



2013 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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*April Meeting

Many thanks to Colin Cleak for his presentation on 'Companion Plants for Orchids', it sounds like we missed an excellent evening, all the feedback we received was very positive, thanks and well done Colin.

*Cultural Talk

This month's cultural talk will be presented by Glenda Coutts

*Main Item for the evening

This month's main item will be a presentation by Dr. Randall Robinson, Randall has just returned from Santa Barbara in America and is going to present the same presentation for us titled '13 Cymbidium Species? - a response to Ernest Hetherington' many of you have heard Randall speak before and he is always warmly received so please come along and join us for the evening.

*Trading Table

Colin Gillespie and Ern Kettle will both have a trading tables at this month's meeting, so hopefully you will all have some spare change to buy some plants.

***Plant Commentary**

There should be a few more cymbidiums in flower from now on, we look forward to the benches filling up, please bring in your plants for everyone to have a look at. There were a few plants presented at the April meeting, congratulations to all the winners, the results are as follows:

Judges Vote and best in Open : Cymbidium Dayanum by Cheryl Luth
Best in Novice : Cymbidium Min Verde 'Superior' by Carole Hubbard
Best Species Overall : Cymbidium Dayanum by Cheryl Luth
Best Seedling : Devon Parish x Sarah Jean by Ern Kettle.

***Growing Competition for 2013**

We are into our fourth month of this year's growing competition, thanks to everyone who brought in their plants last month, Colin was away and Ken West kindly stood in, Colin is back this month and we look forward to seeing a lot of the seedlings and mericlones on the table. This year's plants are:

Mericlone: Khan Fury 'Inferno' supplied by David Wain.

Seedling: Kirby Lesh 'You Beaut' x Regal Flames – hybridised by Colin Gillespie

***Beginners Group – report by Geoff Bailey**

NB: although this is a Beginners' Group activity it is open to all members of our club
Glasshouse/Greenhouse Visit (please ring Geoff Bailey 0488088138 if you have any queries)

When: Saturday 11 May

**Where: KIMBERLEY ORCHIDS
54 Worthing Rd Devon Meadows**

Time: 10:30am – followed by a B-B-Q, BYO everything. Don't forget a chair. Bread, tea and coffee provided by the club.

Topic: A Commercial Set-up – cut flower, pot plant and exhibition style flowers. Peter Sunderland is one of Australia's top hybridisers

Beginners' Group – Tuesday 14 May, 7:15 – 7:45pm, immediately prior to the meeting.
Topic: Mericlones (clones) or Seedlings or a mix of the two??
Colin Gillespie will lead this discussion and share his ideas

***Subscriptions for 2013/2014**

It is that time of the year again, enclosed with your newsletter is the statement for your annual subscriptions, due to the increase in cost of printing etc, we have increased the subscriptions to \$22.00 for the next year, you will also notice that you can either pay subs only or we are offering a choice of Cymbidium Magazines this year for the price of \$65.00 which includes

your subs, or if you prefer you may order both magazines for the price of \$110.00. Included with the newsletter and statement will be a raffle book for our show, please members we do not have many fundraising events during the year please consider supporting the raffle and lastly apologies a 'gremlin' appeared in my spelling and the statement has a spelling error which I only noticed after I had printed all the statements. Please note that you may pay at the meeting or post to Henk Morren details on the statement.

***Sage Seedling Competition**

Malcolm Campbell of Sage Horticulture will join us at the June meeting to do the presentation for last year's competition. Please remember to take photos of your seedlings to enter this year's competition, Terry Poulton and Ken West will also take photos at the meeting of all seedlings for this year's competition which closes at the end of November 2013.

***Raffle**

Thanks to all the members who brought along something for the raffle table. As this is a monthly fund raising effort all contributions for the table are very much appreciated.

***Australian Orchid Foundation – Annual Essay Competition**

The Australian Orchid Foundation are holding an essay competition which is open to anyone who might like to try their hand at writing an essay on "How I became interested in growing Orchids", for any member who is interested leaflets will be available at the meeting.

***Our Annual Show**

We will give you more information on our annual show that we are holding in September at the Hungarian Club in next month's newsletter.

***OSCOV Show**

This show is being held at Springers again this year and we will be putting in a display, all details in next months newsletter.

***Members Badges**

These are available to order from Henk Morren at a cost of \$12 each.

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

Jan Bailey will be running the kitchen this year, thanks Jan, but Jan will require some assistance, anyone willing to help on the night kindly see Jan in the kitchen.

A plate to share will be greatly appreciated.

See you all on the 14th May for our next meeting.

For all beginners and interested growers the beginners group starts at 7.15 pm