geoff Adams).

Novice Section: 3 points to *Oncidium sphacelatum x sarcodes* (Harold Goldsack), 2 points to *Miniature Cymbidium Pumilum x Rio Rita* (Les Poole) and 1 point to *Odontioda Valerie* (Les Poole).

The Popular Votes went to *Dieffenbachia* (Les Poole) and *Dendrobium Phalaenopsis Black Moon* (Wes Harris).

There will be **no Opportunity Table** at the Winter Show Night, but our **Plant Competition** will be held as usual. The last seedling in this Plant Competition was won by Mr Les Poole. (Note from the Plant Stewards: Seedlings for this Plant Competition have previously been donated by Messrs R. Thompson, G. Harvey, M. Dunn and W. Harris, but unfortunately we have only one more seedling in stock. A new donation would therefore be very welcome.)

CLUB LIBRARY: Please note that, to ensure proper circulation, books are only to be taken out for one month. Would members please return their books promptly?

Wasn't the last talk on Australian Natives by our Australian Native var. Alba, flushed pink (Harold Goldsack) most interesting? I am sure you have all enjoyed his slides and talk as much as I did!

Your Editor.

CULTURAL NOTES

by Wesley Harris

JULY, 1970: It is usual for Cymbidiums to display all spikes by the end of June, so take note of the direction of each spike and place a stake so that it can give support with a minimum of twisting. Be careful that the pot is not rotated after the buds emerge from the sheath, to aid perfect presentation of flowers.

Seek advice at meetings on the amount of light needed for individuals, e.g., cover your best whites with a newspaper 'bag' suspended over the spikes. Pinks such as Girrahween 'Enid' F.C.C. must receive all sunlight from the time the buds show, until the flowers open, or the colour will be muddy.

Paphiopedilums (Slippers) are best staked when buds are opening — they then face up to the viewer. Keep water away from the 'shoe' or it will quickly rot.

Again, note your requirements and get advice through the chair at meetings.