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Next Meeting: 8 pm

Friday- 19th. February 2016

Venue: St. Timothy's Catholic Community School Hall
21 Stevens Road, Vermont. (Melway, Map 62 Ref.G3)

Item of the evening:

Sea Change and Orchid Hybridising

Presenter:

Geoff Bailey

Topical Chat:

Extreme Heat Effected Plants – refer page 3

Presenter:

David Cannon

New Member Group:

7.15pm. Barry Robinson

Supper:

Please bring a plate

Special Effort:

Tickets at door \$1.00 or 3 for \$2.00

Library:

Books, Magazines –
Refer Librarians - B Martin/L Frost.

Sales Table:

Pots, stakes, labels and hangers – Refer C Luth

Bench Competition:

Bench Commentary

President's Report

A little belated but I would like on behalf of the committee wish all orchid growers and their families the best of good health and prosperity as well as good growing for 2016.

At the December meeting, a good time was had by the more than 70 members and guests in attendance. The caterers (Hillard's - Tel. 9726 7581 Mobile 0439 360 669) served up an excellent meal. Unfortunately the meeting was on a 41 degree day and the venue does not have a cooling system, even with all doors and windows open it was blxxxxy hot indoors. Thanks to those members who at short notice bought in fans to try to alleviate the situation.

The special effort with approx. 50 prizes saw many members go home laden with goodies. Unfortunately not everyone can be winners. Better luck next year to the unsuccessful. Special thanks to those members who donated goodies too build up the number of prizes available.

A very pleasing feature of the night was the amount of assistance by members in preparing the hall and cleaning up the hall and the return to storage of the tables and chairs.

To those members not in the best of health, the committee wish you a change of fortune and hope that we see you soon.

Regards to all

Alan.

M.O.S. Inc. Patron: David Cannon

Life Members: The late Frank Date, Jim Foster-Johnson, David Cannon, Alan & Nancy Cockram, Dieter Weise, Barry Robinson, Susanne Redpath, Max Bomford & Cheryl Luth.

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ATTENDANCE BOOK It is important that people attending the monthly meetings or society outings sign the attendance book. This is required for insurance purposes; if you don't sign you may not be covered in case of an accident.

ITEM OF THE EVENING –

Our guest speaker at the February Meeting is Geoff Bailey. Geoff will tell us about how his orchids are growing at his new location of Crib Point. Geoff has grown orchids for over 30 years with his speciality being cymbidium orchids. Geoff is a member of the OSCOV judging panel and has been a committee member of the Cymbidium Club of Victoria. He is also the Owner/Editor of the magazine "The Australian Cymbidium Scene" a must read for all orchid growers. Geoff is an entertaining and informative speaker and I am sure we can look forward to his presentation.

SPEAKERS LATER IN YEAR

April – How to Photograph Orchids – Wendy Clark

May – Deflasking Orchids – Brendan Larkin

EARLY REMINDER

June – Inhouse Auction

SALES TABLE - Cheryl Luth

To buy – Check out the very good range of slimline, squat and basket pots, hangers, stakes and labels at very competitive prices for members.

To sell – Members are welcome to bring orchids or orchid related goods to sell on the Sales Table.

The club receives 15% commission on sales. Please fill out the appropriate sales document and make sure you put a price tag/sticker on the plant or goods.

TOPICAL CHAT

Members who have plants damaged (1 or 2 per member) by the extreme heat in recent times are asked to bring them in for discussion. For this segment to be successful we need plants to be brought in.

FACEBOOK PAGE Now operational. Thanks to Daniel Tung internet users can log on to our Facebook Page.

The Facebook page can be accessed by logging onto;
www.facebook.com/maroondahorchidsociety

EARLY BIRD SEGMENT

The co-ordinator (Barry Robinson) had a very quiet time at monthly meetings in 2015. If you are interested in this segment please talk to Barry at the next meeting and express your interest. The session must start at 7.15pm so as not to interfere with the meeting due to start at 8.00pm.

LIBRARY (co-ordinator Barbara Martin)

A small number of books are available at each meeting as well as a listing of all books available. If you are interested in a book that is not available on the night advise Barbara and she will bring the publication to the next meeting.

OPEN DAY – ORCHID SPECIES SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

Sunday March 20 – 9.am – 2.00pm at the
City of Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road,
Forest Hill. Melway 62 G4
Orchid Sales & Display
Entry \$5.00

DISPLAY BENCH ETIQUETTE

It is time to remind you, and inform new members of display bench etiquette.

