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THIS MONTH'S MEETING

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MAINTAINING THE GROWING ENVIRONMENT
(AUTOMATION)

APRIL MEETING DATES

OSWA Committee: 7:30 pm Friday 9th

General Meeting: 7:30 pm Friday 23rd

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Birthdays

March: 9th Richard Gordon, 11th Merril Brechin, 19th John Walton, 24th Raye McIntosh, 25th Lorna Dodd, 26th Kaye Baylis, 26th Peggy Stacy, 26th Arnold Davies
April: 7th Rosemary McGrath, 12th Karen Carless, 29th Ian Duncan.

Best wishes to anyone else celebrating Birthdays or Anniversaries. To any member on the sick list we wish you a speedy recovery & may you soon be well.

New Member

Welcome to Charmaine Tan (Gosnells). We hope you have many rewarding years ahead with our Society.

New members are eligible to receive three free orchids. If you are a new member, you should receive a letter about how to receive your free orchids. If you have not received your letter, contact Courtney at a meeting or on 0407 049 717.

The Sales Table is Back!

After a hiatus due to the pandemic, our sales table will be up and running again at the March General Meeting. Any plants offered for sale must have no signs of pests or diseases and should have a healthy root system and be secure in their pots. All plants offered for sale must have an OSWA plant sales tag attached, and to avoid the sales table descending into chaos, members selling plants must complete an OSWA Plant Sales sheet. OSWA will receive a commission of 10% on sales, but as an incentive to maintain membership, the commission will not be collected on sales by long-standing members (>5 years). An information sheet on Selling Plants at OSWA events, plant sales tags, and the OSWA Plant Sales Sheet accompany this bulletin. These items are also available at General Meetings and can be downloaded from www.orchidsocietywa.net.au.

Shed Cleanup Day

Our annual Shed Cleanup Day will be held on Sunday 11 April, at McDougall Park, Clydesdale Street, Como, starting at 10am. The park provides a pleasant environment for a morning tea, so this will be a nice social activity. All welcome, and please bring a plate to share, a thermos of hot water, and a cup. Tea/coffee/milk will be provided and rumour has it that there will be scones!

Membership Subscriptions were due on 1 November 2020.

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For direct deposit to OSWA's account:

Account name - Orchid Society of Western Australia Inc.

Bank - Westpac Bank, Booragoon, WA

BSB - 036069 Account Number - 457265

Reference - please use your name, to help us identify your payment.

For payment in person at a Westpac branch:

Just take your cheque to a teller, show the teller the above details, and the teller will take it from there. The tellers are invariably super helpful and happy to have a customer to chat to.

For payment by cheque:

Make cheques payable to The Orchid Society of WA Inc. and bring them to a general meeting or post them to OSWA, 58 Gladstone Rd, Leeming 6149.

***Rhipsalis* from Lynn**

To the person to whom Lynn promised some *Rhipsalis*, the promise has not been forgotten, only the intended recipient. If you are the intended recipient, be advised that Lynn will indeed be bringing some *Rhipsalis* to the March GM, but you will have to make yourself known to Lynn to receive it.

OSWA Committee for 2021 (from the AGM)

President: Lina Pacca

Vice President: Kaye Baylis

Secretary: Harry Ashton

Treasurer: Jacqui Bateman

Immediate Past President: Courtney Rogasch

Ordinary Committee Members: Rosemary McGrath, Richard Gordon, Merril Brechin, Murray Baker, William Davidson, Lynn Brooks, Kirsty Bayliss.

Other Roles in OSWA

Patron: Trevor Burnett

OSWA Registrar: Enid Chelva (with assistance from Malcolm Davis)

Show Marshall: Lynn Brooks

Show Secretary: Merril Brechin

Show Committee: Committee Members. (Maxine and Trevor to assist with selecting plants at the ISDW. Caterina, Lina, Jacqui, Barbara, and Alan to help with display coordination.)

