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March Meeting 2015

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Valentine's Love "Leanne" Grown by M Willoughby & O Ju



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Presidents Message April 2015

On behalf of the Cymbidium Club of South Australia it gives me great pleasure to congratulate and welcome Brian and Shirley Brand as our club's newest Life Members. I welcome this opportunity to thank Brian and Shirley for their continuing support and endeavour of our club's objectives.

Our many thanks and gratitude also goes to a number of our members who have been nominated to receive an "Award for Meritorious Service" to our club. These members include Gordon and Coralie Hime, Elmore and Pam Leske, Murray Weston and Malcolm Osborn.

The Cymbidium Club regularly receive recommendations regarding our extensive list of outstanding members and their achievements. The committee is continually reviewing the achievements of these members and will continue to recognise these individual members. Nominations other than those included above are already under consideration and the committee would welcome any additions to this process.

David Gynn's exciting presentation at our March meeting challenged many members thoughts regarding existing conventional methods of orchid culture. David supported his culture program with photographic examples which would have been the envy of many orchid growers and concluded his talk with a selection of outstanding Cymbidium flowers. Our thanks to David for a truly inspiring presentation.

The quality of our speaker program never ends at the Cymbidium Club as April introduces another well know orchid grower. Colin Gillespie will be our speaker for the evening. I am sure this will be another presentation you do not want to miss.

Seedlings ordered from Colin Gillespie will be available at this meeting.

Our latest student judges training program which started in March has attracted a large number of interested members. To all those members who attended the first meeting, thank you for your attendance and we look forward to your progress. It was interesting to observe the variety of different facial expressions. Widespread interest and student interaction was a highlight of the day.

I look forward to your attendance at our next meeting.

I am regularly asked by members of the beginner's group, "Where can I buy good plants?" Unfortunately there are not many local suppliers remaining. Today I received a catalogue from Tinonee Orchids and thought it might be worth including it in this magazine. We might not often have the space to do this in future, so I hope it is useful for you. Ray Clement, the proprietor, has offered us some nice plants for doing so, and we will probably auction these sometime in the future.

Cym. Black Stump 'Come in Spinner' AM/AOC First release	Mericlone	\$35.00
<i>Stunning dark chocolate pendulous in 100mm pot</i>		
Cym. Black Stump 'Howzat' First release	Mericlone	\$35.00
<i>Very similar to 'Come in Spinner'. The two best Black Stumps. 100mm pot</i>		
Cym. Black Stump	Remake	\$25.00
<i>Australian Midnight x Cricket remake. Long stems of dark red/brown blooms. 100mm</i>		
Cym. Ensi Canal	Mericlone	\$12.00
<i>Long pendulous spikes of deep brown flowers. Australasian native in 70mm tube</i>		
Cym. Sarah Jean 'Helen' x Cym. floribundum 'Ruby Heart'		\$12.00
<i>seedling</i>		
Cym. Sarah Jean 'Dreamer'		\$15.00
<i>Pendulous, cream colour, July flowering in 100mm pot</i>		
Cym. Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade'		\$15.00
<i>Ever popular pendulous white. July flowering in 100mm pot</i>		
Cym. Sarah Jean 'Crystal Falls'		\$15.00
<i>Pendulous, pale lemon colour with blush pink lip, July flowering in 100mm pot</i>		
Cym. Sarah Jean 'Lime Light'		\$15.00
<i>Quality pastel green pendulous</i>		
Cym. Druin Masterpiece 'Renae'	Mericlone	\$15.00
<i>Showbench orange intermediate in 100mm pot</i>		
Cym. New Century 'Rosie'		\$15.00
<i>Pink intermediate with white lip, stunning.</i>		
Cym. Vidar 'Harlequin'		\$15.00
<i>Green standard, peloric.</i>		
Cym. Mary Green 'Oxford Street'	Mericlone	\$15.00
<i>Green pendulous, late August flowering</i>		
Cym. Mary Green 'Copperpot'		\$15.00
<i>Pendulous bronze with red lip. July/August flowering. 100mm pot</i>		
Cym. Mary Green 'Little Annie'		\$15.00
<i>Greenish miniature with a coloured lip in 100mm pot</i>		

February 2014 meeting results

Judge's Choice	Best Overall	
Judge's Choice	Best in First Division	
Judge's Choice	Best Specimen	
First Division	Intermediate Red	1st
First Division	Intermediate Green	1st
First Division	Intermediate Other Colour	1st

Showbench winners from the February meeting

Congratulations to Michael & Oui for scooping the pool at the March meeting. Just 3 plants were displayed, but expect lots more this month. Quality and quantity of the earlies, is unfortunately not as good as the latter season flowers, and many do not last as long, but it is improving rapidly. Some of the new seedlings appearing are very good, and it won't be long until we see them released commercially. Keep an eye for them & get in quickly when they do become available.

