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Sept. 10th. is the date for our next General Meeting at the R.S.L. Hall Morphett Vale, plants to be tabled at 7.45 p.m. and the meeting will commence at 8.00 p.m.

Mr. Geof. Adams will be giving us a tour by slides and comment of the N.S.W. Orchid Club's Winter Show, and also slides of Cymms that have been flowered inter-state, I am sure that this should be an excellent programme.

Mr. Dick Styles will be doing a potting demonstration which is very appropriate at this time of the year as early flowering Cymms. can now be divided.

Our monthly cultural advice from Mr. Syd Monkhouse will include last minute advice on presentation etc. of plants for our show at Marion.

NOTICE - Annual Dinner Deposits

All deposits of \$2.50 per head must be in at the September meeting. Full payment must be made at the October meeting. The price is \$5.85 per head, the venue - The Rex Hotel on October 18th.

Owing to the show we intend to delay the October meeting 1 week. Confirmation of this will be given at the September meeting and also printed in the October bulletin.

Moss gathering for the show is on Sunday September 15th. We will meet in front of the Morphett Vale Hotel at 10.00 a.m. Bring a picnic barbeque for lunch, also crates, newspaper and/or plastic etc., even if you are not putting in an exhibit we need your help and you can be assured of a good outing.

Transporting of Orchids to Show - Mr. Dick Styles is in charge of transport, anyone who requires transport to bring their orchids to the show, must contact Dick at the next meeting, or if you cannot get there, please write to Dick at 15, Hill St., Seacliff Park, 5049.

The Committee and members wish to welcome the following new members - Mr. & Mrs. Angas Fulston, and Mr. & Mrs. Ross Schlein.

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The Club is again putting in a display at the Orchid Club of S.A. Spring Orchid Festival, being held in the John Martin Auditorium from September 23rd-28th. Those willing to help are requested to contact Mr. Peter Summers at the next General meeting. We have been requested to be there with our plants and food at 11.00 a.m. Sunday September 22nd.

Club members who have good quality clean flowers that the Club can purchase for our spray bar at Marion, are asked to contact Mrs. Ellie Shaw, as the club is prepared to pay 15c. per bloom it is only fair that flowers supplied should be clean and fresh. Naturally the Club will be thankful for all donations.

Plants for sale at Marion are also needed, anyone who has plants in spike or plants that can be divided for the potting demonstrations or small well rooted divisions and back bulbs, are asked to contact Mr. Les. Poole. Again we will gratefully accept donations.

The Committee wishes to thank Mr. Bob Nicholle for repairing the Clubs amplifier, we should now be able to get much clearer music. We would also like to congratulate him on becoming a proud father once again.

The main part of our Final show schedule for our spring show at the Marion Shopping Centre has not been altered, and will stand as shown in the list given last month. The Ladies section is the only part that has been altered, and now stands as follows:-

All arrangements to stay for the duration of the show (From Sunday to Saturday)

<u>FLORAL ART</u>	1st. \$20	2nd. \$12	3rd. \$8	4th. \$6	5th. \$4
<u>SHOULDER SPRAY</u>	\$10	\$7	\$5	\$3	
<u>POSIE NATURAL</u>	\$10	\$7	\$5	\$3	
<u>ARRANGEMENT</u> of One Orchid flower with any <u>live</u> foliage.	\$10	\$7	\$5	\$3	

Judging for the above sections will start at 9.00 a.m. Sunday October 6th.

Tagging of plants to signify sections for judging will be as follows:-

Plants in OPEN Sections - NO TAGS

SEEDLINGS in OPEN Section will be tagged with a yellow ribbon.

Plants for NOVICES will be tagged with a PINK Ribbon

SEEDLINGS in the NOVICE Section will be tagged with a YELLOW and a PINK ribbon

If a NOVICE grower exhibits on his own, a card stating NOVICE will be placed in the front of the exhibit and then he will only have to tag seedlings.

Growers exhibiting in the Commercial Display Section will be given a card to denote same.

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The Clubs By-Laws pertaining to shows will be followed, should there be any queries, a copy will be available at the show. An amended copy of our by-laws was sent out in September 1973, and in our bulletin of February 1974 you will find some amendments made at that time, on P.1 and 2.

