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October Meeting Best Overall, Best First Division & Best Specimen Cricket 'Rosetta' Grown By Rito Sylvestri





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October Best Intermediate Seedling Sarah Jean x Valley Splash 'MM' Grown By Helmet Gerber



October Best in Second Division Cricket 'Invincible' Grown By Graham Fear



October Meeting Space Tango Grown By Graham Morris

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Presidents Message December 2015

To the members of the Cymbidium Club of S.A. thank you for participating in a fabulous year which is all too soon coming to an end.

Firstly it is my pleasure to thank the committee members who work so hard to make this years' program successful. It is always difficult to single out members for individual thanks. But there is always some members who undertake challenges with enthusiasm and commitment over and above what we would expect.

In no certain order I want to thank Graham Fear for the continued development of the Cym. Club monthly magazine. Graham' new ideas and enthusiasm are a reflection of his personal commitment

Our monthly plant competitions and shows would not be possible without the long term commitment of our judging panel. Most of our judges have been on our panel well before the year 2000. One of our judging assistants, Michael Willoughby spends many hours producing show cards, show schedules and prize lists.

Barry Bailey another committee member spends many hours organising, monthly plant raffle and judging prizes. Barry's contacts with interstate speakers and growers is a great benefit to organising our yearly speakers program. Barry always has his hand up when a request is made for extra help.

Christine Robertson runs her own business and still finds time to manage the club's finances as our treasurer. In addition to her usual role, this year's Cym. Club Spectacular posed additional challenges to her club financial role, with first class results.

Graham Morris although not currently a committee member is always willing to undertake any task asked of him. His journey this year has involved travelling with his wife and yet whether he is in South Aust., Victoria or New South Wales, he is working for our club. Thank God for mobile phones. Graham's updating of our face book page and new members group oversight are always enlightening.

The ladies who help out in the kitchen preparing our monthly supper. Rosemary Bray and Pauline McLean are two of our silent helpers whose efforts bless us all.

Our new life members this year Brian and Shirley Brand continue to support our club at every opportunity, the Cym. Spectacular this year would not have been possible without the support and management of our Spectacular Committee, Ray Brady, Moss Bray, Wayne Baylis and Ben Knobben.

And my special thanks go to so many members who offered assistance and support this year But the year is not over. Our Christmas meeting incorporating a supper supplied by the club and a talk by Neutrog, will provide some surprises. Remember to bring your thinking cap and look forward to our special Christmas raffle.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Des Bettcher President



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On the next page is a copy of the article that Sophie Thomson wrote in the Sunday Mail some weeks ago we have included it in this months magazine in case you missed it.

Wire Stands For Your Cascading Orchids,

As we all know it is getting very hard to purchase wire pot stands to hold or show your cascading orchids, I have found three new ones in the most unlikely place. ???????

There is a small one which is not that good but there is two 60cm high ones in gold and aqua but they have a gap to hold the pot of eight and a half inches so you will need a 9 inch or 23cm pot to hold your plant, now here is the good news, they are in K Mart and they are only \$6 so at that price they are worth using and adjusting yourself to use them,

they are not in the garden section but in the décor section so keep looking until you find them, photo below and they are called

Gardeners Choice Metal Pot Stand 60cm \$6.00





Sophie Thomson seeks expert advice on how to achieve the best results with cymbidium orchids

wrote: "I have quite a few cymbidium orchids which I ecently I received a question from a reader about cymbidium orchids and how to get the best results for ext season's flowering.

I decided to ask cymbidium expert Graham Morris for his was too long for me to include in our regular "Ask Sophie" uestion-and-answer section.

His information was so. od, though, I thought I would turn it into the article itself. Graham is a member of the Cymbidium Club of South Australia and, up until a few years ago, used to own and run the largest cymbidium orchid nursery in the state and one of the largest in Australia.

