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ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDITOR'S NOTE

THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ELECTRONICALLY TO ALL MEMBERS FOR WHOM WE HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS. IF YOU WISH TO SWITCH FROM PAPER TO ELECTRONIC DELIVERY, NOTIFY ME AT (ROBERT.LUCAS@USASK.CA). EMAIL ME IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER BY THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH.

APRIL MEETING

THE APRIL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 23RD AT DUTCH GROWERS, COMMENCING AT 1:30 P.M.

PLANT ORDER

THE SOCIETY WILL BE PLACING AN ORDER WITH H&R ORCHIDS. THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS THE APRIL MEETING. ORDER SHEETS MAY BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE SOCIETY WEB PAGE. PLEASE ENTER THE PLANT CODE NUMBER WITH YOUR ORDER. A DEPOSIT EQUAL TO THE CANADIAN DOLLAR NUMBER OF US DOLLARS IS REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF ORDER. THE CATALOGUE MAY BE VIEWED ONLINE AT

WWW.HRNURSERIES.COM/DOWNLOAD.PHP

POTTING CLASS

THERE WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REPOT ONE OF YOUR ORCHIDS AT 1:30 P. M. AT THE GENERAL MEETING. BRING ONE PLANT AND A CLEAN POT. THE SOCIETY WILL PROVIDE THE REPOTTING MEDIUM AND THERE WILL BE FIVE OF THE EXECUTIVE MANNING TABLES TO OFFER ADVICE. THE BUSINESS PART OF THE MEETING WILL COMMENCE AT 2:30 P. M.



BOOK SALE

THE LIBRARY WILL CONTINUE THE SALE OF BOOKS DONATED BY GARRY KUIKEN AT THE APRIL MEETING. PRICES WILL RANGE BETWEEN FIVE AND TEN DOLLARS. CHECK OUT THE ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME DEALS.

EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS

ELECTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE WILL OCCUR AT THE APRIL MEETING. IF YOU WISH TO NOMINATE SOMEONE, PLEASE CONTACT FAITHE.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

AN HONORARY MEMBERSHIP MAY BE AWARDED TO A MEMBER WHO HAS MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOS THROUGH THE PROVISION OF DISTINGUISHED LONG-TERM SERVICE TO THE CLUB. WRITTEN NOMINATIONS FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE WHO WILL MAKE THE FINAL DECISION CONCERNING THE AWARD.

MEMBERSHIP SALES

MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2006-2007 WILL BE ON SALE AT THE APRIL MEETING. AS AN INCENTIVE FOR EARLY RENEWAL, WE WILL BE OFFERING A MINI CATT SEEDLING TO THE FIRST 48 PEOPLE WHO PURCHASE A MEMBERSHIP.

GARDENSCAPE

THE SOCIETY ENTRY AT GARDENSCAPE WAS ONCE AGAIN A SUPERB



PHAL BEDFORD GEM

*DID YOU KNOW THE
LIBRARY HAS ITEMS
TO GIVE AWAY?*



PHAL BELLINA

DISPLAY, THANKS IN LARGE PART TO CHERYL AND HER MANY HELPERS. DUTCH GROWERS PROVIDED THE WATER DISPLAY AND PAVING STONES. MEMBERS WERE VERY SUPPORTIVE IN LENDING THEIR PLANTS FOR THE DISPLAY.

PRAG. KOVACHII

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A CANADIAN VENDOR, CHECK OUT THIS WEBSITE:

[HTTP://HOME.GOLDEN.NET/~ORCHIDS/](http://home.golden.net/~orchids/)

NEW JUDGING CENTRE

THE AOS HAS ESTABLISHED A NEW CANADIAN JUDGING CENTRE IN VANCOUVER. THE FIRST JUDGING WILL OCCUR ON JAN. 13TH, 2007.

