



Mornington Peninsula Orchid Society Inc.

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Established 1961

P.O.Box 475
Frankston 3199

Club meets on 4th Friday each month

Jan-Nov. at 7:30pm in the
Brotherhood of St Lawrence
Community Centre

26 High St,
Frankston

Visitors always welcome

For further information go to:

WWW.OSCOV.ASN.AU/MPOS

Our displays and shows for 2009 are:

April 4th

Bunnings Demo Day, Rosebud

May 30th

Market Day & Show, St Paul's Church Hall
High St, Frankston

July 15th—18th

Display at Centro Shopping Centre, Mornington

Aug 2nd—Aug 8th

Winter Show in Gateway Village Shopping Centre
Frankston-Cranbourne Rd, Langwarrin

Aug 19th – Aug 23rd

Display stand, OSCOV Orchid Spectacular
Springers Leisure Centre, Cheltenham Rd,
Keysborough

Oct 11th—Oct 17th

Spring Show in Centro Shopping Centre, Karingal
Frankston-Cranbourne Rd,

Oct 31st – Nov 1st

Summer Orchid Show
St Paul's Church Hall
High St, Frankston

Plant Sales, Potting Demonstrations, Cultural
Information from a range of local orchid experts.

Membership Application

Surname _____

Given Name(s) _____

Date ____/____/____

Surname _____

Given Name(s) _____

Address _____

Post Code _____

Email address if you wish electronic newsletters _____

Class of membership.... Single \$18 Family \$20 Junior (Free) (Please circle)

In the event that membership is granted, I/We agree to abide by the rules of the Society.

Signature 1 _____

Signature 2 _____

Membership Application (continued)

If you are a member of another Orchid Society, please name the society and the class in which you have been exhibiting. Society _____ Class _____

Office use only.

Secretary

Membership Sec.

Newsletter Ed

Membership number allocated. _____

**CARING FOR YOUR ORCHID
WHILE IN FLOWER.**

Generally, orchids can be kept inside whilst in flower however most of them should be grown outside for the rest of the year.

Cymbidiums and Zygopetalums

Water all around the top of the mix and allow water to run through the mix until wet. Allow excess water to drain in a laundry trough and then sit the pot on a saucer in a light spot but out of direct sunlight.. This should be done every 1-2 weeks depending on how warm your house is.

In the case of cymbidiums, flower spikes may be cut off and kept in a vase and generally will last almost as long as left on the plant.

Australian Native orchids:

These can be kept inside for a short period but generally prefer to be outside so try to find a spot where the flowers can be seen and enjoyed from the house. Water each week allowing the water to run through the pot. No need to fertilize. They can be grown in full sun during winter.

Paphiopedilums (slipper orchids)

These like humidity so a good way to keep them inside while in flower is to put some river pebbles in a saucer to a depth of around 2cm or 1 inch and fill with water. Then sit the pot on top of the pebbles. Water in the laundry trough, allowing the water to thoroughly wet the mixture and after draining, replace the pot on the pebbles.

Paphs don't need high light levels so somewhere out of direct sunlight would be good.

Cattleyas:

These should be kept inside and should last for quite a while depending on how long they have already been in flower. Those that are grown in bark need watering every few days. Those in sphagnum or perlite covered with a layer of pebbles can be left up to 2 weeks.

Water in the laundry trough as for the other orchids but carefully in the case of the perlite mixes to avoid washing the mix out of the pot. They need a saucer to catch drips and to provide a little humidity the same saucer as paphiopedilums can be used.

Masdevallias:

These interesting orchids normally grow in cool temperate rain forests so humidity is important if kept inside. Sitting on a saucer full of gravel will help to keep the humidity up around the plant. Water thoroughly each week and allow the water to drain into the saucer.

Growing your orchid after flowering.

Many people enjoy the orchid while it's in flower and then replace it with a new one.

If you would like to grow it on and try to get it to flower again next year there is plenty of information available on the internet.

Try www.geocities.com/aussieorchid or try a Google search for the two words cymbidium and culture for example.

Or why not join an orchid club where you can come along and learn about orchids, see other members flowering plants, and have a cup of tea and chat at the end of the meeting.