



The Cymbidium Newsletter

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May/June 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

Thanks to John McMillan for his very interesting culture talk, everyone should have picked up a few goods tips from John.

A special thanks to Dr. Randall Robinson for his excellent presentation on the recent Santa Barbara Orchid Show which was held in March 2012, I am sure everyone enjoyed seeing the various orchid genera that is available and grown in America and how they hold shows and do their displays,

*Cultural Talk this Month

Glenda Coutts will be presenting the cultural talk this month, we look forward to hearing all about the way Glenda grows her plants and what is going on at her place this time of the year.

*Main Item for the evening

This will be our annual auction night, please note that it is a month earlier than usual as we have Greg Bryant as our guest speaker in July. If anyone has plants to donate to the auction please bring them along on the evening, please note that plants must be clean and please do not water on the day of the auction as our auctioneer Ern Kettle does not enjoy having a shower during the auction, also members come along with pockets full of money as I am sure there will lots of good plants for auction.

***Trading Table**

No trading table this month as we have our auction.

***Cultural Notes**

My apologies because of time constraints we will be publishing cultural notes again next month.

***Growing Competition for 2012**

This is our fifth month of this year's growing competition so please bring your plants in so we can all see how they are progressing. There have not been many plants brought in each month, please members bring your plants in, the plants that have been brought in are all growing very well and members are to be congratulated for this, 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.

***Results for the monthly competition.**

From this month there should be many more plants on display as our cymbidiums come into flower, last month's winners were as follows:

JUDGES VOTE, BEST IN OPEN AND BEST SPECIES OVERALL

Erythrostylum grown and presented by Peter and Joyce Sunderland from Kimberley Orchids.

BEST IN NOVICE AND ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD: M664 – Unknown - Carole Hubbard

BEST MINIATURE SEEDLING AND BEST SEEDLING OVERALL:

Jessie Blackeston x Minnekin by Ken Purcell

BEST INTERMEDIATE SEEDLING : Port of Passion x Sarah Jean by Ern Kettle

Congratulations to the winners.

Our plant commentary is very ably done by Ern Kettle and assisted by Steve Early and Peter Sunderland.

***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.

***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.

***Events coming up for our monthly meeting**

July Meeting : Greg Bryant – Quite a few members will have plants that have been hybridized by Greg, please come along and enjoy hearing about Greg's experiences in Orchid growing and hybridizing.

August Meeting: Geoff Bailey will be giving a presentation, details to follow next month.

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

The COSV Show will be at the same venue as last year, the Hungarian Community Centre, Boronia Rd, Wantirna. Dates are Saturday & Sunday 8th & 9th September.

Setup -- Friday 7th September 10.00am – 5.00pm.

Judging --- Friday 7th September from 6.00pm.

Show open to the public Sat. 9.00am – 5.00pm, Sun. 9.00am – 4.00pm.

We will be asking for help to setup the floor layout for displays & vendors from 9.00am on Friday 7th September.

Also we will need members to help at the entrance on the days of the show to collect the admission & sell raffle tickets.

We hope to make this year's show even bigger & better than last year, but we need participation from as many members as possible. Please consider setting up your own display or share with one or two members.

Display Registration forms will be available at the next meeting. More details later.

Dinner tickets will be available from the July meeting at \$35 each and will be held at the same venue as last 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.

***Victorian Country Orchid Clubs Challenge**

This great show is being held in Warrnambool this year on the 7th and 8th July 2012 at the Brauer College, Caramut Road, Warrnambool, and will be open to the public on Saturday the 7th July from 12pm to 5pm and Sunday the 8th July from 9am – 3pm, admission price is \$3 per entry, there will be plenty of plants for sale and light luncheon will be available, this is always a good show to visit if anyone is interested in more details kindly speak to Jenny our Secretary.

***Sale of Plants**

Noel and Judy Gard are selling their entire collection of orchids, they can be contacted on telephone number 03 9803 6267 and their address is 545 Highbury Road, East Burwood. Give Noel or Judy a ring I am sure you will find something interesting to add to your collection.

***Annual Subscriptions**

Our annual subscriptions are now due, you will find a statement enclosed with your newsletter as with previous years you can opt to receive the Australian Orchid Review with your subs just mark your statement accordingly, subs can either be posted to the treasurer or paid at the next meeting, you will also find a book of raffle tickets to sell for the club, this will be drawn at the show in September.

***Website manager**

We welcome Carol Hubbard to this position and thank her for volunteering to do this for the society, Geoff Bailey will work with Carole initially, we thank Geoff for all the hard work that he put in over the years keeping the website up to date.

***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 at the meeting on the 12th June 2012

APOLOGIES SOME MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE THEIR NEWSLETTER ON GREEN PAPER THIS MONTH.