Included with the bulletin is a raffle book, the Committee urges every member to do their best in selling these, remember the more financial the Club is, the better amenities can be afforded to the members. Please return all money, counterfoils or unsold tickets by show week at the latest.

The Club's Librarian Mrs. Ellie Shaw, has asked to remind members of outstanding library books, please return them as other members would like to read them.

Following on Ross Gowlings talk at the July meeting, Ross has written the following article for those members who wish to have a fling at raising a few seedlings from flask. I can assure you the experience is most rewarding, besides, it is a very inexpensive way of increasing your collection.

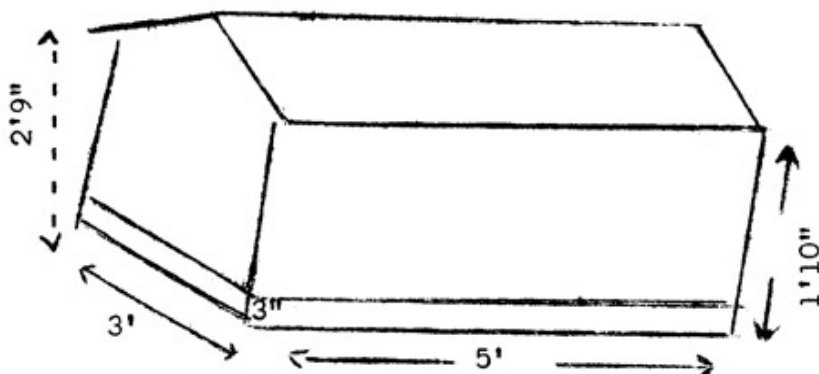
"Cymbidium Raising from Flask Onwards"

1. Potting Media: Equal parts of Isolite, peat moss, $\frac{1}{4}$ graded Vita-Bark, to which add 1 part shellgrit to 5 parts of the above mix. To dampen use 6 drops of Formula 20 to the gallon of rain water, using enough to make the mix crumbly. Prepare mix about a month beforehand and place in a plastic bag turning the bag each week.
2. Containers; 80m.m. Plastic pots, 3" to 4" leaf length, smaller ones in community pots.
3. Removal from Flasks: To remove plantlets from flask either break or remove with wire hook. To remove agar, place in a container of luke warm water to which add a little Benlate.
4. Spray in Tents: Place plantlets in Tent and give 3 sprayings of Neosporin Ophthalmic or Benlate Solution at 3 daily intervals, then once a week of Formula 20, 6 drops to the gallon. The leaves of the plantlets should be dry before closing the Tents. Approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ hour.
5. Feeding: After one month lightly water with a mixture of 1 teaspoon of Potash, 1 teaspoon of manganese to two gallons of water. A folio spray of Formular 20 each month for the next Five months should be all that is necessary (6 drops of Formula 20 to 1 gall. of rain water).
6. Potting On; After this period the plantlets should be advanced enough to be potted into 108 m.m. pots and then placed back in tents, a light feed and spray of Formula 20. 6 drops to the gallon each month.
7. Construction of Tents: The Tents should be constructed to allow the condensation to form on the Plastic sheeting. The pitch of the gabled roof must not be too steep otherwise the condensation will run, and if too flat it will drip on the plantlets. A series of $\frac{1}{4}$ " holes to be drilled in base of Trays to allow the Tents to breathe and drain. This also allows for aeration. Cover tray with $\frac{3}{8}$ " foam sheeting and $\frac{1}{2}$ " of shell grit over foam.

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8. The Tents: Place in a shaded, airy, position but at the same time to have plenty of light, but not direct Sunlight.

