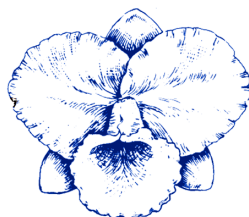


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NEXT MEETING of the Orchid Society of Western Australia (Inc.) will be held in the Collins St. Hall, cnr of Collins St. & Shaftesbury St. South Perth, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2011, commencing at 8:00 pm

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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING ITEM:  
PRESENTATION NIGHT  
AND  
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**JANUARY MEETING DATES:**

Judging Panel	None
OSWA Committee	None
General Meeting	8.00 pm Friday 27th

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**Birthdays – December 6<sup>th</sup> – Val Seaman January: 21<sup>st</sup> – Faye & Hector Patfield (Anniversary)**  
**26<sup>th</sup> – Francesca Lombardi 31<sup>st</sup> – John Carless**

Best wishes to anyone else celebrating Birthdays or Anniverseries. To any member on the sick list, may you soon be well.

**New Members:** Mrs. Valerie Yates, Mrs. Lutetia Daniel, Mrs. Greer Dunsford

Welcome to the Society, we hope you enjoy a long & happy membership.

The **OSWA Bulletin** (and other information) is now available at [www.orchidsocietywa.net.au](http://www.orchidsocietywa.net.au)

### General News

- **PLEASE NOTE:** The **December General Meeting** will be held on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Friday – December 16<sup>th</sup>**. This will be the Annual Presentation Night. Please bring a plate to share, drinks will be provided.
- **Membership Fees:** Membership fees for 2012 are now due. These can be paid in person at a meeting or you can send a cheque payable to the Orchid Society of WA, to I. Duncan, 5 Salen Ct., Ardross, 6153. A single membership is \$21.00, a double membership is \$26.00.
- **The January General Meeting:** Due to the Collins Street Hall being re-floored in January, instead of the usual monthly meeting there will be a BBQ at the home of Kaye & Jim Baylis, 18 Wheyland St., Willagee on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2012 from 7:00 pm. BYO meat and drinks, and bring a salad or dessert to share and chairs. There will be a door prize but no plant display (unless someone has something especially special to show off). No cover charge.
- Many members will remember the recent visit to OSWA by Brian Klepzig of **Neutrog Fertilisers** and are no doubt enjoying experimenting with the free samples that he provided. Neutrog have advised us that they have a new product, "Rocket Fuel", a BFA-certified organic fruit and vegetable fertiliser that can be used throughout the garden. Part proceeds of all Rocket Fuel sales go to the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation, which is involved in developing healthy kitchen gardens within many primary schools around Australia. For more information about this product, contact Erica Morgan ([sakgp@neutrog.com.au](mailto:sakgp@neutrog.com.au)) or Brian Klepzig ([brian@neutrog.com.au](mailto:brian@neutrog.com.au)), or look for the brochure at the next general meeting.
- The President and committee extend their wishes to all our members for a safe and festive Christmas and New Year and successful orchid growing in 2012

*A very Happy Festive Season to all  
members*

RESULTS OF MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (NOVEMBER 2011)**Open Class:**

Class 1A (4)	1. Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan	<i>L. purpurata</i>
	2. Phil Taylor	<i>Enc. pentotes</i>
	3. Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan	<i>C. schilleriana</i> 'Rohan's Delight'
Class 1F (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	Epi. Candy Valley
Class 2A (1)	1. Phil Taylor	Cym. Lea & Eva x Cym. Chianti Rose
Class 2C (3)	1. Gillian Marsh	Cym. Cricket
	2. Gillian Marsh	Cym. Unknown
	3. Ian Duncan	Cym. Australian Midnight
Class 4A (1)	1. NAS.	
Class 4C (1)	1. Ian Duncan	Den. Woo Leng x <i>Den. canaliculatum</i>
Class 5A (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Phal parishii</i>
Class 5B (1)	1. Phil Taylor	Dtps. Joy angel Voice 'Selene'
Class 5E (1)	1. Phil Taylor	Dtps. Yu Pin Natsume 'Minho'
Class 6A (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Rodriguezia ensiformis</i>
Class 6E (3)	1. Phil Taylor	<i>Psychp..papilio</i> x Psychp. Kalihi 'Green Valley'
	2. Phil Taylor	Onc. Ismathianum x Splinter
	3. Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan	Psychp. Kalihi
Class 7A (4)	1. Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan	<i>Chilochista viridiflora</i>
	2. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Angraecum compactum</i>
	3. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Angraecum elephantinum</i>
Class 7B (1)	1. Phil Taylor	V. Charles Goodfellow x Asco. Khobfah
Class 10B (1)	1. Maxine Godbeer	<i>Promenea ovatiloba</i>
Class 11A (11)	1. Fred Herbert	Phrag. Grande 'Chinaman'
Class 11B (1)	1. Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan	<i>Lyc. candida</i> x <i>Lyc. deppei</i>

**Novice Class:**

Class 15B(1)	1. Ann & Malcolm Davis	C. Unknown
Class 18E (1)	1. Marilyn Brechin	Den. Unknown
Class 19B (1)	1. Ann & Malcolm Davis	Phal. Join Angel 'Snow' x <i>Phal. amabilis</i>
Class 19C (1)	1. Ann & Malcolm Davis	Phal. Hsingying Venture x Dtps. Leopard Prince

Schokman Trophy Points: *L. purpurata* (74 pts) – Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan

Jim Grantham Memorial Trophy points: Phrag. Grande 'Chinaman' (72 pts) – Fred Herbert

Richard Nichols Trophy points: *Lyc.candida* c *Lyc. deppei* (70 pts) – Anne & Geoff O'Callaghan

POPULAR VOTE: Open: V. Charles Goodfellow x Asco. Khobfah – Phil Taylor

Novice: Phal. Hsingying Venture – Ann & Malcolm Davis

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (DECEMBER 2011/JANUARY 2012) by Roy Brown

The new season's leads are well under way by now and during the next couple of months growth will be very rapid. Keep your fertilizer programme going, either weekly or fortnightly, whichever you prefer. This helps to increase growth and makes bigger leaf and bulb development, which in turn will give better flowering next year.

