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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 26 March, 2015** commencing at 8.00 pm, at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Wednesday 01 April, 2015** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

RED SPOTTERS CLUB

Commencing at 7.30 pm, Secretary Ken Webster's presentation will be 'The Autumn Show, Staking, Tying and the Schedule'. This is a very timely topic, seeing as our Show is on 11 and 12 April.

2015 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded that Annual Subscriptions are now due – Family \$16, Single \$15. They can be paid at the March General Meeting, or a cheque can be mailed to the Secretary, PO Box 60, Wynnum Central Q 4178.

FEATURE ITEM

Sam Cowie from Leaf and Limb will be doing 2 presentations, one on 'New Intergeneric Oncidium Hybrids', and the second on 'Orchids in Hawaii'. As most of us are always looking for something new, this will be of special interest.

Please take note that any members who have not paid their Subscriptions when the March Newsletter is due will not receive their copy, as they will be deemed to be unfinancial at the end of February (as per our Constitution).

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

Judges: Eric Locke, Nick Woolley, Les Vickers, John Rooks, Brent Nicoll

Observers: Student Judges Ken Haase and Janelle Girdlestone

Scribes: Volunteers required please.

Supper Steward: Marion and Colin Samuels

Hostesses: Dot Rooks and Margaret Rieck

Library : Helen Vickers

Plant Registrar: Ann Kable

Plants Worth Noting: Helen Vickers

Trade Table: Michael and Nikki Tervo

Please also 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.

49th EDOS AUTUMN SHOW

Don't forget that our Autumn Show will be held on 11 and 12 April, 2015, with judging on Friday night 10 April 2015.

The Show Schedule was attached to the February Newsletter.

There have been some **changes** made to the Show Schedule, so it would be timely for ALL members, old and new, to have a read of these to ensure that they are aware of any changes that have been made.

******* NOTE: One change in particular is the Opening Time on Sunday, which will now be 10 am. This is unfortunately beyond our control. *******

A reminder also that Entries must be tabled and available for Judging by 7.30 pm

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

Plant Tags will be available at the March Meeting from Roy Jope— If you need more Tags or are unable to attend the meeting to collect please contact John Rooks. **Please ensure that you use EDOS sale plant tags only.**

Craft Sales Tags will be available at the March Meeting from Ann Kable.

Member Number - Your EDOS 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.

Plant Labels - 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

Fire Ant Register – Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry 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. Although the Hall is no longer in a Fire Ant area care needs to be taken when transporting plants.

Please remember that Plants MUST NOT be placed on the ground or floor at the Hall.

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.

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 - in the future such plants which are deemed to be of an unsuitable standard will be removed from the Sales Tables.

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.



Floral Arrangement Helpers Required Urgently!!

Lyn Nicoll is urgently seeking helpers for the Floral Arrangement area for the Autumn Show. If you have any experience in this area, or know someone who has some experience and would be prepared to help out, please contact one of your committee members. Even if you can only provide assistance for part of the time it would be greatly appreciated.

HELPERS FOR AUTUMN SHOW !!!

If you are available to help out at the Autumn Show please put your name in the Roster book at the next meeting, or contact either Show Captain Ray Girdlestone or one of the committee members and let them know when you would be available to help out.

EVEN IF YOU CAN ONLY SPARE A COUPLE OF HOURS, WE NEED AS MANY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE TO HELP MAKE THE SHOW A SUCCESS!

We particularly need volunteers for the Front Door, and raffle sellers, and to set up on Friday afternoon around 3 pm, and clean up on Sunday afternoon.

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

Plant sales – Convenor Alan McKell will require helpers in Plant Sales. Alan would also appreciate it if anyone can bring in small boxes and shopping bags.

Request to Members

Is there any member who would be willing to put an EDOS Inc Orchid Show sign on their front fence for a few days prior to the Shows?

If you are please contact either Barry, John or Brent. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

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Volunteers Needed for Plaza Display 28 March

EDOS Inc will be holding their usual Pre-Show Display at Wynnum Plaza on Saturday 28 March 2015

We are seeking volunteers to help man this display, between 9 am and 2 pm. You don't need to be there the whole time, we usually appreciate having a couple of extra helpers around lunchtime to enable others to have a bit of a break and have some lunch.

If you are able to help out, please let Ray Girdlestone or Barry Kable know at the next meeting.

Potting Volunteer for Show




We are looking for a member who can help out with the Potting Demonstrations during our Autumn Show. Unfortunately one of our regular "Potters" is unable to help out this time, so we need someone else to "step into the breach". If you can help out please contact Show Captain Ray Girdlestone, or one of the Committee members.

Expressions of Interest for Toowoomba Bus Trip

EDOS Inc is planning a Bus Trip to the Toowoomba Orchid Show on Saturday 25 July, 2015. This is always a great show to visit. Alan is also checking out a visit to a local nursery or grower.

More information will be available in the near future, including the cost.

If you are interested please make sure your name on the list at the March Meeting, so that plans can be finalised.