Tinonee catalogue continued

Cym. Mary Green 'Cafe Latte'		\$15.00
<i>Coffee coloured miniature. August flowering</i>		
Cym. Mary Green 'Lipstick'		\$15.00
<i>Pendulous, cream with red lip. August flowering</i>		
Cym. Jess Winter 'Kimberly'		\$15.00
<i>Soft pink upright with blotched red lip. July/August flowering in 100mm pot</i>		
Cym. Ruby Brook 'Falling Fire'	Mericlone	\$15.00
<i>Red pendulous, mini.</i>		
Cym. Koala 'Cutie'		\$15.00
<i>Australian style miniature in 100mm pot.</i>		
Cym. Brown Beauty 'Ochre'		\$15.00
<i>Novelty upright, yellow/brown colour. In 100mm pot</i>		
Cym. Scallywag 'The Crumpet'	(pumilum x suave)	Mericlone \$15.00
<i>Pendulous miniature</i>		
Cym. Janis Lyn x Cym. Lovely Angel 'Ballerina'		\$15.00
<i>Upright white intermediate. Mid season flowering in 100mm pot</i>		

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Valetines Love 'Leanne'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju
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St. Agnes Red 'Canala'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju
Valentines Love 'Leanne'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju
Florida Cracker 'Trinity'	Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju

Cym. Bunyip 'Pink Parfait' x Cym. Miss Muffet 'Twink' 100mm pot	Seedling	\$15.00
Cym. Red Pepper 'Janice' Upright red intermediate, June flowering in 100mm pot	Mericlone	\$15.00
Cym. Sleeping Sharon 'Lois Williams' Yellow/apricot standard in 100mm pot		\$15.00
Cym. Flame Hawk 'Lipper' Red pendulous, mini.In 100mm pot.	Mericlone	\$15.00
Cym. Artful Magic 'Martina' Yellow intermediate with heavy barred lip. Upright in 100mm pot	Mericlone	\$15.00
Cym. Ruby Lips 'Rose' Quality red, barred lip, standard in 100mm pot		\$15.00
Cym. Gene Siskel 'Lucy' Dark red miniature pendulous in 100mm pot	Mericlone	\$15.00
Cym. Jack Hudlow 'Waikanae' Upright stems, green flower with red lip. In 100mm pot.	Mericlone	\$15.00
Cym. Paradisian Surprise 'Speckles' Blush white pendulous. August flowering.		\$15.00
Cym. Paradisian Surprise 'Dotty Lip' Light pink pendulous with a spotty lip. August flowering.		\$15.00
Cym. Paradisian Surprise 'Pinky' Soft pink pendulous. August flowering.		\$15.00
Cym. Paradisian Surprise 'Splash of Pink' Pendulous with quality pink flowers. August flowering.		\$15.00

The following is an article which Kevin Western wrote last year, when I put out a plea, for articles for the magazine. It is very difficult to continually obtain interesting and well written articles, and I sincerely thank Kevin for producing several articles for us. Interesting, I met Kevin in our local supermarket, the day after the meeting where I put out the plea. He informed me that he had gone home **that night**, and written a number of articles, taking him till the wee small hours that morning (after 3am), to complete them. I published one last season. I hope you enjoy this one, and there are more to come.

Some basics about Cymbidium orchids

Wild plants of our 3 native cymbidium orchids *canaliculatum*, *madidum* and *suave* most frequently are found with quite extensive root systems that occupy dead and rotted heart wood of their host tree. From the very few photos of Indian and Asian cymbidium species plants growing naturally in trees I assume most of them grow largely in the rotting heart-wood of trees or at least as sizeable clumps wedging themselves in crotches between branches.

