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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 24 May, 2012** commencing at **8.00 pm** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

Trade Table: Pauline Webster

PLEASE NOTE: The Trade Table has "Gone into Recess" for May and June. If you require anything during this period please phone Pauline prior to the meeting to arrange to have the goods brought to the meeting.

RED SPOTTERS CLUB

Ken Webster's Presentation will be on "My Culture for Vandaceous Orchids".

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 7 June, 2012** at the Bayside Uniting Church Meeting Room, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

FEATURE ITEM

Gordon Grant will be giving a Presentation on Phalaenopsis. This will be very interesting and informative as Gordon has been growing orchids for many years. Some of you will remember Gordon's previous presentations on his overseas trips which were very interesting.

Christmas in July

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.

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

- Judges:** Eric Locke, Bill Williams, 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:** Steve Stitz

Tickets will be on sale at our next General Meeting. Cost will be \$20 per head for Members, and \$36 for Non-members. Soft drinks will be included, however any alcoholic drinks 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)

It will be a great night, (there will not be any official business discussed on the night), so keep this date free and come along and relax, enjoy a great meal, and enjoy yourselves with your fellow society members.

New Patron

As most people would be aware, our Patron Paul Lucas did not stand for re-election at the recent State Government Elections.

We would now like to welcome the new Member for Lytton, Neil Symes as our new Patron, and wish Neil all the best in his new position.

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Missing Library Book

We would appreciate it if members could check their bookshelves for one of EDOS Library's books. The missing book is "Vandas, their Botany, History and Culture" by Martin Motes. If you find that you have it please contact our Librarian Helen Vickers.

Plants Worth Noting

Another month when there were lots of plants to choose from, the first one to take my eye was Epi. porpax: this plant had a mass of foliage and flowers with olive green sepals and petals and burgundy lip and was growing on a slab of tree fern.

These plants like filtered light and should not be exposed to the midday sun, and grow in cool to warm conditions. They are best mounted on cork or tree fern and watered often while actively growing, good drainage is needed so that their roots can dry out.

Lc. Little Susie Orchidglade: always a plant that I can not pass by without stopping to admire. This plant had 7 beautiful dark lavender flowers with darker labellums. They grow in free draining media with a weekly feeding, they like to dry out between waterings. Grow in bright indirect light with 50/60% humidity.

Den. Roy Tokunaga x Silver Wings: This plant had 5 sprays of white flowers with a lemon lip with a purple stripe, there is another 2 spikes of flowers to come out.

These plants like to grow in a small pot for the size of the plant. Keep moist and feed weekly in spring and summer, and reduce water and fertilizer in the cooler months

The pick of the night for me was Dtps Ox Firebird. This well grown plant had a spray of 6 beautiful purple petals with darker purple edges and another 2 flowers to come out.

Grow your phals. in warm to hot conditions with 60/70% humidity and low light. The media can be sphagnum moss or any free draining mix that will retain the moisture. [I have 1 of these plants and I hope that it will be as good as this one.]

Marion Samuels

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Change to September General Meeting

It was agreed by a majority decision vote taken at the April General Meeting that due to the closeness of the scheduled September General Meeting to the Spring Show, the General Meeting will now be held at 2 pm on Sunday 30th September (prior to the Presentations at the Spring Show).

This will be an abbreviated meeting, with the majority of business being held over to the next meeting where possible. Members are asked to be present and sign the attendance book.

More information is available in the attached Minutes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

What: Aranbeem Orchids Open Day
Where: Aranbeem Orchid Nursery, Priests Road, Deception Bay
When: Saturday 2 June, 2012

What: Southport & Districts Orchid Society Inc
Where: Albert Waterways Community Centre, Cnr
Sunshine Bvd & Nerang-Broadbeach Rd,
Mermaid Waters (opposite Pacific Fair)
When: 2 and 3 June, 2012

What: North Morton Qld Orchid Council Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 30 June and 1 July, 2012

What: Caboolture Orchid Society Inc
Where: Morayfield Community Complex,
Morayfield Rd, Morayfield
When: 6 to 8 July, 2012

What: John Oxley District Orchid Society Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 21 and 22 July, 2012

What: AOC Conference and Show. (For more
information refer to web site
[http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/19th_AO
C_Conference.htm](http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/19th_AO_C_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

What: Boonah Orchid Show and Qld Sarcocochilus
Festival
Where: Boonah High School Assembly Hall,
Macquarie St, Boonah
When: 20 and 21 October, 2012

Show Thanks

Our Plant Co-ordinator Alan McKell would like to issue a **very big Thanks** to fellow member Dick Dorham who filled in for Alan at our recent Autumn Show due to Alan's illness, and to everyone else who also helped out in Plant Sales at our Autumn Show, including those members who were on hand to offer advice to prospective buyers.

Our Kitchen Co-ordinator Marian Samuels would also like to issue a **very big Thanks** to those who helped out in the Kitchen during the Autumn Show, and to those who supplied cakes, slices etc. .

Marian would also like to thank Reg McIlwain for his donation of coffee mugs to EDOS Inc.

Once again Marian and her helpers in the kitchen excelled themselves.

More detailed information from the Show is in the attached Minutes.

Plant of the Month

The Plant of the Month for April was, for the first time, a Phalaenopsis – Dtps Hsinying Palabe x Dtps. I-Hsin Honey Girl.

We purchased this plant from Ken and Heather Smart in November 2010 as a flowering size plant. This is its second flowering. One of the great advantages of Phalaenopsis is that the flowers last a long time. This particular plant was on the show bench at our Autumn Show and is still presentable enough to have on display in the house.

It was potted up into a 150mm pot in January this year (mainly due to the size of the plant), into a medium bark and perlite mix of approximately 3:1. We fertilise using Horticultural Solutions HSO12 or HSO22, and occasionally Arcadian.

We use Rovral to fungicide monthly, and Mancozeb or cinnamon to treat individual break-outs. When repotting we spray all our plants with Hysan. One disadvantage with Phallies is that they are very susceptible to fungus and bacterial infections, so it is very important to be vigilant and treat it immediately.

As our Phallies are grown in a "glasshouse" our conditions are a little more controlled, by using an evaporative fan in summer to keep the temperature to no higher than 26-28 degrees, and an oil heater in winter at night to keep it above 10-12 degrees.

Happy Growing

Ray and Janelle Girdlestone

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1991 - 1995

If you are interested please see our Librarian Helen Vickers at the next Meeting.

SOMETHING FOR OUR NATIVE SPECIES ENTHUSIASTS

DENDROBIUM SPECIOSUM SPECTACULAR & AUSTRALASIAN ORCHID SPECIES and HYBRID SHOW 2012

Where: 57 Spooners Ave., Greenhill via Kempsey

When: Sat 1st Sept -10am to 4pm [Closed for judging 11am to 12noon]
Sun 2nd Sept - 9am to 2pm

Details: Contact John Zietsch on (02) 6554-9733 or anosmidnorthcoast@hotmail.com OR Ted Walmsley on (02) 6562-7150

Orchid Collection Sale

Bruce Davy, who is a noted and prize-winning orchidist has amassed a collection of mainly Species and Species Hybrids over a period spanning more than 30 years.

Orchids from his collection will be on sale at the Southport & Districts Orchid Society Show, being held on 2 and 3 June 2012 at the Albert Waterways

Community Centre, Mermaid Waters (opposite Pacific Fair Shopping Centre)

All proceeds from the sale of Bruce's plants will go directly to Bruce and his family

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

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