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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Sunday 30 September, 2012** commencing at **2.00 pm** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West **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.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 6 October, 2012** at the Bayside Uniting Church Meeting Room, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

46th Spring Orchid Show 29-30th September, 2012

By the time you get this Newsletter the Spring Show will be only days away!!

Just some last minute reminders -

If you are available to help out during the weekend and have not already put your name on the Roster, when you arrive on the day please see either Ken, Barry or John Rooks and they will be happy to find you a "job".

Helping out at these events is an opportunity to spend time getting to know other members – for our new members it is an excellent opportunity to learn from our more experienced growers.

Catering - Our Catering Convenor Marion would appreciate any donations of cakes, slices and cookies etc. Marion will also appreciate assistance in the kitchen.

Plant Sales – Our Plant Sales Convenor Alan McKell is looking for assistance in Plant Sales. If you are available to help out, please either see Alan or a Committee member.

If you are planning on putting plants in Plant Sales please ensure that you use **EDOS sale plant tags only.**

Condition of Sale Plants – Please ensure that any plants you may present for sale are virus free, clean and NOT recently potted. Plants need to be stable in the pots and not show any insect damage, etc. If it is not a plant in the condition you would consider purchasing yourself, then please do not put it up for sale!

It has been noted that some plants presented for Sale at recent EDOS Shows were below the standard and quality that this Society considers acceptable. If a plant is not of the standard that you yourself would purchase, then it should not be presented to Plant Sales

As per our By-Laws, -refer in particular to EDOS By-Laws 5.6 and 5.7 - plants which are deemed to be of an unsuitable standard will be removed from the Sales Tables.

Plant Labels - It is very important when benching plants that labels are easy to read. A clearly written label makes it much easier for everyone to read, and avoids the possibility of a plant being given an incorrect name on the Prize Cards and in Competition Results. For any members who are unsure of, or would like to confirm that their plant labels are correct **before** benching, (either spelling or registration of crosses) EDOS will have available on Friday night prior to benching of plants, the Orchidwiz database for members to check their labels. Please see Ann Kable or Janelle Girdlestone.

Member Number - Your Member Number is on the newsletter envelope following your name, or available from the Plant Registrar. This number needs to be used if you are benching and/or selling plants.

Fire Ant Register – Legislation requires that Members **MUST** sign the Fire Ant Register before Plants can be accepted for either showing or Sales.

This Register MUST be signed regardless of where you live. The Hall is in a Fire Ant area so care needs to be taken when transporting plants. Please do not place your plants on the ground or floor either outside or inside of the hall.

Attendance Book – for Insurance Purposes it is necessary for Members to sign the Attendance Book when helping out at the Show

Cut Flowers and Greenery – The Ladies from the Floral Arrangement section of our show are requesting contributions of any orchid flowers, bromeliad flowers and Anthuriums, and also greenery for their floral arrangements, especially on Saturday, as these Floral Arrangements are very popular, and supplies usually run low by lunchtime. The leaves from the cordylines, flax, anthurium, camellia bush, magnolia, strap leaves and crotons are great for greenery, along with all the others you kindly bring. We would also be very grateful for containers (small or large) suitable for flower arrangements. Many thanks in advance to all who help us out. If in doubt please ask Brent Nicoll.

Show Schedule - A copy of the Schedule for the 2012 Spring Show was included in the July Newsletter.

There have been some changes made to the Show Schedule (in particular the Classes) and General Conditions, so please have a read of these to ensure that you are aware of any changes that have been made.

One change to note is that Entries must be tabled and available by 7.30 pm for Judging at 8.00 pm

If you have any queries please feel free to contact either the Show Captain Brent Nicoll, Chief Steward Eric Locke, or the President Barry Kable.

Please do NOT pre-judge your own plants – we want you to bring them along and share with others. A plant that you consider “unworthy” could be an absolute delight to others!

Beginning With Orchids

EDOS will once again be hosting a “Beginning With Orchids” after our Spring Show. This will be held at Burbank Nursery on Sunday 7 October. Morning tea will be available at 9.30 with the demonstration starting at 10 am. If you are intending to attend please bring a chair.

