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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on Thursday 25 February, 2010 commencing at 8.00pm at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

FEATURE ITEM

Guest speaker will be Ann Sales. Her topic will be "Preparing Plants for Showing" This will be a very relevant subject with our Autumn Show just around the corner.

RED SPOTTERS CLUB – 7.30 PM

Red Spotters will be hosted by Ken Webster. Ken will be "Going Back to Basics – Dendrobiums"

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

Judges: Eric Locke, Bill Williams, Arthur Cornell,

Trainee Judges: Brent Nicoll, 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, Colin Samuels

Library: Steve Stitz

Plant Registrar: Janelle Girdlestone

Plants worth Noting: Eric Locke

Trade Table: Pauline Webster

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

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

2010 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded that Annual Subscriptions are now due – Family \$16, Single \$15. They can be paid at the February General Meeting, or a cheque can be mailed to the Secretary, PO Box 60, Wynnum Central Q 4178.

Please remember that you need to be a financial member to be able to table plants or have plants in Plant Sales at the upcoming Autumn Show.

STILL NEEDED!!

EDOS still require a Publicity Officer. This is a very important position which needs to be filled, especially for the success of our Shows. We also require a Junior Vice President, 1 Committee Member and a Social & Bus Co-ordinator.

Remember that EDOS belongs to ALL members, the more people involved in its operation, the more

great ideas we will have and the more successful we will be!!

If you are available for any of these positions, please contact the Secretary or President.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- What:** International Orchid Fair
Where: Les Hughes Sporting Complex, Bray Park
When: 26 – 28 February, 2010
- What:** Beaudesert Districts Orchid & Foliage Society Inc (*more information Page 4*)
Where: Canungra Com Hall, Canungra
When: 13-14 March, 2010
- What:** Queensland Orchid Society Inc.
Where: Brisbane Botanic Gardens Auditorium, Mt Cooth-tha
When: 26-28 March, 2010
- What:** Bribie Island Orchid Society Inc Easter Show
Where: Bribie Island State High School, 1st Ave, Bribie
When: 2-3 April, 2010
- What:** West Brisbane Orchid Society Inc Easter Show
Where: Farmers Hall, Main St, Samford
When: 3 April, 2010
- What:** EDOS Autumn Show
Where: Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West
When: 10 & 11 April 2010
- What:** Brisbane Orchid Society Inc
Where: Mt Gravatt Showgrounds, Logan Road, Mt Gravatt
When: 17-18 April, 2010

- What:** Sunshine Coast Orchid Society
Where: Caloundra Uniting Church Hall
When: 23-24 April, 2010
- What:** Pine Rivers Orchid Society Inc
Where: Deception Bay Shopping Centre
When: 22-24 April, 2010
- What:** Redlands Orchid Society Inc
Where: Autumn Charity Orchid Show (*more information Page 4*)
Where: Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St, Cleveland
When: 24 April, 2010
- What:** Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc
Where: Walsh's Centre, 881 Ruthven St, Toowoomba
When: 1-3 May, 2010
- What:** Redcliffe District Orchid Society Inc
Where: Redcliffe Library, Oxley Ave, Redcliffe
When: 5-8 May, 2010
- What:** Aspley Orchid Society Inc
Where: Community Hall, Edinburgh Castle Road, Wavell Heights
When: 8-9 May, 2010
- What:** Logan & District Orchid Society Inc
Where: Orchid Festival & Trade Fair Oasis, Broadbeach
When: 15-16 May, 2010
- What:** Tropical Queensland Orchid Council
Where: Conference and Show 2010 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

NEW COMPETITION FOR 2010

EDOS has introduced a new competition this year - "The Jack Feige Memorial Trophy" EDOS Annual Best Orchid of the Month".

Each Meeting night there will be a plant judged as "Best Orchid of the Night". This will be open to ANY orchid benched on the night. The winner will then be photographed by the Wee Leprechaun. At our Christmas Function in December 2010, a panel of AOC/QOS Judges will then select the winner.

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CORRECTION

It has been brought to the Society's attention that an article in the December Newsletter "Plants worth Noting" was in fact incorrect.

Grammangis fallax is a later synonym for *Grammangis ellisii* and is in fact an epiphytic species from Madagascar.

