



Eastern District Orchid Society Inc

Patron Paul Lucas



E.D.O.S. NEWSLETTER

Print Post Approved PP405737/00004

PO Box 60 WYNNUM CENTRAL QLD 4178

The equipment used to publish this Newsletter funded by



This newsletter is kindly photo copied in the office of Councillor John Campbell

JULY 2009

Library: Steve Stitz;

NEW VENUE

NOTE:

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The Trade Table will be "Business as Usual". Pauline Webster will have the usual supplies available for sale.

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on Thursday 23 July commencing at 8.00pm at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Please come along – the acoustics in the new hall are excellent (and it is warmer!!!) We would love to see you all there.

To be held on **Thursday 6 August 2009** at the Administration Block, Wondall Heights State School, Wondall Road, Manly West at 7.30 pm

FEATURE ITEM

Guest Speaker for July's Meeting will be Graham McKay. His subject will be Phalaenopsis.

GET WELL WISHES

RED SPOTTERS CLUB – 7.30PM

We all wish our Treasurer John Rooks a speedy recovery after his recent Heart Surgery. John is doing very well (and will soon be driving Dot mad I am sure!) *Don't forget John that we have a Show coming up in a few months and your services will as usual be indispensable!!!*

Red Spotters will be hosted by Ken Webster. Ken will also have the New Information Booklet available for New Members.

The following members are requested to make themselves available:-

SPRING SHOW

Judges: Eric Locke; Brian Lovell; Bill Williams; Arthur Cornell
Scribes: Janelle Girdlestone and Linda Hall
Observers: Dot Menzies and Stella
Plant Registrar: Ann Kable;
Supper Stewards: Marian Samuels and Daphne McKell;
Hostesses: Margaret Rieck and Dot Rooks

The EDOS Spring Show will be going ahead on the 19 and 20 September 2009 at the new venue of Bayside Uniting Church 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

THANKS

Marian Samuels would like to Thank Daphne McKell and Margaret Rieck for doing the kitchen in her absence.

FAME Orchids

NURSERY 119 BOUNDARY RD THORNLANDS

Ph 32064385

**Open 7 Days 8 am to 4 pm Undercover
for all your growing needs**

- * Huge range of Flowering Orchids
- * Thousands of new release Seedlings
- * Potting mixes, Fertilizers & Chemicals
- * Hollow Logs, Cork & Sphagnum Moss
- * Squat pots, Hangers & Wooden Baskets
- * Shade Houses, Shelving & Plant Stands

Wot, When, Where?

What: Darling Downs Orchid Association Inc
– Combined Winter Show all
Toowoomba Clubs

When: 31 July – 2 August 2009

Where: Centenary Heights School Assembly
Hall, Toowoomba

What: Maroochydore Orchid Society
When: Sat 8 & Sun 9 August 2009
Where: Milwell Road Community Centre,
Maroochydore

What: A.N.O.S – Kabi Group Inc –
Australian Native Orchid Show;
When: Sat 22 & Sun 23 August 2009;
Where: The Lion's Hall, Lawnton
Showgrounds, 757 Gympie Road,
Lawnton

What: North Brisbane Orchid Society Inc –
When: Sat 29 & Sun 30 August 2009;
Where: Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens

What: Logan & District Orchid Society Inc –
Annual Orchid Show
When: 29 & 30 August 2009
Where: Logan Central Community Centre, Cnr
Jacaranda Ave & Wembley Rd, Logan
Central

What: Nambour Orchid Society Spring Show
When: Fri 4 & Sat 5 September 2009
Where: Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave,
Nambour

What: Queensland Orchid Society Inc –
Spring Orchid Spectacular
When: 11, 12 & 13 September 2009
Where: Mt Coot-ha Botanical Gardens

What: Woodburn Orchid Society Inc –
Annual Spring Show
When: 18 – 20 September 2009
Where: Woodburn Memorial Hall

What: Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc –
Spring Show
When: 18-23 September 2009
Where: St Pauls Lutheran Church Hall, Cnr
Phillip & James St Toowoomba

What: El Dorado Orchids – Open Day
When: Saturday 17 October 2009 - 9.30 am
to 4 pm
Where: 43 Davey Road, Uralba NSW 2477

Shade Houses

By PETER'S GLEN

Suppliers of: Port Pots Growing Mediums
Bark Perlite Sphagnum Wire Hangers
Stakes Labels Pencils Pens Fertilisers
Shelving Archways Planter Steps

151 Railway Parade, Thorneside, Brisbane 4158

Ph 07 3207 2793 Mob 0414 725 294

Fax 07 3822 2307

Email: petersglenshadehouse@bigpond.com.au

www.petersglen.com.au

PLANTS WORTH NOTING

From June Meeting

Prominent around the benches was *Ionopsis utricularioides*, which is mentioned in all the books – B.P.O. 305, Mac.0. 71, W.I.O.T. 142, F.O. 192. It is a synonym of the *Epidendrum* genus, coming from Tropical and Subtropical Americas. How interesting – one book said it grows best on a slab, whilst another said it is best in a pot. One said the fragile roots must not dry out.

