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Congratulations to all who exhibited at the Autumn Show. The number and quality of plants displayed was a sight to behold. Special congratulations to Keith Northcote for the Grand Champion, *Cattleya Portia* 'Monty'.

NEXT MEETING

8pm. Tuesday 8th June 1993
Lutheran Church Hall, Windsong Crt, Christie Downs
Benching of plants to be completed by 7-45pm for
judging to commence.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Roger and Pauline Rankin are going to discuss the growing of cymbidiums. They have been growing orchids since 1979 when Pauline gave Roger Cym. Samarkand for a birthday present. (My personal thanks to Pauline and Roger for speaking to us on this subject. You would not believe how difficult it is to get a Cymbidium Speaker).

SUPPER

Mrs L. Larsen will be in charge.

HALL SET-UP

Would those willing to assist please arrive by 7pm. (Our apologies to our helpers at the last meeting, roadworks delayed the door-opener).

DAYTIME CHAPTER

2pm. Thursday 10th June 1993, South Brighton Community Hall, Dover Square Reserve, Broadway, South Brighton. Rosalie Moore and Helen Edwards will discuss, "Poor Man's Glasgow", the recent Orchid Conference in Frankston, Victoria.

TRADING TABLE

Mr Denis Daykin will be in charge

COMMITTEE MEETING

7-30pm. Tuesday 15th June 1993 at the South Brighton Community Hall.

SECRETARY

The South Coast Orchid Club is currently operating without a Secretary. It is becoming more and more difficult. If you can help at all **please** see Peter Flavel at the next meeting or call him on 2957109.

DAYTIME CHAPTER

Keith Northcote welcomed members and introduced Bill Fisher. Bill then told us about his Nursery and the many and varied orchids that he grows. The majority of his collection is grown 'cold' under saron. He concentrates, in the main, on Australian native epiphytes but also has cymbidiums, zygopetalums, epidendrums, cattleyas, ansellias, oncidiums etc. Bill caught the orchid disease from his sister Betty Wyly, who exhibits successfully with the Orchid Club of South Australia. Most of Bill's plants are grown in Debco bark.

Flower of the afternoon was Keith Northcote's C. Portia 'Monty'. This was the plant that members and Bill alike would most like to take home. Cymbidium *traceyanum* was also very popular. Raffle plants came from Woodfield Orchids and Ralph Barrett.

CYMBIDIUMS

Stakes, twistie ties and snail bait should all be working overtime at this time of the year.

TESTAMONIAL DINNER

TO HONOR

MR. GERALD McCRAITH A.M.

who was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in the recent Australia Day Honours for his service to horticulture, particularly in the culture of orchids.

The Organising Committee invites you to celebrate with Gerald at Chaucer's Canterbury, 190 Canterbury Road, Canterbury, Victoria 3126

on 4th September 1993.

Donation \$55.00 single all inclusive.

For further information please contact: Mrs Helen Richards, 39 Ryland Ave, Croydon, Victoria 3136 or phone (03) 7235073.

PRICE RISE

Please note Orchids Australia has now increased to \$6-50 per copy.

WEEKEND BUS TRIP TO VICTORIA

(20th-22nd August)

A deposit of \$50 per head is required by the Treasurer at the June Meeting. For details (in case you've forgotten) please see last month's Gazette.

DAY TRIP TO NORTHERN NURSERIES

(25th July)

A deposit of \$5 per head is required at the June Meeting. Lunch can be purchased at Jade's Restaurant, Gawler, for a nominal cost, at one of the other eating places that may happen to be open or bring your own. Those who wish to eat at Jade's please advise the treasurer when you pay your deposit.

TRADING TABLE

A miscellaneous trading table will once again be operating at the Winter Show.

OLD CLARENDON WINERY EXHIBITION

On the Labor Day long weekend in October the South Coast Orchid Club will hold an Exhibition at the Old Clarendon Winery Complex. Final details are still to be 'worked out'. A few surprises might be in store for those who exhibit.

DISA GROWERS

Have you repotted your Disas yet? Please remember they should be very carefully repotted in spagnum moss and polystyrene when the new plants are about 50mm high. When the plants are actively growing a very weak liquid fertiliser may be applied.

ZYGOPETALUMS

At this time of the year, and for the next few months, we see a number of Zygopetalums on our show bench. One of the questions in a recent Student Judges' Assignment was :

You are presented with two Zygopetalums, *Z. intermedium* and *Z. mackaii*. Write down the differences between the two species.

Simple enough you say, just look at Sanders or whatever reference book on species that you have. Well it's not quite that simple. My research showed the following :

Z. intermedium and *Z. mackaii* (*Z. mackayi*) are often confused by growers and judges alike, but when the authors of books and articles on zygopetalums can't agree it's easy to see why.

Northen in Home Orchid Growing states that :- both have green sepals and petals, blotched with brown, and a broad white lip veined with branching lines of purple. The chief differences are that in *intermedium* the purple lip lines are actually in rows of downy hairs, while the lip of *mackayi* is smooth, and the petals of *intermedium* are about equal to the sepals in length, whilst those of *mackayi* are shorter.

Rentoul in Growing Orchids states that :- the principal identification lies in the dorsal petal, which on *Z. mackayi* is slightly longer than the petals, while those of *Z. intermedium* are all of equal length.

Bechtel, Cribb and Launert in The Manual of Cultivated Orchid Species states that :- *Z. intermedium* is distinguished from *Z. mackaii* by its downy lip and lastly

Sanders makes no mention of differing length of petals although he does state that *Z. intermedium* has a bi-lobed lip which he doesn't refer to with *Z. mackayi*. Sanders does however mention *Z. mackayi* var. *intermedium* that he suggests has large flowers, lip more expanded and a paler color.

