



# *The South Coast Orchid Club Inc. Gazette*

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**NEXT MEETING :** Tuesday **5th** December 1995 , Calvery Lutheran Church Hall, Windsong Crt, Morphett Vale. Benching of plants to be completed by 7-45 pm for judging.  
Meeting commences at 8pm.

**GUEST SPEAKER :** Mr Stephen Monkhouse of Adelaide Orchids will tell us of his travels in Japan, in particular the Asian Pacific Orchid Conference Show showing a variety of exhibits and orchid genera.

**CHRISTMAS  
RAFFLE:** **A giant Christmas raffle will be held this month. The club will be supplying a number of plants but if anyone wishes to donate other items i.e. pots, fertilizer, books chocolates, wine, etc, please feel free to do so.**

**HALL SET-UP:** Those willing to help please be at the Hall by 7.00pm.

**SUPPER :** Christmas supper. Please bring a plate of food, the club will also supply Christmas goodies.

**DAYTIME  
CHAPTER:** 2pm. Thursday **14th** November 1995 at South Brighton Community Hall, Dover Square Reserve, Broadway, South Brighton. Mr Don Wells will present an illustrated talk about Australian Native Orchids, mainly terrestrials and their propagation, pollination and other items of interest. Also we will have our usual monster raffle - bring a gift- get a gift. Nothing expensive, just fun for all. Our Christmas afternoon tea will finish off a great afternoon.  
Please note meeting will be on December 14th.

## DAYTIME CHAPTER by RUTH CLARK

The afternoon meeting for November commenced with a welcome to all present from Keith Northcote and an expression of sympathy to Peg Clarke on the recent death of our friend Mick. Get Well wishes were also conveyed to Rosalie Moore after her time in hospital. Keith then demonstrated potting-on and repotting after dividing cymbidiums. Members were interested in having the basics of potting explained again and hearing hints on how to decide when a plant was ready for dividing and just what was necessary to provide for healthy plants after division.

Only a few orchids were benched and from these the members overwhelmingly chose a very lovely display of L. Purpurata x C. Olivia 'Blue Boy' (K. Northcote) followed by Disa Veitchi 'Vera' (P. & L. Fenton) and Epidendrum Boundii (W & R. Clark).

A cheery chat and cuppa concluded the afternoon.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 1996 Annual General Meeting of the South Coast Orchid Club of South Australia Inc. will be held on Tuesday February 13th, 1996 commencing at 8.00pm at the Lutheran Church Hall, Christie Downs.

At the A.G.M. the election of Officers for 1996 will be held.

The following positions require nominations :

**President, Vice Presidents (2), Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, and Committee members (3).**

**Please help.**

Nominations forms are available from the Secretary or at the meeting.

All nominations must be in the hands of the Secretary, Phil O'Brien, by no later than the close of the 1995 December meeting on 5th December.

Members will also be asked to assist in the positions of-

Show Marshall, Tea Person, Librarian, Editor of Gazette, Trading Table Convenor, Daytime Chapter Chairperson, Registrar of Judges, Publicity Officer, Social/Liaison Officer, Hosts or Hostess.

**Please give your consideration to any of the above positions.**

## NEW MEMBERS

It is with pleasure that we welcome to the Club, Dolores Macrae of Hackham West and Norman Woodend of Morphett Vale. May you have much success with your orchid growing,

## THANK YOU

As announced previously we are going to have a **giant raffle** at the December Meeting on 5th. Tickets will be 50c each. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following who have donated plants and/or books to be raffled:

Adelaide Orchids                      Mrs Leeder  
R. Moore.

## MELALEUKA

Rob Baker has pieces of a Melaleuka tree to give to a good home. Anyone wanting pieces to mount orchids on please phone Rob on 2981645.

## O.C.S.A.

South Coast Members who attended the recent Christmas Picnic had a most enjoyable day. Thanks OCSA for inviting us.

## STOCKTAKE

Any Members who are holding Club Property please advise the Treasurer, Dale Cook, in writing, by the December Meeting. Please note, this includes documents, books or articles.

## APPRECIATION

A letter has been received from Saint Augustine's, Unley, thanking us for participating in their recent Flower Festival.

## GET WELL WISHES

Once again we have a number of members on the sick-list. Get well soon, our thoughts are with you.

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## IN NEED OF A CHANGE ?

H. J. Edwards

So you've been growing cymbidiums for years and now have decided you want to try something different. The Australian Natives are gorgeous but not quite what you want. You haven't got the controlled heat and humidity to grow *Phalaenopsis* or *Vandas*. *Dendrobiums* are mostly mauve and pink and the hardcanes need heat to grow successfully. What about the Cattleya alliance?