Very occasionally, I have seen *C. madidum* growing as an epiphyte **on** the bark of specific trees in areas with a lot of natural shelter and regular rainfall. I believe that *Cym tigrinum* also tends to grow as an epiphyte with its root system attached to its host and not within its host.

Occasionally too, I have seen *Cyms madidum* and *suave* growing with their root systems between the bark and heartwood of dead trees.

Since this is so, we must regard cymbidiums as terrestrial orchids as the majority of them do not have exposed, epiphytic root systems. I have seen several Asian orchid species photographed in-situ growing in a layer of twig and leaf litter on the forest floor and some of the more northern cymbidium species tend to grow as true terrestrial orchids. It is that terrestrial habit which lends them to pot culture in suitable types of mixes which tend to stay at least moist quite easily.

One may think that by putting a very lengthy and extensive root network down in the heart wood of a branch, the roots are capable of coping with poorly aerated environments but due to cracks in the timber and extensive colonies of ants that also make their burrows and home in the rotting heart wood, there is actually **rather good aeration**.

That heart wood also must be very nutritious as the microbes break it down plus the nitrogenous and faecal wastes from the ants must also be good tucker if you are a plant so I think we must assume our cymbidiums are used to having plenty of nourishment laid on.

Given that plant cell walls that originally made the host tree's core have a significant amount of calcium involved in their construction it make good sense to assume we at least occasionally (every 4 weeks?) use some reliable calcium source such as calcium nitrate on its own to provide adequate supplies to our potted plants.

There are several soluble fertilizer brands marketed that indicate some Calcium content. No broad, soluble fertilizer can comprise **more than a mere trace of calcium** as it is not compatible and would make insoluble calcium precipitates if mixed at concentration with the commonly used sulphates and phosphates that make up the bulk of the fertilizer formula. Thus it is necessary to find and apply a decent calcium source. **Calcium Nitrate prills are cheap, very soluble and if applied monthly in solution at a final concentration of about 3-5grams per 10 litres of water it seems to give very good results**

In cymbidium pot culture one often hears of the need for ‘**good drainage**’. I think we should rather consider the need for **good aeration** as the primary requirement. A potting mix that has good qualities of aeration will automatically have good drainage. This means trying to have all the components of the potting mix at quite similar sizes because if we mix large and small particles in the one mix, then the small particles will fit in between the larger ones and so they will exclude the air space that could have been in their place.

To balance the consideration of one the one hand, the need to provide a continuous supply of moisture, and on the other hand needing to keep plenty of air space in the mix, I sieve my bark through 2 sieves and the larger grade chunks only go with plants in about 200mm or greater pots while the smaller bark is used in the smaller pot sizes.

By having the sieved and graded bark used this way, I think larger pots will hold sufficient water by virtue of the sheer bark volume which they contain. For good plant health & great air space for aeration, the smaller pots with smaller bark, will still be well aerated, and will hold more moisture by virtue of smaller bark and smaller air spaces. In practice, it seems to work just fine for me.

Those growers who make their cymbidium potting mixes up from a number of different components should probably consider the effects of combining larger and smaller particle sizes together as it definitely reduces available air space in the mix. I think it would be best to have most of the mix components as particles of about the same size.

Conversely if you are getting good results from just such a mish-mash of different size components then don't worry as it means your watering program; the pot sizes you employ and your overall growing environment are in some sort of balance and you may thus, not benefit from making an adjustment.

The following is information from a newsletter written by

ALAN & MIRIAM MERRIMAN from MIRIAM ANN ORCHIDS

Alan was a guest speaker at our club, a few years back.

In the past he was a grower at the very famous “Cecil Park” Orchid Nursery, so is very well qualified to offer advice to our club members

In the last issue of these notes I mentioned what is alkaline hydrolysis. A large number of commonly used pesticides, other than those formulated for ULV applications are decomposed quite rapidly in alkaline water. This decomposition is called alkaline hydrolysis. Many chemicals are affected in this way. In Australia, the majority of water mixed with pesticides is alkaline, and therefore decomposition can proceed at a rate rapid enough to affect the degree of control obtained. Nufarm Ltd have U-700 that has been formulated to help control this problem. Most pesticides will be stable within a p.H range of 4.5 to 7.0. Check water to see if the p.H is below p.H 7 BEFORE mixing the chemical in it. Add U-700 to reduce the p.H. Then add the chemical. Which chemicals are affected? Below is a short list of some chemicals that are affected.