Don't grow your plants under too heavy shade conditions, also allow ample space between each pot, don't crown them all together as this is probably why some plants don't flower. I recommend you grow them under 52% Sarlon shade cloth for flowering size plants, and with young seedlings perhaps a little more shade would suit them better.

It's too late in the year now for dividing and repotting. Any plants that were not attended to will be better left until next Autumn. However, you can always pot on, that is repot the plant into a larger container without disturbing the roots. This can be done at any time of the year and won't cause the plant any setback at all.

Always keep a neat and tidy shade house, free from weeds and dead vegetation, and you should have a house that is free from insect pests.

This being the December notes, I would like to wish all Cymbidium growers the compliments of the Season.

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (DECEMBER 2011/ JANUARY 2012) 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 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.

Other measures that can be taken are to use fans to cool the plants as well as misting beneath the benches.

At this time of the year, fertilizing your plants can be undertaken if the temperatures are below 35C, but above this level. Because of the slowing of growth, it would be best to withhold the fertilizer until temperatures fall.

Because of the dryness and high temperatures, it would be wiser to avoid repotting etc. unless we experience a cool spell. The only justification for repotting is if a 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 25 November 2011**

**Welcome:** The President opened the meeting at 8.03pm and welcomed those present..

**Attendance & Apologies:** as per register

**Minutes:** Moved M. Brechin, seconded R. Jones that the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. **Carried.**

**Business arising:** Nil

#### **Correspondence Inward:**

- Garden clubs of Australia Annual report for 2012.
- Neutrog Fertilisers, requesting members be advised about the new Neutrog product "Rocket Fuel", an organic fruit and vegetable fertiliser.
- State Library of WA requesting copies of recent Bulletins (Bulletins sent by mail)
- City of south Perth advising of acceptance of venue booking requests
- Email requests from two people seeking Vanilla planifolia (replies sent)
- L. Valmadre (email request for info about growing orchids; reply sent)
- Society Newsletters

#### **Correspondence Outward:**

- Card to Myrna Eaton thanking her for donation of part of Henry's plant sales to OSWA

**Business arising:** Nil

**Confirmation:** Moved R. Jones, seconded G. O'Callaghan, that Correspondence Inward and Correspondence Outward be endorsed. **Carried.**

**Financial Statement:** I. Duncan presented the Financial Statement

**Confirmation:** Moved K. Baylis, seconded B. Rensen. That the Financial Statement be received. **Carried.**

**New Members:** Mrs. Valerie Yates, Mrs. Lutetia Daniel. V. Cooper and T. Tan received vouchers for a free plant from Ezi-Gro. Mrs. Greer Dunsford was welcomed (membership to be confirmed)

#### **Reports:**

- **Judging:** (R. Brown) (K. Baylis): At the Judging Panel AGM 7/11/11. The elections were as follows: Chairman, Roy Brown; Deputy Chairman, J. Baylis; Registrar. J. O'Hare; Deputy Registrar, M Godbeer; all elected for a further 12 months. There were changes in the SW sub-Regional Panel, bunbury; Chairman, R. Winch; Deputy Chairman, B. Vrieling; correspondence Officer, R. Winch.

**General Business:**

- Auction at Bill Robinson's place is Saturday 10 December from 10 am at 1B Eacott St. Mandurah.
- **Christmas Dinner:** Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December , 6.30 for 7.00 pm, at RAAF Association, Bull Creek Drive, Bull Creek
- January General Meeting will be a BBQ at Jim & Kaye Baylis' place from 7:00 pm. BYO meat, drinks, salad or dessert and chairs. No plant competition, but members are welcome to bring along any orchid of special interest that may be in flower. No cover charge.
- Next meeting is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, not 4<sup>th</sup>); members to bring a plate to share, drinks will be supplied.
- K. Baylis noted with sadness the passing of Lois Merrington, a long- standing member of the orchid community in Perth.

**Popular vote:** Open – Vanda Charles Goodfellow x Ascocenda Khobfah, owner Phil Taylor  
Novice: Phalaenopsis Hsingying Venture, owners M & A Davis

**Raffle:** E. Burgess, A. Davis

**Door Prize:** J. Baylis

**Evening's programme:**

**WOC Conference:** John Walton gave a brief summary of the WOC.

**Auction:** Numerous orchids and the club's digital camera were auctioned off. Many thanks to our entertaining and enthusiastic auctioneer J. Walton, his able assistants K. Baylis and M. Davis, and accountant extraordinaire I. Duncan. Thanks also to those who sold and/or purchased items at auction – proceeds go to a good cause (OSWA). It was good to see some new members enjoying the opportunity to buy plants at excellent prices.

**Meeting closed at 10 pm.**

*May you all enjoy the Christmas and  
New Year festivities. Drive safely,  
remain well, and enjoy 2012.*