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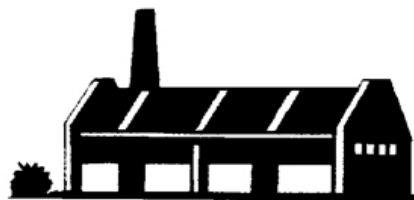


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**Next Meeting will be on Tuesday 11th March 1997, at Calvary Lutheran Church,
Windsong Crt, Morphett Vale. Benching of plants to be completed by 7-45.**

Supper will be provided at the close of the Meeting.

Guest Speaker will be Mrs Heather Fishlock whose topic will be 'Cattleyas'.



Anyone willing to help set-up please be at the Hall by 7pm.

**The Daytime Group will meet at 2pm. Thursday 13th March 1997 at South
Brighton Community Hall, Dover Square Reserve, Broadway, South Brighton.
Mr Gordon Brooks will address the Meeting on Standard Cymbidium Orchids.**

DAYTIME GROUP

Lesley Fenton and Jane Higgs are the 1997 Convenors of the Daytime Group. Lesley 'held the fort' at the February Meeting.

Keith Northcote was the Guest Speaker for the afternoon and enlightened us on the growing of Cymbidiums. Many of us were most interested in how Keith helped his plants to cope with the very hot weather we had been experiencing.

The bench was graced by several plants we don't often see including a rather large *Encyclia alata* and a nice *Ctna*. Lavender Maid .

It was great to see so many at the Meeting.

CORRECTION

The dates for the Autumn Show in last months Gazette should have read '**14th to the 17th May**' at Colonnades.

There will be a trophy awarded to the Best Cattleya in the Show.

There will be a Dinner prior to the May meeting at the cost of \$6 per head.

NEW MEMBERS

It is with pleasure that we welcome to the Club :-

Betty Dobson from Fulham

Eric Eager from Glengowrie

Darryl Smith from Hackham West

Peter Jury from Hackham West

and Geoff and Lucy Spear from Happy Valley.

Happy Orchid Growing.

MILLICENT TRIP

Anyone interested in going to Millicent and surrounding area on the 7th, 8th and 9th of June (the long weekend) please advise Lesley Fenton on 82934307 as soon as possible. The weekend will be 'action packed' if arrangements already in place are any indication. A visit to Altmann's Warrnambool Orchids is also planned.

Cost will be approximately \$185 a head for bed, breakfast and bus.

JUDGES

Anyone interested in joining a Judges Course with Orchid Club of South Australia please ring Roger Rankin on 82509437 for details.

ARTICLES

If you have any tips or hints on Orchid growing, or other news, that you would like to share with other members **please** let me know. I am always looking for articles for the Gazette.

Helen Edwards
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COMMITTEE

Thank you to members who volunteered for Committee. I am pleased to report that most positions are filled.

The Australian Orchid Council (AOC), which consists of the six member states plus the Northern Territory, issues awards to plants that reach the standard laid down by the Council.

Awards can be granted in a number of categories:-

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| First Class Certificate | FCC |
| Award of Merit | AM |
| Highly Commended Certificate | HCC |
| Award of Distinction | AD |
| Award of Cultural Commendation | ACC |
| Certificate of Botanical Merit | CBM. |

The first three of these awards are sometimes called 'Quality Awards', recognising that certain standards have been met so far as shape and colour of the awarded plant are concerned. Certain standards are prescribed and points allocated by the judges on the panel according to those standards. Resulting from the AGM of the Australian Orchid Council held last October changes have been made to the system of judging for awards.

The plants will be judged 'BY APPRECIATION'. This is how species and hybrids, not fitting the standards, have been judged in the past. This will now apply to all award judging. To maintain a consistency throughout Australia a new handbook will be produced. Our next Registrars' Meeting scheduled for March will have a huge task before it to get this in place.

The Award of Distinction is granted to a plant that exhibits some distinctive feature or features, such as colour, floriferousness, or some uniqueness not previously seen in the genus. As a rule the flowers should also have a respectable shape, but this is not a criterion for the award.

The Award of Cultural Commendation is, as the name implies, granted for excellence of culture, with corresponding floriferousness. The owner of such a plant must supply, in writing, details of the culture used for the previous two years and to have owned the plant for a minimum of two years.

The Certificate of Botanical Merit is given to species that are new to cultivation and considered to be rare or difficult to grow. It can be used as a bench-mark for future awards for this species.

