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**PLEASE NOTE 1986 SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE  
NOW DUE :- SINGLE \$9.00 & Couples \$12.00;**

**NON PAYMENT BY THE APRIL MEETING MEANS NO FURTHER GAZETTES.**

**NEXT MEETING - 11th MARCH 1986**

*The next cultural meeting will be held at the Lutheran Church  
Hall, Windsong Court, Christies Downs on Tuesday 11th March 1986  
Benching to be completed by 7.45 pm.  
Please remember to bring a plate of supper.*

**Feature for March**

*Bob Nicolle will give a resume, illustrated with slides  
of his recent visit to the leading growers of orchids in  
Japan. The programme covers the main genera including  
Cymbidiums, Cattleyas and paphiopedilums.*

*Bob is the well known commercial grower from  
"Valley Orchids"*

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: -**

March 11th - Next Cultural Meeting

March 11th - 16th Garden Week

International Orchid Show, Blooms from at least  
10 countries, to be held at the Wayville Show Grounds.  
Garden Week is to be opened Her Majesty The Queen

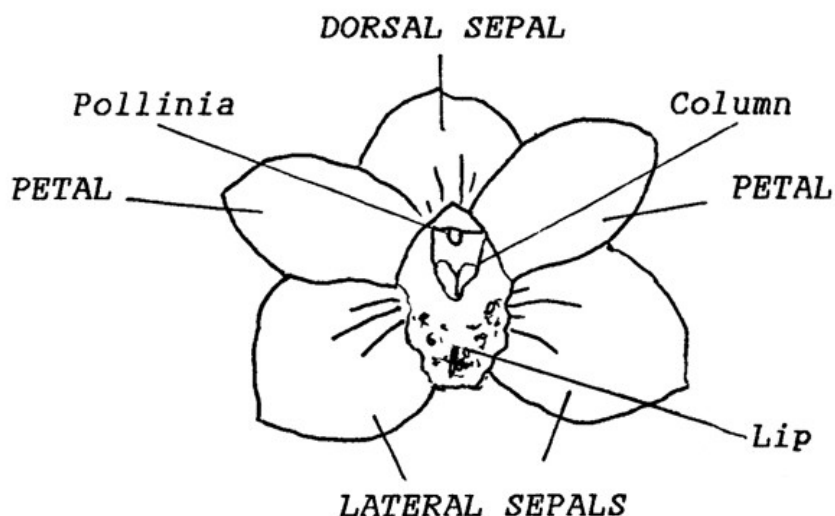
April 8th - April Cultural Meeting, programme to be arranged.

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If any member has an particular subject that he would like to have as a  
feature for a cultural meeting or has a speaker that could be of interest  
to our members then please do not hesitate to let one of the Committee  
know and every endeavour will be made to carry out the request.

This simple diagram of a cymbidium flower showing the parts of the flower may assist you pick up points that may have been meaningless as the Judges have given their commentaries at the monthly cultural meetings.

Most orchid flowers although being of different shape have identical segment arrangement.



Have a look at your own flowers and I am sure that you will be able to identify the separate components of the flower.

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#### SEASON HINTS FOR GROWING CATTLEYA ALLANCE

by Kel Staples

As autumn conditions now prevail, the new growths on cattleya and cattleya alliance plants are in many cases nearing maturity, or growing rapidly, flower sheaths are showing or in some cases buds without sheaths.

Several points need consideration :-

1. Watering, with decreasing temperatures generally less water is required, however do not let the plants dry out at this stage, once a week watering is all that is required.
2. If heat is used then watering will be needed more often, as artificial heat tends to dry, particularly if humidity levels are allowed to drop.

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#### TIPS FOR CULTURE OF AUS. EPIPHYTIC ORCHIDS OFR MONTH OF MARCH Reg Shooter

Continue the watering with occasional weak fertilizer, misting in the evenings when forecast is for hot nights this helps to create a humid atmosphere around the plants during the night when transpiration is taking place. As new growths lengthen before they harden train them in the direction you wish them to go, slowly does it. Insert a stake with a loose tie around it, tighten it a little each day until the growth is growing in the direction required.

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#### TIPS FOR CYMBIDIUM CULTURE FOR MONTH OF MARCH :

1. Look out for "Spikes" they're fragile.
2. Heavy Watering as required to keep up the humidity
3. Maintain adequate shade so as to prevent sunburn
- 4.5. Foliar spray weekly with a more even NPK ratio fertilizer, such as 'blossom booster'
6. Pot on seedlings as necessary.

The eye-catching, electric blue, Vanda Seipa, grown by John Nicholls was judged best Orchid Open Division and Registrar's choice at the February cultural meeting.