The reader question was from Patty in Renmark, who

WEEKLY

JOBS

Mulch all garden beds and

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rhododendron season at Mt

Lofty Botanic Garden. For a

gold coin donation you can

oin one of the Friends of

guided walks, which run at

m on November 6, 11,

20 and 25. They leave from the lower carpark, off Lampert Rd, Piccadilly. For

the Botanic Gardens'

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pots thoroughly if you haven't already done so

results for next season's flowering? How much sunlight do they need during summer? Should I be putting them in full sun now? They ar under a pergola where they get filtered sun through a panel of clear roofing Graham answered as follows: Recently divided and repotted cymbidium plants

sometimes take two years to Plants should not be divided into small divisi and should not be potted into

repotted last year, and this year only a few flowered.

What will give me the best

large pots Generally, a plant three or more good-s bulbs notted into a po-

enough to allow two or three more years' growth before repotting, is good.

REPOTTING

During repotting, many growers remove more than 50 per cent of the old roots. If grown well, new and strong roots will develop

Keep newly potted plants damp and provide a growing area where they receive about 50 per cent light for most of the day. Shading from a 50 per cent shadecloth-covered area (black is best) is ideal.

daily in hot weather, and two to three times each week in spring and autumn. An automatic watering

system is a great investment Liquid fertilise each week with fertiliser at half the maker's recommendation -release fertiliser works well if you cannot manage

regular fertilising. Modern, recently produced older varieties.

Consider purchasing some which fail to flower regularly.

(follow the signs from Mt Barker) Cost: \$10 for adults, children under 18 free. For more

SOPHIE'S OPEN INVITATION

Don't miss the chance to enjoy our gardening

Open Garden scheme, and she will have local

ornamentals, herbs, succulents and vegies. There

will also be a number of guest speakers on topics

ranging from urban beekeeping to backyard chooks

Where and when: Saturday, November 7, Sunday,

November 8 and Monday, November 9 from 10am to 4.30pm at 394 Springs Rd, Mt Barker Springs

information and the full program of garden speakers

visit sophiespatch.com.au/open-garden/

nurseries selling interesting and ununusal

expert Sophie Thomson's own garden. Sophie's garden will be open next weekend as part of the

CHECK THE SHADE Check how much light your

plants are receiving. If they are too shaded, the plants may grow well but be reluctant to Growing under clear panel

roofing can sometimes get too hot and dry. Clear panel roofing can also get dirty or cloudy, resulting in excessive shading. Fifty per cent shading during summer is ideal, coupled with a good watering

Putting them into full sun is good in winter, however, be careful to protect them if hail is likely. If they were put into

full sunlight from now, they would most likely be sunburnt on bright days.

There are a number of orchid clubs which can give good advice and welcome visitors and newcomers.

Or you can contact the Cymbidium Club of South Australia via the website

To find out where I am giving garden talks, visit sophiespatch.com.au or follow me on Instagram @sophiespatch or facebook Sophie Thomson (public

PLANT OF THE WEEK

plants look great when ma planted under trees or used as a border, and also make attractive tub specimens. The broad, deep green strappy leaves look good all-year round, with the heads of large winter and spring being a bonus. There are also red and cream cultivars available, however, they can be pricey to buy because they are slow established they divide readily



My Hass avocado tree is five years old and flowers only appear on the lower My Hass avocado branches, not above the graft. The flowers unfortunately drop off, resulting in no fruit. Not sure if the problem is that we are in Brisbane and it may be too hot. S. Foster, Springfield, Qld.

In Queensland and warmer subtropical climates, Hass (and most of the other trees we find are self-fertile here in South Australia) need a B pollinator to set fruit reliably. One of the B varieties such as Fuerte Bacon, Sharwill or Ryan could be grafted on to the original tree. It may also be that the upper part of the tree shown is actually the rootstock and the lower part that flowers is the grafted section, so reworking may be required. Contact Sheryl Backhouse from the Sub Tropical Fruit Club of Old (07) 3289 4198. as she may be able to help.