Show Sales: To be organised via roster, money managed by the Treasurer

Librarian: Margaret Rathbone

Sales Table: Caterina Ottobriano, Ray Taylor

Bulletin Editor and Webpage: Murray Baker

AOC delegate: Trevor Burnett

Facebook and Instagram: Kirsty Bayliss

Raffle/Door: Jacqui Bateman, Anne Davis, Charmaine Tan

Kitchen: Jenny McLean, Charmaine Tan

CYMBIDIUM CULTURAL NOTES (MARCH/APRIL 2021) based on notes from Roy Brown

This is the time of the year when the young flower spikes are starting to develop, and so a drop in the temperature during the evening is a vital part of the successful flowering of Cymbidiums. Turning on the overhead sprinklers in the early evening will drop the temperature by quite a few degrees, creating the ideal conditions necessary for the growing and flowering of our plants. Always have a good check of your pots regularly to make sure the drainage is not blocked. Water should pass through the compost freely, not just seep away. Keep the regular fertilizer programme going, as the new seasons growths need to be kept growing at a fast rate, so they will develop sufficiently to produce their flowers when the time comes. If you should be poking about in your plants looking for these early flower spikes during March, do be very careful, they are very easily broken or damaged. Should you have to move a plant that has definite signs of flower spikes showing, be very careful to replace it in the exact same position with the flower spike facing the same direction as before. This will minimise chances of the flower spike and buds twisting as they look for the sun. With the advent of flower spikes showing, it might be a good idea to give the shade house a general clean up, getting rid of all dead leaves, weeds and anything else that might harbour pests. Now is the time to also check that you have a good supply of pots and potting mix ready for those repotting jobs next month.

CATTLEYA CULTURAL NOTES (MARCH/APRIL 2021) based on notes from Henry Eaton

Although March is technically the first month of autumn, we can still expect days when the temperature goes quite high and there is little, if any, rain around to increase the humidity. The light may be decreasing slightly, but the heat still requires that you maintain shading as for the summer months. Watering and fertilizing your plants will still follow a summer pattern, unless there is rain, when you can miss a watering if necessary. Cattleyas are plants that revel in a wet/dry cycle, where they like to dry out nearly fully before being watered again. You can gauge this by lifting up the pot after watering when it should feel heavy. The pot loses weight when drying out giving you the signal to re-water. At this time of the year, due to the cooler nights, check your plants after watering to make sure that no water has collected in between the upper leaves. This is essential, as at this time many plants will be producing flowering sheaths and buds and any water retained around them could cause rotting. If water has collected dry it up with a tissue. While attending to your plants also stake the pseudo bulb bearing the buds or sheaths erect, so that when the flowers emerge they will be pointing towards you and not any which way. If you move a plant to a flowering house out of the rain etc., make sure to leave the plant pointing in the same direction in which it was grown, otherwise the buds may open in an unsightly fashion.

PAPHIOPEDILUM CULTURAL NOTES (MARCH/APRIL 2021) by Trevor Burnett

Even though summer has officially finished, the summer pattern is still with us. We may still have some hot days over 34 °C to come, so we need to be mindful of this and adjust our watering accordingly. At this time of the year I water three times a week early in the morning with overhead sprinklers, so the plants are well saturated. This will allow time for the plant to dry out before the sun gets too high and will prevent any possibility of water burns. It will also ensure the plants are dry by nightfall. If excessive heat is forecast over consecutive days, you will need to watch plants in small pots and increase the watering as necessary. Watering is highly dependent on the composition of your potting mix and its ability to retain moisture. For beginners, a test pot of just potting mix in the growing area is recommended, until you understand the water holding capacity of your mix. You can empty the pot at any stage to see what water is retained. As the plants are still in active growth, keep a weak fertilizer program going (at ¼ to ½ strength) on a weekly or fortnightly basis, depending on your time restraints. Ensure that you flush the mix with water between fertilising. In the glasshouse, the use of misting sprays under the benches will be beneficial by increasing the humidity levels on very hot days. It is equally important that plenty of fresh air, which is essential for the plants health, is available in the glasshouse. At this time of the year the paphiopedilum will have some leaves that have died over the summer months and these should be removed in preparation for the forthcoming flowering season, to prevent any unwanted vermin having an ideal hiding place. I would repot any small plants that are not expected to flower during this period, to ensure they have a nice clean mix before going into winter.

The Orchid Society of WA (Inc.)

Minutes of the General Meeting held in MSCAC, Manning, on Friday 26th February 2021

Welcome: 7:33 pm

Present and Apologies: as per attendance register

Adjourned for AGM at 7:34 pm, GM resumed at 7:59 pm

Minutes: Moved Harry Ashton, seconded Lina Pacca that the Minutes of the December 2020 general meeting be accepted. Carried.

Business arising: Discussed under correspondence and general business

New Members: Kim James and family. Charmaine Tan for approval at next committee meeting

Key Correspondence:

- notification of February OWA meeting (agenda of Spring Fair, ISDW, OrchidHub)
- notification of cancellation of the AOC conference in Queensland
- from SEOS confirming our attendance at the ISDW
- Kardinya S/C re Spring Show – confirmed: setup Tue 31 Aug, open to public Wed 1 - Sat 4 Sept.

