



# Eastern District Orchid Society Inc

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### JULY 2011

#### NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 28 July, 2011** commencing at **7.30pm** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

#### RED SPOTTERS CLUB

There will not be any Red Spotters for July due to our Guest Speaker starting at 8.00 pm. (David needs to drive back to Toowoomba to start work 6.00 am Friday – lucky man!!)

#### FEATURE ITEM

Our Guest Speaker will be David Woolf from Woolf Orchidculture in Toowoomba. David's topic will be Yellow Oncidiums. There will also be plants available for sale on the night.

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

**Judges:** Eric Locke, Bill Williams, Arthur Cornell, Les Vickers

**Associate Judges:** John Rooks, Brent Nicoll, Adrian Bergstrum

**Observers:** Please see Eric Locke if you are interested

**Scribes:** Volunteers required please.

**Supper Stewards:** Marian Samuels, Daphne McKell

**Hostesses:** Margaret Rieck, Dot Rooks

**Library:** Helen Vickers

**Plant Registrar:** Ann Kable

**Plants worth Noting:** John Rooks

**Trade Table:** Pauline Webster

#### NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 4 August, 2011** at the Bayside Uniting Church Meeting Room, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

#### **NOTE FOR JULY GENERAL MEETING!**

Please note that there will be a change to our July General Meeting starting time. There will be NO Red Spotters, and our **Guest Speaker, David Woolf** from Woolf Orchidculture in Toowoomba will be commencing his presentation at **8.00 pm, after our General Meeting which will commence at 7.30 pm.**

**Could members planning on Benching plants please do so as early as possible on the night to enable judging to be done as soon as is practicable.**

## **FOR SALE**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- What:** Toowoomba Winter Show  
**Where:** St Pauls Church Hall, cnr James & Phillip  
Sts Toowoomba  
**When:** 30 and 31 July, 2011
- What:** Maroochydore Orchid Society Inc – Open  
Show  
**Where:** Community Hall, Millward Rd,  
Maroochydore  
**When:** 6 and 7 August, 2011
- What:** North Brisbane Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 20 and 21 August, 2011
- What:** 9<sup>th</sup> Open Australasian Native Orchid Show  
(ANOS QLD – KABI Group Inc)  
**Where:** Lions Hall, 757 Gympie Road, Lawnton  
**When:** 27 and 28 August, 2011
- What:** Logan & District Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Logan Central Community Centre  
**When:** 27 and 28 August, 2011
- What:** West Brisbane Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 27 and 28 August, 2011
- What:** Nambour Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave,  
Nambour  
**When:** 2 and 3 September, 2011
- What:** Queensland Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha  
**When:** 9, 10 and 11 September, 2011
- What:** ANOS (Qld) Beenleigh Group  
**Where:** Showgrounds Hall, James St entrance,  
Beenleigh  
**When:** 10 and 11 September, 2011  
**What:** Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc

**Where:** Centenary Heights School Hall  
**When:** 16 to 21 September, 2011

**What:** Eastern Districts Orchid Society Inc.  
**Where:** Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420  
Wondall Rd, Manly West  
**When:** 17 and 18 September, 2011

**What:** Beaudesert Districts Orchid & Foliage  
Society Inc  
**Where:** Canungra Com Hall, 2 Pine St, Canungra  
**When:** 24 and 25 September, 2011

**What:** Ipswich Orchid Society Inc  
**Where:** Silkstone State Primary School  
**When:** 24 and 25 September, 2011

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## PLANTS WORTH NOTING

It must have been the cold night – thick coats, beanies and blankets were everywhere – however flowering plants on the benches were very limited. We had a total of 49 members present – only 14 members exhibiting 41 plants. The Paphiopedilum species and hybrids, two Cattleya and Novice sections were the most supported with the other sections producing only one or no entries.

### Species

The one delightful little pink flower on **Restrepia contorta** was quite eye catching. These miniature plants require constant year-round moisture and a free-draining mix. They are found in Central America and the Andean region of South America.

**Angraecum didieri** grows in the humid forests of Madagascar from the lowlands to about 5000 feet. The 2 – 2.5 inches white flowers are borne singly and can have a spur up to 5.5 inches.

**Aerangis biloba** – 'Non-Competitive Section' – displayed 8 flowers. This small plant with a pendulous inflorescence which grows longer than its leaves can have up to 15 fragrant waxy flowers. It comes from tropical West Africa and grows in rain forests in full sun

or part shade. This little plant is one of my favourites but alas I have sent a few to 'Orchid Heaven'.