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PLANT WRITE UPS

October Meeting 2015

FRANCIE PORTER "ENID"

Best In Open Division

Grown By Rodney Philp

4 Spikes with 20+ flowers per spike grown in a 8" pot with very dark red shapely flowers a well presented plant

Best In First Division, Best Overall and Best Specimen

Grown By Rito Silvestri

CRICKET "ROSETTA"

Grown by Idio Shvesti

An amazing display of small Green/Brown flowers highlighted by a yellow pollen cap
56 spikes with an estimated 2,000 flowers a credit to Rito for both growth and the ability to transport this to the meeting
It also won the best overall and specimen on the night

CRICKET "INVINCIBLE

Best In Second Division

Grown By Graham Fear

plant

25 spikes with the display evenly around the pot, the flowers were all fresh and in good condition green/brown flowers with a dark red lip highlighted by a yellow pollen cap a very well grown and presented

Bryant's Orchids 2015 -2016 Cymbidium Seedling Flask List \$45 All Orders To Pauline Mclean

501 Cronulla Star "Blessing" x McClure's Quest "Star Quest":

"Blessing" is very good shape and ultra-early clean bright white flowering before Mother's Day. "Star Quest" is an early to mid-season show winner. Expect large early show bench





502 Spring Flame "Blushing" x [(Winter Alvin x Joan's Charisma) x Joanstar] "Polaris": "Blushing" is a mid-season blush white, small standard with round show shape. "Polaris" is a large, flat non-staining white flowering mid-season. Expect mid-season show whites many with red edged lips.





503 Fresh Charisma "Freshen" x [(Winter Alvin x Joan's Charisma) x Joanstar] "Polaris": is a non-staining September flower. It opens ice-green and then whitens out and has a pink blush labellum. With "Polaris" expect large, late show whites with pretty pink blush lips on tall thick stems.





504 (Cronulla Star x Ice Nymph) "Star Sleeper" x Loch Watten "Saintly":

Exciting developmental cross. Large flat whites from early to mid-season. Should be productive with straight spikes. Expect 25% white alba content





505 (Green Spectacle x Conqueso) "Scion" x Pure Origins "Leah":

"Scion" is a good shape dark green with red edge labellum flowering in mid –season. "Leah" is arguably the best shape alba yellow available and is proving to be a good parent. Expect good shape mid-season greens and yellows. No albas.

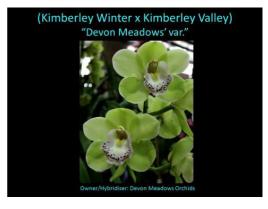




506 (Green Spectacle x Conqueso) "Scion" x (Kimberley Valley x Kimberley Winter) "Devon Meadows' var.":

"Devon Meadows' var." belongs to Devon Meadow Orchids and is a very good shape soft green with lightly marked labellum. Combined with "Scion" expect soft to dark greens with show shape in the mid-season.

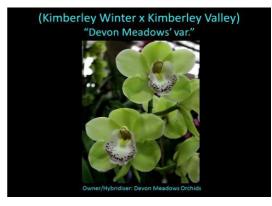




507 Purely Dreaming "Phoenix" x (Kimberley Valley x Kimberley Winter) "Devon Mead-

ows' var.": "Phoenix" is a huge early to mid-season gold alba. It is also a productive good grower. This season I saw some of its seedlings flowering and their size and shape impressed. Expect big flat flowers, mainly greens but yellows too. No albas.

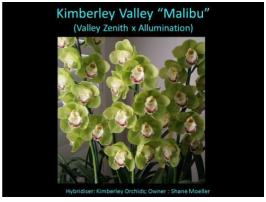




508 Purely Dreaming "Phoenix" x Kimberley Valley "Malibu":

"Malibu" is a beautiful shape green. Combined with "Phoenix" expect large, flat and filled in flowers. Exciting cross for mainly greens, some yellows anywhere from early to mid-season. No albas

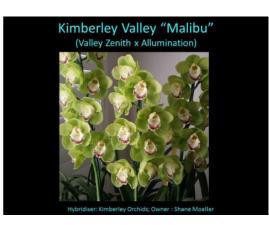




509 Fresh Charisma "Freshen" x Kimberley Valley "Malibu":

This cross is aiming to give high shape in the mid to late season. Expect good spike habit with mid green shades and some whites possible. Large pink to red edge lips

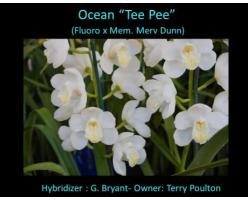




510 Pure Origins "Leah" x Ocean "Tee Pee":

Another strand to the genetic diversity in alba development. "Tee Pee" has an unusual pedigree and is a late white mall standard alba. Good shape but a bit cuppy. "Leah" is very good flat shape gold alba. 100% albas in mid to late season. A range of colours including gold, yellow, white even green. Good content of shape





