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NEXT MEETING of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held in the Collins St. Hall, cnr Collins St & Shaftesbury St. South Perth, Friday 18th December 2009 commencing at **8.00p.m.**

Orchid Society of Western Australia  
**Patron Mr K.C. Rex**

## THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:

### CHRISTMAS MEETING & PRESENTATION NIGHT

#### JANUARY MEETING DATES

Judging Panel      No Meeting  
OSWA Committee   No Meeting  
General Meeting    8.00 pm   Friday 22nd

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**Deadline for Bulletin Items — 9 pm**  
**Sat. 13 days prior to OSWA GM.**

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**BIRTHDAYS:**

**December – 6th - Val Seaman**

We wish everyone a very Happy Birthday and also anyone celebrating an Anniversary, our best wishes to you. To anyone on the sick list, we wish you a speedy recovery.

**New members:** J. Brabin.

We would like to wish all the new members a very happy and rewarding association with the Orchid Society of WA.

**OSWA Website:** The new website is now online at <http://www.orchidsocietywa.net.au/>

- **Home Open:** The next Home Open will be at Ann & Malcolm Davis' home, 4 Ryans Court, Redcliffe, on Sunday 28th March from 11.30 am. More details later. The Baylis' Home Open previously set for March will be held later in the year.
- **November General Meeting Plant Auction:** This event raised over \$175 for the club. Many thanks to those members who brought plants to auction, and a special thank you to those who donated items for the auction.
- **Shed Cleanout & BBQ:** This will be on Sunday April 18th 2010 in preparation for the 2010 round of shows. The cleanup is relatively quick and the BBQ is always enjoyable.
- **Membership Fees:** As of **31st October** we are now in our new financial year and members are reminded that membership fees for 2010 are now due. Anyone who has joined OSWA in the last three months is financial for 2010. **Double membership- \$26.00, Single membership - \$21.00**
- **Orchid Judging Panel of WA BBQ:** Sunday 21 Feb. 2010 The Peel Region Orchid Society is hosting a BBQ to support the OJPWA. Cost will be \$12 per head which includes food, tea & coffee, auction, raffles etc (BYO drinks) More details later, but pencil this event into your calendar now. It will be a great way to meet growers from other societies and support the Judging Panel.
- **January General Meeting:** "Forum about Watering": the dry heat makes the summer a challenging time for orchid growers in Perth and good watering is extremely important. If you have any special tips or tricks to ensure good watering, or any questions getting your watering right, bring them along to the meeting.
- **December Christmas Meeting & Presentation Night:** Friday **18th December** (the 3rd Friday of the month NOT the 4th). Members are asked to bring a plate of food for supper, drinks will be provided. We would welcome members from other societies to join our celebrations.
- **Registrars Training Day:** The Registrar is an important position within any orchid club, and is a key link between the club and the Orchid Judging Panel, as well as the keeper of records for the club, and a facilitator for the judges at your shows. Often the role of the club Registrar falls upon someone who has little experience or help to fulfill this role. With this in mind, Jim O'Hare and Maxine Godbeer (the Registrar & Deputy Registrar of the Orchid Judging Panel of WA) invite any members interested in learning about the role of Registrar, to attend a session being held at Maxine's house, 2195 Hidden Valley Rd. Parkerville on **Saturday 16th January 2010**, starting at 9.30 am. This session will be valuable to anyone interested in serving as or assisting the club Registrar, or even just to help out if the Registrar is ill or away at any time. New members in particular will find the session in-formative, and will have an opportunity to look at Maxine's orchid growing set-up. Morning tea will be provided, so for catering purposes please advise Murray Baker or Maxine Godbeer if you plan to attend.
- **OrchidWiz:** The people at OrchidWiz ([www.OrchidWiz.com](http://www.OrchidWiz.com)) have kindly donated a copy of OrchidWiz software for auction by OSWA. This is fantastic software for orchid enthusiasts and is already being used by a number of growers in Perth. It includes a comprehensive database, thousands of pictures, and the ability to add information and photos of your own plants. We will arrange a demonstration of OrchidWiz at a general meeting early next year and will auction the software at our auction in May.
- **Upcoming Meeting Items:** **February** - AGM and Wine & Cheese Night, **March** - Unusual Plants, & How I Got into Orchids, **April** - Slide Night about The Eric Young Foundation **May** - Auction
- **Competition Plants:** Don't forget these plants are due for assessment at the March General Meeting, with the prize money being presented to the winner at the April General Meeting.