Well with a little bit of thought and preparation this genera could be just what you're looking for. They are showy and can have many flowers without being hernia material, they make good cut flowers and although they don't last as long as the cymbidiums some can be in bloom for a month or more. As an added bonus they come in many colours. What other 'group' comes in pink, mauve, purple, yellow, peach, orange, red, white, green, and even blue or perhaps a combination of two or three of these colours.?

The ideal temperature for the majority of this alliance is between 12o - 32oC, however quite a few will tolerate

much lower temperature than that. If you have a flowering house for your cymbidiums this could quickly become the cattleya house or even the most protected spot in the cymbidium house would probably do.

A good start is with the some of the *Laelias*. *Laelia anceps* will grow and flower well under shadecloth. *anceps* var *chamberlaina* has flower spikes approximately 1 metre long topped with eyecatching mauve flowers, *anceps* var *oaxaquena* has white flowers with a yellow centre, and *laelia gouldiana* has purple blooms. These flower in Autumn which is a bonus with most of the cym flowering in Spring. Another plant we have doing quite nicely just under shadecloth is the lovely Slc. Jewel Box, which has red flowers. Some of the *C. bowringiana* hybrids, i.e. *C. Kew* and *C. Browniae*, seem to appreciate growing 'cold' too, the majority of these are cluster catts and in the mauve/purple colourings.

Most cattleya growers use high quality pine bark as a basis for the potting medium. Of course, as with cymbidium mixes, they all have their own 'recipe' . Ours consists of Mount Gambier pine bark and polystyrene, with perlite added

for the baby plants. The more mature the plant the larger the bark. Some growers seem to be using fine bark for their mature plants but I find in our conditions we need at least 15mm bark.

The plants we have growing outside do not get fertilized regularly, however, the plants we have in a more controlled environment get watered and fertilized once a week in summer and once a fortnight or even monthly in winter depending on the weather. In summer the plants just under shadecloth get misted up to 3 times a day on the hottest day but normally every couple of days to keep the humidity up. As well as the *Cattleyas* we have Australian Natives and ferns in the same area so all have to be taken into account and a happy medium achieved.

Of course if the cymbidium flowering house is to be used exclusively for catts then the majority of the cattleya alliance will be happy and watering, fertilizing and air movement can be more controlled.

The ideal time to repot is when the new roots first appear. The plants should be repotted when the plant becomes too large for its container or when the potting mix has 'broken down', by that I mean when the bark is turning to mud. As with all genera it is very important to use sterilized tools and pots or new pots. Some growers seem to think that when they start the job the tools should be sterilized and again when they finish, this is not the case, **each plant needs sterilized tools** otherwise one virused plant can spread the virus via the tools to the number of plants that are repotted that day. If you suspect virus in your collection get advice from an expert. S.C.O.C. has a virus panel who can help you.

If you have now decided to try a few Catts buy a couple of flowering size plants

and try them in different places in the shadehouse. I don't mean move them every few weeks. Put them in one place and if they don't seem happy i.e. new roots, growths or flowers move them to a more protected place or where they'll get more air movement. Ask other cattleya growers for their advice, they will all tell you something slightly different but it makes interesting conversation and you've probably made a new friend.

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## DENDROBIUM MOUSMEE

The flower of the night at the November Cultural meeting was *Dendrobium Mousmee*. This plant carried 5 spikes with between 25-30 flowers on each spike.

The flowers are basically pale pink with a very vivid yellow labellum. *Mousmee* is a primary hybrid, or a crossing of two species. Sir Jeremiah Colman way back in 1907 made the cross between *Dendrobium bronckartii* and *Dendrobium thyrsoflorum*. We don't hear the name *bronckartii* very often but it is allied to *Dendrobium farmeri* which is common to the Indo-China region. It was first found in Burma in 1847 and flowered by W.G. Farmer hence the name *farmeri*. *Dendrobium thyrsoflorum* was discovered by Rev. Parish in about 1860. It flowers in late spring but can vary depending on the area in which it is grown. It is actually a temperate-zone orchid.

The plant that was benched grows under 50% shade in a pergola area. In winter it gets watered when it rains but in summer gets misted up to 3 times a day, although it is on the 'outskirts' of the sprinkler system. It is not heavily fertilized. The potting medium is bark and polystyrene.

