

Eastern District Orchid Society Inc

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Celebrating our 50th Anniversary Year

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NEWSLETTER APRIL 2016

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 28 April, 2016** commencing at 8.00 am, at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

RED SPOTTERS CLUB

Commencing at 7.30 pm at the end of the Hall, Ken Webster will be doing a presentation on "My Culture for growing Angraecum Orchids."

FEATURE ITEM

This month our Feature Item will be in 2 parts. Firstly Gina McMonagle, President of Nambour Orchid Society will give us an update on the Diamond Festival of Orchids being held at Kawana on 11 and 12 June, 2016. Charlie McMonagle will then present his topic - Morphology Considerations in the Culture of Phalaenopsis.

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

Judges: Eric Locke, John Rooks, Ken Webster, Brent Nicoll, Les Vickers

Associate Judges: Kevin Hamment, Helen Vickers

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: Ken Haase

Trade Table: Michael and Nikki Tervo

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 5 May, 2016** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.



50th Anniversary EDOS Inc AUTUMN SHOW

Another Show has been and gone, and once again, it was a very successful event. President Barry was seen to have a BIG smile on his face Sunday afternoon.

It was a little more of a challenge than usual on Sunday, as we had Gardening Australia there filming most of the day. Many Thanks to those members who assisted with this "Task". We look forward to seeing the end result on the programme in the near future.

As always, EDOS Inc Members excelled themselves, with a colourful and varied display of Benched Plants, and plenty of plants on the Sales Tables. President Barry and the Committee would sincerely like to Thank the members who helped out over the weekend, particularly some of our new members who came along and helped out. It is always greatly appreciated, and helps to make the Show a success.

A Big Thanks to the members who came in on Friday afternoon to help set up, those who helped out during the weekend, and those who stayed to help clear up on

Sunday afternoon after Presentations. As always, it is the old saying "Many Hands Make Light Work".

Catering Convenor Marion would like to say a BIG Thanks to those who helped out over the weekend, either working in the Kitchen, or providing donations of cakes, slices and cookies etc.

Plant Sales Convenor Dick Dorham would also like to say a BIG Thanks to those members who worked tirelessly in the Plant Sales Area. Once again it was a very successful weekend, with some great bargains, and great advice for intending growers.

Our Ladies holding the fort on the door, Dot and Daph would also like to say Thanks to those members who helped out on the Door during the weekend, welcoming those who attended, and selling Raffle Tickets.

Floral Arrangement Convenor Lyn Nicoll had a few new faces to assist her this year, which is great to see. As usual these Floral Arrangements were very popular.

Plant Sale Butts from the Show will be available from the hostess's at our next general Meeting on 28 April.

Lost and Found

An amount of money was found in the hall during the last general meeting. If anyone can make claim to the money, then please approach the President or Treasurer.

EDOS Inc Show Vouchers

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

Bus Trip to Fraser Coast Orchids Nursery

As usual, Alan organised a great bus trip on 2 April, 2016 to Fraser Coast Dendrobiums in Maryborough. It was a long day, leaving Kables at 6.30 am, and arriving back around 6 pm, but it was certainly worth it (if the number of plants brought home was any indication!!). Our Host Shane provided lunch, then we spent time "selecting our purchases", and believe me there was plenty to choose from!

We look forward to the next trip.

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Cultural Notes March

Phragmipedium Sorcerer's Apprentice

This plant is one of the largest Phrags I grow, due to the size I only ever keep one division on the bench. The parents are *longifolium x sargentianum* and they have produced a plant with such vigour it is unbelievable. At the moment it has 1 spike in flower with more spikes developing. Transporting this size plant which is 120cm wide and 135cm height and increasing daily is a challenge, as invariably it suffers some leaf damage on each trip.

The mix is the same I use for all my plants, 1/3 bark, 1/3 jumbo perlite, 1/3 small coconut chip, watered with only tank water thoroughly each day and with a saucer of water under the pot except in the winter months. Fertilizing is done once a week with whatever I have on hand and I never spray with any preventative fungicides or any other chemicals unless there is a problem. Cinnamon is one of the better problem solvers to have handy and can be used on all plants regardless of size. This plant lives in a dome roofed shade house with 75% green knitted shade cloth.