- from Neutrog requesting update on preparation for new ordering procedure (in progress!)
- notification of the GCA convention
- notification of Spring Orchid Fair planning meeting. OSWA has not attended previously due to proximity to our Spring Show. However, a number of clubs and individuals have expressed disappointment that OSWA has not participated.
- notification of Rod Pohl's passing, RIP. Rod has kindly donated his orchid collection to OSWA
- constructive feedback that OSWA has not provided adequate opportunities for plant sales

Business arising from correspondence

- **Sales opportunities** We can look at restarting monthly meeting plant sales table, and are exploring whether we can have a stall at the Manning markets – this will provide opportunity to promote the club, sell plants and will only be a 6 hour event (rather than some of our 5 days shows which are difficult to staff) – Harry will follow up with costs involved
- The Spring Orchid Fair 2021 will be 21&22 August, about 10 days from our Spring Show. Some clubs and individuals have expressed disappointment that OSWA has not participated in the past. Harry to attend the planning meeting and bring information back to membership for consideration, but it will be up to the membership to decide whether we are able to make two shows in a short time frame happen. Fourteen members indicated they could help at both events (considerably more interest than expressed last year).
- Neutrog online portal- Murray following up
- Mundaring Garden Club presentation- Courtney to attend
- ISDW Weekend at the Movies Display- we need a team to design the display! Please have a think (you don't need to be a committee member to be involved). We usually have a budget allocated to materials for the display

Moved Harry Ashton, seconded Kim James that the correspondence be accepted. Carried.

Reports:

- **Trevor Burnett January BBQ-** Trevor and Barbara put on their usual fabulous event, with Lynn highlighting the tampering of golf balls! Everyone was very well fed. What more could you ask for, a good night was had by all! Thank you very much Trevor and Barbara.

Financial report: Moved K Bayliss seconded Ray Taylor that the financial report be accepted. Carried.

General Business:

- **Promotion of Harry Ashton and Valerie Cooper from novice to open growers**
- **Auction of Ian Duncan's speciosums.** (Auctioneer: Ray Taylor)
- **New Grower Incentive Scheme Participation** Lina and Courtney presented certificates, a mature quality plant and a \$20 Bunnings voucher, and reminded members of how the scheme works. Congratulations to winners Enid Chelva, Yen Tran and Harry Ashton.
- **This year is OSWA's 75th Anniversary. Discussions as to how we should celebrate are taking place on a committee level but any ideas welcome!**
- **AOC Awards:** TWO members received AOC awards this year. Maxine Godbeer presented an AOC certificate to Ray Taylor (AOC West Australian Hybrid of the Year Award for Paphiopedilum Darch Ray 'Peta') and cheekily neglected to mention her own award (AOC WA Cultural Award for her beautifully grown Dendrochilum wenzelii)!
- **Eric Bateman** presented on what types of incidents covered by GCA insurance.
- **Event calendar for 2020**
Perth Garden Festival (confirmed 29/4/21 – 2/5/21)
Koi Society Show (TBC); Flora Plant nursery visit (TBC)
Intersociety Display and Workshop (confirmed 6/8/21- 8/8/21)
OSWA Spring Show (confirmed 31/8/21 - 4/9/21)
Late Flowering Orchid Display (confirmed November 12/11/21 - 14/11/21)
Christmas dinner at Bentley Pines (TBC- what day?)
Manning/Vic Park markets when weather permits? Springfield Orchid's visit?
Spring Orchid Fair for discussion at the planning meeting.

Raffle: James, Natasha, Howard T (kindly donated plant to Kim), Patricia L, Mal D, Katia, Richard G

Open popular vote: Howard Tan with a non-standard multifloral hybrid paphiopedilum (Transvaal no 3 x Liem Globus). Howard grows this in a hot house with foggers and fans running.

Novice popular vote: Margaret Rathbone with a beautiful laelia hybrid, which she grows with some protection from rain in winter.

Door Prize: Trevor Burnett

Plant descriptions: Ray Taylor presented on Dendrobium Gloster Charm – canaliculatum x lindleyi (partly Australian native). Ray grows these very high in his glass house with high humidity and lowers the plant as the spikes develop so they don't hit the roof! This plant has been in flower for > 12 months. Ray's medium is 1 part bark, 1 part perlite and half part gravel (blue metal works OK). Ray hand waters with a hose, and is lucky enough to have good quality rainwater.

Meeting closed: 9:30 pm.