511 {(Red Adair x Yowie Pepper) x Flaming Vulcan} "Mars" x Street Tango "Desire":

Expect dark reds and browns in the mid to late season. "Mars" has a huge, broad labellum so expect big red lips to be a feature. Spike habit may vary from straight through to pendulous









Bryant's Orchids 2015 -2016 Cymbidium Seedling Flask List

All orders to be given to Pauline McLean at the November Meeting on the special order form in this months magazine or make your own arraignment with Pauline.

Unlike last year the club will not be receiving any commission from the sales of these flasks this year it is Victoria's turn but you through the order form get you opportunity to purchase these very good Bryant's flasks

1 Price for flask of 25 seedlings = \$45. All orders to Pauline's Laboratory Service. Email: kevin.mclean3@bigpond.com 13 Wentworth St., Moana, SA 5169. Ph: (08) 83860430

Flask orders processed in order received. Expect up to 4-6 months before ready or

Kevin Hipkins Seedlings Update (Photo's On Previous Page)

Most members would have been impressed with the root systems on the seedlings from Royale Orchids, which were distributed last meeting.

The information below is from Kevin Hipkins, explaining how he goes about deflasking his plants, and getting great root systems.

Kevin begins by removing the plants from the flask, removing the agar growing medium (washing them), then grading them, and very importantly, discarding the small, poor growing plants.

He wraps the roots in sphagnum moss, and carefully inserts them into growing trays. Kevin believes that only the best quality sphagnum should be used. He uses Besgro Sphagnum, which comes from New Zealand, and is available from Garden City Plastics. It comes in various sized blocks and is dehydrated when purchased. Kevin uses the 240 litre block, which costs about \$120, but is good to accommodate a very large number of plants. It is carefully hydrated, over several days, making sure that it is not saturated before using.

Kevin just wraps the roots of the plant in sphagnum, and pushes it into individual cells of the growing tray. He makes sure that there is enough sphagnum to be very firm in the cell. He then waters the tray with worm juice, diluted 10 to 1. No fertilizer is used initially. After a few weeks he begins fertilizing with a good quality chemical fertilizer, at no more than half the manufacturer's recommended rate. Be careful if applying organic fertilizers. It can make the sphagnum rotten and mushy, and not good for the root system.

The plants can grow quickly, and need potting on quickly. It is best to remove most of the sphagnum, before potting into a bark/coir based growing mix. After potting on, organic based fertilizers work well, but still use at half the manufacturer's recommended application rates.

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Many thanks to Committee member Peter Rawlins for all his hard work in getting the site up

Also we have a great Facebook site, which is continually

.The next Meeting of the

Cymbidium Orchid Club of South Australia Inc.

will be held on Wednesday 25th November2015 Christmas Break Up Meeting & Supper Provided At The

Burnside Community Centre, 401 Greenhill Road, Tusmore, SA

Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month, February to November

Program

- 7.00 pm Auditorium opens, Benching of plants and trading table.
- 7.15 pm Beginners Class. Re Potting Demo Note early start time (All Welcome)
- 7.45 pm Plants for judging to be in place (unless prior approval sought)
- 8.15 pm Paul Di Puccia Neutrog
 - 9.30 pm Meeting closes.

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October Meeting Balkis 'Rene' Grown By Peter Hennessy



October Meeting Devon Railway New Horizon



October Meeting Cricket 'Invincible x Sarah Jean 'Shoun' Grown By P & M Aligner-Muehler



October Meeting Jimbo Tupp 'Stevie' x Wyong Flame 'Mystique Grown By Laurie & Sue Carter



October Meeting Valya Graig 'Judy' x Canaliculatum "Aureia' Grown By Helmet Gerber



October Meeting Unknown 'Cooper Pink' Grown By Peter Hennessy



October Meeting Miss Muffet 'Cutie' Grown By P & M Aligner-Muehler



October Meeting Parish Song 'Mulberry'