Happy growing,

Tony Beck

June General Meeting

Don't forget that our June General Meeting will be held on Saturday 18 June at 1.30 pm.

This will be a Special Celebration for our 50th Anniversary.

If you have any photos or memorabilia that may be of interest on the day, or know of any former members we may have lost touch with, please contact Ken Webster, as he would be very interested in adding to what we already have.

Plants Worth Noting - February

Hey everyone, once again its my turn to do the plants worth noting, which forces me to get out from behind the table and my big wall of pots.

I had four particular favourites at the February meeting, with the first one being the albanistic *Psychopsis* Mariposa "Green Valley". This plant was a striking yellow colour, compared to the usual flowers that are majority orange. The hybrid is a cross between *Pyp. papilio* and *Pyp. Kalihi*. I've always had a penchant for *Psychopsis* however I've only ever been able to lay my hands on a recently deflasked seedling, and it didn't do too well, so it was a pleasure being able to admire the one at the meeting.

The second plant to take my fancy was the *Bulbophyllum tingabarinum*, first classified in 1994. However, in 1996 the plant was reclassified back to a previously described name of *Bulbo. pecten-veneris* which had first been described in 1974. The plant apparently grows through China, Hong Kong, South Vietnam, Laos, and Thailand. It's quite a small plant with the most striking long bright orange flowers arranged on an umbel (kind of like an umbrella shape. All manner of fascinating words appear when you delve into the specifics of the botanical world). It's always a plant that attracts my eye whenever it shows itself at meetings, which if I'm not mistaken has been quite regularly of late.

The third plant for me to ramble on about briefly is *Epidendrum diffusum*, first described in 1788. This plant which is surprisingly capable of producing a profuse cloud of small flowers grows naturally from Mexico, to Guyana in South America and throughout the Caribbean. I was really attracted to the dare I say... "cute" little flowers that were produced on masse, and hopefully I'll get to see it again at a meeting or a show.

And finally *Christensonia vietnamica*. The species is a relatively new one, only being described in 1993, however in 2012 with the overhaul and reclassification of so many orchids, it's now lumped in with all of *Vanda*, so it is now technically *Vanda vietnamica*. This plant is, as the name suggests endemic to Vietnam, with its beautiful small green and white flowers. However, going off names won't always inform you of where the plant truly grows, as often in the past explorers would name the plant after the wrong country in an attempt to thwart others from discovering it.

Best wishes and happy growing,

Michael Tervo

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- There will be a very large number of New Releases (limited numbers of plants available of each variety)
- Selection of Stock at discount prices
- Plants in flower
- Grower information and afternoon Growers Session from 1.45 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

What: Redlands Charity Orchid Show
Where: Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St, Cleveland
When: 30 April, 2016

What: Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc
Where: St Pauls's Church Hall, Cnr James & Phillips Sts, Toowoomba
When: 7 May, 2016 (TBC)

What: Lockyer Valley Orchid Society Autumn Show
Where: Gatton Council Hall, North St, Gatton
When: 6 and 7 May, 2016

What: Nambour Orchid Society Diamond Festival of Orchids
Where: Lake Kawana Community Centre, 114 Sportsmans Parade, Bokarina
When: 11 and 12 June, 2016

What: Southport & Districts Orchid Society Inc
Where: Albert Waterways Community Centre, Cnr Sunshine Blvd, Mermaid Waters
When: 11 and 12 June, 2016

What: North Moreton Orchid Council Show
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 25 and 26 June, 2016

What: Toowoomba Orchid Society
Where: St Paul's Church Hall, Cnr James & Phillip Sts, Toowoomba
When: 15 and 16 July, 2016 (TBC)

What: John Oxley Orchid Society
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 16 and 17 July, 2016

What: Logan & District Orchid Society Inc
Where: Springwood Rd State School, 94-120 Springwood Road, Springwood
When: 27 and 28 August, 2015

What: North Brisbane Orchid Society
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 27 and 28 August, 2016

What: ANOS KABI Group
Where: Strathpine Community Centre, 199 Gympie Rd, Strathpine
When: 27 and 28 August, 2016

What: EDOS Inc 50th Anniversary Spring Show
Where: Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.
When: 1 and 2 October, 2016

What: QOS
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 8 and 9 October, 2016

What: Redlands Orchid Society Inc
Where: Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St, Cleveland
When: 15 October, 2016

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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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