9. At no time spray or feed with organic fertilizer while in the tents.



Last Months Judging results

OPEN SECTION

Cymbidium	WARRINYA "POWDER PUFF"	R. Gowling	3 pts.
	HARRY B. IRELAND "SURPRISE"	H. Lambert	2 pts.
	JOYCE DUNCAN 'EDNA MAY'	C. Chenoweth	1 pt.
Cattleya	SLC. MOZAC	W. Harris	3 pts.
	BC. Mme HYE	W. Harris	2 pts.
	DC. CHASTITY 'GAYE'	W. Harris	1 pt.
Paphiopedilum	UNKNOWN	L. Poole	3 pts.
	HARRISIANUM "BALLS"	B. Hansen	2 pts.
	MOLKA HCC	L. Poole	1 pt.
Aus. Native	PTEROSTYLIS	L. Poole	3 pts.
Species	P. 'wolterianum' var. "SUZANNE LEAH"		
	A.D.	B. Hansen	3 pts.
	A. 'eburneum'	W. Harris	2 pts.
	A. 'sesquipedale'	W. Harris	1 pt.
Mini. Cyms.	LOIS GRAVES 'NAGANO'	D. Lang	3 pts.
	SARAH JEAN 'HACKHAM'	L. Poole	2 pts.
	PELLEAS "MORGANOR"	D. Lang	1 pt.

NOVICE SECTION

Cymbidium	RAMPUR X SIRIUS	R. Styles	3 pts.
	SHOWGIRL "MARION MILLER"	M. Klaveniek	2 pts.
	ISPAHAN "LINDFIELD"	D. Deal	1 pt.

POPULAR VOTE

Orchid	WARRINYA "POWDER PUFF"	Mr. & Mrs. Gowling
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As you can see, sometimes even the judge can be right, he picked WARRINYA "POWDER PUFF" too, but I will admit it was an easy choice, Ross's plant was well grown and flowered and I do not think it could have been bettered. WARRINYA is a crossing of Lustrous Betty and Balkis. Lustrous is a May-June flowerer with tall spikes of strong deep pink flowers. Balkis "Luath" if that is the variety of Balkis used, is a September blooming $\frac{1}{4}$ " Round white. Before the first of the seedlings of Warrinya flowered, there were evidently quite a few of them available in N.S.W. but after they started to flower, the potential of the cross was soon evident and within a very short space of time, they disappeared off the selling benches. Some of the good varieties that come to mind are as follows:- Warrinya "Kara Lee" pur glistening white easy to flower, one of the best. - Warrinya 'Parisienne', Pink. - Warrinya 'Rosea' very pretty deep pink. - Warrinya 'Fuschia', deep pink. - Warrinya 'Warricwood', deep pink. - Warrinya 'Paget', meaty white. - Warrinya 'Powder Puff'. The Warrinya nearly always flowers in August or late July under normal conditions.

The Angreancums that were tabled, these were the big strap leaf Vanda type plants, need heat. They hail from the Madagascan area, are reasonably easy to grow, but require a lot of room when they reach the adult plant stage. A 'sesquipedale' has the nickname of 'Star of Bethlehem', understandable when you look at the creamy white big star shaped flower with its long nectary growing up to 18" long some books say, the moth that has an 18" long proboscis that fertilizes this flower must have a real job landing unless it has a roller blind system on its nose. When you cross A. 'eburneum' with A. 'sequipedale' you get the hybrid A. Vietchii and these are the three main Angreacums grown here in S.A.

Doug Lang is having a lot of luck with his minis at present, but the other mini that is on the way will probably give him a merry dance when he tries to train it for show purposes.

Don't forget the trading table, any well struck backbulb or division, or flowering plants stand a chance of being sold if they are brought in to the trading table, so remember when you purchase a plant from there you not only help the club by 20%, but also help a poor struggling Orchid grower.

I hope everybody enjoyed Rex Thompson's talk last month, by the amount of questions asked, his talk certainly made the old cogs tick over. Anybody who is interested in raising seedlings or Mericloneing can get the information out of books, there is no secret formula, just practice, and what a thrill you will get when your own first crossing flowers. The only thing to remember is to use top quality stock for breeding as even the best parents throw a lot of mediocre quality flowers. Cull heavily and only grow on the strongest seedlings, the stragglers are usually weak plants anyway.

If you don't want to go to all the trouble of flasking etc. try buying a flask of seedlings. Maybe you will not only increase your collection, but will end up with 30 to 50 chances of getting a beauty.

Editors Note

I did not realise the stir that was caused a couple of months ago when I mentioned an increase in family due to an un-named member.(a son to Bob Nicolle). It is apparently a case of 'If the cap fits, wear it', and we may have to change the Clubs name to the 'Stork Club'. It will be interesting to see if the fertilizer pills won at the last meeting, have any effect.