To sum up I **THINK** the concensus is :-

if the length of the dorsal and petals are the same the flower you are looking at is *Z. intermedium*, however, if the petals are shorter than the dorsal the flower is *Z. mackayi*, and probably the other difference is that *Z. intermedium* has a downy lip.



CIRRHOPE TALUM

Early last year we purchased a plant of *Cirrhopetalum rothschildianum*. "However do you pronounce that first name or genus", you might well ask. It's quite simple, if I wrote it as see-row-pet-a-lum it would make it easy.

We had seen a plant with a name like that at an Autumn Show and it looked quite weird - in fact nothing like any orchid we'd ever seen. The head of 'flowers' were almost like an open umbrella with each spoke being a dark, blotchy, wine colored flower with almost a little face and arms at the end closest to the handle (stem).

On getting our latest 'baby' home from the nursery we thought we'd better do some study and read as much as possible about its requirements, which is what we should have done before we purchased it of course. We discovered that in some publications *Cirrhopetalums* were described as such, whilst in others they are under the heading *Bulbophyllums*.

We did find a picture and description, however, in the Manual of Cultivated Orchids by Bechtel, Cribb and Launert.

In general *Cirrhopetalums* are native to India, South East Asia, Indonesia, New Guinea, Africa and Pacific Islands. They are small to medium size plants whose pseudobulbs are spaced along creeping rhizomes. The single leaf grows from the top of the pseudobulb. The inflorescence is usually erect and forms from the base of the pseudobulb.

Because of the creeping growth habit these plants are best grown in shallow pots or baskets. They require plenty of water during their growing season but less when pseudobulbs are fully formed. In summer they seem to need plenty of humidity. Ours are planted in shallow pots in fine pine bark to which polystyrene has been added, and live in the glasshouse.

As you may have guessed from the previous comment we now have several plants of this genus, one has flowered, 2 have been repotted, and 2 more need it. (Due to the rapid growth across the pot).

We hope to flower all these little gems this year or next, maybe you would like to try *Cirrhopetalums* in your collection.

GRAND CHAMPION: C. PORTIA 'MONTY' GROWN BY KEITH.H. NORTHCOTE

Cattleya Portia was made by Veitch as long ago as 1892 and flowered in 1897. It is one of the parents of *C. Portiata* the Reserve Champion.

RESERVE CHAMPION: C. PORTIATA 'MEL' GROWN BY DALE & BILL COOK

Cattleya Portiata is a hybrid between *C. Portia* and the species *C. labiata*.

SECOND DIVISION

Judges T. Tormet
H. Edwards

Aust.Nat.Terr: Species Ptst. reflexa

M. Tiggeman

Intermediate Cymbidium Valentine's Love
Valentine's Love

P. & G. Flavel
N. Gitsham

Nov. Cluster Cattleya	C . Bactia 'Truly Yours'	H.& B. Viney
Cocktail Cattleya	* Pot. Rock Ridge Lc. Mini Purple X Lc. Eva Voelkers	B. & R. Nurse R.& B. Wilson
Miscellaneous	Hwra. Mini Primi Z. John Banks	B. & R. Nurse H.& B. Viney
Odont/Oncidium Alliance	Onc. Confetti McIna. Pagan Lovesong	J. Lewis A.& M.Moffatt

FLOWER OF THE DIVISION: C. PORTIA 'GLOMESA' GROWN BY R.& B.WILSON

OPEN DIVISION		Judges A. Sullivan S. Monkhouse
Aust. Nat. Epi:Species	Sarc. ceciliae	H.& T.Tormet
Aust. Nat. Terr:Species	Liparis reflexa	K.H.Northcote
Standard Cymbidium	Bethlehem 'Early Times'	K.H.Northcote
Intermediate Cymbidium	Runaway 'Pink Delight' Kauilani 'Lascelles' Mini Dream X Peter Pan	R. Moore H. Gerber H. Gerber
Miniature Cymbidium	Kauilani 'Pinky' Kauilani 'Superb' Peter Pan	H. Gerber H. Gerber K.H.Northcote
Standard Cattleya	Blc. Mt. Sylvan 'Joy'	B. Wylie
Cluster Cattleya	C. Portia 'Monty' C. Kew Lc. Molly Tyler	K.H. Northcote R. Moore B. Wylie
Novelty Cluster Cattleya	C. Rose Drop C. Chocolate Drop 'Kodama'	T. DeIonno R. Moore
Cattleya & Mis. Genera	*Epc.Saengari Fantasy (Epc. Vienna Wood X C. Thospol Spot) Lctn. Lillian Melendez Otr. Malis Surprise	? R. Moore B. Wyly
Dendrobium	Impact	R.& I. Goodall
Miscellaneous	Z. Titanic Phrag. Schroderae Z.John Banks X mackayi	R. Moore H.& T.Tormet H.& T.Tormet
Phalaenopsis	Phal. Pink Eagle 'Monica'	K.H.Northcote

Standard Paphiopedilum	(Gigi X Redstart) 'Nancy'	H. & T. Tormet
Species Paphiopedilum	sukhakulii	R. Moore
Odont/Oncidium Alliance	Odcdm. Tiger Sun	R. Moore
	Mtssa. Lanikea X Natal	R. Moore
	Burr. Living Fire	R. Moore
Species	Brassia longissima	B. Wyly
	Cym. traceyanum	K.H. Northcote
	Stenoglottis longifolium	R. Moore
Novelty Cattleya	Lc. Kindee 'The King'	K.H. Northcote
	Slc. Purple Jewel	R. Moore

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