Laelia anceps 'alba' was flowering well and lasting well, and is native to Mexico. It is the most common of the *Laelias* to be grown. What is good about it is that it

is easy to grow and flower. I could not find a reference to *Catasetum warscewiczii* as such. It was listed under *Clowesia* and comes from the West Indies and surrounding countries. F.O. and B.O. mention it under *Clowesia* and not under *Catasetum*. Could it be that the former is correct? Very interesting flowers, only problem being hanging - they are hard to transport and display, though very rewarding when one has the right conditions.

The Australian Native hybrid *Den Virginia* x *Den racemosum* was interesting. It is very like the specie and a fine flower. Not much is said about the *Den racemosum*.

There was a plant of *Pleurothallis striata* which was interesting. Therefore very nice to see one that is not mentioned in the books. There are over 900 species in the genus, much like the *Dendrobiums* and *Bulbophyllums*. This shows a need for books to cover a genus, and not just a select few. They come from the cool high mountains of Central America.

Last but not least was *Cat. Percivaliana* which was good to see. It comes from Venezuela and is a smaller flowering *Cattleya*. Species are the basis of hybridisation and it was good to see so many there. That's all for now.

Arthur Cornell

**GORDON'S
OZ ORCHIDS**

PLANTS FROM FLASK TO FLOWERING SIZE

Please Phone 3390 7197 for an appointment
Flasking service available.

**PO Box 221, Wynnnum Central,
Qld 4178**

CHIANG MAI FLORAL FESTIVAL TOUR

Macleay Valley Travel are organising a 2 week conducted tour to Thailand and the Chiang Mai Floral Festival from 27 January 2010 to 10 February 2010. If anyone is interested please see Secretary Ken for more information.

WOODBURN ORCHID SOCIETY ANNUAL SPRING SHOW 2009

Woodburn Orchid Society is holding their Annual Show on 18-20 September. If anyone is interested in attending their special evening with dinner and guest speaker on Saturday night please contact our Secretary Ken for more information.

BURBANK ORCHID NURSERY

1330 Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Road
BURBANK QLD 4156

Ph/Fax: 07 3849 8277

Web: www.burbankorchids.com.au

Email: sales@burbankorchids.com.au

OPEN 6 DAYS 9.00 am TO 5.00 pm

Closed Tuesdays

Specialising in CATTLEYAS

Also Growing Many other Genera

SUPPLIERS OF: Ausgro Orchid Bark

Searles Orchid Mixes Orchid Pot Co Pots

Stakes Pencils Tags

Scorio Sphagnum Charcoal Perlite

Proprietors: Steve & Wendy Swan

PLANT WORTH NOTING From May Meeting

Brent Nicoll's small *Aerangis citrata*, a well grown Vanda shaped plant with a cluster of small white flowers on a 4 cm raceme, captured my attention at our May meeting.

Aerangis citrata belongs to the genus *Aerangis* which is a family of about 50 orchids originating in tropical Africa, The Comoros Islands, Madagascar and Sri Lanka. (The name of this genus has been derived from the Greek words 'aer' (air) and 'angos' (urn), referring to the form of the lip. All are monopodial of small to medium in size, generally epiphytic or lithophytic. They produce fleshy leaves with parallel veining, 6-10 on a stem, the colours varying between lush green, green-brown and speckled with black or grey. Their waxy, star-shaped flowers are generally white, cream-colored or yellow. They all have a long, nectar-filled spur, often longer than the flower itself. The Labellum is flat and resembles the Petals and sepals.

Cultivation

All appreciate moisture and only tolerate short periods of dry, due to their small size. Nutrition should be supplied throughout the year using a balanced fertilizer. They require medium to low light which is slightly more than for *Phalaenopsis*. Good air movement is essential as they are intolerant of stale air and require an intermediate to warm situation. Care

should be exercised as they are prone to spider mite and red spider attack.

Aerangis citrata is an adaptable species, flowers profusely, is long lasting, and exudes a fragrant scent in the evenings to attract its moth pollinator. It grows in a well drained pot containing medium bark or on a mount with a small amount of sphagnum under its roots. It is well suited to our climate as it comes from the tropical east coast of Madagascar which has a similar climate and latitude to south east Queensland.

Steve Stitz 12.6.09

REMINDER!

Members are reminded that Prize Vouchers from the Autumn Show need to be used at any of the advertised Sponsors by the end of September 2009.