MEETING AGENDA

- REPOTTING 1:30 P. M.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS 2:30 P. M.
- PROBLEM CORNER
- SHOW AND TELL
- COFFEE/SUPPLIES
- ELECTIONS
- PLANT RAFFLE
- PLANT SALE
- ADJOURNMENT

MARCH 26TH MEETING MINUTES

FAITHE WELCOMED EVERYONE AND ASKED IF WE HAVE ANY GUESTS. THANK YOU TO SHERIDA, CHERYL, JENNIFER, JOCELYN, AL AND BOB FOR TRANSPORTING AND SETTING UP THE DISPLAY AT THE EDMONTON SHOW. THANKS ALSO TO HEATHER, AL, MARY JENNIFER AND JOCELYN FOR HELPING TAKE DOWN THE DISPLAY AND GETTING THE PLANTS TO THEIR OWNERS. ONE BEAUTIFUL PLANT DID GET LEFT BUT HAS NOW MADE IT HOME TO ITS OWNER AS WELL.

WE DID NOT WIN THE BEST VISITING DISPLAY THIS TIME. MY OPINION IS THAT OUR DISPLAY WAS DEFINITELY NICER, BUT FOOTHILLS SOCIETY FROM CALGARY (THE WINNERS) HAD SEVERAL TROPHY WINNING PLANTS THAT PROBABLY SWAYED THE JUDGES. WE DID HOWEVER WIN 18 RIBBONS. FIRSTS WERE TAKEN BY CAROL, CHERYL, PAM & MARY; SECONDS TAKEN BY CHERYL, MARY AND BOB (2); THIRDS TAKEN BY BOB, CAROL (2), CHERYL (2), FAITHE (2), JENN, PAM, MARY AND RUTHANNE (2). LET'S GIVE THESE FINE GROWERS A 'WAY-TO-GO'.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT WEEKEND IS GARDENSCAPE (MARCH 31 – APRIL 2, 2006) AT PRAIRIELAND PARK AND OUR CLUB IS GOING TO ATTEND WITH A DISPLAY. CHERYL WILL COORDINATE THE DISPLAY AND ONCE AGAIN I AM ASKING FOR BLOOMING PLANTS FROM ALL OF YOU TO PUT IN THE DISPLAY. TAKE YOUR PLANTS TO PRAIRIELAND PARK HALL 'A' ON THURSDAY MARCH 30, 2006 BETWEEN 5-7PM.

THERE ARE STILL SOME TIMES AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS TO 'MAN' OUR BOOTH. ENTRANCE TO GARDENSCAPE IS FREE TO VOLUNTEER WORKERS FOR THE TIME THEY WORK, WE WOULD LIKE A MINIMUM OF 2 PEOPLE PER SHIFT. WE ARE NOT SELLING MEMBERSHIPS AT OUR BOOTH, BUT WILL BE PASSING ON OUR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION. YOU CAN PICK UP YOUR VOLUNTEER PASSES FOR GARDENSCAPE FROM CHERYL OR HEATHER WHEN YOU DROP OFF YOUR PLANTS ON THURSDAY. THE PASSES CAN ALSO BE PICKED UP AT THE DOOR WHEATLAND A, EAST SIDE, EXHIBITOR'S

ENTRANCE BEGINNING FRIDAY MORNING

IS ANYONE GOING TO REGINA THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 31-APRIL 1, 2006? THE REGINA ORCHID SOCIETY WILL HOLD THEIR ANNUAL ORCHID SHOW AT THE AL RITCHIE COMPLEX.

AND ON A GRANDER SCALE, SAVE YOUR PENNIES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL ORCHID CONGRESS IN SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA ON MARCH 19-24, 2007. AS WELL THE 19TH WORLD ORCHID CONFERENCE & SHOW WILL BE HELD IN MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA FEB27-MARCH 2, 2008. YOU MAY VISIT THE WOC SHOW WEBSITE AT WWW.19WOC.COM

ELECTIONS FOR EXECUTIVE POSITIONS FOR THE 2006/7 YEAR WILL BE HELD IN APRIL. WHY DON'T YOU CONSIDER LETTING YOUR NAME STAND FOR A POSITION ON THE EXECUTIVE?

PLEASE REMEMBER TO USE THE LIBRARY. ONCE AGAIN THERE ARE GIVEAWAYS, SEE ELLEN AND CAROL TO GET MORE INFO.

THERE WILL BE A PLANT SALE TODAY. GIVE US YOUR NUMBER IF YOU WISH TO PURCHASE PLANTS.