MONTHLY PLANT COMPETITION (FEBRUARY, 2021)

(Note: Plants must have been owned by the grower for at least 6 months prior to entry in Monthly Meetings and Shows)

OPEN

1A	(2)	1	Harry Ashton	<i>Brassavola nodosa</i>
		2	Courtney Rogasch	<i>Encyclia randii</i>
1D	(1)	1	Harry Ashton	<i>Cattleya</i> Chief Gem 'Red Jewel'
3B	(1)	1	Howard Tan	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Alexia Pynes (Supardi x Victoria-marinae)
3D	(1)	1	Howard Tan	<i>Paphiopedilum Translie</i> 'Rock n Roll'
4C	(1)	1	Courtney Rogasch	<i>Dendrobium</i> Hieng Beauty
4D	(1)	1	Ray Taylor	<i>Dendrobium</i> Gloucester Charm
8A	(1)	1	Harry Ashton	<i>Sarcochilus eriochilus</i>
8B	(1)	1	Courtney Rogasch	<i>Dendrobium</i> x <i>superbiens</i> (Natural hybrid)
11A	(2)	1	Howard Tan	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Sorcerer's Apprentice
		2	Ray Taylor	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Don Wimber 4N

NOVICE

15A	(1)	1	Jacqui Bateman	<i>Laelinae</i> Nocturnum
15F	(3)	1	Margaret Rathbone	<i>Laeliocattleya</i> C G Roebling Blue Magic
		2	Lynn Brooks	<i>Laeliocattleya</i> C G Roebling Blue Indigo
		3	Margaret Rathbone	Mini cattleya unknown
18B	(1)	1	Enid Chelva	<i>Dendrobium</i> Jade
21B	(1)	1	Lynn Brooks	<i>Neostylis</i> Unknown
25B	(1)	1	Jacqui Bateman	<i>Zygopetalum</i> Unknown

Margaret's *Laeliocattleya* C G Roebling Blue Magic,
winner of the Novice Popular Vote

**POPULAR VOTE**

OPEN	Howard Tan	<i>Paphiopedilum Translie</i> 'Rock n Roll'
NOVICE	Margaret Rathbone	<i>Laeliocattleya</i> C G Roebling Blue Magic
SCHOKMAN TROPHY (Laeliinae)	Margaret Rathbone	<i>Laeliocattleya</i> C G Roebling Blue Magic
JIM GRANTHAM TROPHY (Phragmipedium)	Howard Tan	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Sorcerer's Apprentice



Above: Howard's *Paphiopedilum Translie* 'Rock n Roll', winner of the Open Popular Vote.



Above right and below right: Enid and Harry being presented their "New Grower" prizes by Courtney.

Below: Ray Taylor with his AOC award, and Maxine Godbeer pretending she didn't get one too.



SELLING PLANTS AT OSWA SHOWS AND POTTING WORKSHOPS

What you need to do to sell plants:

1. Fill out and attach an OSWA plant sales tag to each plant you want to sell. Do not use tags from other clubs.
2. Fill out an OSWA Master Sales Sheet, and make sure the information matches what you wrote on the sales tags.
3. Bring your tagged plants and Master Sales Sheet to the sales table coordinator (or their representative), so that the paperwork can be checked. The plants will be made available for sale if the paperwork is correct and the plants are of a suitable standard, free of pests and diseases.

What else you need to know:

4. OSWA will not be held liable for any loss you incur if you supply plants to sell without first checking with the sales table coordinator to ensure paperwork is correct and plants are suitable for sale.
5. All plants exhibiting signs or symptoms of any pests or diseases will be removed from the sales table. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS to this rule. The plants will be quarantined out of sight. If there is a serious pest infestation, the plants may be removed from the venue entirely.
6. All plants must have a healthy root system and be secure in their pots, not wobbling or unsupported or in a pot of sludge. If the plant is presented in such a poor manner that you would not buy it yourself, don't try to put it on the sales table, because it will not be accepted.
7. There is a limit on the number of plants that can be sold – no more than 15 plants per member at any one time. Plants may be replaced as they are sold, provided the replacement plants meet all relevant criteria set out above.
8. Additional conditions may be imposed by venues and must be adhered to (e.g., some venues might limit the number of orchids that can be sold per day).
9. Orchids have priority for sale. If you wish to sell other plants, please note that these may be placed off display until space is available on the sales table.
10. OSWA will retain 10% of every sale as a commission at shows and potting days.
11. Proceeds of sales will not be paid to sellers until at least the general meeting following the sales event.

OSWA sales tags and OSWA Master Sales Sheets are available at general meetings or can be downloaded from the "Info for Members" section at <http://www.orchidsocietywa.net.au>.

OSWA PLANT SALES

Office Use Only
Plants checked in by:

Member's Name:

Plant No:	Plant Name	Price Reqd.	

Member's Signature:

Sub Total	
Less Commission 10%	
Total Paid	

The Orchid Society of W.A. (Inc.)

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