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Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday November 13th. at the R.S.L. Hall, Morphett Vale at 8 p.m.

We will have a display, talk and slides shown by Barry Modra from Modra Glasshouses. Also, Ted Work will give a talk on the growing of Cymbidiums. Our judge for the night will be selected by the Judging panel.

At our last meeting, Mr. Bernie Hansen gave us a very interesting talk on growing cymbidiums etc. This was mainly for our newer members, but I am sure it was of great interest to everyone. Unfortunately Mr. Mick Chenoweth was unable to be present and we had to rely on Bernie to fill in for him, and also to do the judging. We are fortunate to have someone like Bernie to call on at any time.

Slides were presented by Mr. Sid Poole, taken on his recent trip to Port Moresby. These tend to make us all very envious.

The results of last month's exhibits are as follows:-

OPEN SECTION

Cymbidium	Marion Lenfesty "Enfield"	Mick Ryan	3 pts.
	Buddah "Kahimna"	C. Chenoweth	2 pts.
	Fairywand x Paracel "Malba"	B. Hansen	1 pt.
Cattleya	B.C. The Globe "Simon Gay"	W. Harris	3 pts.
	Dia Cattleya	N. Packhard	2 pts.
	B.C. Albania x B. digbyane	W. Harris	1 pt.
Paphiopedilum	Rosy Dawn "Sunset"	W. Harris	3 pts.
	John Henry	B. Hansen	2 pts.
	Harrisianum "Balls Var."	B. Hansen	1 pt.
Aus. Natives.	Den Kingianum	Mr. & Mrs. L. Poole	3 pts.
	Sare Cecelize	Mr. W. Harris	2 pts.

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Phalaenopsis	Charles Shaffer Aristocrat x Palm Beach	Mr. & Mrs. L. Poole 3 pts. Mr. & Mrs. L. Poole 2 pts.
Species	Den. ARACHNITES Biffrenaria 'harrisoiae'	W. Harris 3 pts. W. Harris 2 pts.
Misc. Genera	C.FORBESii x Epi.RANDii L.C. Stella Crocher Epiphronitis Vietchii	W. Harris 3 pts. W. Harris 2 pts. B. Hansen 1 pt.

NOVICE SECTION

Cymbidium	San Francisco "Meadow Mist" Prince Charles Spice Islands	R. Styles 3 pts L. Carr 2 pts J Tregenza 1 pt.
Cattleya	S.L.C. Jewel Box	J. Tregenza 3 pts.
Paphiopedilum	SANACEN	L. Carr 3 pts.
Species	Den. FORMOSUM 1 st Cym MADIDUM 3 rd Sarcochilus Fitzgeraldi 2 nd	J. Tregenza 3 pts. M. Donhardt 1 1/2 pts. M. Donhardt 2 pts.

POPULAR VOTES

Orchids	Not given	
Indoor Plants	Hippeastrum Anthurium Croton	N. Packhard Wes Harris Wes. Harris

It was good to see a few indoor plants shown as well as the Orchids, and I hope you will keep this up.

Up to now we have relied upon the integrity of members to exhibit in the correct classes. All members should be conversant with the Club's constitution and bye-laws, a copy of which can be read at the meetings. Owing to the alterations that will be coming into force, newer members may not yet have copies. We hope that by the beginning of the next financial year, to have a list compiled, stating the classes in which each member should exhibit in. For the present, any queries should be discussed with Mr. Keith Shaw, the Show Marshal.

We had a most enjoyable night at the Marion Hotel on October 20th. The manageress, and some of the hotel staff and patrons were very thrilled with their orchid corsages and I am sure it was a very good advertisement for our Club. Will any members who have not yet paid the full amount for the dinner, please do so at the next meeting.

It is getting very close to Christmas, and as usual, our December meeting will be a Christmas party. This will be full of surprises for everyone, and we ask you all to bring along a gift to the value of 50c. More details will be given in the next bulletin. The prizes won at the Marion show, yearly aggregate prizes etc. will all be presented at the December meeting.

The list of prizewinners at the Marion Spring Show is enclosed with this bulletin, also a list of lottery prizewinners.

LIBRARY

You are reminded that library books should be returned as soon as possible, to give others a chance to read them. Our new members should note that we have a very good selection of books in the library. These are free for one month, but a 10c. fine is imposed after the first month.

THIS MONTH'S SELECTION

Overheard in a bus: "I unsterstand your boy friend graduates from Law School in June. I suppose you will be getting married then?"

"Oh, no. Not right away. I want him to practice for at least a year first".

CULTURAL NOTES

JUST 'STARTIN' ? by Bernie Hansen

Well, besides Orchids you will need a few Odds and Ends, so I will start by listing the tools and materials needed to do the necessary things Cymbidium Orchids require.

Tools:- Secateurs, pocket knife, Carving knife.

Pots:- 100 m.m., 140 m.m., 9 pt. buckets, 12" tubs or bigger.

Compost or growing Media.

Firstly decide what you intend to grow your Cymbidiums in, if you decide on a Humus type mix, go and see a Commercial or private grower who not only grows their Orchids in this type of mix, but who grows them well.

