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MONTHLY MEETING.

Our next Monthly Meeting will be held at the LUTHERAN CHURCH HALL,
Windsong Court, Christies Downs on TUESDAY MARCH 9 at 8 p m.

PROGRAMME

Mr David Smith of the firm of W A Young & Co will speak on the subject
of 'Shadehouses and the use of Shadecloth'.

MONTHLY FLORAL COMPETITION

The usual plant competition will be held. The Club has six (6) of its
members attending the monthly Judges Meeting of the Orchid Club of
South Australia and in future three of these members will be on duty
at each monthly meeting to receive plants from members and arrange them
on the benches. The members on duty for the March meeting are:-
Brenda Lynch, Geof Speer and Lewis Moore.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due and payable. The
Constitution provides:- 'Any member who has not paid his annual sub-
scription by the Fifteenth day of April shall no longer be financial
and shall forthwith cease to be a member of the Club'.

NEW MEMBER.

We welcome the following new members:-

Colin, Marlene and Lynette Cuy 58 6th Avenue Ascot Park 5043

OFFICE BEARERS 1982.

Appointed at Annual General Meeting:-

President:- Harry Viney Vice-President: Allen Kuchel

Hon Sec. Shirley Stirling Hon Treas. Lewis Moore.

Committee members:- Brenda Lynch, Tony De Ionno, Geof Speer

Appointed otherwise:-

Registrar of Judges Harry Lambert Hon Show Sec. John Leeder

Editor of Gazette Frank Bell

Senior Vice-President:- Allen Kuchel Junior Vice-Pres. Brenda Lynch

Appointed to Committee to replace Brenda Lynch - Eric Rouse.

AUCTION OF PLANTS.

For personal reasons Roy Hill is disposing of his collection and an auction will be held at his residence on Sunday 14 March. A catalogue is being prepared and an advertisement will appear in the 'Advertiser' on Saturday 6 and 13. Further details contact Lewis Moore or John Nicholls.

CLASSES ON GROWING ORCHIDS.

Evening classes on how to grow orchids are being arranged at the Dover High School Scarborough Tee Dover Gardens and members desiring to enroll should contact on Ph. 296-5657 or 298-3111. It is proposed to hold six weekly lessons at a cost of \$18.

DATE TO REMEMBER

South Coast Winter Show 19 July to 24 July. Setting up Saturday 17.

Spring Show 4 October to 9 October. Setting up Sat. 2nd

Native Orchid Club of South Australia

18 and 19 September at building formerly Goodwood Orphanage.

Orchid Club of South Australia

Winter Show 10 and 11 July

Spring Show 20 to 25 September.

SPRING SHOW SCHEDULE.

The prize schedule for this event is currently being prepared and any member who wishes to donate a trophy is requested to contact the Show Secretary so that the matter can be submitted to Management Committee.

DO YOU FEEL WANTED?

With the February issue of the Gazette members were sent a questionnaire concerning their wishes in assisting the running of the Club. The Committee is appreciative of the many offers. If you have not completed your form, you may still hand same in. If your form has been mislaid then additional forms will be available at the Treasurer's desk at the next meeting.

MONTHLY COMPETITION February Meeting

OPEN DIVISION

Miscellaneous	Asco. Yip Sum Wah	W J Nicholls	3
	Vanda TMA	"	2
	Lycasteria Darius x Lyc.		
	Auburn Rona	"	1
Species	Den. Verstrifolium	W J Nicholls	3
	Acanthophippum v. martinianum	"	2
	P. Matocalpa	"	1
Phalaenopsis	Painted Desert x Lady Ruby	K Northcote	3
	Puerto Princessa	"	2
	Malibu Optimise x Lueddemaniana	"	1
Division Flower of Month	Asco Yip Sum Wah.	W J Nicholls	

1ST DIVISION

Cattleya	Unknown	K & B Lynch	3
Misc.	Onc. Goldflakes x Flexuosm x Hyphaematicum	"	3
Division Flower of Month	No award		