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Club Shirts for Sale

EDOS Inc has the following Club shirts for Sale:

Mens -Size Large – 3 only

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If you are interested in purchase a Club shirt, please see Pauline Webster at the Craft table at our Spring Show.

UPCOMING EVENTS

What: EDOS Spring Show
Where: Bayside Uniting Church Hall,420 Wondall Road, Manly West
When: 29 and 30 September, 2012

What: Redlands Orchid Society Inc
Where: Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St, Cleveland
When: 6 October, 2012

What: Bribie Island Orchid Society Inc
Where: Student Centre Bribie Island State High School, 1st Ave, Bribie
When: 13 and 14 October, 2012

What: Boonah Orchid Show and Qld Sarcocochilus Festival

Where: Boonah High School Assembly Hall, Macquarie St, Boonah

When: 20 and 21 October, 2012

What: Nambour Orchid Society Inc

Where: Uniting Church Hall, Nambour School of Arts Hall, Yandina

When: 26 and 27 October, 2012

What: North Moreton Qld Orchid Council Inc

Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha

When: 27 and 28 October, 2012

What: Southport & Districts Orchid Society Inc

Where: Combined Show, Tweed Civic Centre

When: 3 and 4 November, 2012

What: Orchid Species Society Inc

Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha

When: 3 and 4 November, 2012

Date Claimer Xmas Function

EDOS Inc will be holding their Christmas Function on 1st December, 2012 at the Manly Bowls Club. More details in the next Newsletter.

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CALL FOR HELP - Red Spotters, Guest Speakers and Plants Worth Noting

We are looking for some ideas and people to help out with the above on Meeting nights.

If you have a suggestion, or you are prepared to spend a small amount of time on either of these sessions at our meetings, please speak to one of our Committee members.

Red Spotters is generally a more informal presentation, to a smaller audience, most of whom are our newer growers.

If we can't fill the spots, these informative sessions may need to be discontinued due to lack of support. It is unfair to those few members who are doing it month after month.

Remember, knowledge shared is knowledge gained.

Missing Library Book

We would appreciate it if members could check their bookshelves for another one of EDOS Library's books. The missing book is **'Exotic Orchids of Australia'** by **David Jones**. If you find that you have it please contact our Librarian Helen Vickers.

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Due to recent increases in Postage and Printing costs, EDOS Committee is looking at making some changes to the distribution of the Newsletter.

We are asking members to consider receiving the Newsletter electronically instead of via Australia Post.

It would be great if we could reduce the number of Newsletters to be posted, thereby reducing both the costs to produce and mail it, and the time to get it ready for posting.

If you are happy to have your Newsletter emailed, please let either John Rooks or Janelle Girdlestone know your email address and you will go on the list for emailing.

Plants Worth Noting

It is amazing when you look back at some of the older books of the *Cattleya* species. Comparing them to what we see presented on the benches today *Cattleya loddigesii*, *intermedia*, *walkeriana* etc. They have improved the shape so much with their round well filled-in flowers. It does make one wonder what more could the breeders do.

The *Cattleya loddigesii* of Eric's was the judges choice for the plant of the night but there was a little debate between the judges as there was an extremely well grown *Rhynchostylis gigantea* but unfortunately some of the flowers had marks on them. *Rhynchostylis* are not the easiest plants to grow and flower well. I have a *Rhy gigantea* that I nearly killed. I was going to throw it out but instead I tied it onto a Queensland umbrella tree. It has taken a few years to get going, now the leaves are 70 ml wide and 300 ml long and you feel that you could eat the leaves. Even if I could get the tree to the meeting I would not be able to get the tree into the hall anyway.

John Hutchinson deserved the clean sweep of the Australian native species and hybrids. John has embraced the growing of our natives with a passion that few could aspire to.

Brent Nicoll



Some of our EDOS members surprised our favourite Raffle Ticket Seller recently when he celebrated his Birthday during the Logan District Orchid Show. Happy Birthday Dennis.

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Books for Sale

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African Violet Show

Our friends at the African Violet Society of Qld Inc are holding their 40th and Ruby Celebration Show at the Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha on 13 and 14 October, 2012.

If you have any enquiries phone 3300 4130 or 3398 9355

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 on the website.

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

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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