

The next Meeting of the
Cymbidium Orchid Club of South Australia Inc.
will be held on
Wednesday 22nd June 2011
at the
Burnside Community Centre
401 Greenhill Road Tasmore 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. Note early start time (All Welcome)
- 7.45 pm Viewing of Plants and Popular Vote
- 8.00 pm Official Opening and Presidents Report
- 8.15 pm Seedlings on the Show-bench
- 8.20 pm Workshop/Show Setups/Preparation.
- 9.00 pm Plant Raffle Draw
- 9.15 pm Popular Vote and Judging Results
- 9.30 pm Close of Meeting and Supper.

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**JUDGE'S CHOICE / BEST IN FIRST DIVISION /
BEST OVERALL
Autumn Elf No2
Grown by: Max Kahlbaum**

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SUPPER ROSTER 2011

Wednesday 22 June	<i>Trevor & Margaret Jacob</i>
Wednesday 27 July	<i>Vacant</i>
Wednesday 24 August	<i>Vacant</i>
Wednesday 28 September	<i>Vacant</i>
Wednesday 26 October	<i>Vacant</i>
Wednesday 23 November	<i>Lucy & Geoff Spear</i>

Please see Yvonne Longbottom to put your name on the Supper Roster—Thank you

PROGRAM 2011

Wednesday 22 June	<i>Workshop/Show Setups/Preparation</i>
Wednesday 27 July	<i>Paul Dipuglia — Neutrog</i>
Wednesday 24 August	<i>Anton Drew — Digital Cameras made Simple</i>
Wednesday 28 September	<i>Glen Heylen — Bugs, Pests & Diseases.</i>
Wednesday 26 October	<i>Terry Poulton — New Seedlings/New Shadehouse</i>
Wednesday 23 November	<i>Jim & Evylen Cuming — Our Way on Cyms.</i>

NEW MEMBERS

The Cymbidium Orchid Club of South Australia Inc.
extend a warm welcome to:

P Haltis
Roger Herraman
Jim Thomson

Miniature Pink Second Prize	Sarah Jean x Sundaani Sunrise	Daniel Lutz
Miniature Red First Prize	No ID	Ron Hannaford
Miniature Green First Prize	Valley Crystal "New Snow"	Steve Howlett
Miniature Polychrome First Prize	Sundaani Autumn "Sunset"	Daniel Lutz


Notice Board

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Cymbidiums for Sale. Collection is too big to manage. 
Plants are in 10—12" pots and need dividing, some have spikes
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT June 2011

Welcome all. Winter has finally arrived with cool days and cold nights. No doubt the orchids have recognised it as well with little movement towards buds opening.

Last months speaker Randall Robinson aka "Chucky" generated lots of interest and many members approached me commenting ,who needs a book on registrations when you've got Chucky, nice guy etc.

The SAROC show on the Queens Birthday weekend was very well organised and successful, thanks to all the members who participated in putting in our Cymbidium Clubs display.

The Winter Show at Munno Para is the next event to be held July 9th—16th. Put in is at 5.00pm on the 9th July and take out is from 5.00pm 16th July. The Munno Para Shopping Centre is a great supporter of our club so please make the effort whether you have one orchid or many to make this a great show.

This months meeting is a workshop event Deflasking/ Tissue Culture/ Dividing, Grooming orchids for shows/ Setting up for displays etc.

Due to personal reasons the club is still looking for a new editor. Support and assistance will be given to help with this important role. If there is somebody willing to help out please ring Wayne on 8235 0340.

Wayne Baylis

CYMPPLICITY JUNE V11

Finally we have seen some much needed rain and a more definite change in the season. Hopefully your cymbidiums have responded to this and look better than they did a couple of months ago.

June is a cool month here in SA and supposedly the wettest. Last year it stayed cold all month, hardly reaching 16C and rather dry with the resulting frosts causing much heartache. If it's not the extreme heat of summer it's the opposite end of the spectrum that too causes a fair share of problems. This is why we mostly grow cymbidiums, after all, how many orchids can handle this punishment and still survive.