2ND DIVISION

Cymbidium	Mini Peter Pan 'Greensleeves'	Mr & Mrs D Jordan	3
Cattleya	Summer Stars x forbessi	Shirley Steele	3
	Summer Stars x forbessi	Mr & Mrs S Nicholls	2
Aust. Native	Cym caniculatum	Ray Jones	3
Miscellaneous	Epi. crusifix	A De Ionno	3
Division Flower of Month	Mini Cym. Peter Pan 'Greensleeves'	Mr & Mrs D Jordan	

President's Flower of Month Asco. Yip Sum Wah W J Nicholls

Indoor Plant Judges choice Anthurium (leaf variety) K Northcote
 Popular vote " " " "
 Popular vote Orchid;- Den. Verstrifolium

The President's Flower of the Month namely Asco. Yip Sum Wah was a very attractive plant, well flowered and requiring heat to grow.

The two cattleyas exhibited in 2nd Division are plants belonging to the seedling competition. Both plants, exhibited by different growers, were in open compost, 3" pots, and well established with plenty of foliage. The plant exhibited by Shirley Steele was well filled out with the labellum attractively striped. This particular plant gave the appearance of having been grown with more shade than the other plant. Quite definitely, these plants demonstrated the advice - do not over-pot. Cattleyas like to develop a good root growth.

'KNOWLEDGE IS OF TWO KINDS. WE KNOW A SUBJECT OURSELVES OR WE KNOW WHERE WE CAN FIND INFORMATION UPON IT'

The above statement was made by Samuel Johnson in 1775 and how true it is. But in our orchid growing are we making the greatest use of that portion 'or we know where we can find information upon it'. Do we benefit from our Club membership and are we making the best use of the facilities offered.

The Club library:- Recent additions to the library well worth reading-
'Orchids for Everyone' - A practical guide to the home cultivation of over 200 of the world's most beautiful varieties. Authors: Brian Williams, Ray Bilton, Keith Andrew, Wilma Rittershausen and others.
'Home Orchid Growing' - Author Rebecca Northern
'The Private Lives of Orchids' - Author Hilda Simon.

The sharing of knowledge with a fellow member. Lewis and Rosalie Moore were awarded a Cultural Certificate for the plant Den. Bardo Rose. We are grateful to them for the following comments:

Dendrobium 'Bardo Rose' is a man made hybrid, crossing Den falcorostrum x Den kingianum. It was first registered in 1961 by Overall.

They comment:- We purchased our plant in 1979, it was then in a 7" plastic pot. We repotted it into a 8" pot in our cymbidium mix, 3 pts by volume graded pine bark (which had been treated with blood and bone) one part by volume peatmoss, a little shell grit and a similar amount of blood and bone (a pelletised form of B & B and being a slow release fertilizer) and this year we will again repot in the next size pot. The plant is grown in our cymbidium shadehouse. On the roof we have 80% black sarlon and on the walls 40% green elderardo cloth and the plant is on a bench 15" above the ground. It receives no special attention - when the cymms are fertilized with either a fish emulsion or nitrosol foliar feed, it also receives its share. However, during the summer we do ensure that it is kept moist, receiving thorough waterings where possible with rain water at least three times a week and during the day receiving frequent overhead spraying to ensure that the foliage does not dehydrate. Last year we believe the sudden weather change from a cold wet winter to a week of comparatively warm sunny days, induced the plant to open more uniformly than usual. It flowered with 47 spikes and approximately 480 individual flowers. The spikes all flowered together and held the flowers upright above the foliage, as in other years. Congratulations Ros^alie and Lewis and thank you for sharing your experience.

Knowledge given out at Club Meetings At the Novr 1981 meeting Harry Lambert had this to say on Cymbidium culture:-

Late February to mid-May:- Use a balanced fertilizer. Use snail bait-Baysol or similar. Feed with iron cheleats. Spray three times five days apart with insecticide. Make compost neutral ph.

BY paying close attention to the growing conditions of successful plants

When you attend a Club meeting pay particular attention to the manner in which those plants which have been successful have been grown. The size of the pot - the type of compost used - and in particular pay attention to the comments of the judge when he gives his commentary. He will invariably touch on these points together with the origin of the genus which will in turn give a lead to the desired climatic conditions.