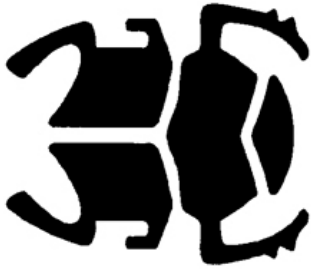
A fee is fixed by the AOC for the processing of the Award - at the present it is \$25. The requirements of the grower are that they provide a set of slides of the awarded flower/flowers/plant as the handbook states and fill in the application form. Details of the procedure can be obtained from the State Registrar, Roger Rankin (Orchid Club of South Australia).

As a rule there are approximately 180 plants awarded Australia-wide each year. From these awarded plants are selected the State 'best' in three categories -

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NATRASOAP INSECTICIDAL SOAPSPRAY

Natrasoap is part of the new generation of agriculture products. Soaps as they are known, (potassium salts of fatty acids of vegetable oils), have been used for many years. Research can be found as far back as 1927. Only recently though, has technology been able to develop “the next generation” of insecticidal products that can give high efficacy and cost effectiveness.



WHAT WILL IT CONTROL ?

Natrasoap is effective against most soft shelled insects including :- Aphids, Whitefly, Mites, Leafhopper, Thrips, Mealy bugs, Fungus Gnats, and Scales.



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Natrasoap can be used on :-

Fruit trees, vegetables, annuals, nut trees, ornamentals, indoor plants and hot house plants.

BENEFITS

Cost effective, soft on the environment, safe to bees and other pollinators, safe to birds and fish, safe to humans, completely bio-degradable, no build up of resistance, no withholding period, no re-entry period problems, one product can be used on a wide range of plants, no phytotoxicity effect, no evaporation problems.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Add Natrasoap to water at label rate and mix well.

Complete coverage of the target is necessary.

Apply to point of run-off.

Re apply 5-7 days later or as necessary.

Do not apply with other chemicals unless a compatibility test is done.

For more information talk to your local dealer : Carr and Nelson phone 8362 - 4549.

**I have not tried this product but saw this advertisement when ‘snooping’.
Editor.**

**AUSTRALIAN ORCHID
FOUNDATION
SEED DONATION**

The Australian Orchid Foundation Seed Bank is urgently seeking donation of fresh orchid seed for distribution.

Pollinate your species flowers now.

General notes:

Type of Seed

Outcrossing (two different plants of same species) is preferred as it is more likely to be viable. However, selfing (same flower) or sibling (different flowers off same plant) is acceptable and better than no seed at all.

Green pod

Approximately 2/3 of maturity time. Pods must be sent packed in damp sphagnum moss in a plastic bag to prevent dehydration.

Dry seed

Pods to be picked at splitting time. In general, prior to splitting pods change colour from green to yellow. If necessary place paper bag over pod to catch dispersing seed. Send seed only in paper envelopes.

Posting

All seed, i.e. green pod or dry seed must be posted in a crush proof container, e.g. Australia Post box or a slide box. Bubble wrap and padded bags give inadequate protection. crushing and killing of seed in the post has been a major cause of seed not being viable in the past. If possi

ble, advise Seed Bank Co-ordinator Andrew Paget in advance if sending green pods.

Credit points

The A.O.F. is now issuing credit points for viable seed or protocorms donated, for those who wish, enabling donors to receive free seed or protocorms in return and hopefully encouraging more people to participate. Please indicate if you want credit points.

Send seed with Name of Species, Date of Pollination, Date of harvest, Type of seed e.g. outcross to :-

A.O.F. Seed and Protocorm Bank
Andrew Paget PO Box 119
Mirboo North
Victoria 3871
Phone/Fax 056681650

All batches of seed will be checked for their ability to germinate when received to ensure that only viable seed is distributed. Donations of seed will be acknowledged and viable seed advised.

Further information on the Seed and Protocorm Bank is available from the A.O.F.,
107 Roberts Street,
Essendon
Victoria 3040
or from Andrew Paget

1. Hybrid
2. Species
3. AD.

Hybrid, Species and AD for that particular year. A high honour indeed and one which many strive for - a true recognition of the quality of the plants awarded by the AOC.

