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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on Thursday 27 May, 2010 commencing at 8.00pm at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

FEATURE ITEM

Guest speaker will be Brian Ross. His topic will be True Miniatures of the World.

RED SPOTTERS CLUB – 7.30 PM

Eric Locke will give a demonstration on How to Deflask Orchid Seedlings.

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 see Eric Locke if you are interested
- Scribes:** Please see Eric Locke 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:** Tony Beck
- Trade Table:** Pauline Webster

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 3 June, 2010**, at the Bayside Uniting Church Meeting Room, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

FIELD DAY 30 MAY 2010

EDOS will be holding a Field Day on 30 May, 2010.

Our first stop will be at **9 am (no earlier please)** at **Alan and Daphne McKell's, 99 Thomas Street, Birkdale.**

Our second stop will be a visit to the **Bromeliad Gardens at 5 Timbertop Court, Capalaba** (where plants will be for sale). Morning tea will be provided at this stop.

Third stop will be at **Ray and Janelle Girdlestone's, 9 Bilby Court, Capalaba.**

The morning will culminate with a bar-b-que lunch at the **Kable residence at 281 Redland Bay Road, Capalaba.** (BYO drinks, tea, coffee and sweets provided)

Please bring your preferred drinks, along with a hat, sunscreen, water, Insect Repellent and also a chair for our lunch-time bar-b-que.

Christmas in July

EDOS Inc is planning to have a "Christmas in July" Dinner commencing at 6.00 pm on 24 July, 2010 at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club.

It will be great night – come along and enjoy with your fellow members.

More information will be available at the next General Meeting.

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EDOS Autumn Show 2010

EDOS Members take a bow! Our recent Autumn Show was a great success, with 684 people through the door. We benched 235 plants, which considering the recent climatic conditions was excellent. Plant sales were well supported with 882 plants finding new homes. Thanks to all members who offered their assistance.

Marian would particularly like to say a big Thank You to those who helped in the kitchen, either bringing along cakes, slices etc, or helping in the kitchen during the weekend.

Thanks also to the Floral Art Ladies – as usual they excelled themselves.

Plants Worth Noting

The plant that really caught my eye was *Miltassia Radermaker* 'Hsi Moi'.

To me this was a real stunner. It didn't rate with the judges or the popular voters but it won me. I could definitely find a place for this plant in my greenhouse. It had large full shape dark purple blooms on a long upright spray. *Miltonias* are generally a cool growing genus and are better suited to Melbourne weather. The ones that do well here are generally the more temperate growing star shaped species and crosses.

This one having a much fuller shape would fall into the more difficult cultural requirements category. Congratulations to Margaret and Glen Drewett, the growers as their growing conditions must just suit this clone.

New grower, Ian Want asked if we could identify his tabled plant which was a white *Dendrobium* with a faint purple spot deep in the throat. Luckily I was able to confirm that yes it was an orchid. The best that I come up with is that it probably has elements of some *Den dicuphum* and one or more doses of *Den bigibbum* var. *alba*. But whatever else is anybody's guess. It's a lovely orchid and deserves a place in the greenhouse but with a lost tag its identity will remain elusive. Let's see if it's still in bloom next month.

I have a little *Dendrobium dicuphum* out in flower at the moment. It's a lovely thing but would never win a beauty contest. This plant was part of a flask made from a seedpod collected from a fence post on the highway somewhere in the middle of nowhere outside Darwin. So you can imagine its cultural requirements. This plant hates being cold and wet but regularly flowers and the flowers last for six weeks or more. It has elongated white petals and short sepals and a deep purple colouration in the throat.

There is always benefit in having a name. This gives the ability to make some judgement about type of flower and cultural conditions. In the *Cattleya* cluster and novelty, there were quite a number of *Brassovola nodosa* hybrids. This species has star shaped petals and sepals and a long broad lip with a flared end. This characteristic is dominant and you will generally find that all its offspring have these features.

We don't often see *Zygopetalum* orchids at the meetings. These plants have a long multiflowered spray of greenish flowers with a large flared white, purple striped lip. Some of these have the most exquisite perfume. They are worth a place in the greenhouse for this feature alone. Plus the flowers are generally long lasting.