**Large bags of bark:** These are available to club members. Contact Murray Baker on 9310 2800 to place your order.

**Advertising space:** Advertising space is for available at reasonable rates in your Bulletin. See the Editor for details.

**RESULTS OF PLANT COMPETITION - (MONTH - NOVEMBER 2009)****Open:**

Class 1A (1)	1. Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan	<i>Epi. falcata</i>
Class 1B (2)	1. Henry Eaton	Lc. Irene Finney 'York'
	2. Jack & Betty Rensen	Blc. Erin Kobayashi 'Lahaina Gold'
Class 1C (1)	1. Jack & Betty Rensen	Lc. Angel Heart 'Hihimanni' x Sc. Beaufort
Class 1F (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Epi. Star Valley 'Lake View'
Class 3A (2)	1. Phil Taylor	<i>Paph. primulinum alba</i>
	2. Jack & Betty Rensen	<i>Paph. godefroyae</i> 'Goso' x <i>godefroyae</i> 'Red Lychee'
Class 3B (1)	1. Phil Taylor	<i>Paph. primulinum</i> var. <i>purpurescens</i> x <i>Paph. delenatii</i>
Class 3D (1)	1. Fred & Jean Herbert	<i>Paph. Vera Pelechia (stonei</i> x St. Swithin)
Class 4C (4)	1. Ian Duncan	Den. Wooleng x <i>Den. canaliculatum</i>
Class 5A (1)	1. Peter & Shirley Masters	<i>Phal. schilleriana</i>
Class 5B (1)	1. Henry Eaton	Phal. Hilo Lip
Class 5D (1)	1. Peter & Shirley Masters	Phal. Globe Trotter x <i>Phal. Venosa</i>
Class 6E (1)	1. Phil Taylor	Onc. Ismathianum x Splinter
Class 8A (1)	1. Phil Taylor	<i>Cym. madidum</i>
Class 11A(1)	1. Fred & Jean Herbert	<i>Phrag. boissierianum</i> x <i>Phrag. lindleyanum</i>
Class 11B(2)	1. Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan	Paphinia Majestic
	2. Phil Taylor	Npp. Adelaide 'Robins' x Zga. Dynamo 'Spalshes'

**Novice:**

Class 19E(1)	1. Ann & Malcolm Davis	Phal. Brother 'Yellow boy' x Isih Zebra 'Leopard Prince'
Class 22A(1)	1. Rod Pohl	<i>Cym. canaliculatum</i>
Class 22B(1)	1. Rod Pohl	Cym. Kuranda 'Arthur Dawson'

POPULAR VOTE: Novice - Phal. Brother 'Yellow Boy' x Isih Zebra 'Leopard Prince' - Ann & Malcolm Davis  
 Open - Phal. Globe Trotter x *venosa* - Peter & Shirley Masters

Schokman Trophy Points - *Epi. falcata* (72 pts) - Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan

Jim Grantham Memorial Trophy Points - *Phrag. boissierianum* x *lindleyanum* (74 pts)- Fred & Jean Herbert

CYMBIDIUM CULTURE NOTES (DECEMBER 2009/JANUARY 2010) by Roy Brown

Now that we are into the summer months, we can expect hot days and evenings, coupled with hot dry easterly winds. Don't allow the cymbidium pots to dry out under any circumstances, the plants should be watered every day, and during heat waves, twice a day. Water the shade house with a fine spray in the early evening. This is the best time, as there is less water loss through evaporation, and it also helps to keep the evening temperature down. This is vital if we want our cymbidiums to flower again next year, because it's during the summer months that the flower spikes are initiated.

New growths are growing well now, and during the next couple of months, growth will be very rapid. Keep the fertilising going, this helps to increase growth and so will give better flowering next year.

It's too late for dividing and re-potting, any plants that weren't attended to will be better left until next Autumn. However, in an emergency, it's always better to re-pot at any time of the year rather than run the risk of losing the plant because of sour or rotting compost.

These being the December notes, I would like to wish all cymbidium growers the compliments of the season.

CATTLEYA CULTURE NOTES (DECEMBER 2009/JANUARY 2010) by Henry Eaton

We should, now that summer has arrived, be ready to cope with the hot days (over 35C) that will undoubtedly occur. These very hot spells will lead to some retarding of growth while they last. To counter these effects, we need to increase the shading if necessary to about 70% and maintain an adequate water supply to the plants. This is one time of the year when watering your plants in the evening may be more helpful than during the day, as this will cool the place down and increase the humidity. At this time of the year, fertilising your plants can be undertaken if the temperatures are under 35C, but above this level, because of the slowing of growth, it would be best to withhold the fertiliser until temperatures fall.

