

Eastern District Orchid Society Inc

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Celebrating our 50th Anniversary Year

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NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2016

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 25 February, 2016** commencing at 8.00 am, at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

RED SPOTTERS CLUB

As Ken Webster unfortunately wasn't able to do the Red Spotters in January, he will be covering the topic "Ten Rules for Successful Growing of Orchids", this month. This article is taken from articles by the late Jack Feige, a Life Member of EDOS Inc.

FEATURE ITEM

Our Guest Speaker for February will be John Rees, who is the AOC Registrar General. John will be doing a presentation on the 2015 AOC Conference held in Mackay.

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

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

Associate Judges: Ken Haase, Janelle Girdlestone

Scribes: Volunteers required please.

Supper Steward: Margaret Rieck (and assistant)

Hostesses: Dot Rooks (and assistant)

Library : Helen Vickers

Plant Registrar: Ann Kable

Plants Worth Noting: Michael Tervo

Trade Table: Michael and Nikki Tervo

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 3 March, 2016** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

2016 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.

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).

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.

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 J & V's Nursery

Alan has organised a bus trip on **2 April, 2016** to J & V's Fraser Coast Dendrobiums in Maryborough. The bus will leave from 2 locations – Kables on Redland Bay Road at 6.30 am, and the Bayside Uniting Church Hall at 7 am. Our Host Shane will be providing a barbeque lunch at the Nursery. We will also have a couple of "comfort" stops along the way. Cost will be \$25 per head.

Names and payment will need to be taken at the February Meeting if possible, or contact Treasurer John Rooks or Secretary Milton as soon as possible after that, as the next meeting is only a few days before the trip.

Shane has a large variety of genera, not just Dens. (Editor has been to the Nursery, you will be amazed at the setup – it really is worth a visit!)



50th Anniversary EDOS Inc AUTUMN SHOW

Don't forget that our Autumn Show will be held on 9 and 10 April, 2016, with judging on Friday night 8 April 2016. This will be our 50th Anniversary Autumn Show, so there will be a number of extra genera added to the Champion List.

The Show Schedule was attached to the January Newsletter so that members can start planning and organising the plants they may want to bench or sell.

There have been some **changes** made to the Show Schedule, **in particular the Opening Time on Sunday (now 10 am) which unfortunately is beyond our control**, so we ask that everyone takes time to have a read of the Schedule and the Conditions to ensure that they are aware of any changes that have been made.

A reminder also that Entries must be tabled by 7.30 pm and available for Judging at 8.00 pm.

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

Plant Tags will be available at the February and March Meetings 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 February and March Meetings 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.

Assistance During The Show

If you are available to help out at the Autumn Show please put your name on the Roster at the next meeting (Roster will be at the front table), or contact either Show Captain Ray, Secretary Milton or President Barry and let them know when you would be available to help out.

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.

EVEN IF YOU CAN ONLY SPARE A COUPLE OF HOURS, WE NEED AS MANY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE TO HELP MAKE THE SHOW A SUCCESS AND GIVE ALL OF OUR WORKERS A BREAK AND A CHANCE TO HAVE A BROWSE AROUND THE SHOW!

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 Dick Dorham will require helpers in Plant Sales. Dick 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, Milton or Ray. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Volunteers Needed for Plaza Display 2 April 2016

EDOS Inc will be holding their usual Pre-Show Display at Wynnum Plaza on Saturday 2 April, 2016.

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.

Display at Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre

EDOS Inc will be putting on a display at a new venue this year prior to our Autumn Show. We will be putting on a display on Friday 1 April, 2016 at the Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre, from 10am to 3 pm. If anyone is available to help out, please let our Secretary Milton know.

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Cultural Notes January

Encyclia Mary Motes x *Encyclia* Bee's Knees

Plant was purchased about 4 Years ago from Fame Orchids as a small flowering plant. As I do with most purchases it was repotted into my own mix of small bark, jumbo perlite and small charcoal using a 100mm pot. In January 2013 the orchid was repotted into a larger 175 x120 squat pot using medium bark, perlite and charcoal. As this pot is much deeper the bottom of the pot was filled with 25 to 35mm of styrene for better drainage.

This cross is not registered as yet but is made up of 50% *E. elata*, 25% *E. plicata* and 25% *E. diurna*

This orchid is grown with all my Cattleyas on benches in a large shade house with solar weave and shade mesh on the roof at total 60% shade and shade mesh at 50% shade on the sides. The solar weave allows for watering to be controlled.