May your plants grow well and quickly grow to specimen size.

Maurie Page

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Cultural Notes

Phrag. Perseus Highclare HCC/AOC

The parents of this plant are Lindleyanum (capsule) x Sedenii (pollen) and was first registered in 1892, first awarded AM in 1893, so it's no new comer to the scene although not often found around the benches.

I purchased this plant several years ago and it has produced flowers every year.

The plant is situated in a "dome" roofed house between two normal shade houses, the result being heavily shaded morning and afternoon and under one layer 75% shade cloth for the hottest part of the day, this appears to be beneficial in the development of the flower spike, generally being vertical. If you experience a flower spike going sideways, "DON'T" tie the spike back, place a stake in "FRONT" of the spike and "PUSH" it back gently, you will discover it takes very little encouragement for the flower stem to straighten naturally, the end result is flower spikes up to 50cm tall that only need staking for transport.

Watering is daily except when raining or overcast and warmer months I stand the plant in a saucer of water.

The mix is 1/3bark, 1/3 large perlite and 1/3 coconut husk, and in the top quarter of the pot I mix a sprinkling of Organic Extra, this mix works for me and tends to result in overall healthy growth and slightly darker foliage and mostly free from any unsightly brown marks. Fertiliser is once a week.

This Phrag consistently produces quality blooms, is easy to grow and is a worthy addition to any collection.

Happy growing,

Tony Beck

UPCOMING EVENTS

What: Tropical Queensland Orchid Council Conference and Show 2010
Where: Kirwan (Townsville)
When: Friday 11 – Sunday 13 June 2010
More information available from Secretary

What: Sub-Tropical Orchid Council of Queensland Inc Triennial Orchidfest, hosted by Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Caloundra Inc
Where: Lake Kawana Community Centre, Bokarina
When: 12-14 June, 2010

What: North Moreton Qld Orchid Council Inc Charity Orchid Show
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
Contact David Board 3353 4851
When: 26-27 June, 2010

What: Caboolture Orchid Society Inc
Where: Shire Memorial Hall, King St, Caboolture
When: 9-11 July, 2010

What: John Oxley District Orchid Society Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 17-18 July, 2010

What: Maroochydore Orchid Society Inc
Where: Community Hall, Millward Rd, Maroochydore
When: 7-8 August, 2010 Open Show

What: ANOS (Qld) Kabi Group
Where: Lions Hall, Lawnton Showgrounds, Gympie Rd, Lawnton
Ph 3289 1953 or 3285 2047 for more information
When: 21-22 August, 2010

What: Pine Rivers Orchid Society Inc
Where: Deception Bay Shopping Centre
When: 26-28 August, 2010

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: Beaudesert Districts Orchid & Foliage Society
Where: Canungra Com Hall, 2 Pine St, Canungra
When: 11-12 September, 2010

What: EDOS Inc
Where: Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West
When: 18-19 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

The cost will be \$25 per head, pick-up places will be 7 am at Ugo Belligoi's, 65 Bay St, Cleveland, and 7.30 am at Barry and Ann Kable's, 281 Redland Bay Road, Capalaba. For more information phone Margaret Rieck on 3207 2738

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www.edos.org.au. Our Webmaster Ray Girdlestone would like you to have a look at our new EDOS website and make comment – remember it is still a work in progress and any suggestions will be appreciated. If you have any Cultural advice you think may be useful to others please let us know.

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

Redlands Orchid Society Bus Trip Sunday 13 June 2010

ROS have organised a bus trip to Caloundra's Golden Orchidfest at The Lake Kawana Community Centre, Bokarina.

They will be having morning tea at the Orchidfest before going on the Wildfire Garden at Yandina, where they have a large range of Bromeliads. Here there will be a picnic lunch.

On the way home there will be a stop at the Strawberry Farm, which besides strawberries they have many species and hybrid orchids.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

If anyone has any articles they would be interested in having included in the Newsletter please let me know. For anyone who is interested in receiving their Newsletter electronically, please let me know your email address and I will include you in our email group. My email address is editor@edos.org.au

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