Check your plant carefully to ensure that you do not bring pest or diseased plants to the meeting.

If possible have your name cards filled in before you arrive.

Make sure you use the correct section cards (Open, Intermediate or novice) **Print both front & back clearly.** If you forget to print your name on the back you may miss out on valuable points.

If you are not sure of the plant class, leave blank, the judges will see that the plant is judged in the appropriate class.

Please print plant names correctly and clearly, the judges are not expected to know everything. It is also extremely difficult for the newsletter editor to decipher judging sheets.

Place your plant(s) on the tables allocated to your section.

If there are plants already benched of a type you have to bench, please place your plant as near as possible to the previously benched plants.

If there is insufficient space for your plants, speak to a committee member who will reorganise the table or provide additional table(s).

Don't forget to take all of your plants home at the end of the meeting.

Under no circumstances should members;

Attempt to talk to the judges about whether your or someone else's plant is better prior to judging.

Queries at the end of the meeting are quite acceptable.

Touch the leaves or flowers of someone else's plant

Remove plant labels, even if you put it back. The plant name card has the plant detail.

If you wish to have pollen or a keiki from a plant, seek the owner permission and do not remove except in their presence.

Remember a nine (9) month ownership rule applies for all plants to be judged. If you have recently purchased a plant which you wish to share with others, it can be benched and displayed as non-competitive.

Schomburgkia Superbiens (Article courteous of the Ringwood Orchid Society).

Common Name: Superb Schomburgkia

Habitat: is found growing in rainforests in the mountains of Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras and Nigaraqua. It grows on trees or rocks in moist forests. The plants form large colonies.

Plant Size: Large. The tall pseudobulbs form tight, expansive colonies. Each growth has between one and three leaves.

Flower Size: 5 inches (12.5cm).

Flower Description: Fragrant. The flowers are large and last for a long time on the plant. The flower spike grows to 48 inches (1.2 metres) in height and has between 7 and 12 flowers clustered at the end. Flowers are lavender in colour and have wavy undulated petals.

Bloom Season: Late Autumn to early spring.

Growing Temperature: Intermediate to Warm.

Additional Information: Schomburgkia Superbiens is a large species and is easy to grow and can make a truly impressive specimen plant with multiple growths in bloom for a long time in the autumn and winter. Grow in a slatted wood basket, clay pot or mounted on driftwood or cork. The plant needs to room to grow and lots of bright light. Water frequently when in active growth.

A plant of Schomburgkia Superbeins won for James Harnetty the best exhibit by a novice grower at both the 2014 & 2015 Spring Shows. At the 2015 show the plant was of specimen size and had 4 flower spikes. The flower spikes were longer than the 1.2 metres stated above and John McCabe (James was working) done an amazing job getting the plant intact to the show in a neighbours small vehicle.

Xmas Meeting



Mary, Mathew, Andy & Trinh Tran. Hanh & Lyn Truong. Thuy Pham



Soo Mei Leong, Joyce & Sunny Tse, Edith Yu-Chan, Barry Robinson Claudia Ng & Diane Rowe



Megan Walters, Marge Dew, Ron & Joan Chapman Lawrence & Gwenda Walker-Smith and Marilyn Moffat. Cameraman Graeme missing in action.



Duncan & Irene Ferguson, Ian & Berry Treganza, Annette Hawkins, Shane & Janette Healey



Fun & Kong Yong, Thai Dong, Su, Emily & Leo Orland.



Ron & Heather Coleman, Barbara Martin, Nancy & Alan Cockram and James Harnetty



Jane Shipp, Bruce, Elinya, Eva, Roisin & Mauve Cutts, Laurie Shipp.



Stephen & Meryl Early, Alan & Phil. Baker, Janette Trotman, Barbara Walker and Mark Evans.



Sherrette & Ian Hamilton, Jim Doney and Alan Goode

Karin Balogh, Cheryl Luth, Astrid & Dieter Weise, Jim Foster-Johnson.



Michael, Ian & Kim Doran, Leanne Le and D Cannon

Alan Cockram, Daniel & Harry Tung



David Cannon with Kris Kringle recipients

Plant gifts for members



Emily Orland with special effort prizes.

Michael Doran with Pres.

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M.O.S. Inhouse - Auction – 17 June 2016

M.O.S. Winter Show – 15 July 2016

OSCOV – Melbourne Orchid Spectacular -26/28 August 2016

M.O.S. Spring Show – 24/25 September 2016

M.O.S. Sarcophilus Show – 18 November 2016

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