THERE ARE SOME FLUORESCENT LAMPS FOR SALE AT THE RESOURCE TABLE FOR \$9.25 PER PAIR. VISIT THE RESOURCE AREA IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

UPCOMING PLANT ORDERS: DEPOSIT AND ORDER FORMS DUE TODAY FOR HAUSERMANN & ORCHID INN. DEPOSIT AND ORDER FORMS DUE NEXT MEETING FOR H&R. PLEASE FILL OUT AN ORDER FORM FROM OUR INTERNET SITE AND ACCOMPANY IT WITH A DEPOSIT (\$25US PLANT REQUIRES \$25CDN DEPOSIT).

PROJECTED EVENTS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

APRIL MEETING - SPRING POTTING, BRING ONE PLANT AND A POT AND THE EXECUTIVE WILL HELP YOU RE-POT. WE WILL USE THE FIRST HOUR TO REPOT WITH THE MEETING TO FOLLOW. SEE NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS.

MAY - TAKING YOUR ORCHIDS TO YOUR GREENHOUSE (PANEL DISCUSSION)

IF YOU ARE BLOOMING AN UN-NAMED GARY KUIKEN PLANT, TAKE A PHOTO OF IT AND SUBMIT IT TO OUR WEBMASTER ALONG WITH FLOWER HEIGHT AND WIDTH IN MILLIMETERS. WE WILL HAVE A PLACE ON THE WEBSITE TO POST THIS INFORMATION WITH HOPES THAT SOMEONE ELSE IN THE CLUB HAS THE SAME PLANT WITH A TAG SO YOU MAY FIND THE NAME OF YOUR PLANT.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE E-MAIL NOTIFICATION OF ORCHID SHIPMENTS TO DUTCH GROWERS, LET CHERYL ADAMSON KNOW SO THAT SHE MAY INCLUDE YOU IN HER MAILING LIST.

PLANT RAFFLE TICKETS 1-\$1 3-\$2 THE PLANT TODAY: PHAL FORTUNE IMP (FRED MEYER) ORCHID SOCIETY OF ALBERTA POSTER (MARY ORCHARD)

PROBLEM CORNER

LARGE MAUVE CATTLEYA NOT BLOOMING BUT LOTS OF GROWTH. LEAVES SEEM A LITTLE SOFT, SO ENSURE CALCIUM IN FERTILIZER. TRY MORE LIGHT AND AN EVENING DROP OF 10°F TO ENCOURAGE BLOOMING. USE FERTILIZER WITH A HIGH MIDDLE NUMBER TO ENCOURAGE BLOOMING INSTEAD OF GROWTH.



PHAL SUN JE
DIAMOND

PAPH BLOOM IS DROOPING
TO MAKE YOUR PAPH BLOOMS
'LOOK UP' STAKE, STAKE, STAKE!

B. NODOSA BLOOMED IN JAN-
FEB. NOW LEAVES ARE TURNING
LAVENDER AND DEHYDRATING.
PERHAPS AN INCREASE IN SUN IS
CAUSING THIS, PUT UNDER
LIGHTS INSTEAD OF IN WINDOW.

5 PHALS BLOOMED AT NEW YEAR.
REPOTTED AND CUT OFF DEAD
ROOTS, BUT ROOTS KEEP DYING.

DO NOT USE CITY WATER. AS
SOON AS YOU BUY A PLANT, RE-
POT THEM IN MEDIA YOU ARE
ACCUSTOMED TO. USE 3%
HYDROGEN PEROXIDE ON ROT
SPOTS ON ROOT WHEN YOU ARE
REPOTTING. DISINFECT KNIFE
WITH BLEACH WHEN TRIMMING
OFF DISEASE. HOOD PLANT WITH
A PLASTIC BAG AFTER REPOTTING
TO KEEP HUMIDITY UP. SOME
PHALS WILL ROT ROOTS IF PLANT



IS COLD, WATCH WHERE YOUR
PHALS ARE!

