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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

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

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 4 November, 2010**, at the Bayside Uniting Church Meeting Room, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

FEATURE ITEM

Guest Speaker for this meeting will be Wolfgang from Horticultural Solutions. He will be discussing some of his products and their uses.



EDOS CHRISTMAS PARTY

RED SPOTTERS CLUB 7.30 PM

. New members who received plants last year will have their next "Weigh-in" at the Red Spotters Club at this Meeting. To those members - **Please bring your plants along for follow-up.**

The 2010 EDOS Christmas Party will be held on 11 December 2010 at the Manly Bowls Club. Cost will be \$20 for Members and \$25 Non Members. Tickets will be available at the next meeting

We will be having a Rolling Raffle, so on the night please remember to bring along a gift to include in the Raffle. There will also be a "Popular Vote" for those who wish to bring along a flowering orchid.

Our Judges will be finalising the Jack Fiege Memorial Trophy for the Plant of the Year (judged from the plants which have been chosen each month by our judges and ably photographed by our Wee Leprechaun) Please come along and enjoy a good evening.

EDOS AGM 25 NOVEMBER 2010

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:** Brent Nicoll
- Trade Table:** Pauline Webster

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 and a Nomination Form.

Cultural Notes

Den Sander's Festival 'Holly'

If anybody had guessed that the large dendrobium at the show, and at the last meeting, had one hundred and seventy nine flowers, they would have guessed correctly. Nobody was even near that amount so they forfeit any right to the prize money!

Den sanderae crossed with Alice Iwanaga makes Snow Festival, it was registered in 1987. Snow Festival crossed back onto sanderae makes Sander's Festival. I added the cultivar name of 'Holly' to distinguish my individual plant, 'Holly' being the name of my two year old granddaughter.

When I told Holly about this great honour she just carried on with what she was doing and couldn't have cared less. I have given some thought about renaming it 'Cash Cow' as it has had a good monetary return to date.

The literature that I have read about Den sanderae is true about all dendrobiums; they do enjoy good air movement and being under-potted. It was more good luck than good management as I did have the plant hanging in a well suited position. The plant is potted in bark and perlite mix and has been potted on rather than divided at potting time. I do fertilize regularly through summer months with whatever I have on hand, as I do believe that conditions in your growing area, far outweigh the constant bombardment of fertilizer.

Brent Nicol I

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Beginning with Orchids

The inaugural 'Beginning with Orchids' was held recently at Fame Orchids and was a resounding success.

Thanks must go to Todd and his staff for his time, the use of his facilities, and his generous donations of plants to those attending. Thanks also to Peter's Glen and Graham McKay for their generous donation towards the event.

Special Thanks also to Graham McKay for his donations towards our recent Member's Phalaenopsis Growing Competition, and his many other donations of plants and books throughout the year.

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Plants Worth Noting

First noticeable specie was *Cattleya intermedia*, which is a very variable specie from Brazil – variable in shape, colour and size. Colour was interesting in that it went from white and shades of pink to deep purple. It flowers in spring. The complete variety is what makes this specie so interesting.

Also on the bench was *Restrepia contorta*. This genera is so interesting and intriguing, and consists of 40 species of miniature Sympodial orchids. They come from north of South America. They are tolerant of a wide range of temperature, but like a moist environment – therefore like copious water and sphagnum moss, also bright light but not direct sun. It is interesting to realise that they can be propagated by division as well as from their leaf cuttings.

UPCOMING EVENTS

What: North Moreton Qld Orchid Council Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 30-31 October, 2010

What: Gold Coast-Tween Orchid Fair 2010
Where: Tweed Civic Centre, Cnr Wharf & Brett Sts, Tweed Heads
When: 6-7 November, 2010

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Dendrobium farmerii was a well grown plant, and therefore it flowered well. White flowers are a delight to see but they are so easily marked from various sources. In the hybrid sections three Dendrobiums stood out. Den Sander's Festival 'Holly' stood out for me as I liked it, for better or worse. Next was Den Christmas Chimes 'Asuka' x D Hagoromo 'Spring Fuji'. I liked its shape and colour. Dens need a certain environment and unless heeded, they are not very receptive. Recently I was talking to an EDOS member and he had the same experience as me – the orchid eyes are not growing and are dying, hence causing problems bordering on devastation. Den Christmas Chimes 'Asuka' x D Hagoromo 'Spring Fuji' was good and well worth a close look. One could not pass Den kingianum 'Lipstick' x Den speciosum, for it had a good coverage of flowers and one could stand and admire it for a while. Line breeding and hybridisation are doing wonders but how far can it go. We still need to grow and propagate and admire specie.

Phragmipedium Mont Fallu caught my eye in that section. It is good to just stand and admire a flower for they are so exquisite, for shape, colour and size.

That is all, so good growing and flowering.

Arthur Cornell

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