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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on Thursday 26 August, 2010 commencing at 8.00pm at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

FEATURE ITEM

The Guest speaker for the next meeting will be Gordon Grant. His topic will be "Plants of Taiwan"

RED SPOTTERS CLUB 7.30 PM

Ken Webster will be giving a presentation on Show Preparation for New Growers. This will be particularly topical for any of our new members who are planning on benching plants at our Spring Show.

The following members are requested to make themselves available for the next meeting:

Judges: Eric Locke, Bill Williams, Arthur Cornell
Associate Judges: Brent Nicoll, John Rooks, Adrian Bergstrum

Observers: Please let Eric know if you are interested

Scribes: Please see Eric if you are available

Supper Stewards: Marian Samuels, Daphne McKell

Hostesses: Margaret Rieck and Dot Rooks

Library: Steve Stitz

Plant Registrar: Ann Kable

Plants worth Noting:

Trade Table: Pauline Webster will have the Trade Table running as usual.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 2 September, 2010**, at the Bayside Uniting Church Meeting Room, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

DATE CLAIMER XMAS PARTY

Members please note that the 2010 EDOS Christmas Party will be held on 11 December 2010 at the Manly Bowls Club. More details will be available later.

44th Spring Orchid Show 18-19th September, 2010

SHOW ROSTER

If you are available to help out at the Spring Show please put your name in the Roster book at the next meeting, or contact either Brent, John or Barry and let them know when you would be available to help out.

We particularly need volunteers for Selling Raffle Tickets, and the Front Door.

Our Catering Convenor Marion would appreciate any donations of cakes, slices and cookies etc. Marion will also appreciate assistance in the kitchen.

EVEN IF YOU CAN ONLY SPARE A COUPLE OF HOURS, WE NEED AS MANY MEMBERS AS

POSSIBLE TO HELP MAKE THE SHOW A SUCCESS, AND TO SHARE THE LOAD!

It's also an opportunity to spend time getting to know other members – for our new members it is an excellent opportunity to learn from our more experienced growers.

Plant Sales and Benching Tags – Plant Sale and Plant Benching Tags will be available at the August EDOS meeting from **Roy Joje**. Tags are also available for printing from the EDOS website – www.edos.org.au. (Remember that Benching Tags need to be printed on both sides) Please ensure that you use EDOS sale plant tags only. If you are unable to collect them at the meeting please contact Treasurer John Rooks.

Craft Tags – Craft Tags will be available at the August EDOS meeting from Pauline. If you are unable to collect them at the meeting please contact Treasurer John Rooks.

Plant Labels - It is very important that when benching plants that labels are easy to read. A clearly written label makes it much easier for everyone to read, and avoids the possibility of a plant being given an incorrect name in Competition Results. For any members who are unsure of, or would like to confirm that their plant labels are correct **before** benching, (either spelling or registration of crosses) EDOS will have available on Friday night prior to benching of plants, the Orchidwiz database for members to check their labels. Please see Ann Kable or Janelle Girdlestone.

Member Number - Your Member Number is on the newsletter envelope following your name, or available from the Plant Registrar. This number needs to be used if you are benching and/or selling plants.

Fire Ant Register – Legislation requires that Members sign the Fire Ant Register before Plants can be accepted for either showing or Sales. This Register **MUST** be signed before Plants can be accepted into the Hall.

Cut Flowers and Greenery – Flower arrangements have changed over the years, instead of pretty little filler flowers the ladies would prefer leaves like the cordylines, flax, crotons, anthurium, ferns, etc (leaves that will last a few days without wilting). We desperately need orchid flowers and foliage to work with. The floral art ladies earn quite a lot of money for the society yet it is a constant battle to get flowers to work with. Any small containers that could be used for flower arranging would also be appreciated. If in doubt please phone Lyn on 3422 1589.

Condition of Sale Plants – Please ensure that any plants you may present for sale are virus free, clean and NOT recently potted. Plants need to be stable in the pots and not show any insect damage, etc.

If it is not a plant in the condition you would consider purchasing yourself, then please do not put it up for sale!

SHOW SCHEDULE

A copy of the Schedule for the 2010 Spring Show has been included with this Newsletter.

Due to the fact that there have been changes made to the Show Schedule and General Conditions, it would be timely for ALL members, old and new, to have a read of these to ensure that they are aware of any changes that have been made.

One of the changes is that Entries must be tabled and available for Judging by 7.45 pm

If you have any queries please feel free to contact either the Show Captain Brent Nicoll, Chief Steward Eric Locke, or the President Barry Kable.