THE VANDACEOUS SPECIALIST

Importers
Australia's largest Importers of South East Asian Vandaceous Orchids

Hybridizers
Leading the way in Vanda and Vandaceous Intergeneric Hybridizing (using selected Imported Plants) and line breeding the Species

OPEN 7 DAYS
162 McPhail Rd.,
NARANGBA... Qld 4504
PH/FAX (07) 3888 1859
Email: brightonx@primus.com.au
Website: ourshopfront.com/
brightonorchidnursery



BRIGHTON
ORCHID NURSERY

Linda and Dan Hall

HORTICULTURAL SOLUTIONS

ORCHID FOOD HAS AN ATTITUDE WITH EXTREME ADDITIVES

HSO-12 - HSO-22

MORE THAN JUST A FERTILISER

Horticultural Solutions, P O Box 213, Capalaba Qld 4157
Ph/Fax (07) 3206 0037 – Mob. 0419 710 634



Regular Hostess Dot Rooks pictured at our last meeting with her new assistant for the night, "Denise"

What a LOOKER!!!

CULTURAL AWARD

From June Meeting

Lonopsis utricularioides is a species native to tropical America and the West Indies. We purchased our plants last year from an acquaintance who brought a few flasks back from Thailand. When in flower (in late autumn and winter), the plants' dainty branching flower sprays attract much attention. They seem to grow reasonably well in our *Phalaenopsis* house with ample water provided throughout the year. Our plants are grown in an open mix of perlite and vermiculite but several books recommend growing them on slabs. They do not seem to be very vigorous growers but perhaps that is more the fault of the owners. We may experiment with slab culture and see if there is any improvement in growth.



SUN~DOWNER
FERN AND ORCHID HOUSES

- ★ OVER 20 STANDARD UNITS OR MADE TO YOUR DESIGN
- ★ ALL UNITS ERECTED ON SITE FITTED WITH SPRINKLER SYSTEM
- ★ AVIARIES & DOG RUNS

3255 6970
(7 DAYS A WEEK)

0408 877 378
(MOBILE PHONE)

GALVANISED STEEL FRAMES FOR COMMERCIAL OR DOMESTIC PURPOSES. SHADE CLOTH AVAILABLE

SALES AND DISPLAY: 6 Leeds St, ROCKLEA 4106

GENERAL CULTURAL NOTES FOR WINTER MONTHS

I FOUND THESE NOTES IN A RECENT MAGAZINE. Some of our New Growers might find these notes helpful during the next few months.

Please Remember. If any member (new grower or old) has any concerns regarding their orchids please do not be afraid to ask one of our more experienced growers. They will be only too happy to help.

It is also very important to continue to check for insects and pests. Be very vigilant for rot and fungus and treat immediately.

	WATERING	FERTILISING	GENERAL
CATTLEYA Alliance	Once a week for large pots, twice weekly for small pots	Weekly with low nitrogen, high PK fertiliser	Water less if weather is cold.
DENDROBIUM (Intermediate)	Water every 2 weeks with light misting every 3 to 4 days	Monthly with low nitrogen, high PK fertiliser	As growth slows in cooler weather, reduce watering and fertilising
DENDROBIUM (Phalaenanthe) (Hardcane)	Water every two weeks	None	Cover plants during cold nights. This will help reduce leaf drop
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Once a week into pots, not on plants if possible	Every 2 weeks with half strength low Nitrogen, high PK fertiliser	Pots need to be moist but not wet
PHALAENOPSIS	Water every 2 weeks into pots, not on plants if possible	Monthly with low nitrogen, high PK fertiliser	Keep plants warm and covered through the coldest parts of winter
VANDACEOUS	Weekly with light misting every 2 to 3 days	Every 2 weeks with low nitrogen , high PK fertiliser at half strength	Keep warm and covered during the cold winter nights

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

For anyone who is interested in receiving their Newsletter electronically, please let me know your email address and I will include you in an email group. My email address is taketwo@iprimus.com.au

GENERAL NOTICE

Members who wish to record change of address or other membership particulars – please advise the Secretary. **Note:** Your Exhibitor and Plant Sales Number appears on the right of your Surname on the Newsletter envelope. **Disclaimer:** While the Management Committee and the Editor of the July 2009 E.D.O.S Newsletter endeavour to assure the reliability of material and advertising printed in the Newsletter, (subject to areas specifically identified by the Secretary) neither E.D.O.S or the Editor can assume any responsibility for the views expressed in the Newsletter. Editors of other Newsletters are advised that E.D.O.S will be happy if they decide to use material printed herein. Contributors please note: Actual printing occurs 14 days before the monthly meeting. You are invited to have material available for publication in the hands of the Editor before that date if possible. If delay is unavoidable please advise Secretary (3286 4910) or email: secretary@edos.org.au