SHOW AND TELL

CAROL STEINHAUER, EUGENE
KUCEY, DELORES CRAWFORD,
JOCELYN D'EON, RUTHANNE
HANBIDGE, BOB FARTHING, AL
HARTRIDGE, BOB LUCAS,
HEATHER ANDERSON, PAMELA
MANN, CHERYL ADAMSON,
SHERIDA GREGOIRE, JAMES
SATHER, JENNIFER BURGESS,
JOANNA KLIMASZEWSKI

PHOTO PRESENTATION

PRESENTATION - PLANT
PHOTOGRAPHY 101, BY JAMES
SATHER. THANKS JAMES FOR
THE GREAT PRESENTATION!

PLANT SALE

ADJOURNMENT

WEB PAGE OF THE MONTH

EACH MONTH WE WILL FEATURE A
WEB PAGE. IF YOU HAVE A FAVORITE,
SEND IT TO THE EDITOR. THIS
MONTH'S FEATURE, SUGGESTED BY
RON KAUFMANN OF THE ORDHID
DIGEST IS:

[HTTP://PERSO.WANADOO.FR/BERNARD.
LAGRELLE/INDEX.HTML](http://perso.wanadoo.fr/bernard.lagrelle/index.html)

THIS IS A SITE DEDICATED TO THE
SPECIES OF THE PHALAEENOPSIS
GENUS. EACH SPECIES IN THE INDEX
IS LINKED TO A SEPARATE PAGE THAT
PROVIDES COUNTY OF ORIGIN,
OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE SPECIES
AND HABITAT ALONG WITH STUNNING
PICTURES. THIS SITE IS IN FRENCH,

BUT FOR THOSE WHO ARE
CHALLENGED BY THIS, TAKE
HEART AND DIAL UP

[WWW.BABELFISH.ALTAVISTA.COM.](http://www.babelfish.altavista.com)

YOU WILL FIND A TRANSLATOR
THAT WILL CONVERT THE SITE TO
ENGLISH. JUST CUT AND PASTE
THE SITE ADDRESS INTO THE BOX
AND IT WILL TRANSLATE IT INTO
THE LANGUAGE OF YOUR CHOICE.

THIS IS EXTREMELY USEFUL
FREWARE CALLED BABEL FISH
TRANSLATOR AND IT IS PROVIDED
BY ALTA VISTA. THIS ADDRESS
SHOULD BE IN YOUR BOOKMARK
FOLDER AS IT ALSO PROVIDES
FOR ANY TEXT TRANSLATION.

*BABEL FISH
TRANSLATOR IS A
WONDERFUL TOOL.*

ORCHIDS AS SPECIMEN PLANTS

BY MRS. H. W. CROTHERS. THIS ARTICLE ORIGINALLY APPEARED IN THE ORCHID DIGEST, SEPTEMBER, 1968. IT WAS EDITED AND REPRINTED IN THE MARCH, 2006 ISSUE OF THE MANITOBA SOCIETY NEWSLETTER.

USUALLY ONE STARTS WITH SOME SORT OF DEFINITION OF THE SUBJECT. WE DO NOT FIND A DEFINITION OF "SPECIMEN PLANTS" IN OUR ENCYCLOPEDIA OF GARDENING, IN OUR BOOKS ON ORCHIDS, OR IN THE UNABRIDGED DICTIONARY. IN THE ORCHID GROWERS' MANUAL, WILLIAMS, 7TH EDITION, THERE IS A SHORT ITEM ABOUT SPECIMEN PLANTS THAT NO LONGER APPLIES SINCE IT DEALS WITH MADE-UP PLANTS, AND IN THE AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY HANDBOOK ON JUDGING WE FIND ONLY THAT IT MUST BE "A SINGLE PLANT - NOT A MADE-UP PLANT, EXHIBITING EXCEPTIONALLY FINE CULTURE." THAT IS NOT MUCH HELP TO THE GROWER, ALTHOUGH IT GIVES THE ORCHID JUDGES A LOT OF LEEWAY - WHICH IS PROBABLY A GOOD THING.