If on the other hand you decide to use an inert mixture like mine, made of Peat Moss, Rice husks, Isolite and Shellgrit, you will have a long lasting mix, but on the other hand you will have to fertilize regularly to obtain maximum growth.

Cymbidiums require 3 main Items in roughly the right proportions and one way of growing is no better than any other way, regardless of what you are told. So remember, do not be misled, be guided by your own common sense.

Firstly Cymbidiums need Light (strong), Water (sensibly), Fertilizer (in one form or another). Note - All these are Firstlies, they all need one another to break them down.

Light - Strong light to the point of the leaves being an even lime green (Not dark lush green) is necessary, the recommended shade for South Australia being 52% Sarlon shade cloth or if grown under a slatted roof such as venetian blind slats, these woven through Galvanised steel mesh so that you have say a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " slat and a 3" gap, this gives approximately 60% light varying to the angle of the sun naturally.

Brush roofs are also used and are equally as good as any other type of housing structure.

Mr. Merv. Dunn at Valley Orchids advocates his Ritelite glasshouses for all year growing, so you see you have quite a range of growing structures to choose from, there is one to suit your pocket.

Speaking from my experience in growing Cymbidiums, I water from a tank which holds approximately 186 galls. of water to which I add 1 lb. of Peters 18-18-18 Fertilizer (Normal strength is 1 lb. per 50 gals.) so as you can see, it is fairly weak, but from October through to April I hardly ever miss a week. I run plenty of water into the pots so that the excess can dissolve any accumulated slats and flush out. This is the only actual hand water the plants get each week even in the hottest of weather. As a supplement I have overhead sprinklers fitted which if left on for 10 minutes or so, dampen the whole area and plants plus moisturising the top 1" or so of compost.

The area in which you grow your Orchids need be to no pattern. I have seen equal results where growers have used Cinders 6" deep, Sawdust, gravel and benches. Benches make it very easy to keep the area weedfree, as you can poison the ground. Personally I use gravel.

Keep the area free of snails etc. Q.U.E Bane slug and snail snuffer or Baysol - Defender, whatever you wish, an occasional sprinkling is all that is necessary. For the other wogs, Red spider is the only one that rears it's ugly head. I can only recommend that you keep a careful watch on your plants, checking the underside of the leaves. If you use a magnifying glass you will be able to see them quite clearly. Any spray that is recommended sprayed at intervals as suggested by the Manufacturer, should clear them up. Hot dry conditions are a breeding ground, so keep the area damp and this will be a good deterrent.

As far as buying plants go, I can only recommend from experience what I would do if I was starting all over again.

You want to have 6 to 10 nice size flowering plants at a reasonable price, these will flower and keep your interest up while you are waiting for smaller divisions, seedlings or mericlones to flower.

I would buy top quality seedlings of a good size even though they may cost an extra \$1.50 they will be much easier for a novice to handle. I would also buy Mericlones of the most outstanding varieties so that after 4 or 5 years you would have top show-bench and export quality Orchid flowering plus back bulbs of good flowering types. Also you want early and late flowering varieties so as to extend your flowering period from June to November.

Seedlings are small plants derived from crossing two plants (of superior form or attributes I hope) and raising the progeny. Some crosses are made in the hope of getting large show-bench flowers and often from these crossings we get plants that have 10 to 12 flowers per stem, but as in all crosses you can get some real rabbits. Commercial growers also raise crossings hoping for good Export type clones, these can vary from pale shades to dark colours with say 8 flowers per stem up to 20 florets depending on the parents used. It is no good saying this cross is better than that cross as it all depends on the

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market you are supplying but the things all these plants should have, is the ability to produce plenty of spikes, grow easy, and have flowers with good keeping qualities.

Mericlones:- I will not delve into the process of this method other than to say that a Mericlone looks like a seedling but it will flower identical to the parent. Mericlones can cost from \$3.50 to \$20.00 each where as seedlings usually sell from \$2.00 to \$3.00 when the plant has reached approximately 12" in leaf length.

Normal prices of divisions vary in accordance with the quality of the plants. Back bulbs are priced similarly with cheap varieties selling from about \$1.00 upwards.

Normally if a division of a plant i.e. a green bulb and growth, cost \$40.00, a back bulb with a shoot of the same clone would cost about \$10.00 or a quarter of the price.

When buying a back bulb make sure it has a good growth, never buy an unstruck back bulb, not all back bulbs will shoot.

More knowledge will be gained as you meet and see growers produce their plants at the monthly competitions. Get around to various collections and see how people grow their plants, this is the way to learn and worth more than 100 books on culture. All commercial growers are only too happy to set you on the right path as this means business to them, but do have a look around until you find a way that is suitable to your pocket and area, and I hope you get as much enjoyment out of growing Orchids as I do.

Bernie Hansen.

We suggest that any of our novice growers who are interested in the management and growing of Cymbidiums under Sarlon, should make arrangements to visit Mr. Ross Gowling Ph.276 2470, who is quite willing to give anyone help and advice. Do not be afraid to ask for advice at our club meetings, we have members growing Cymbidiums in various ways, and they are all willing to help you.