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Cultural Award February 2015

Dendrobium Enobi 'Purple Splash'

This plant was purchased approximately 5 years ago from Burbank Orchids. It is grown in a shade house with 75% green shade cloth on the roof and 50% on the walls. The roof is lined with clear solar weave, the Western side with white solar weave, and the southern wall with clear solar weave. Windows have been cut into the western and southern walls to allow extra air flow.

This plant hangs from the roof which is about 8 feet high to gain as much air movement as possible and is at the northern end of the shade house. The plant is potted in a mix of 1 part Tref, 1 part styrene and 1 part super coarse perlite, and a topping of coarse gravel and a sprinkling of Plantacoat-Plus on top. It is watered once per week with Magamp during summer and once per fortnight in winter. Seasol is applied twice per week and HSO12 once per week at the recommended rate. This plant has been very rewarding for me and with its

many sprays of coloured blooms it receives pride of place in my shade house.

Good Growing to all

Leonore Price

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Plants Worth Noting February Meeting

Unfortunately our Plants Worth Noting volunteer for February, Michael Tervo has found himself in Hospital twice in the past few weeks, so I guess we can forgive him for not sending in his report.

I understand all is now well, so we will give him another opportunity to write a report in the next few months.

EDOS Inc Show Vouchers

For those Members who are lucky enough to win Prize Vouchers at any of our EDOS Shows, please be assured that these vouchers CAN be used at the EDOS Trade Table at any time before the expiry date shown.

UPCOMING EVENTS

What: West Brisbane Orchid Society
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 28 and 29 March, 2015

What: Beaudesert District Orchid & Foliage Society
Where: Canungra School of Arts Hall, 3/7 Pine St. Canungra
When: 15 and 16 March, 2015

What: Queensland Orchid Society Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 3 to 5 April, 2015

What: Bribie Island Orchid Society Inc Easter Orchid & Foliage Show
Where: The Orchid House, & Indoor Bowls Clubhouse
When: 3 to 5 April, 2015

What: Eastern District Orchid Society Inc
Where: Bayside Uniting Church, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West
When: 11 and 12 April, 2015

What: Brisbane Orchid Society Inc
Where: Mt Gravatt State School, 1263 Logan Rd, Mt Gravatt
When: 18 and 19 April, 2015

What: Ipswich Orchid Society Inc
Where: Silkstone State Primary School
When: 18 and 19 April, 2015

What: Redlands Orchid Society Inc
Where: Donald Simpson Centre, Cleveland
When: 2 May, 2015

What: Caboolture Orchid Society Inc
Where: Morayfield Shopping Centre
When: 30 April to 2 May, 2015

What: Aspley Orchid Society Mother's Day Show
Where: Community Hall, Edinburgh Castle Rd, Wavell Heights
When: 8 and 9 May, 2015

What: Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc
Where: St Pauls Lutheran Church, Phillip St, Toowoomba
When: 9 May, 2015

What: Pumicestone Dist Orchid & Foliage Soc Inc
Where: Ningi Hall, Bribie Island Road, Ningi
When: 9 May, 2015

What: Southport & Districts Orchid Soc Qld Inc
Where: Albert Waterways Com Centre, 91 Sunshine Bvd, Broadbeach
When: 6 and 7 June, 2015

What: North Moreton Qld Orchid Council
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 27 and 28 June, 2015

What: John Oxley District Orchid Society Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 18 and 19 July, 2015

What: Toowoomba Orchid Soc Inc Conference and Show
Where: USQ Toowoomba Berghofer Recreation Centre
When: 24 and 25 July, 2015

What: Orchids in Paradise – 20th Australian
Orchid Council Conference & Show
Where: Hosted by Mackay & District Orchid
Society
When: 18 to 23 September, 2015

We thank both families for the chance to pay a visit to see how they grow their orchids, and also to the Kables for the barbeque afterwards. It was a very enjoyable day with plenty of laughter. (I don't know what it was like on Barry's bus, but there was plenty of merriment on the one that Alan drove!)

Sad News for Plants Worth Noting

Question: How many of our Members enjoy reading the "Plants Worth Noting" in their monthly Newsletter?

Well, it has come to the sad conclusion that due to the lack of interest by members in helping out with our regular article "Plants Worth Noting" we can no longer sustain its continuation with just our Student Judges covering the articles, as they are also involved in the Plant Judging at our Monthly meetings, as well as other jobs on the night.

If you are able to help out, - just one month a year is all we ask – please let the Editor know, otherwise this informative article will have to be discontinued.

It doesn't have to be a "Technical" article, even if you just describe what 'you yourself' found interesting on the benches at the meeting, we are interested in other members' thoughts and opinions.

Field Trip

Around 30 of our members enjoyed a visit to 2 of our members' Orchid Houses on Sunday morning, firstly to Ken Haase's, where we also had a yummy morning tea. We were then off to the Webb establishment for a look (and in some cases a purchase), followed by a barbeque lunch at the Kables. It was a very enjoyable day. Both growers had very impressive setups, with some of us picking up some different ideas from the way both Ken and Greg grow. (I don't think that Ken had too many tomatoes left on his bushes though – they were very "Moorish"!)

We also celebrated Brent and Lyn Nicoll's wedding anniversary, and we were also pleased that Una could join us for lunch and a chat.

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

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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