



The Cymbidium Newsletter

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July/August 2012

2012 Meeting Dates

January –
February 14
March 13
April 10
May 8
June 12
July 10
August 14
September 11
October 9
November 13
December 11

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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

For those of you who did not make it to last's month's meeting you really missed something special, a very big thank you to Greg Bryant for his wonderful presentation on the history and genetics of cymbidium orchids it was enjoyed by all members and guests who were present.

*Cultural Talk this Month

We carried last month's cultural talk and demonstration over for this month as Greg Bryant required a bit more time for his presentation, as the shows edge even closer we will be having a demonstration of how to prepare your plants for the shows.

*Main Item for the evening

Geoff Bailey will be our guest speaker for this month's meeting, Geoff's presentation is always very interesting so please come along.

*Cultural Notes

We will supply cultural notes again next month as there is a lot to digest this month with all shows, Neutrog orders etc.

. *Growing Competition for 2012

This is our seventh month of this year's growing competition so please bring your plants in so we can all see how they are progressing. As we get through winter we will soon see longer days and hopefully a few more sunny days and our plants will really take off going into the warmer months, we look forward to seeing lots of plants on the bench, the plants for this year's competition are:

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.

The committee are busy sourcing plants for next year's competition and these should be available at the November meeting.

***Results for the monthly competition.**

Congratulations to the winners in last month's competition the results will be printed next month.

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

Just a reminder for the members who do smoke. 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.

***COSV Annual Seedling Competition – Sponsored by Malcolm Campbell of SAGE**

Firstly a big thank you to Malcolm Campbell for kindly sponsoring this new competition, this will be held on an annual basis as is for current seedlings in flower and will be a photographic competition, Ken West will photograph seedlings that are brought into our monthly meetings, if you are unable to attend a meeting you may submit your own photographs, we will require a photograph of a single flower and also the whole plant, final date for entry will be the end of November for more details kindly speak to a committee member.

***Guest Speakers**

September Meeting: Our guest speaker will be Kevin Hipkins from Royale Orchids in Sydney.

***OSCOV Show – update by Julie Forrest**

The OSCOV Show is on Friday 24th August - Sunday 26th August with set up Wednesday 22nd August at Springers Leisure Centre, Cheltenham Rd Keysborough. We would like all plants at the hall by 11.00am as setting up takes quite a while. If you can assist in any way with the display please advise Julie or John Forrest, all help will be greatly appreciated. If you are putting plants on the display, can you please advise Julie by Wednesday 15th August with the names of

your plants as all plant labels will be done by computer & cannot be done on the day. You can either email efo28308@bigpond.net.au or phone 59786045. Even if you are unsure if you will be entering a particular plant, please give Julie the name and if you don't bring it there won't be a problem. Please make sure your plants & pots are clean & no water dripping from the pots as there is to be no water on the basketball courts. You can double pot with a plastic bag in between.

***COSV Cymbidium Orchid Festival – update by Julie Forrest**

Hungarian Community Centre 760 Boronia Rd Wantirna.

Dates for the show are:

Set up Friday September 7th from 10.00am until no later than 5.00pm.

Judging Friday 7th September from 6.00pm.

Show Saturday 8th September 9.00am – 5.00pm, Sunday 9th September 9.00am – 4.00pm.

It would be appreciated if cleaning up could be completed by approximately 5.00pm

Admission : \$5.00. Concession . \$3.00

There are sashes & cash prizes of \$50.00 each for best Intermediate & best Novice growers, so those members who fit those sections please enter your plants.

Volunteers for setting up & pulling down are needed, even if you can help for only a short time it will be greatly appreciated. We also need people to man the admission/raffle table both days, please let a committee member know if & when you will be available.

Displays – members are able to use Bluetack to secure backdrops to the brick wall (but please make sure you remove all traces of it at the end of the show). Plastic sheets to protect the timber floor will be provided. Members must provide all their own props. Please remember that foliage plants are permissible but plants in flower, other than cymbidiums, are not allowed.

As usual a club stand, where members can display plants will be set-up, please ensure that plants are labelled appropriately. All plants should be brought to the venue from 10.00 am on the Friday, until no later than 4.00pm. This will allow a great display to be set-up. The club stand will be a major feature of the show and will probably have prime position down the centre of the hall. We need lots of plants to make a real statement.

Flyers and posters advertising the show will be available at our next meeting – please take some. We want this show to be even better than last year. Most public libraries, shops and nurseries will happily display posters and flyers. We just need members to take them. It would be sad if all the planning and preparation came to nothing because of a lack of effort & support from our members – please don't let us down. We plan to advertise in more than 200 000 local papers but we still definitely need your support.

Morning and afternoon teas can be purchased at the restaurant on site. Tea and coffee will be available (free of charge) for all helpers in the main hall.

The front page of the prize list for our annual show is also enclosed with the newsletter.

***Annual Subscriptions**

Our annual subscriptions are overdue, if you have already paid we thank you, if your subscriptions are still outstanding you will receive a reminder statement with this newsletter, also for members who subscribe to the Australian Orchid Review payment is required by the 11th September otherwise you will not receive another copy of the magazine, you may make your payments either direct by mail to the Treasurer or pay at the next meeting on the 14th August 2012.

***Website manager**

Carole Hubbard is looking after our website.

***Annual Dinner**

As mentioned previously we will be holding a dinner at the Hungarian Club on Saturday evening the 8th September 2012, tickets are \$35 per person, for those who have already booked payment is required at the next meeting, for those who wish to attend there are still a few tickets available please me (Karen Gillespie) at the meeting.

***Neutrog Order**

Enclosed please find a Neutrog order form, there are a few changes concerning the orders of Neutrog products, firstly the orders must be placed directly with Neutrog all the details are on the form, please **DO NOT SEND TO THE SECRETARY AS THEY WILL NOT BE PROCESSED**. The closing date for orders is the 31st August 2012. All orders will be delivered to our President's work address as per the form.

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

We are still looking for volunteers for the kitchen on meeting nights, kindly assist Julie Forrest in the kitchen if you can, even an hour would assist thank you in advance.

We kindly request you to bring a plate of eats to share at the meeting on the 14th August 2012