Generally this orchid is watered ever 3 days in summer and about once per week in winter. This depends on how hot or how cold the weather has been. I supplement this watering with misting, especially in hot weather and regularly water under the benches to help cool and increase humidity.

When watering or fertilising I make sure to water the top of each pot and water until water or fertiliser runs through the pot.

This orchid is fertilised all year round alternating between foliar feeding and deep water fertilising using Horticultural solutions HSO 12 and HSO 22. Deep water fertilising occurs every second week year round

alternating between the High Nitrogen and Low Nitrogen fertilisers. With foliar feeding the same products are used adding Hy-san at 5ml per litre and Amino K at 1ml per litre. This is sprayed over the foliage on alternate fortnights to deep water fertilising.

The orchid house, due to solar weave on a gable roof, is generally 2 to 3 degrees warmer during the day. This is a great benefit during winter months. I use 4 small fans continually operating during daylight hours to circulate this heat and reduce the heat in the gable roof.

Ken Haase

Queensland International Orchid Fair

**Friday, Saturday & Sunday 4th, 5th
& 6th March 2015.**

Open Friday & Saturday 8 am-4 pm,
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Venue: Beenleigh Showground, James Street,
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Free Admission

WORKING BEE

EDOS Inc is calling for volunteers for a working bee to be held Thursday 31 March 2016 to clean and carry out maintenance on our EDOS tables. If you are able to assist please contact President Barry Kable. The working bee will be at the Kable residence, commencing at 8.30 am.

Beginning With Orchids

EDOS Inc will once again be hosting a "Beginning With Orchids" after our Autumn Show. This will be held at Fame Orchids Nursery on Saturday 16 April, 2016. Morning tea will be available at 9.30 with the demonstration starting at 10 am. These are very informative sessions particularly for those who are new to orchid growing (even the "older" growers can learn some tricks from Todd). If you are intending to come along, please bring a hat and chair.

Plants Worth Noting Jan 16

While looking around the benches there were so many interesting looking orchids including *Den. williamsianum*, *Bulb. hirundinis* and *Den. bracteosum* (one I would like to have in my collection) all on the species bench. Then on the 'Any Other Genera' bench there was *Bulb. Wilbur Chang*, but the one I kept going back to was *Catasetum (Ctsm.) Melana Davison*, also on the 'Any Other Genera' bench. *Ctsm. Melana Davison* is a cross of *Ctsm. denticulatum* x *Ctsm. Penang*.

Ctsm. denticulatum, is found in the wild in the North of Brazil in the State of Rondônia near Ji-Paraná at 160 m. The plant grows epiphytically in dead trees located on land used as a coffee plantation and grows in warm to hot conditions (suitable for our Queensland climate). *Ctsm. Penang* is a cross of *Ctsm Susan Fuchs* x *Ctsm pileatum* first registered 1989.

Ctsm. Melana Davison was a young well grown plant with eight flowers on one pendent inflorescence, the flowers were well presented and even around the inflorescence.

Good Growing

Ray Girdlestone

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UPCOMING EVENTS

What: Queensland International Orchid Fair
Where: Beenleigh Showground, James Street,
Beenleigh
When: 4, 5 and 6 March, 2016

- What:** Beaudesert Districts Orchid & Foliage Society Inc.
Where: School of Arts Hall, 3-7 Pine St, Canungra
When: 12 and 13 March, 2016
- What:** West Brisbane Orchid Society
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 19 and 20 March, 2016
- What:** Queensland Orchid Society Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-ta
When: 25, 26 and 27 March, 2016
- What:** Bribie Island Orchid Easter Show
Where: The Orchid House, 156A First Avenue, Bribie Island -
When: 25 and 26 March, 2016
- What:** EDOS Inc 50th Anniversary Autumn Show
Where: Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.
When: 9 and 10 April, 2016
- What:** Brisbane Orchid Society Inc
Where: Mt Gravatt State School, 1263 Logan Road, Mt Gravatt
When: 16 and 17 April, 2016
- What:** Redlands Charity Orchid Show
Where: Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St, Cleveland
When: 30 April, 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

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*As we still have a substantial number of members who receive a paper copy of the Newsletter, it would be great if those with email could take up the option of having it delivered electronically. If you are able to take up this option, please send an email to the Editor so that you can be included on the emailing list. **Many Thanks to those who have already taken up the option.***

WEBSITE

www.edos.org.au. Our Webmaster Ray Girdlestone would like you to have a look at our EDOS Inc website, and if you have any Cultural advice or articles relating to orchid growing 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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