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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 23 February, 2012** commencing at **7.30pm** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

RED SPOTTERS CLUB

Reg McIlwain will be doing a presentation for Red Spotters, subject unknown at the time of printing.

FEATURE ITEM

Gary Yong Gee will be doing a presentation on Dendrobiums of Australasia. For those who know Gary, this should be a very interesting presentation, as Gary is an International speaker on orchids.

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 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:** Maurie Page
- Trade Table:** Pauline Webster

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 1st March, 2012** at the Bayside Uniting Church Meeting Room, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

CHANGE OF DATE!!!

Please note that EDOS' Autumn Show 2012 date has been changed due to the Elections. Our show will now be on 31 March and 1 April, with setup and Judging on 30 March.

2012 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.

Any members who have not paid their Subscriptions when the next Newsletter is due will not have a copy of their Newsletter posted or emailed to them.

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.

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EDOS AUTUMN SHOW

It's coming up to THAT time again!!!!

Don't forget that our Autumn Show will be held on 31 March and 1 April, 2012, with judging on Friday night.

It's time to start thinking about what plants you may have in flower to exhibit, and start staking or tying if required (to EDOS General Rules of course), or organise plants you may want to put into Plant Sales. Plant Sale Tags will be available at the March General Meeting. 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, details for which will be in the next Newsletter.

For any new members, Eric Locke will be doing a presentation on Preparations for a Show at our March Red Spotters.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- What:** Queensland International Orchid Fair
Where: Pine Rivers PCYC, Baker Street, Bray Park
When: Friday 2 and Saturday 3 March, 2012
- What:** Beaudesert Districts Orchid & Foliage Society Inc Orchid & Foliage Festival
Where: Canungra Com Hall, 3-6 Pine St, Canungra
When: 10 and 11 March, 2012
- What:** Queensland Orchid Society Inc Autumn Show
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 23,24 and 25 March, 2012
- What:** **EDOS Autumn Show**
Where: **Bayside Uniting Church Hall,420 Wondall Road, Manly West**
When: **31 March and 1 April, 2012**
- What:** West Brisbane Orchid Society Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 31 March and 1 April, 2012

- What:** Bribie Island Orchid Society
Where: Bribie Island State High School, 1st Ave, Bribie Island
When: 6 and 7 April, 2012
- What:** Brisbane Orchid Society Inc
Where: Mt Gravatt SHS Hall, 1263 Logan Rd, Mt Gravatt
When: 14 and 15 April, 2012
- What:** Redlands Orchid Society Autumn Charity Show
Where: Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield St, Cleveland
When: 21 April, 2012
- What:** AOC Conference and Show. (For more information refer to web site http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/19th_AOC_Conference.htm)
Where: Perth WA
When: 11 – 16 September, 2012
- What:** EDOS Spring Show
Where: Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West
When: 29 and 30 September, 2012

air movement. It is grown in bark and perlite and is fertilized once a week at ½ strength with organic or inorganic fertilizer. Regular watering is needed depending on weather conditions so the roots don't dry out totally. Reduce watering during the winter months.

Bill Williams



Date Claimer

Once again we will be holding our Christmas in July this year with a function on 21 July 2012 at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club, so keep this date free and come along and have a great night.

More information will be available in coming months.

Plants Worth Noting

Once again our monthly meeting had an incredible variety of plants on display. Due to the multitude of plants on the benches, my task this month was challenging because I had to choose which were my favourite and it would have been quite a lengthy article if I had commented on every single one, therefore I cut it down to my four favourites.

As I made my way around the benches one of the first plants to catch my eye was the *Aeranthes grandiflora x arachnites* - this was an incredible plant in my opinion because it was sprouting 3 spikes with 2 incredible open blooms and 2 more buds yet to open, no doubt the 3rd spike will form a second bud.

As I proceeded around the benches the next plant to take my fancy was *Phragmipedium Green Hornet*. This cross was registered in 1996 and is the offspring of *Phrag. longifolium x pearcei*. This plant was a beautiful little miniature, with a light green pouch and green and pink petals making a surprisingly attractive arrangement of colours that instantly struck my fancy. Due to falling in love with this plant, I recently bought a *Phragmipedium pearcei*, and I would love to gain some tips from the owner of the plant, because I'm hoping that there will be similarities in culture. One day I may grow mine as well as the one that was at the meeting.

As I made my way over to the species section of the hall, my eye was instantly caught by Eric Locke's *Neofinitia falcata*. I had never seen a more incredible specimen of this plant in my life; it had a vast multitude of spikes and was absolutely bursting out of its pot. *Neofinitia falcata* is a miniature plant that likes plenty of airflow around its roots, which is proven by how happy it seemed in the net pot that it was in. This species has a regal history in Japan where was grown by warriors or other high-class people.

As I finally came to the end of the species section my breath was taken away as I finally got around to the magnificent *Miltonia candida* that I had been looking

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Cultural Award

Dendrobium bracteosum Rchb.f.

Owned by W & M Williams

This epiphyte is from the lowlands of New Guinea and islands to the east. The large floral bracts are a distinctive feature for which *D. bracteosum* is named. It has erect or pendulous terete to spindle shaped slender green to yellow-green stems approx 50cm long. The flowers are variable in colour lasting for up to 6 months. This species requires bright light and regular watering, but will tolerate dry spells.

Under our conditions *Den. bracteosum* is grown under 70% shade cloth where it is hung high receiving strong

forward to inspecting since I had first seen it placed on the bench. If I remember correctly it was mounted on a section of "Gutter Guard" filled with the grower's personal choice of medium. I gave up counting the spikes once I hit twelve because I still had many more spikes to go and the main part of the meeting was about to commence. This plant was truly a pleasure to behold and I wish the grower all the luck with it in the future.

Happy Growing

Michael

Editor's Note: Congratulations to Michael for this report – he was "Put on the Spot" on the night and has done a very good job!

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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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More Date Claimers

EDOS Inc will be hosting a "Beginning With Orchids" at Oz Orchids on 14 April, 2012. More details to follow.

EDOS Inc will be holding an EDOS Inc Promotional Orchid Display at Wynnum Plaza on 24 March between 9 am and 2 pm. If you are available please let John Rooks know.

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