SEQUAL TO HANSENS HELPFUL HINTS.

SUMMERS SHOW MARSHALLS SHAMBLES

Saturday the 5th. October is 'S' DAY (set up), exhibitors and helpers will be able to gain access to the Malls at 1.30 p.m. and are required to complete their own exhibits by 5.30 p.m. and we would ask that some members stay behind to assist the Commercial exhibitors.

Bring along your own theme materials, plus staging material, i.e. Extra pots or blocks to raise pots to just the right height. Short planks, $\frac{1}{2}$ crates, in fact anything firm that will give your exhibit varying heights. You will also require Tissyng up material, i.e. white oil, bucket, rag, roll of tissue paper, a heap of old newspapers, Twisties, extra stakes, watering can, Wiss Orchid shears or similar, plus 2 or 3 doz. approx. 5" pieces of wire to clip the hessian to the pots.

Each exhibitor is responsible for the fencing of his own exhibit, and ALL EXHIBITORS must leave the Mall by 9.00.p.m.

Sunday morning October 6th. is for Judging and there will be no access for exhibitors.

The Official opening on the Sunday afternoon will be followed by refreshments on the Quarterdeck restaurant for members wearing their Club badge only.

If you require transport for your plants please see Dick Styles at or by the next meeting to arrange same. Dick is not on the phone, but his address is 15, Hill St., Seacliff Park. 5049.

If you have plants or flowers available for sale, contact Mr. Les. Poole Ph. 382 3568. If you have any judging queries or prize queries, get in touch with Mr. Bernie Hansen, Ph. 296 9301. Mrs. Ellie Shaw will answer any queries on Floral Art or spraymaking, and would also like the names of anyone who can help at the show, with spraymaking, or spray & ticket selling. Ph. 383 3056.

LOTTERY TICKETS

Please get behind your lottery, it costs us a lot of money to run it, but it also brings us in a good return. (It helps keep your subscription fees down.)

For all matters regarding the lottery, refer to Mr. John Maddern. Ph.71 8195

SHOW FLOOR PLAN

A copy of this is enclosed, all additional exhibitors should contact the Show Marshall, Mr. Peter Summers as soon as possible. Ph. 298 2461.

Grand Champion Bloom of the Festival	\$50
Reserve Champion Bloom of the Festival	\$30

The above plants will be chosen out of all sections.

OPEN SECTION

Champion Cymbidium	\$50
Reserve Champion Cymbidium	30
Best White Cymbidium	10
" Red "	10
" Green "	10
" Pink "	10
" Brown "	10
" Yellow "	10
" Pure Colour "	10
" Any other colour "	10
" Decorative "	10
" Export "	10
" Seedling	10
" Specimen Std. Cym. 5 or more spikes	10
" Min. Cym	10
" Novelty Cym.	10
" Min. or Novelty Specimen 8 or more spikes	10
Best Cattleya	10
" Paphiopedilum	10
" Phalaenopsis	10
" Species (Not Aus. Native)	10
" Dendrobium Hybrid	10
" Aus. Native	10
" " " Hybrid	10
" Miscellaneous Orchid	10

NOVICE SECTION

Champion	\$50
Reserve Champion	\$30
Best White Cymbidium	\$10
" Red "	10
" Green	10
" Pink	10
" Yellow	10
" Any other colour "	10
" Decorative Cymbidium	10
" Export "	10
" Seedling "	10
" Specimen Std. Cym. 4 or more spikes	10
" Miniature Cymbidium	10
" Novelty "	10
" Specimen Min. or novelty 6 or more spikes	10
" Cattleya	10
" Paphiopedilum	10
" Phalaenopsis	10
" Species (Not Aus. native)	10
" " (Aus. Native)	10
" Miscellaneous	10

DISPLAY PRIZES (Excluding Commercial Growers)

Best Exhibit 1st Prize	\$50
2nd "	\$30
3rd. "	\$20
4th. "	\$10

DISPLAY PRIZES (Commercial Growers)

Best Exhibit 1st.Prize	\$50
2nd. "	\$30
3rd.	\$20