LET US START, THEN, WITH A RULE, THAT A SPECIMEN PLANT SHOULD BE SUPERLATIVELY GROWN AND FLOWERED. IT SHOULD HAVE FLOWERS OF GOOD QUALITY FOR ITS KIND. IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN GROWN LONG ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO DISCARD ANY OLD PARTS OF A COLLECTED PLANT. THERE SHOULD BE NO LEAFLESS PSEDOBULBS, NO BROKEN LEAVES, AND NO SUNBURN, INSECT OR SNAIL DAMAGE VISIBLE ANYWHERE. NEXT, THE PLANT MUST BE LARGE FOR ITS KIND AND IN A FLOURISHING CONDITION, AND LASTLY, IT SHOULD BE AT THE PEAK OF ITS FLOWERING.

WE SOMETIMES SEE PLANTS MISSCALLED SPECIMEN PLANTS BECAUSE THEY ARE LARGE. BUT THEY HAVE GROWN BEYOND THE EDGES OF THE POT, WITH RHIZOMES

BROKEN LEAVES AND FLOWERS OF POOR QUALITY. TO ADD TO THAT, SOMETIMES THE POT IS ENCRUSTED WITH MOSS OR ALKALI SALTS, AND THE LEAVES ARE DIRTY. THIS IS A LARGE PLANT, NEGLECTED AND UNHAPPY, BUT TRYING TO PRODUCE ITS FLOWERS IN SPITE OF ITS CONDITION. IT IS NOT A PLANT OF WHICH THE GROWER CAN BE PROUD, OR ONE TO INSPIRE ADMIRATION IN THE VIEWER. IT IS A CREDIT TO THE PLANT FOR NOT GIVING UP, BUT NO TRIUMPH FOR THE GROWER.

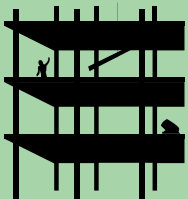
WE HAVE GROWN A NUMBER OF SPECIMEN PLANTS FOR THE PLEASURE IT GIVES US TO SEE THEM LARGE, HEALTHY AND IN FULL BLOOM. WE START WITH A PLANT THAT GROWS IN A SNUG FASHION. THAT IS WITH THE GROWTHS CLOSE TOGETHER SO THAT A LARGE PLANT CAN BE GROWN IN A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF SPACE. THIS PLANT SHOULD HAVE A HABIT OF FLOWERING ON EVERY GROWTH WITH FLOWERS BORNE ON TALL STEMS, AND MORE THAN AVERAGE NUMBERS OF FLOWERS PER STEM. THIS PLANT SHOULD BREAK MULTIPLE LEADS AND FLOWER ON ALL OF THEM. THE FLOWERS SHOULD BE BETTER THAN AVERAGE FOR THEIR KIND. THIS IS A LARGE ORDER, BUT EVERY GREENHOUSE DOES HAVE A FEW SUCH PLANTS IN IT IF WE WATCH FOR THEM. PLANTS THAT GROW WITH WIDELY SPACED GROWTHS PRODUCED ONE AT A TIME SO THAT THE PLANT GALLOPS IN A STRAIGHT LINE ACROSS THE POT ARE POOR SUBJECTS FOR SPECIMEN GROWING. THEY WILL NEVER REPAY THE GROWER FOR HIS TROUBLE.



PHAL TEXAS FANCY



CHOOSE YOUR SUBJECT CAREFULLY, IT WILL BE WITH YOU FOR A LONG TIME.



VIGOROUS GROWTH IS AN IMPORTANT CHARACTERISTIC. SOME PLANTS ARE POOR GROWERS, USUALLY BECAUSE OF THEIR INHERITANCE. THE DISPOSITION TO GROW WELL AND TO FLOWER IS AS MUCH AN INHERITED CHARACTERISTIC AS ARE FORM AND COLOR.