With cooling weather the watering schedule can slow down somewhat. Cooler weather and lower evaporation rates mean plants will hold water for longer and not lose as much through their leaves. Watering has always been a science that is misunderstood by many. There are many factors to consider before we pick up the hose. For example is it going to rain tomorrow? If so put it down and see what falls from above. Cymbidiums have pseudobulbs that store water over times of dryness so one more day on the dry side won't have them dropping leaves and keeling over, especially this time of year. The key rule is to water when the plants need it. The aim is for a consistently moist mix and not over wet to the extent of your plants roots literally drown in their pots. Next time you re pot a cymbidium and find all the roots at the bottom end of the pot rotted, black/ or brown with no evidence of any live tips then it is a good chance that you have been heavy with the hose. It is also a good bet your mix has soured and broken down to mush. This is why a good cymbidium mix should be free draining. Free draining mixes should also bring fresh air into the mix after watering and ultimately to the plants roots. On the other side of the coin they should not be allowed to fully dry out either. This stresses the plants and especially with bark based mixes, can make them very hard to rewet. The size of your plants and the pots is also a guide. Small seedlings and plants in small pots dry out faster than bigger established plants in 200mm pots. Hanging plants dry quicker than benched plants and plants overcrowded in their pots will struggle to get any water at all as there is not enough free room in the pots for this to happen. This is why we try and re pot/pot on or divide when the bulbs touch the sides. And don't forget little plants that are monstered by larger standards growing next to them, they are shaded from light as well as any water from the hose or rainfall. Checkout the collection after watering or rainfall. If you find a dry plant you ask why? Then move it. This plant will also be a prime candidate for scale and mites so look over it carefully. Weakened by lack of light and water it will be targeted.

JUDGES CHOICE— BEST IN OPEN DIVISION

Everglades x Red Beauty “Autumn Sunset”

grown by: John and Sandra Nicholls

Grown in a 400mm pot, this plant was judged as a Pink Intermediate. There are 2 spikes containing 9 and 11 flowers. The flowers have a dark maroon lip and white pollen caps. There are also 2 backbulbs and 3 green bulbs on this plant.



JUDGES CHOICE— BEST IN SECOND DIVISION

tracyanum

grown by: Steve Howlett

This cymbidium species tracyanum is growing in a 10 inch pot, the plant has 4 spikes and numerous green bulbs. The largest spike has 15 open flowers and 1 yet to open. This plant was judged as a Novelty Large Standard and grown by Steve Howlett.



PLANT WRITE UP MAY 2011

JUDGES CHOICE— BEST IN FIRST DIVISION—
BEST OVERALL
Autumn Elf No2
grown by: Max Kahlbaum

This plant is a Miniature Pink with 4 tall stems with approximately 14—19 flowers per stem. The stems are all upright with well spaced flowers. This is a healthy well grown plant.



Remember, pests and diseases will always attack the weakest plants and the champions and leave the ordinary ones alone.

Then we have different mixes, each with differing water holding capacity. With many people adding coco peat to their mix to retain moisture please take some caution if watering these next to a plant in a plain bark mix. The result will be the coco peat one will get too much compared to the bark mix then it's adios roots. Then the bulbs shrivel so we water them even more thinking they are thirsty, this is followed by advanced leaf tip die back, fungal problems and then death. If the bark one gets as much water as the coco peat should get then most likely it will dry out. The key message here is to take some time and assess your collection and their watering needs. If possible group plants with similar watering requirements. I prefer to hand water my collection, that way they all get what they need and I get to check them out on a regular basis. It is also why I keep different mixes apart.

Feeding wise we aim for feeds that will promote the growth and development of our newly emerging spikes. I prefer a well balanced feed, one with similar composition of the three major elements nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium. My theory is that whilst the developing spikes need the phosphorous and potassium there is still plenty of growth happening, albeit a bit more slowly with the cooler weather. That's where the nitrogen comes in. Frequency is fortnightly for those that are liquid fed and for those with their own regimes, stick to it. Foliar feeds work well this time of year too as the roots functions slow down and don't forget to spray the fertiliser underneath the leaves. This is where the plants stomata are and provides an entry point for fertiliser. It also discourages mites that prefer dry conditions.

You will notice quite a few cymbidiums will lose a few leaves now. That's natural, after all it is winter. These should drop from old growths that have long since flowered. If there is only one leaf left I'll snip it off as well but not too close to the psuedobulb. If you do take the top off a psuedobulb rub some powdered sulphur or a fungicide into it as a precaution. With cool humid nights around fungal problems will be on the rise and a damaged psuedobulb provides the perfect entry point for brown rot and when that gets in it can wipe out a pot in no time as well as potentially affect plants in the vicinity.

Quite a few plants leaves will be showing heat damage. I don't bother too much with trimming them (too many) and leave that to later just before show. But I do make sure that there are no developing fungal problems, taking note that these damaged sections can also provide an entry point for fungus.

By now most spring flowering cymbidiums will have initiated spikes. It is a good idea to mark them with a stake. This will give you an idea of this season's potential but also serves as an indicator that there are spikes there and this plant needs more care and protection. With an idea of this seasons flowering it's a good time to stock up on a few more stakes, fresh labels and some fresh topping for your pots. I also make up some new pegs and elastic for the spike straightening time later.