Because of the dryness and high temperatures, it would be wiser to avoid re-potting etc unless we experience a cool spell. The only justification for re-potting is if the plant is being stressed by being in a decaying mix, as shown by shriveling of the pseudo bulbs and limpness of the leaves. Also be on the lookout for plants that could be sunburnt because of gaps in the shading. These at first may show reddening of the leaves. Try to attain a stage where the leaves on the plant are not dark green, but a yellow-green, which indicates adequate exposure to light.

**The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)**  
**Minutes of the General Meeting held in the Collins Street Hall, South Perth,**  
**On Friday 27 November 2009**

**Welcome:** The President opened the meeting at 8.02 pm and welcomed the 37 members and 4 visitors present, as per register.

**Apologies:** Seven apologies were received, as per register.

**One Minute's Silence:** for Ross Wilton.

**Minutes:** M. Godbeer noted an error in the minutes from the previous meeting that required correction: under the heading *Entry of Plants for Shows*, the words "and meetings" were to be deleted, so that the section read "... entry of plants at OSWA Shows will continue to be open to members of other societies..." Moved A Lang, seconded R McGrath that the corrected Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. **Carried.**

**Business arising:**

- New member Lynn Cheung
- Motions put forward at the previous meeting for discussion at this meeting were withdrawn.

**Confirmation:** Moved F Herbert, seconded T Dixon that the Business Arising has been resolved. **Carried.**

**Correspondence Inward:**

- Cheque from Karen Hawkins for Royal Show display
- City of South Perth re Collins Street hall hire and advice that a tentative booking has been made
- City of South Perth re Community Development Funding applications
- OrchidWiz LLC re offer of OrchidWiz software for a society auction
- Maxine Godbeer, regarding an information session about the position of Club Registrar to be held at Maxine's place on Saturday 16th January (more info in the Bulletin)
- Metway Property consultants, advice of payment for Kardinya display
- WAROO (Kaye Baylis) Agenda for 15 November meeting, Financial statement, list of Correspondence In and Out and Minutes of November meeting.
- Department of Commerce, AssociationInfo newsletter

- American Orchid Society membership statement (bill for 2010 subscription)
- Directory of Associations request for updated contact details  
Society Newsletters.

**Correspondence Outward:**

- Get Well cards to Raye McIntosh and Maree MacDonald
- Sympathy card to Margaret Wilton
- AOC Most Pre-eminent Entry certificates

**Business arising:** Nil

**Confirmation:** Moved E Dixon, seconded P Masters that Correspondence Inward and Correspondence Outward be endorsed. **Carried.**

**Financial Statement:** Statement #419 was tabled. Moved M Brechin, seconded T Dixon that the financial statement be received. **Carried.**

**New Members:** J Brabin**Reports:**

- **OJPWA** (R Brown): At the OJPWA AGM on 2nd November 2009 the following members were elected: Chairman, Roy Brown; Deputy Chairman, Trevor Burnett, (Kevin butler did not wish to be re-elected); Registrar, Treasurer and Student Trainer, Jim O'Hare; Deputy Registrar and assistant Trainer, Maxine Godbeer. Paph. Fanaticum 'Steph' FCC/AOC was voted by the AOC as Hybrid of the Year 2008. At the SEOS General Meeting on 17 November, Phal. Globe Trotter x *Phal. venosa* awarded an HCC with a score of 76.6 points. Owner Peter Masters. Ten judges were in attendance.
- **WAROO** (I Duncan); update on planning for 2012 conference.

**General Business:**

- Minute's silence for Rod Steer
- New members L Cheng, J Keogh, and V Dowdell received their new member magazine bundles.
- Annual Dinner: 5 December 6.30 pm for 7 pm start.

- December Christmas Meeting and Presentation Night: 18th December. Members were asked to bring a plate to share.
- Membership fees are now due
- OJPWA BBQ 21st February 2010
- A Home Open has been planned for March 2010

**Raffle:** Dana Mitchell, Anne O'Callaghan

**Door Prize:** Malcolm Davis

**Evening's Programme:** Plant Auction, conducted by auctioneer John Walton, assisted by Ian Duncan. About 90 items were auctioned.

**Meeting closed at 10 26 pm.**

### **Vale Rod Steer**

Our sympathies go to Barbara Steer, whose husband Rod passed away recently after a relatively short illness.

Rod was a former member of OSWA and a Student Judge until a heavy work load forced his resignation from these duties. He was also a member of SEOS, serving at least two terms as President of that society.

By all who knew him, he will be sadly missed.

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