



The Cymbidium Newsletter

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2011 Meeting Dates

January –
February 8
March 8
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May 10
June 14
July 12
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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.

*Last months meeting:

Thanks to Steven Early for assisting us with the showing of the OSCOV Orchids of the Year disc, it was most enjoyable and I am sure much appreciated by all, it is always interesting to see what other genera or orchids were competing in this competition. Thanks also to Terry and Colin for showing us how to stake and prepare our plants for the upcoming shows.

*Cultural talk:

This months cultural talk will be a short talk by Neutrog on their products etc, and followed by Ern Kettle on the last 20 years of the Cymbidium Orchid Society of Victoria, Ern is always entertaining with his talks, so come along and enjoy the celebrations of our 20th Anniversary.

*Main Item for the evening

Randall Robinson will be our guest speaker for the evening, Randall recently returned from America and will tell us all about the Santa Barbara Orchid Show and some other interesting Orchid stuff.

*Growing Competition

Please remember to bring in your plants for the growing competition, members who have been supporting this competition we thank you, by all accounts you are all growing your plants very well, we would also like you to bring in any of the last 4 years growing competition plants once they start flowering, below is a list to remind members of which plants we had for our growing competition.

2007	Mericlone – Lunakira Gleam	Seedling – Kellys Winter x Khan Flame
2008	Mericlone – Foxfire Veridian ‘Stargate’	Seedling – ?? (anyone know)
2009	Mericlone – Kimberley Splash ‘Calypso’	Seedling – Alvins Star ‘Southern Ocean x Paradise Star ‘White Cloud’
2010	Mericlone – Valley Olympic ‘Pink Perfection’	Seedling – Joans Era ‘No 1’ x Kingwin ‘South Park’

The plants in this year’s competition are:

Mericlone : Radiant Ruby ‘Aussie Gem” – dark red miniature

Seedling : Lunar Wall ‘Dural x Uluru ‘Orange Delight’ – standard cymbidium which should produce orange/yellow maybe with a bit of a splash petal.

***BUS TRIP SUNDAY 17TH JULY 2011**

There is a change to the itinerary for the bus trip in July, unfortunately we will not be able to visit Orchids for You (Andy & Jan Leamon) or Princes Way Orchids (Ken Purcell), in lieu of this the following changes have been made.

NEW ITINERARY

Morning

Depart Mt. Waverley Youth Centre 9.30am

Colin & Karen Gillespie - Devon Meadows at 10.10am - 12.15pm approx (Morning Tea Supplied)

Afternoon

Kimberley Orchids - Devon Meadows 12.20pm - 3.00 pm approx. (Lunch Supplied)

Terry Poultons - Narre Warren - 3.15pm to 4.00pm approx.

Arrive back at Mt. Waverley 4.40 approx

This will be a rare opportunity to see how these three very experienced growers, house and grow their cymbidiums.

**ONLY 4 PLACES LEFT
COST \$25.00 per head**

Interested members please see Jenny Robertson at next meeting.

This will be the last opportunity to book a seat.

***Virus test kits**

All the virus test kits that the Club purchased have been sold. Any member who may want them will be able to purchase from Randall Robinson.

*** Results for the monthly Competition**

Once again not many plants were displayed on the night, please members bring in your plants to be looked at by the judges and members, although the weather has turned cold our plants should be starting to flower shortly.

Judges Vote and Best in Open Section: Alice Williams 'Camden' by Paradisia

Best in Novice and Encouragement award: Dutchmans Gold 'Santa Barbara' by Bryan Paten

Best in Novelty : Butterfly Kisses 'Veridian' by Winston Tong

Best Species : erythrostylum 'Dale' by Julian Coker

Lancifolium x Floribundum displayed by Randall Robinson.

Congratulation to all the winners.

***Monthly Raffle**

If any member would like to donate anything to our monthly raffle they are more welcome to do so, these funds all contribute to the running of your club.

NEW HORIZON ORCHIDS - Andy Easton

One of the world's leading Cymbidium hybridizers is pleased to announce that we will be an agent for their world class stock. We will receive regular flask shipments of all types of their Cymbidium seedlings: Exhibition standards, pendulous intermediates and unique types such as fragrant and heat-tolerant lines. New Horizon Orchids is represented in Australia by Ezi-Gro Orchids of WA and Atlantis Orchids and we join these leading orchid nurseries in introducing our customers to the New Horizon product.



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***Membership Fees for 2012**

Thanks to all members that have paid the fees for the next year, just a reminder to those of you who have not paid please do so either at the next meeting or post to the Treasurer, also all raffle books to be returned even if you do not sell any tickets.

***20th Anniversary Show Dinner**

For those who provisionally booked for the dinner, on payment your tickets will be available at the next meeting, for anyone who has booked and will not be able to make it please let Karen Gillespie know as we have a waiting list for members who were not quick enough to book.

***Cymbidium Orchid Festival (20th Anniversary Show)**

The COSV Show is on the Saturday & Sunday 10th & 11th September with set up on Friday 9th September from 10:00am – 5:00pm, judging commencing at 6:00pm.

The venue is the Hungarian Community Centre 760 Boronia Rd. Wantirna.