LOTTERY WINNERS

1st. No.2106	Mrs.K Eitzen, Reynella.	Young's Shadehouse & Orchids
2nd. No.922	Mrs. B. McMahon, Glenelg	Redwood Garden Setting
3rd. No.2576	L.G. Hume, Marleston.	Sanyo radio
4th. No.3351	Sue Irvine, Warradale.	Lloyds gift Voucher
5th. No.2410	P. Newton, Reynella.	Adelaide Wallaroo Fertilizers
6th. No.1065	P.R.A.Millis, Seacliff Park.	C.C. Records
7th. No3240	J Hembrow, Brooklyn Park.	12 bots.St. Hallets Wines
8th. No.319	Andrew Garrett, Thorngate.	Dinner for two (Olde Kings)
9th. No.1770	H.W. Nash, Happy Valley.	Ideal Toys.
10th.No.148	K.T. Rowe, Ascot Park.	Schwarzkopf Hair Products
11th.No.1572	G. Chenoweth, Morphett Vale.	Portrait from Graham Studios
12th.No.542	H. Millis, Oaklands Park.	Dinner for two (Claridges)

SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB 1973 SPRING SHOW PRIZE WINNERS

GRAND CHAMPION BLOOM OF FESTIVAL	\$100	Bernlo Orchids
<u>COMMERCIAL SECTION</u>		
Best Display for public appeal	1st. \$150	Bernlo Orchids
	2nd. \$50	Johnston Orchids
	3rd. \$25	Adelaide Orchids
	All Others \$10	Valley Orchids
Champion Commercial Bloom	\$20	Bernlo Orchids
Best Cattleya	\$10	Johnston Orchids
Best Paphiopedilum	\$10	Adelaide Orchids
Best Export Cymbidium	\$10	Bernlo Orchids
Best Decorative Cymbidium	\$10	Johnston Orchids
Best Novelty Cymbidium	\$10	Adelaide Orchids
Best Miniature Cymbidium	\$10	Adelaide Orchids
Best Dendrobium	\$10	Johnston Orchids
Best Australian Native	\$10	Bernlo Orchids
Best Orchid any genus not classified	\$10	Johnston Orchids
Best Seedling Cymbidium	\$10	Bernlo Orchids
<u>OPEN SECTION</u>		
Best Display for Public Appeal	\$20	R.Gowling & W. Gray
Champion open bloom	\$50	E Work
Champion Cymbidium	\$10	E Work
Best Seedling Cymbidium	\$10	R. Gowling
Best Specimen Cymbidium	\$10	R. Gowling
Best Export Cymbidium	\$10	R. Gowling
Best Decorative Cymbidium	\$10	P. Speer
Best White shade Cymbidium	\$10	E. Work
Best Red Shade Cymbidium	\$10	E. Work
Best Pink Shade Cymbidium	\$10	C. Chenoweth
Best Yellow shade Cymbidium	\$10	L.H. & C.G. Poole
Best Green shade Cymbidium	\$10	E. Work
Best any other colour Cymbidium	\$10	J.& A. Hoffner
Best miniature Cymbidium	\$10	E. Work
Best Novelty Cymbidium	\$10	R. Gowling
Best Cattleya Orchid	\$10	W. Harris
Best Paphiopedilum	\$10	W. Harris
Best Dendrobium	\$10	L.H. & C.G. Poole
Best Species (Other than Aus. native)	\$10	W. Harris
Best Australian Native	\$10	G. Harvey
Best Misc. (Not elsewhere classified)	\$10	L.H. & C.G. Poole
<u>NOVICE SECTION</u>		
Best Display for Public appeal	\$20	H.Nash,R.Styles,& L.Carr
Champion Novice bloom	\$50	W. Gray
Champion Cymbidium	\$10	W. Gray
Best Seedling Cymbidium	\$10	R. Styles
Best Specimen Cymbidium	\$10	P. Summers
Best Export Cymbidium	\$10	W. Gray
Best Decorative Cymbidium	\$10	P. Summers
Best White shade Cymbidium	\$10	R. Styles
Best Red Shade Cymbidium	\$10	P. Summers
Best Oink shade Cymbidium	\$10	W. Gray
Best Yellow shade Cymbidium	\$10	W. Gray
Best Green shade Cymbidium	\$10	W. Gray
Best any other colour Cymbidium	\$10	W. Gray
Best Miniature Cymbidium	\$10	P. Summers
Nest Novelty Cymbidium	\$10	D. Lang
Best Cattleya	\$10	J. Tregenza
Best Paphiopedilum	\$10	L. Carr
Best Dendrobium	\$10	J. Tregenza
Best Species (Other than an Aus. Native)	\$10	H. Nash
Best Australian Native	\$10	M. Donhardt
<u>FLORAL ART</u>		
1st prize	\$20	Mrs. J. Carson
2nd prize	\$15	Mrs. L. Poole
3rd. prize	\$10	Mrs. D. Grave
4th. prize	\$5	Mrs. J. Carson
5th. prize	\$5	Mrs. D. Grave
6th. prize	\$5	Mrs. D. Grave