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For orchid growers the use of ROVRAL® is very sensitive to high pH of spray water. I hope this enlightens you. PRIMABUFF BB5 does the same thing!

From the Editor

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I do not fully understand a lot of the above, but there is some food for thought there. It also re-enforces the importance of knowing and managing the PH of our water supply

NEWS FROM THE PAST. (Alan Merriman)

Over time many orchid brews get changed, or the recipe had a change when written down. One of these special brews is DENTS COMPOST. The other day I was browsing in a back issue of the Parramatta and District Orchid News, in fact it was the January 1971, volume 7 No 1. Believe it or not I was President and Editor then I then came across a copy of the original way to make DENTS COMPOST. These notes were taken from John Gulbis's notes that we worked off so here it is!

6 Bags fresh hardwood sawdust

6 Double handfuls of dolomite

6 Double handfuls of Blood and Bone

1 Bag dry poultry manure (could use pellets) mix thoroughly wetting sufficiently to make the whole batch moist, not wet. Store on BARE SOIL.

Turn over once a week for 4 – 5 weeks. There after once a fortnight. I ready for use in 4months, not before. The moisture will heat and tend to dry out when turning, add water with a hose to keep mixture moist It will heat up to 140 – 160 degrees F (42 – 58degreesC).

As the conversion of raw wood in the sawdust to make food for the plants is accomplished by Bacteria and Fungi which is evidenced be the heat it develops, it is important the air and moisture is adequate, the mixture should therefore be piled no higher than 30 inches. When potting add a handful of fine bone dust to a bucket of compost. This is important. When potting allow plenty of room for future growth. DO NOT LOOSELY PACK , compost should be as firmly as possible, use plenty of water all year round, never let dry out. Pot every year as the plants will grow too big!! So now you have the original. Those growers who had the pleasure of visiting the “Cecil Park” Orchid Nursery would have seen the piles of made up DENTS there!

Not much has changed on the cultural front for April. DO NOT OVER WATER, Fertilise every ten days. Watch for beetles and grubs. Watch spotting – spray with ROVRAL AQUA®

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From the Editor again

Alan publishes a regular, very informative newsletter, which can be emailed to interested parties.

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Contact Alan or Miriam for information or to be put on their mailing list

A little food for thought

- 1. In order to succeed, we must first believe that we can**
(Michael Korda)
- 2. Whether you think you can, or think you can't, you are right**
(Henry Ford)
- 3. We can do only what we think we can do.**
We can be only what we think we can be.
We can have only what we think we can have.
What we do, what we are, what we have, all depend on what we
think.
(Robert Collier)
- 4. A man is literally what he thinks**
(James Allen)
- 5. The only limit to our realization of tomorrow, will be our doubts**
of today.
(Franklin D Roosevelt)
- 6. The mind is the limit. As long as the mind can envision the fact**
that you can do something, you can do it, as long as you really
believe 100 percent
(Arnold Schwarzenegger)
- 7. One man with courage is a majority**
(Andrew Jackson)
- 8. Courage is doing what you're afraid to do. There can be no**
courage unless you're scared
(Eddie Rickenbacker)
- 9. Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear, not absence of fear**
(Mark Twain)
- 10. Success is never final, and courage is never fatal : it's courage**
that counts.
(Unknown)
- 10. All the significant battles are waged within the self**
(Sheldon Kopp)
- 11. Nothing is impossible to a willing heart**
(John Heywood)
- 12 If there is a way to do it better, find it**
(Thomas Edison)

Advance Notice

Winter Show - Munno Para Shopping Centre
Put in Saturday 11th July, Take out 18th July
Spectacular Noarlunga Leisure Centre
Put in Friday 21st August, Take out 23rd August
Spring Show West Lakes
Put in Sat August 29th, Take out 5th Sept.
Details of monthly meetings will appear in the next magazine

The next Meeting of the
Cymbidium Orchid Club of South Australia Inc.
will be held on
Wednesday 22th April 2015
at the
Burnside Community Centre, 401 Greenhill Road, Tusmore, SA

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

Program

- 6.30pm** Colin Gillespie will be in the carpark to deliver plants pre ordered
- 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** Plants for judging to be in place (unless prior approval sought)
- 8.00 pm** General meeting starts.
- 8.30 pm** **Guest Speaker Colin Gillespie * Breeder and very successful show bench and commercial grower from Melbourne**
- 9.30 pm** Meeting closes.