### Paphiopedilum

The species and hybrid sections both had some very well grown plants. Paph Shun-Fa Golden (malipoense x hangianum) with its green and maroon markings were quite eye catching. My other hybrid favourites on the bend were Paph Transvaal and Paph Prime Child which have yellow flowers.

It is great to see members growing different genera and one of my favourites is Masdevallia (although I have sent a few of these to orchid heaven as well). The unusual flower shapes and bright colours are very showy and interesting. They require cool to intermediate conditions with good air movement.

The Novice Section is well supported each month. It is good to see these members are asking questions and wanting to learn more about these orchids. Keep up the good work novice growers.

Well folks – till next time - happy growing and flowering.

**Pauline Webster**

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## **The Queensland Orchid Society Inc. and The Australian Paphiopedilum Society Inc.**

invite you to Two Presentations by Sam Tsui of Orchid Inn Ltd, Illinois, USA on Friday, 2 September 2011 at the Ithaca Bowls Club at 7.30pm

The 1st Presentation will be 'The Wonderful World of Brachypedilums and Parvisepalums'

The 2nd Presentation will be on 'Multifloral Paphiopedilum Culture and New Directions in Their Breeding'

Sam will bring with him pre-ordered flasks - order deadline Sunday, 7 August. Orders are to be placed direct with Sam via email. Most likely, Sam also will have some extra flasks to sell at the event, For Sam's flask listing and details contact Les Vickers (LHVICKRS@BIGPOND.NET.AU)

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## **BACTERIAL BROWN SPOT**

This disease, caused by *Pseudomonas gladioli*, *Pseudomonas cattleya* and several other *Pseudomonas* spp, becomes destructive particularly during warm and humid conditions. Infecting traditionally *Phalaenopsis*, it will also affect most orchid genera.

**Symptoms** The disease usually appears on the leaf as a small circular, water soaked spot, which enlarges rapidly and is light brown in colour. The affected parts normally have a wet and soft appearance. This blister is full of watery exudates, which is a pure culture of bacteria. The disease spreads so quickly in *Phalaenopsis* that within one or two days it may reach the stem and completely destroy the plant.

**Prevention:** The growing area should be well ventilated and drained. Avoid growing plants too densely. Hygiene is essential. Remove dead plants from the growing area, keep the floor free of dead plant material and debris. Do not reuse potting mixtures. Water plants as needed and preferably when plant foliage will dry off quickly. Periodic scrubbing of floors and staging with a disinfectant, such as Alginox, keeps down both bacterial numbers and fungi spores.

At the first sign of disease or pest outbreaks, remove, isolate and apply appropriate treatment to affected plants.

**Treatment:** Pseudomonas is a bacterial problem and cannot be controlled with a fungicide.

Diseased plants should be handled carefully so as not to spread the disease to other plants in the vicinity. Cut off affected parts along with a generous amount of healthy tissue. Treat the raw edges with a Sulphur based powder or other sterilising powder, or even cinnamon.

**Control:** Reduce the amount of nitrogen fertiliser and try to increase potassium levels in the formula. Cease using organic fertiliser, as this may be a source of food for the bacteria.

Stop watering young plants, especially community pots during an outbreak of disease. Although unsightly, an application of Kocide or other copper based bactericide will provide residual protection for 3 to 4 weeks.

*Thanks to Brent Nicoll for supplying this article for reprinting from one of EDOS's previous Newsletters.*

## ARTICLES WANTED

EDOS would like to issue a challenge to those members who have a keen eye and a way with words. (Technical expertise is not essential, just your thoughts) We are looking for members who would be willing to "put pen to paper" and make comment on what has caught their eye on our meeting nights, even if it is only one particular plant. All articles would be greatly appreciated, and if you would rather not have your name published, that's okay, please talk to Janelle (Editor) and maybe we can create a "pen-name". The Editor is happy to assist with these articles.

## 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](mailto:editor@edos.org.au)

We would also like to **issue a challenge to our "More Experienced Growers"** to write an article on how they grow their favourite plant or genera. It doesn't have to be huge – I am sure that some of our "newer" growers (and lots of 'not-so-new' ones as well) would welcome any advice on growing orchids, especially what works in our own local conditions

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Ray can be contacted on email [webmaster@edos.org.au](mailto:webmaster@edos.org.au) or phone 3823 4277

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