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NOVEMBER 1995

MONTHLY FLORAL COMPETITION

SECOND DIVISION

Aust. Nat. Epi. Hybrid	Sarco. Melba 'Reynella'	B. Fisher	3
	Plect. Lynore 'Clare'	B. Fisher	2
	Sarco. Fitzhart 'Lorraine'	B. Fisher	1
Std. Cymbidium	Lake Macquarie 'Winsome'	G. Shevlin	3
	Sayonara 'Melody'	R.J. Smith	2
Inter. Cymbidium	Nonna 'Goldenglades'	J. Dudley	3
Std. Cattleya	C. Bow Bells	G. Shevlin	3
	C. Margaret Digwood	J. Dudley	2
Dendrobium	Big John	W. & R. Clark	3
Miscellaneous	Epi. Mauve	W. & R. Clark	3
	Disa Veitchi 'Vera'	P. & L. Fenton	2
	Epi. Lilac Queen	A. & V. Thompson	1
Std. Paphiopedilum	Falstaff x Peony Regency	A. & V. Thompson	3
Odont/Onc. Alliance	( <i>Brs. maculata</i> x Milt. William Kirsch) x <i>Odm. bictoniense</i>	A. & V. Thompson	3
Species	<i>Cym. lowianum</i>	N. Gitsham	3
	<i>Bif. harrisoniae</i>	N. Gitsham	2
Zygopetalum	Agwa. Kiwi Sunrise	B. Fisher	3

**FLOWER OF THE DIVISION:**

***EPIDENDRUM MAUVE* grown by Bill & Ruth Clark**

## OPEN DIVISION

Aust. Nat. Epi: Species	<i>Den. discolor</i>	B. Wyly	3
	<i>Den. johannis</i>	B. Wyly	2
Aust. Nat. Epi: Hybrid	Sarco. Melba	R. & B. Anderson	3
	Sarco. Pinky	D. Biebrick	2
Mini. Cymbidium	Scallywag	G. Brooks	3
	Hearts of Gold	H. Gerber	2
	Bunyip	G. Brooks	1
Nov. Cattleya	Lc. El Cerrito x Slc Rajah's Ruby	R. & B. Anderson	3
Nov. Cluster Cattleya	Lc. Firedance 'Patricia'	R. & B. Anderson	3
	Lc. Trick or Treat 'Cheryl'	B. Wyly	2
Other Laeliinae	Ctna. Why Not 'Roundabout'	C. & H. Edwards	3
	Ctna. Hunabu Fairly Flare	R. & B. Anderson	2
Dendrobium	Mousmee	C. & H. Edwards	3
Miscellaneous	Epidendrum	D. Biebrick	3
Phalaenopsis	Happy Valentine x Carmela's Stripe Shooleen	M. Bray	3
	Mark Chagall x Keith Shaffer	M. Bray	2
	Little Mary	C. & H. Edwards	1
Std. Paphiopedilum	Loganna x Lyric	D. Biebrick	3
Nov. Paphiopedilum	<i>boxallii</i> x Radiant Tiger	D. Biebrick	3
Species Paphiopedilum	<i>venustum</i>	D. Biebrick	3
Odont/Onc. Alliance	Milt Hannover x Milt. Blueana	M. Bray	3
	Howeara Mary Eliza	B. Wyly	2
	Dgmra. Winter Wonderland x White Fairy	R. & B. Anderson	1
Species	<i>Onc. onustum</i>	B. Wyly	3
	<i>L. sincorana</i>	B. Wyly	2

### ***FLOWER OF THE DIVISION:***

***DENDROBIUM MOUSMEE* grown by Charlie & Helen Edwards**

## FIRST DIVISION

Aust. Nat. Epi: Species	<i>Cymbidium canaliculatum</i>	V. Rodgers	3
Aust. Nat. Terr: Species	<i>Microtis unifolia</i>	M. Tiggeman	3
	<i>Ptst. biseta</i>	M. Tiggeman	2
Std. Cymbidium	Narella 'Jennifer Gail'	M. Tiggeman	3
Mini. Cymbidium	Cricket	M. Tiggeman	3
Std. Cattleya	C. Esmeralda	R. & B. Wilson	3
	Blc. Portage Pass	F. Bell	2
	Blc. Blumen Insel	C. Ameer	1
Nov. Cluster Cattleya	Lc. Adelaide Ablaze	H. & B. Viney	3
Novelty Cattleya	Pot. Kumquat Glow	R. & I. Parish	3
	Slc. Jewel Box	R. & I. Parish	2
Other Laeliinae	Ctna. Keith Roth	R. & I. Parish	3
Miscellaneous	Epidendrum	H. & B. Viney	3
Nov. Paphiopedilum	Ciliolare x <i>barbatum</i>	R. & I. Parish	3
	Rosy Dawn		2
Species Paphiopedilum	<i>moquettianum</i>	R. & I. Parish	3
	<i>barbatum</i>	R. & I. Parish	2
Odont/Oncidium Alliance	Wils. Shirley Monkhouse	A. & M. Moffatt	3
	Odont. Cambalache	R. & I. Parish	2
	Oda. Debutante Oxbow	C. Ameer	1
Species	<i>L. sincorana</i>	R. & B. Wilson	3
	<i>Cymbidium lowianum</i>	M. Tiggeman	2
Zygopetalum	Kiwi Choice	M. Tiggeman	

### ***FLOWER OF THE DIVISION:***

***CATTLEYA ESMERALDA* grown by Richard & Beryl Wilson**