From these 'best' are selected, by all the AOC judges, the AOC Australian Best

MONTHLY FLORAL COMPETITION RESULTS

SECOND DIVISION

| | | | |
|------------------------|--|-----------------|---|
| Novelty Cattleya | Unknown | H. Herrman | 3 |
| | Lc. Kauii Starbright x c. Thospol x Epc. | H. Herrman | 2 |
| | C. Summer Stars x <i>forbesii</i> | N. Gitsham | 1 |
| Dendrobium | Betty Ho 'Salenea' | J. & P. Beasley | 3 |
| Miscellaneous | Epi. Red | N. Gitsham | 3 |
| | Epi. Lilac Queen | N. Gitsham | 2 |
| | Epi. Red | N. Gitsham | 1 |
| Phalaenopsis | Phal. Chih Shang's Stripes | H. Herrman | 3 |
| Odnt/Oncidium Alliance | Miltonidium Rosa Ballerina | G. & M. Voskamp | 3 |
| | Milt. Yvonne | J. & P. Beasley | 2 |
| Vanda | T.M.A. | J. & P. Beasley | 3 |

FLOWER OF THE DIVISION:
***Phalaenopsis Chih Shang's Stripe* grown by Helmut Herrman**

FIRST DIVISION

| | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---|
| Aust.Nat.Epi:Species | <i>Sarco. ceciliae</i> | M. Cunningham | 3 |
| Std. Cattleya | C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'The Virgin' | D.& I. Attenborough | 3 |
| Miscellaneous | Angcm. Longiscott 'Hihimanu' | J. & B. Gay | 3 |
| Species Paphiopedilum | <i>sublaeve</i> | R. & I. Parish | 3 |
| Species | <i>Gongora galleata</i> | R. & I. Parish | 3 |
| Zygopetalum | Agwa. x Z. Perrenoudii | D. & J. Higgs | 3 |

FLOWER OF THE DIVISION:

Cattleya Hawaiian Wedding Song 'The Virgin' grown by Denise & Ian Attenborough.

OPEN DIVISION

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| Aust.Nat.Epi:Species | <i>Den. prenticei</i> | M. Tiggeman | 3 |
| Aust.Nat.Epi:Hybrid | <i>Sarco. ceciliae x dilatatum</i> | B. Wyly | 3 |
| Inter. Cymbidium | Summer Pearl '811' | M. & R. Bray | 3 |
| Std. Cattleya | Blc. Toshie Aoki 'Pizazz' | R. & B. Wilson | 3 |
| Cluster Cattleya | C. Valentine Day 'Leanne' | A. DeIonno | 3 |
| | C. Valentine Day | C. Ameer | 2 |
| | C. Valentine Day 'Leanne' | A. DeIonno | 1 |
| Nov. Cattleya | <i>C. guttata x C. bicolor</i> | P. & G. Flavel | 3 |
| Nov. Cluster Cattleya | C. Chocolate Drop x Bl. Richard Mueller | C. Ameer | 3 |
| | Blc. Peach Cobbler x C. Interglossa | C. & H. Edwards | 2 |
| Cocktail Cattleya | Slc. Ken's Dream 'Dogashima' | B. Wyly | 3 |
| Other Laeliinae | Ctna. Lavender Maid | C. & H. Edwards | 3 |
| | Ctna. Why Not 'Super Nova' | B. Wyly | 2 |
| | Ctna. Tina | B. Wyly | 1 |
| Dendrobium | C.K. Ai 'Okai' | B. Wyly | 3 |
| | <i>strebloceras x dicuphum</i> | C. Ameer | 2 |
| Phalaenopsis | Dtps. Praslin x Phal. Zuma White Puff | M. & R. Bray | 3 |
| | Phal. Miva 'Golden Marie' | M. & R. Bray | 2 |
| Species | <i>Paphiopedilum primulinum</i> | B. Wyly | 3 |
| Species | <i>Enc. alata</i> 'Marion' | C. & H. Edwards | 3 |
| | <i>Gga. galeata</i> | B. Wyly | 2 |
| | <i>Cym. suavissimum</i> | G. Brooks | 1 |
| Vandaceous | Vanda Mevr. L. Velthius x Mulo Blue | R. & B. Anderson | 3 |
| Zygopetalum | Z. Helen Ku 'Hong Kong' | P. & G. Flavel | 3 |

FLOWER OF THE DIVISION:

Dendrobium C.K. Ai 'Okai' grown by Betty Wyly