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VOUCHERS AUTUMN SHOW – REMINDER

For those who were lucky enough to win Prize Vouchers at our Autumn Show, these vouchers will expire soon, so be sure that you redeem them at any of the venues whose name appears on the voucher.

Plants Worth Noting

At the last meeting there was a lovely specimen of Schomburgkia superbiens presented by Barry Kable. The plant was about seven and a half feet tall with 5 flowering spikes held high above the foliage. The flowers were a lovely shade of lilac-mauve about 4 to 5 inches in size with a darker lip and yellow callus. The plant itself was clean, well grown and a real credit to its owner, and to get it from home to the meeting was nothing short of amazing. The only fault with the plant was its home address ...hint hint Barry.

A phragmipedium called Mont Fallu which is a cross between grande and longifolium really caught my eye.

There were three flowers presenting themselves well above the foliage in an eye catching display. The flowers were green in colour with red brown markings with long dangling sepals reminiscent of the longifolium in its breeding. The foliage was clean and a lovely hue of green. Wish I could grow them as well as the owner of this plant.

There was a brilliant display of dendrochilums presented of various sizes and colours. As a person who struggles growing this species I was quite envious of all you growers who grow this species and grow it well. I was also taken by a Rhynchostylis gigantea spots cross red that was benched. It had a single raceme with many large flowers which were white with pink to mauve spots and a mauve labellum. A very showy species that will only improve as it grows into a larger plant.

Keep up the good growing.

Adrian

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DATE CLAIMER

At our September meeting the Committee will be distributing seedling plants to attending members, as part of a growing competition. The object of this "Competition" is to see who can get their plant to flower first, with everyone starting as close to equal as possible. Come along and be involved – it should be interesting, and fun as well.

Cultural Notes

Laelia superbiens

I purchased this plant as a 3 lead dividend of a much bigger plant from plant sales at West Brisbane Orchid show about 8 years ago, with a name tag Schomburgkia *superbiens*. I potted it on when needed, until it out grew a 300mm port pot, the only thing I could fit it in was a Yabbies sieve, where it is growing today.

The species occurs in Mexico, Honduras and Guatemala where it grows on trees in the open or damp forests or on rocks in low altitudes, some have been recorded with 13' or 4m inflorescences.

I have been growing it in a shade house with 2.7m high roof with 70% shade cloth and 50% cloth on the walls, until this year moving it to a new section with no cloth on Eastern wall and 4m high roof with 70% shade cloth. Giving it more water in Summer than most Orchids, fertilizing with organic and HSO₂₂ in the growing season. Once every week Insecticide with Eco Oil, Azamax and Eco Rose fungicide, also folicle feed with Amino k and Hy San every 2nd week in Summer. A lot of air movement is essential. This is a very rewarding and easy Orchid to grow. Try one

Happy growing

Barry Kabl e

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EDOS AGM 25 NOVEMBER 2010

Now is the time to start thinking about putting forward nominations for Positions at our AGM. Remember that for the Society to function successfully, all positions need to be filled. Please consider putting yourself forward for one of these positions. It is always great to have new faces and ideas. If you have any questions about any of the positions please contact Secretary Ken Webster for further information.

BOOKS FOR SALE

There will be a selection of books available for sale at our next meeting. These are books which are surplus to our needs in the Library.

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- What:** Logan & District Orchid Society Inc
Where: Logan Central Community Centre
When: 28-29 August, 2010
- What:** North Brisbane Orchid Society Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 28-29 August, 2010
- What:** West Moreton Orchid Group Inc
Where: Ipswich City Square Shopping Centre
When: 9-11 September, 2010
- What:** Orchid Species Society Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 11-12 September, 2010
- What:** Beaudesert Districts Orchid & Foliage Society
Where: Canungra Com Hall, 2 Pine St, Canungra
When: 11-12 September, 2010
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- What:** EDOS Inc
Where: Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West
When: 18-19 September, 2010
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- What:** West Brisbane Orchid Society Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 18-19 September, 2010

- What:** Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc
Where: St Pauls Lutheran Church Hall, Cnr James & Phillip Sts, Toowoomba
When: 17-22 September, 2010
- What:** Glasshouse Country Orchid Society Inc
Where: Beerwah Community Hall, Beerwah
When: 25-26 September, 2010
- What:** Ipswich Orchid Society Inc
Where: Ipswich SHS, 1 Hunter St, Brassall
When: 25-26 September, 2010

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Ray can be contacted on email
webmaster@edos.org.au or phone 3823 4277

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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