



2012 Meeting Dates

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Meetings: The 2nd Tuesday of each month (except January), Mt Waverley Community Centre, Youth Centre Hall, Miller Crescent, Mount Waverley (Melway 61/D12 and 70/D1). The hall is off Stephenson Road and is next to the Library.

Meetings start at 8.00pm. Basket Supper please.

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*Last Month's Meeting

Peter Sunderland from Kimberley Orchids gave us a very informative talk on what is going on in his nursery this time of the year, Andy Leamon presented the main item of the evening titled 'My Life in Orchids' and was very interesting and much appreciated and enjoyed by all present, thanks to Peter and Andy for an enjoyable evening.

*Cultural Talk this Month

Colin Cleak will be speaking on 'Virus' particularly Fleck Virus which a few growers have been experiencing recently.

*Main Item for the evening

Terry Poulton will be giving a slide presentation on 'Building a Greenhouse', as most of you know Terry has recently gone through this painstaking exercise and is now up and running, we all look forward to Terry's presentation.

*Culture Notes

We will continue including culture notes in the newsletter from next month.

***Trading Table**

My apologies to all members who attended last month's meeting hoping to grab some bargain buys, but due to a misunderstanding on my part the trading table will take place this month, so bring all your spare change as there will be plenty of bargains as we want to clear the clubs stock of plants, we will have a wide selection of plants available. See Ern Kettle for bulk buy bargain prices.

***Growing Competition for 2012**

All members have had the opportunity to buy the clubs growing competition plants and we are now into our second month of judging, please bring you plants along for everyone to see their progress, remember there is an extra plant awarded the best grown. Terry Poulton will be judging the plants at this month's meeting as Colin Gillespie will be away. This year's plants are as follows:

Mericlone – Flaming Vulcan 'XTC" grown and supplied by David Wain, this is a dark red large standard cymbidium.

Seedling: Kirby Lesh 'Pink Ice' x (Cape Banks x Red Beauty) – hybridized and grown by Colin Gillespie, this cross should give light and dark pinks and is also a large standard, the Kirby Lesh 'Pink Ice' comes from Kimberley Orchids and the Cape Banks x Red Beauty comes from Royale Orchids in Sydney.

***Results for the monthly competition.**

This time of the year there are not many cymbidiums in flower, thanks to the members who brought their plants in, the winners were as follows:

OPEN SECTION - Dave & Trish Wickham with Cymbidium Golden Elf

Congratulations to you both.

***Request from City of Monash regarding Smoking**

Our meeting Hall : 10 metres within the front and back entrances of the Hall are SMOKE FREE, kindly adhere to this requirement as this could jeopardise future leases of the Hall. Many thanks for your co-operation.

***Speakers and Items for the monthly meeting**

This is always an arduous task trying to find speakers and main items of the evening, the committee requests all members to give this some thought and bring those thoughts and suggestions to the next meeting, we try our best to make the meetings as interesting as possible but new ideas are always welcome.

***COSV Annual Show**

Last year's show held in the Hungarian Club was a great success, we will be holding our show at the same venue this year, Our show will be on the 8th and 9th September 2012 with setup on Friday 7th. We will also be having a dinner on the Saturday evening at the Hungarian Club the cost will be \$35 per person, more details later in the year.

***OSCOV Show**

This will be held at the Springers Leisure Centre on 24th - 26th August 2012, with setup on Wednesday the 22nd and Judging on Thursday 23rd August, the OSCOV Orchids of the Year dinner will be held on the 25th August 2012, more details later.

***Orchid Species Society of Victoria**

Are holding their Open day on the 18th March 2012, from 9am – 2 pm in the Horticultural Centre, Jolimont Road, Forest Hill, entry is FREE, there will be displays and also Orchids for sale.

***Item of the Evening – July 2012**

Greg Bryant will be our guest speaker for the July meeting, please diarise this date and make sure you attend, it is not every day that you can hear Greg doing a presentation, please come along and join us for the evening.

***New Magazine**

For those members who attended last month's meeting would have heard Geoff Bailey talk about his new venture of publishing a quarterly magazine called the 'Cymbidium Orchid Scene', a few members asked about pricing, subscriptions etc, flyers will be available at the next meeting for those interested.

***Assistance in the Kitchen at our monthly Meeting**

The Committee is appealing to members who would like to be part of running the kitchen at our meetings to speak to a committee member, this can be on a permanent or roster basis. We thank you in advance.

We kindly request you to bring a plate of eats to share to the meeting on the 13th March 2012.