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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 23 June, 2011** commencing at **8.00pm** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

RED SPOTTERS CLUB

Red Spotters this month will be hosted by Reg McIlwain, who will speak on Tolumnias.

FEATURE ITEM

Our Guest Speaker for June will be Graham McKay. Graham will give a report on his recent Tour through Taiwanese Nurseries.

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: Pauline Webster

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Trade table for May and June. If you require any items please contact Pauline prior to the meeting on 3286 4910

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 7 July, 2011** at the Bayside Uniting Church Meeting Room, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.



Christmas in July and 45th Anniversary Celebrations

Don't forget our combined Christmas in July and EDOS 45th Anniversary Celebrations on 23 July 2011 at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club. It will be a great night, so please come along and enjoy yourselves with your fellow society members.

Doors will open at 6.00 pm, with Nibblies at 6.15pm, with a delicious main meal and sweets to follow.

Cost to members will be \$15, non-members will be \$30. Soft drinks will be free, alcohol will be at your own cost.

If you are planning on coming along, please bring along a prize for the Cent Auction (please bring something you would be happy to win yourself)

The main Raffle will be one of Daphne McKell's famous Christmas puddings (just ask John Hutchinson what they are like!!!)

The June Meeting will be the last chance to get your Tickets for this function!!!

Tickets will also be available at the June meeting for the 45th Anniversary Raffle. Many Thanks to Pauline Webster for organising this Raffle.

SECURITY WARNING!!

Societies in the Brisbane area have been notified that there has been a spate of thefts – mainly species plants and specimen plants - recently from private residences, including some in our own area.

We can only assume that it is someone who knows what they are looking for.

We ask that our members take extra care with the security in and around their homes and shadehouses.

If you hear or see anything that is “out of the ordinary” regarding these types of plants (someone may be trying to sell them) please notify the police.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

What: North Moreton Qld Orchid Council Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 2 and 3 July, 2011

What: Caboolture Orchid Society Inc
Where: Morayfield Community Complex,
Morayfield Rd, Morayfield
When: 8-10 July, 2011

What: John Oxley District Orchid Society Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 16 and 17 July, 2011

What: EDOS Christmas in July
Where: Wynnum Manly Leagues Club
When: 23 July 2011

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: 9th 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: *Eastern Districts Orchid Society Inc.*
Where: *Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420
Wondall Rd, Manly West*
When: *17 and 18 September, 2011*

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QOS Guest Speaker for July

QOS will be having David Banks as their Guest Speaker at their meeting on July 11. David has been growing and researching orchids for many years, and is the proprietor of Hills District Orchids in Sydney. He is also the current Editor of Australian Orchid Review.

Cultural Award For May

Coelogyne rochussenii

This plant was purchased as a seedling some years ago at the Tweed Heads orchid show and has grown under 75% shadecloth ever since. The plant at EDOS

was a division of the original plant. In its natural habitat it is normally epiphyte on trees over hanging rivers in Malaysia, Borneo, Java and the Philippines. The long pendant lemon scented inflorescences last for approx 2 weeks and put on quite a display reaching 1 metre in length on an adult plant. This plant has been fertilised every week and it is grown in a mixture of jumbo perlite, small bark and small coconut husk.

This is an easy plant to grow and prefers more water than most, certainly a worthy addition to any collection, the only drawback of this plant is if you grow it into a large specimen it is a problem to transport to meetings!

Happy growing,

Tony Beck

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PLANTS WORTH NOTING

For this time of year there was a good variety of plants benched. The following are some that caught my eye.

Phal. Taisuco Swan Chingruey No.2

This large plant had 8 huge white blooms well presented on an arching spray. I commented to the owner that I would be surprised if this plant did not end up on the front table, and it did.

Paph. fairrieianum

This small plant had a well presented flower with good colouration and shape. On the label it had written from Ivan's Orchids August 2009, I'm guessing this would have been in a tube at that stage so getting it to flower under 2 years is a very good result.

Cat. percivaliana (Summit x Alberts)

Is a very easy growing species from Venezuela where it is found growing on moss covered rocks. Normally this species prefers brighter light and a little less water than other Cattleyas. This plant had 10 well presented flowers and looked a treat.

Den. Frasers Canary Twister 'Asternova' (*Den. schulleri* x *Den. canaliculatum*)

This plant on the night was not on the bench per say, it was presented to be judged and received an award

HCC or possibly an AM yet to be finalised. The plant had 3 tall sprays of citrus yellow flowers approx 60 in total and it was admired by all. One parent *Den. schulleri* rates a mention, this is a near mythical species from Northern New Guinea and I guess this is where the yellowish colouration comes from. Certainly a credit to the owner and worthy of an award.

Regards,

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Thanks

President Barry would like to thank those members who attended and benched plants at the recent QOS Meeting as their guest Society. The evening was quite successful and well supported.

Barry would also like to thank those members who assisted with lunch when the Beaudesert Orchid and Foliage Society visited our area recently, and stopped off for lunch at the Kable establishment. Once again another successful venture for EDOS.

CONDY'S CRYSTALS (Potassium permanganate)

This little gem has many uses. It is readily available and relatively cheap, and an alternative to the "less environmentally-friendly" chemicals (but keep your hands out of the solution, otherwise you will end up with discoloured skin!!). Listed below are some of its uses.

A solution of Condy's Crystals is a good all-round remedy for many orchid ailments. When deflasking seedlings, rinse the young plants in a weak solution – about 3 grains to 5 litres of water. A new plant which looks distressed can be soaked in Condy's using solution of 3 grains to the litre.

To use as a sterilising solution for pots etc, use enough Condy's to turn the water blood red

A few grains of Condy's added to fertilisers and pesticides when spraying will help fight diseases, it will decrease the amount of blackspot on your plants, and by adding this small amount of potassium it will improve the vigour of your plants, and also help develop better flowers.

On the 'human' front, it is a very successful treatment for ailments like tinea and other fungal infections.

Beenleigh A.N.O.S Bus Trip

Beenleigh A.N.O.S are organising a Bus Trip to Kempsey from September 2nd to 5th. Cost will be \$280 per person.

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Best Wishes

We would like to wish Barbara Allen all the Best for a speedy recovery from her recent illness.

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.

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

WEBSITE

www.edos.org.au. Our Webmaster Ray Girdlestone would like you to have a look at our 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 pass it on to Ray for inclusion – either on the website or in the Newsletter.

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

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