It would be wonderful if all members could put up a display stand. If you feel you are unable to put up a stand on your own why don't two or even a few of you get together and set up a stand. The hall is very large so we need to put on a great display & fill it with as many cymbidiums as possible.

If you are unable to set up a display there will be a club stand for you to put your plants on.

Also if you have plants for sale there are Trading Tables at \$60.00 per table, & again a few of you could get together and have a table between you.

There will be Display Registration & Vendor Registration forms available from Julie Forrest at the next meeting.

*** Geoff Bulmer - 24th MAY 2011**

It is with sadness that the committee and members of the COSV offer their sincere condolences to Dianne and family on the passing of Geoff. Both Geoff and Dianne have been active members of the club since 2001, during this time Geoff always participated in any events held and was always the first person to offer assistance when needed. He will be sadly missed, but not forgotten.

Our thoughts are with you Dianne

*** Rosemarie Crozier**

Long time member Rosemarie Crozier is currently dealing with illness. We wish her well on the road ahead, and look forward to the time that she can share her beautifully grown cymbidiums with us again. .

***Basket Supper**

Any member wishing to bring along a plate of eats to share after the meeting can do so, as this month is the 20th Anniversary the committee has arranged a birthday cake for supper. So do come along and join us.

***Club Badges**

For any member who does not have a club badge these are available to order from Henk at a cost of \$12 each.



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www.barritaorchids.com.au

This list features hybrids in a wide range of colours for the
commercial and the show bench grower.

Email now to ensure you are one
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available numbers and early ordering is a must.

***COSV Website**

All members who have access to a computer please make use of our website for all the up to date news, show dates, photographs etc, we thank Geoff Bailey for all his hard work in maintaining the website.

***Cultural Notes for this month**

At last month's meeting Colin and Terry spoke on what they do during this time for staking plants etc, here is another opinion by Alan Hope, we thank OSCOV for the article, and hope this assists members in staking their cymbidiums, we are looking for as many members as possible to show at our 20th Anniversary Show, Geoff Bailey and his show committee are putting a lot of effort into making this a bumper show, please support it.

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STAKING CYMBIDIUMS by Alan Hope



Cymbidium One Tree Hill
'Beenak' HCC/OSCOV

Those of you who have cymbidiums in spike will have noticed that many of the spikes are now extending at a fairly rapid pace. Once they reach a length of about 200 mm they may be staked. However, you must use your discretion, because some spikes need to develop more fully to provide enough flexibility to allow staking, tying and training. In fact, some varieties cannot be effectively trained at all, and you will need to allow the spike to follow its natural inclination.

Flower spikes seem to fit into three categories. Those that grow relatively **straight** and upright, those that have an **arching** habit and those that are **pendulous**. Many of the *Cymbidium devonianum* hybrids, such as *Cymbidium Bulbarrow*, fall into the last category, as do some of the good green and red large- and intermediate-flowered cymbidium hybrids. The only advice that can be given is to let the spikes do their own thing and allow them to cascade. Sometimes the emerging spike will decide to follow the surface of the compost or to try to burrow into it and you will need to correct this problem. An effective solution is to place one end of a plastic label under the emerging spike and the other end on the rim of the pot. This creates an upward-sloping ramp that the flower spike will follow over the rim.

For relatively **straight** spikes insert a stake away from the edge of the pot and in a position where you imagine the flowers will be seen to their best advantage. Try to work from a position either in front of or behind the spike to reduce the chance of catching a sleeve on the buds and breaking them off. Start tying at the base of the spike using one of the soft plastic-and-wire twisty-ties and progress towards the top. Avoid forcing the spike at this stage, as you may break it. Do not use any more ties than you feel are necessary, as the judges may penalise excessive tying. You may consider removing some of the ties once you have transported your plant to the meeting or show.

An effective way of straightening a leaning spike into an upright position is to use a long piece of twisty tie, which you can tighten gradually every few days. Some growers attach a piece of hat elastic to the spike below the topmost bud and fasten the other end of the elastic to a clothes peg clipped onto a long stake. The clothes peg is slid up the stake until the elastic is just taut, so that the spike is gradually straightened. The clothes peg needs upward adjustment every few days. When the spike has stopped growing, tie it as described above.

Other growers place a horizontal wire above the plants and hitch the spike to this with elastic or with spring-loaded 'yo-yos'. In either case care is required as the topmost buds can easily be broken off if too much force is applied. Leave the spike to 'set' in its final position, otherwise it will have little strength and may droop, or even break, when the elastic is eventually removed.

For those spikes with an **arching or decorative** habit, insert the stake at the desired angle and tie only up to the start of the curvature or arch. Keep the tie at this point looser than usual to allow the spike to move around a little as it grows, otherwise the weight of the developing buds may cause the stem to kink at the position of the last tie and eventually to snap. With arching spikes it is necessary to let the spike develop its own strength, that is, to be largely self-supporting. However, it's a good idea to position and tie a temporary stake away from the main stem to support the arching section before transporting such plants to a meeting or show, as arching spikes are easily broken in transit.



Cymbidium Careless Heart
'Cutie Pie' HCC/OSCOV
CC/OSCOV

Finally, remember to stake your spikes late in the day when the sap is flowing, rather than early on a cold morning when the stems will be brittle and easily snapped.