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CULTURAL AWARD JANUARY 2010

Habenaria rhodocheila Hance

This is a showy medium sized deciduous orchid with fleshy underground tubers originating from South China and Vietnam. The colour of the flowers varies from orange or yellow to red. The inflorescence is about 4-12cm long with 5 to 15 flowers, each around 5cm long. The spur is also about 5cm long.

The plant is grown under 70% shade cloth, in a mix of 5 parts perlite, 1 part peat and 2 parts bark on the bench at hip height on the northern side. When the plant is dormant, reduce watering to once every 2-3 weeks so you don't rot the tubers. Fertilize with ½ strength organic or inorganic fertiliser once a week only when it starts to make new growth.

Bill Williams

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Plants Worth Noting

By Reg McJewain

Vasco Crownfox Magic, winner in its section, had 11 flowers. The labellum was mauve and the petals and sepals were mainly white, suffused with purple. Speaking to Les Vickers, the lucky owner, he stated he had a bit of trouble with dehydration and admitted it needed repotting and was on his agenda.

I bumped into Leila Feige at the front door with a plant that really caught my eye, Blc Hawaiian Passion 'Camela'. This orchid carried 8 flowers spread over 150mm with unusual colouring of Lemon-Lime. The plant was unplaced but it goes to show beauty is in the eyes of the beholder, and a plant a lot of growers would like to own.

Dendrobium Enobi Purple Splash had 3 canes of 100mm with a raceme of 240mm carrying 10 flowers each 40mm across. The flowers are white but unusually marked around the edges with pink dripping towards the centre and in the labellum. A breakthrough in breeding. These plants were only available in flower as they were mixed up with another lot at Burbank. But if you want one you will have to part with \$25 – and get in the queue.

2010 QUEENSLAND INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FAIR

The Queensland International Orchid Fair is being held 26-28 February 2010 at the Pine Rivers PCYC, Baker Street, Bray Park. Admission is free and there is plenty of free parking.

There will be leading Queensland, interstate and International nurseries in attendance, along with specialist plant sellers, and there will also be books and collectables for sale.

There will new releases available, with some nurseries providing 'free freight' delivery for pre-orders, so why not get in touch with your favourite nursery and place an order. QIOF also provides the opportunity to ask questions of commercial growers from around Australia.

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SOME FUN

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However, he finally says, "Oh, alright, I can't really say no to the Pope."

The Pope takes the wheel and hits the gas and is going around 100 km in a 60 zone.

A policeman pulls him over. Startled and surprised, the young officer asks the Pope to wait a minute. He goes back to his patrol car and radios the chief.

Policeman: Chief, I have a problem.

Chief: What sort of problem?

Policeman: Well, I pulled over this guy for driving way over the speed limit, but it's someone really important.

Chief: Important like the Mayor?

Policeman: No, No, bigger, much bigger.

Chief: Like the Prime Minister?

Policeman: No, No, bigger, much, much bigger!

Chief: Who's more important than the Prime Minister?

Policeman: I don't know but I think it's GOD, he has the Pope DRIVING for Him!!!!!!

EDOS AUTUMN SHOW

UPCOMING SHOW INFORMATION

Don't forget that our Autumn Show is coming up on 10-11 April.

It's time to start thinking about what plants you may want to put into Plant Sales. Plant Sale Tags will be available at the General Meeting before each Show. Your Exhibitor's number doubles as your Plant Sales Number. This number is on the right of your Surname on the Newsletter envelope, or available from the Plant Registrar.

All plants offered for sale shall be well established, clean and free from pests and diseases.

Remember that all Plants, either exhibited or in Plant Sales must comply with the Fire Ant Legislation.

There will be more information on Fire Ant requirements in the next Newsletter.

Redlands Orchid Society Inc Redlands Autumn Charity Show

To be held at the Donald Simpson Over 50's Leisure Centre, 172 Bloomfield Street, Cleveland on Saturday 24 April, 2010 8.30am to 4.00pm.

This Show is open to all Societies. Judging will commence at 8.00pm Friday 23rd. More information available from Ann Kable on 3824 5931 or email: redlandsorchidsociety@bigpond.com

Beaudesert Districts Orchid and Foliage Society Inc Orchid & Foliage Festival.

To be held at the Canungra School of Arts Hall, Pine Street, Canungra on 13-14 March, 2010

Bob Moore will be speaking on African Violets on Sunday from 9.30am. Two Day Entry Pass \$3. Phone 5543 2108 for more information, or www.bdofs.com

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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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