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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on Thursday 28 January, 2010 commencing at 8.00pm at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

POSITIONS VACANT

Attached to this Newsletter you will find the Results of the Elections held at the AGM in November. You will notice that there are still some vacancies. **PLEASE CONSIDER EITHER NOMINATING YOURSELF OR SOMEONE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED FOR THESE POSITIONS!** Remember that EDOS belongs to all members!

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 7 January, 2010, at the Bayside Uniting Church Meeting Room, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West

FUTURE EVENTS

- What:** ANOS (Qld) Kabi Group Inc Australia Day Barbeque
- Where:** Dayboro Showgrounds, off Mount Nebo Road, Dayboro
- When:** Tuesday 26 January 2010 at 11.00 am
- What:** Aspley Orchid Society Inc Summer Show
- Where:** Brisbane Botanic Gardens Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha
- When:** 13-14 February 2010
- What:** International Orchid Fair
- Where:** Les Hughes Sporting Complex, Bray Park
- When:** 26 – 28 February, 2010
- What:** EDOS Autumn Show
- Where:** Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West
- When:** 10 & 11 April 2010
- What:** Tropical Queensland Orchid Council Conference and Show 2010
- Where:** Kirwan (Townsville)
- When:** Friday 11 – Sunday 13 June 2010
More information available from Secretary



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Cultural Notes

Dendrobium dearei (Reichenbach f.)

Dendrobium dearei is an epiphyte endemic to the Philippines where it grows to elevations to 500 metres. The flowers are white with pale green markings in the labellum. Dorsal and lateral sepals taper to a point about 3cm long by 1cm wide and the petals are oblong ovate. Erect pseudobulbous stems are up to 90cm long with leathery leaves growing up to 7.5cm long. The inflorescences are semi pendulous and bear up to 10 shapely blooms about 5cm in diameter. This species is easy to grow and likes a warm, humid atmosphere with high light in winter.

My Den dearei is grown under 70% shade cloth and I water twice a week in Summer and once a week in Winter. I fertilize once a week with ½ strength organic or inorganic fertilizer.

Bill Williams



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Plants Worth Noting - November Meeting

The species bench was again very enjoyable to see. Hybrids are nice and showy, revealing what man can do in the manipulation arena, but without the pool of species he would be hamstrung in his efforts. From the October meeting a good friend who knows a lot about orchids rang me and said that the one in question was Grammangis ellisii. I wish the publishers would concentrate on the genus and not the popular ones.

Bulb lobbii K.G. was good to see. It would seem that Bulbos do best when outgrowing their pots. It is nice to see flowers 'standing up' for viewing. B lobbii was discovered in Java in 1846 by Thomas Lobb.

Coelogyne fragrans was growing well and stood out, proving that smaller flowers are winners. It shows the variety of orchid flowers. Orchid flower shapes are interesting and intriguing.

Den dearii stood out by the number of lovely white flowers. This orchid comes from the Philippines and grows in hot humid tropical forests of low altitudes. The flowers last for several weeks.

Among the hybrids Blc Golden Tony x E alata had three spikes and so looked good the way it was set up. Among the Vandas, Aranda Christine x V coerulea was good to see. The petals may be spaced but were even and the colour was striking. It was a typical Aranda which is a cross between Arachnis and Vanda making it a hybrid genus of monopodial epiphytic orchids. Bright light and high humidity is needed.

That's all for this time. Happy growing

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