SUPPER ROSTER 2014

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Tinonee catalogue continued

Cym. Paradisian Surprise 'Hot Lips'	\$15.00
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Cym. Paradisian Delight 'Stunner'	\$15.00
<i>Pendulous pale pink in 100mm pot.</i>	
Cym. Paradisian Pride 'Red Buttons'	\$15.00
<i>Cascading stems with pink/red petals outlined with white & large spotted lip.</i>	
Cym. Persuasive Touch 'Dark Eyes'	\$15.00
<i>Novelty type. Pendulous green coloured flowers with dark lip. August flowering.</i>	
Cym. Mary Pinchess 'Shamrock' 4n x Cym. Pumilow 'Hatfield's' 4n	\$15.00
<i>Yellow upright intermediate in 100mm pot</i>	
Cym. Kuranda 'Chu-wai' AM/AOS x Cym. William Weaver 'Hatfield's' 4n	\$15.00
<i>Pendulous, cream miniature with pink lip in 100mm pot</i>	
Cym. White Rabbit 'Geyserland' x Cym. sanderae 'Emma Meninger' 4n	\$15.00
<i>Upright white in 100mm pot</i>	
Cym. Parish Madness x Cym. Grape Village 'Geyserland'	\$15.00
<i>Interesting breeding, shapely intermediate in 100mm pot</i>	
Cym. Sweet Devon 'Paradisla'	\$15.00
<i>Green/yellow flowers, pendulous type. In 100mm pot. (suave x devonianum)</i>	
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Cym. George Formby 'Geyserland' 4n x Cym. devonianum 4n	\$15.00
<i>Deep reds with dark lip in 100mm pot</i>	
Cym. Nancy Miyamoto 'Hatfield's' 4n x Cym. devonianum 4n	\$15.00
<i>Similar to above. New dark mini's in 100mm pot</i>	
Cym. Quick 'n' Dirty	(Peter Pan x dayanum) \$15.00
<i>Green miniatures, upright stems, free flowering. Large single growth in 100mm pot</i>	
Cym. Parish Madness x Cym. Cindy Lou 'Geyserland' 4n	\$15.00
<i>White upright in 100mm pot</i>	
Cym. Cariad 'Plush'	\$15.00
<i>Mini pendulous, novelty yellow in 100mm pot.</i>	
Cym. Love the Moon 'Milky Way'	\$15.00
<i>Pale yellow pendulous. August flowering in 100mm pot.</i>	
Cym. Satisfaction 'Black Beauty'	\$15.00
<i>Pale pink with dark mahogany lip, pendulous type. July/August flowering</i>	

Sorry, it was not possible to include the whole catalogue. About another 20 plants could not be fitted in here. A few copies will be available at the next meeting, and I will email the entire catalogue out to those who get the magazine emailed to them. Consider asking for your magazine to be emailed to you.

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This is Peter Pan “Greensleeves”

Sorry, it is not a good picture, but I thought it was worth showing here, because it has been such an important parent in the development of ultra early Cymbidiums. It is the parent of Valentine’s Love “Leanne” the March overall best flower.

Unfortunately, you will not often see it on the showbench nowadays, but you, will see large numbers of it’s prodgeny.

Recently there has been a resurgence of breeding with it, seeking more clear green earlies

It was bred in 1957 from the species
ensifolium x Miretta

ensifolium is a small poor shaped mini
Miretta is a big green standard



Breeding using Peter Pan was limited initially, as it was Diploid, and not very fertile.

When converted to Tetraploid form, it became very fertile & bred readily



Valentine's Love "Leanne"

Registered in 1980

From the mating of
Peter Pan X Ora Lee

Peter Pan was a breakthrough parent at the time, bringing the flowering season forward by many months.

Peter Pan is green, but produced whites, pinks and Polychromes, depending on what it was mated with.

It changed cymbidium growing