Cymbidium breeders for years have been striving for blue coloured cymbidiums, with no success to date, but blue Vandas are quite common. There are two blue Vanda species in particular that have been used extensively in breeding, and have influenced the colour of their progeny greatly, they are V. coerulea and V. coerulescens. There are more than seventy species of Vanda, and because of the extensive hybridising of the genus, both interspecific and multigeneric, they make up one of the largest groups of cultivated orchids.

The vast majority of the species Vanda are strap-leaves, only four of the species having terete (rounded) leaves. Most of the strap-leaved Vandas may be grown successfully with cattleyas, as they require the same intermediate temperatures.

Culture is relatively simple, and if the necessary conditions are supplied plants may flower more than once annually. As long as compost is free drainage and open, a variety of materials may be used. Large bark pieces cracked brick, vermiculite or scoria are some of the media used. Plants may be grown either in pots or baskets, the most important element is light. Vandas to grow and flower properly, require strong light, and though the leaves may look rather yellowy under such conditions, the plants will flower more easily than if allowed to be shaded and green.

Vandas require plenty of fresh air, very high humidity, and copious amounts of water (adequate drainage is very important). Care should be taken not to allow water to collect in leaf axil as this could cause rotting.

They grow throughout the year, so unlike dendrobiums they do not require a rest period. When obtaining plants, it would be wise to procure those with the species V. coerulea, V. amesiana, or V. kimballiana in their parentage, as these species originate from very high altitudes and therefore should grow well here in South Australia.

Liberal and frequent applications of fertilizer are essential for good vegetative growth, and successful flowering.

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Vanda . An epiphytic genus of seventy species extending from China and the Himalayas to New Guinea and northern Australia. Plants vary in form and flower, having strap-shaped or cylindrical leaves and long lasting flat-faced blooms. Hundreds of hybrids have been made within the genus.

Vandas are of monopodial habit, i.e. continues to grow from its terminal buds from season to season, thus there is only one vegetative shoot.

Vanda was first described by Jones in 1795, the name being derived from the Sankrit for epiphyte.

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MONTHLY COMPETITION

February 1986

OPEN DIVISION

Aus Native Epi	Den Hilda Poxon	L & R Moore	3
	Cym madidum	L & R Moore	2
Cattleyas	C Summer Star X C forbesii	K H Northcote	3
	C Intermediette X C Chocolate Drop	L & R Moore	2
	Bc Praetis X Lc Adelaide Watinan	L & R Moore	1
Miscellaneous	Vanda Seipia	John Nicholls	3
	Den John Gunther	John Nicholls	2
	Den Dalvey Ursula X Den johannis	John Nicholls	1
Phalaenopsis	Puerto Princesa	K H Northcote	3
Novelty Paph	St Swithin 'Superb'	Adelaide Orchids	3
	Bernice 'High Rider'	Adelaide Orchids	2
Species	Disa uniflora	Mr & Mrs Pollitt	3
	Aerides falcata var houlettiana	John Nicholls	2
	Neobenthania gracilis	John Nicholls	1

Division Flower of Month:- Vanda Seipia

John Nicholls

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FIRST DIVISION

Aus Native Epi	Sarco ceciliae	W & M Vaughan	3
Cattleyas	C harrisoniae X C guttata	L Chambers	3
	C Summer Star X C forbesii	H & B Viney	2
	C Heathii X C Mary Turner	Mr & Mrs Goodall	1
Miscellaneous	Epi Red	V Rodgers	3
	Epi Boundii	H & B Viney	2
	Z John Banks 'Purple Lips'	M Weston	1
Species Paph	Paph barbatum 'Select'	L Chambers	3
Species	Encyclia radiata	A R & M J Moffatt	3

Division Flower of Month:- Den Impact

Mr &amp; Mrs R Goodall

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SECOND DIVISION

Aus Native Epi	Liparis coelogynoides	M & R van der Wilk	3
	Pomatcalpa macphersonii	J McGrath	2
	Sarco ceciliae	M & R van der wilk	1
Aus Native Ter	Calanthe triplicata	J McGrath	3
Mini Cym	Minuet	M & S Steele	3
Cattleyas	C Summer Star X forbesii	M & S Steele	3
Miscellaneous	Epi Red	M J Tiggerman	3
	Wils Salgrin 'Royal Red'	M & S Steele	2
Novelty Paph	chamberlainianum 'Primulinum' X delenatii	W Farquhar	3
Species Paph	godfroye	w Farquhar	3
	callosum	W Farquhar	2
Species	Renanthera monachica	W Farquhar	3

DIVISION FLOWER of Month:- Renanthera monachica

W Farquhar

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Registrar's Choice of Month Vanda Seipia

John Nicholls