How many times do we check our collection in late July only to find spikes we have missed well out of sheath growing at strange angles and most likely damaged by weather and hungry critters. With a stake to indicate the presence of a spike this won't happen. Take note of developing spikes that even at this stage are not going to go where you want so you can take note of the extra training they will require. In some cases growers will prune a few spikes off. This can happen with all the size classes and the reasons are varied. It might be to get a better presentation or to increase the size of the flowers eg. With a standard. It won't increase the number of flowers as that has already been decided when the spikes first initiated early in the year.

Start your snail baiting program now and ensure it is continued right until flowering has finished. You can start spraying you cyms now for scale whilst the spikes are undeveloped and won't be damaged by sprays. Oil based sprays like white oil are OK now the weather has cooled. I have been using Eco Oil and am pleased with the results plus it's environmentally friendly. I have a population of native frogs in my shade house so I keep pesticides to a minimum. Sure, I get the odd flower chewed but if it's a good one then it goes elsewhere to open up, well away from the bugs and my frogs are happy for it.

Try to keep your light levels up as we enter the shortest days of the year. Cyms won't flower well if light levels are low. Any in spike now can be moved to a shady spot and those that didn't spike up can get some important light. They won't flower this year but will give them a chance for next season. It will also indicate that the collection is most likely over crowded or there are down falls with the enclosure and culture. No point in growing cymbidiums for their leaves.

July is nearly here again, how fast the years fly. The real winter is now upon us and we need to be out there with our plants to ensure we look after the new seasons spikes.

Steve Howard

Small Standard Yellow First Prize	Anzac Gold "Perfumed Delight"	Pauline Hockey
Intermediate Pink First Prize	Millenium Love	Pauline Hockey
Intermediate Yellow First Prize	Seven Waterfalls	Pauline Hockey
Intermediate Green First Prize	Three Sixes	Pauline Hockey
Intermediate Brown First Prize	Caribbean Sun	Pauline Hockey
Intermediate Pastel First Prize	Sundaani Autumn "Sailor Delight"	Pauline Hockey
Intermediate Pastel Second Prize	Three Sixes "Thorndon Park"	Pauline Hockey
Intermediate Pastel Third Prize	Sundaani Breeze	Pauline Hockey
Miniature Pink First Prize	Autumn Elf "No2"	Max Kahlbaum
	SECOND DIVISION	
Large Standard Novelty First Prize	Traceyanum	Steve Howlett
Intermediate Pink First Prize	Mini Lady "Chiffon"	Bill Jayne
Intermediate Yellow First Prize	Enzan Summer	M Willoughby
Miniature White First Prize	Elegant Elf "Nan"	Wilf Purchase
Miniature Pink First Prize	Millenium Love "Mothers Day"	Daniel Lutz

Monthly Competition Results 25th May 2011

POPULAR VOTE

Best Species	Tracyanum	Steve Howlett
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JUDGE'S CHOICE

Best Overall	Autumn Elf No2	Max Kahlbaum
Best in Open Division	Everglades x Red Beauty "Autumn Sunset"	John & Sandra Nicholls
Best in First Division	Autumn Elf No2	Max Kahlbaum
Best in Second Division	Cym Tracyanum	Steve Howlett
Best Intermediate Seedling	Sundaani Autumn x Sailors Delight	Pauline Hockey
Best Specimen	Cym Dayanum	Les Nesbitt
OPEN DIVISION		
Intermediate White First Prize	Erythrostylum Magnificum	Les Nesbitt
Intermediate Pink First Prize	Everglades x Red Beauty "Autumn Sunset"	John & Sandra Nicholls
Miniature Other Colour First Prize	Cym Dayanum	Les Nesbitt
FIRST DIVISION		

Cymbidium Orchid Club of South Australia — Upcoming Shows

Now that we are nearing the end of June and the first of this years shows is almost upon us here are the dates and venues of the three Orchid Shows that will be hosted by COCSA in 2011.

COCSA Winter Show

Sunday 10 July to Saturday 16 July 2011

Munno Para Shopping City
60 Main North Road, Smithfield

National Cymbidium Orchid Show

Saturday 20 August — 9.00am to 5.00pm

Sunday 21 August — 9.00am to 4.00pm

Noarlunga Leisure Centre
David Witton Drive
Noarlunga Centre

COCSA Spring Show

Sunday 28 August to Saturday 3 September 2011

Westfield Westlakes Shopping Centre
Brebner Drive, Westlakes

Show Judges

With the National Show rapidly approaching our Registrar of Judges Ben Knobben requires many judges and scribes for the judging taking place on Friday 19th of August. As there will be plenty of plants and cut spikes to be judged it is imperative that we have enough people to help out. Ben requires a list of volunteers that can commit and be available. Please let Ben know if you will be available. This looks like being a fantastic show and the committee is working very hard towards hosting the best show possible. The more volunteers we can get it less work it will be for everybody else.

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