WE ALL UNDERSTAND THAT THE SHAPE OF THE FLOWER AND ITS COLOR ARE INHERITED, BUT HAVE SELDOM EXTENDED OUR THINKING TO THE OTHER CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PLANT. EVERY OTHER ASPECT OF AN INDIVIDUAL PLANT IS ALSO A RESULT OF ITS ANCESTRY. SO WE MUST HAVE A PLANT THAT GROWS WELL FOR SPECIMEN GROWING. THE KIND OF PLANT SELECTED, WHETHER SPECIES OR HYBRID, DOES NOT MATTER. THE REQUIREMENTS REMAIN THE SAME. THE PLANT SHOULD GROW CLOSE-COUPLED, BREAK MULTIPLE LEADS AND FLOWER ON ALL ITS GROWTHS WITH TALL STEMS OF FLOWERS OF GOOD FORM AND COLOR. IT SHOULD BE A CLEAN START. THAT IS, A PLANT OR DIVISION WITH NO BLEMISHES ON IT TO BEGIN WITH. IT SHOULD BE CAREFULLY WATCHED, FED, WATERED, REPOTTED AND BABIED UNTIL IT IS A LARGE PLANT, BEAUTIFUL ALL OVER. CHOOSE YOUR SUBJECT CAREFULLY - IT WILL BE WITH YOU FOR A LONG TIME.

EACH TIME THIS PLANT REACHES THE EDGE OF THE POT, DO NOT LET THE NEW GROWTHS REACH OVER THE EDGE. SHIFT IT TO A LARGER POT BEFORE THAT HAPPENS. WHEN THE GROWTHS REACH OUTSIDE OF THE POT THEY BEGIN TO GROW IN ERRATIC DIRECTIONS AND THE INTER-NODAL SPACES LENGTHEN. IT IS HARD TO GET THEM BACK INTO A POT SO THEY LOOK GOOD, AND THE CHANCES FOR A GOOD LOOKING SPECIMEN PLANT ARE LESSENED. IN SHIFTING THE PLANT, BE CAREFUL OF THE ROOT BALL TO AVOID DAMAGING THE ROOTS. IF THE PLANT IS STUCK TO THE INSIDE OF THE POT, BREAK THE POT IF YOU CAN AND PUT THE PLANT WITH THE OLD POT STILL

IN PLACE (BUT SHATTERED) INTO THE NEW POT, ADDING ENOUGH COMPOST TO FILL THE NEW SPACE.

ORCHID PLANTS ARE SLOW GROWING AND CANNOT USE A GREAT DEAL OF FERTILIZER, SO WEAKER AND MORE FREQUENT FEEDING WILL TAKE CARE OF THEIR NEEDS WITHOUT HASTENING THE BREAK-DOWN OF THE COMPOST. AS THE PLANT GROWS LARGER, WATERING ONLY AROUND THE EDGES OF THE POT WILL BE SUFFICIENT. SOME OF IT WILL SEEP TO THE MIDDLE OF THE POT KEEPING IT DAMP ENOUGH, AND WATERING ONLY AROUND THE EDGES WILL GUARD AGAINST A SOGGY MIDDLE IN THE POT. EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO KEEP GOOD ROOTS UNDER ALL OF THE PLANT. CAREFUL WATERING IS ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO KEEP THE MIDDLE ROOTS IN GOOD CONDITION, AND TO DELAY DECOMPOSITION OF THE POTTING MATERIAL.

IF THE ROOTS UNDER THE OLDER PARTS OF THE PLANT SHOULD DIE, THE DAMAGE WILL SHOW AS DEHYDRATION OF THE LEAVES, OR EVEN LOSS OF LEAVES ON OLDER PARTS OF THE PLANT. SHOULD THIS HAPPEN, AND THE PLANT STILL LOOKS WELL ENOUGH TO CONTINUE TRYING TO MAKE A SPECIMEN OF IT, A LITTLE CAREFUL SURGERY IS INDICATED. FLAME A SHARP TOOL AND CUT AWAY THE LEAFLESS PSEUDO BULBS WITH A HORIZONTAL CUT ABOVE THE 'EYES'. DOING THIS WILL OPEN UP THE CENTER OF THE PLANT AND MAY STIMULATE SOME ORMANT EYES TO MAKE GROWTHS THEREBY FILLING THE HOLE. THE NEW GROWTHS WILL, IN TURN, MAKE ROOTS THUS REPLACING THE LOST PSEUDOBULBS AND ROOTS.

THE LARGER THE PLANT CONTAINER THE MORE CAREFUL WE MUST BE WITH WATER. IN A CLAY POT A GOOD TEST IS TO TOUCH THE POT WITH A WET HAND.

(TO BE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH)