

Eastern District Orchid Society Inc

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Celebrating our 50th Anniversary Year

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NEWSLETTER JULY 2016

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

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

RED SPOTTERS CLUB

Reg McIlwain will be presenting "Use of Recycle Containers" and "Easy Propagation of *Den. x superbians*". Reg is a very experienced grower and has a wealth of information on orchids.

FEATURE ITEM

Our Guest Speaker this month is Jan Flanigan from Coucals of Mount Crosby. Jan's topic will be "Orchids in the Garden". This will be very interesting as most of us would like to grow some of our orchids in the garden. Coucals of Mount Crosby is a Private Garden of 2 acres in the hinterland of Brisbane which is open on occasions to the public.

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: Janelle Girdlestone, Kev Hamment

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: Michael

Trade Table: Michael and Nikki Tervo

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 4 August, 2016** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

Change of Format for Meetings

Committee has decided to change the format for our General Meetings. We will be having Supper at the mid-break in conjunction with the Popular Vote. At this stage it is a trial, and will be re-assessed in a few months. If you have any feedback on this please pass it on to one of the Committee members.

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.

Eastern District Orchid Society Inc. Celebrated 50 Years of Foundation

On Saturday 18 June 2016, a total of 92 people (comprising of 76 members, the Patron and 15 visitors) attended a special afternoon General Meeting to celebrate the 50 years of the foundation of the Eastern District Orchid Society Inc. at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road Manly West.

The event was principally structured on the successful **'blue print'** which was used for the 40th Anniversary Saturday afternoon General Meeting on 24 June 2006. Whilst there was a slight moderation, the planning by the sub-committee coordinated by Treasurer Rooks, aided by invaluable guidance by Life Member Ken Webster, the afternoon was again a tremendous success with many people enjoying fellowship of past days together.

The general meeting was programmed on the normal meeting procedures, supplemented with speeches and highlighted memories of the past. Exhibitors contributed their orchids for benching as at a normal monthly meeting.

Community representatives included (i) Patron Joan Pease; (ii) Federal Minister Ross Vasta; (iii) Councillor Ryan Murphy (Doboy Ward); and (iv) President Noel Prior (Queensland Garden Clubs). All the community representatives gave interesting speeches with Mr. Prior presenting E.D.O.S Inc. with a Certificate of Achievement on reaching 50 years and Councillor Murphy presenting President Kable with the flag of the Brisbane City Council for our monumental achievement.

Society speakers were (i) President Barry Kable; (ii) Treasurer John Rooks; (iii) Robbie Kerr; (iv) Life Members Maurie Page and Ken Webster. These speakers spoke on the past achievements with President Kable (since 2008) and Treasurer Rooks (financial aspects). Members Robbie Kerr highlighted the decline of orchid nurseries whilst Maurie Page talked on his passion for orchid growing and the fellowship within the society. Ken Webster provided a brief history of the society's developments and highlighted some of the giants, both past and present, who built E.D.O.S Inc. to the respected and wonderful society which it is today.

As a token of the 50 years' celebration, everyone present was given a *Dendrobium* EDOS 50 Years seedling to commemorate the occasion. In addition, each family was provided with a set of coasters as memorabilia of the event.

Cutting of the cake was completed by Myra Kelley (longest serving member of the society); Mike Barton (life member and the longest serving executive member of the society) and Life Member Ken Webster (one of the contributing persons as to why the society remains in existence today). Other Life Members present and involved in the cutting of the cake were (i) Graham and Diane Gash; (ii) Pauline Webster; (iii) Eric Locke; (iv) Maurie Page; and (v) Brent Nicoll.

Whilst a number of the older society members were present, a special welcome was made to Alan Piper, the son of the foundation President Geoff Piper.

The society is continuing to celebrate this 50th year with further planned functions under the guidance of the E.D.O.S Inc. committee members. These members are

seeking further contributions of information towards the history of the society, particularly details on Life Membership and other associated matters.

If any member still holds any old items of interest or newsletters (particularly the period 1972 to 1990), these details are keenly sought by the committee to ensure a more accurate history of the society can be addressed in time.

Article provided by Ken Webster

History of Celebration Plant

The plant which everyone who was at the Celebration Meeting received was named in honour of our EDOS Inc 50th Anniversary. This plant was bred by one of our members, Ken Unsworth. ***Dendrobium* EDOS 50 Years** is a cross between *Dendrobium* Asternova Galaxy and *Dendrobium* Topaz Sweet. In the background of both of these plants is *Den. bigibbum* which is our Club emblem.

Our Many Thanks go to Ken, who donated all of these plants for our 50th Anniversary.

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Plants Worth Noting - June

While looking around the benches there were so many interesting looking orchids including *Phrag.* Hanne Popow with a delicate pink shade, *Phal.* Sogo Manager - a bright clean yellow, *Bulb.* Wilmar Fantasia, *Masd.* John Tomaschke and *Bulb. echinolabium*.

Bulb. echinolabium: This orchid was discovered on the west coast of the peninsula that separates southern Sulawesi from the northern Minahassa Peninsula.

Cultivated plants should be watered heavily while actively growing with only slight drying allowed between watering, the potting medium should not be allowed to become soggy. Most *Bulbophyllum* species need perfect drainage with good aeration around the roots. Flowers are held only slightly above the foliage. In cultivation, the moderately foul-smelling flowers have been reported I didn't get close enough to smell the odour myself I am sure some may have.

Masd. John Tomaschke: Orchids which are not seen very often at our meetings are *Masdevallias*. At this month's meeting there was one which had two flowers, which were of a very deep red colour. *Masd. John Tomaschke* is a cross of *Masd. Heathii* and *Masd. discoidea*. The dorsal sepal of John Tomaschke leans forward, this trait comes from *Masd. ignea* which is in its breeding. *Masdevallias* are normally referred to as a cool to cold grown plant as such not many are grown in the Brisbane area.

Masd. John Tomaschke is composed of species of which 100% take low light and 50% take medium light and 100% take cool temperatures and 75% take warm temperatures. As such this hybrid should be grown in dappled light and in cool to warm conditions (14°C to 24°C at night)

It is always good to see something different at our meeting.

Good Growing

Ray Girdlestone



Orchid Display during RNA Show 2016

Once again this year local Societies are involved with the Orchid display being put on at the Ekka

The event last year was very successful, with those helping out on the stand being kept very busy, answering many and varied questions from the general public, and handing out information sheets

An explanation for those new members –

The aim of this display is to showcase orchids grown in SE Queensland in a display at the Brisbane Exhibition. This will consist of a joint display with as many societies participating as possible, hopefully creating some public interest in orchids and orchid growing with a view to increased member recruitment. A hand out sheet with contact details of all Orchid Societies in South East Queensland will be available to visitors.

We will also be looking for plants to include in the Display, so please contact Barry Kable if you have something that might be suitable.

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50th ANNIVERSARY EDOS SPRING SHOW 1 and 2 October, 2016

Don't forget that our Spring Show will be held on 1 and 2 October, 2016, with judging on Friday night 30 September, 2016, so it is now a good time to start preparing your plants, and to consider how you may be able to help out.

If you are available to **help out** at the Spring Show please put your name in the **Show Roster book** at the next meeting, or contact either Ray, John or Barry and let them know when you would be available to help out, and what job you be able to volunteer for.

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 to share the load, so please put your name on the roster!

SHOW SCHEDULE

A copy of the Schedule for the 2016 Spring Show is available through the EDOS website, and will be attached to the August Newsletter.

Shopping Centre Displays

EDOS Inc has some Pre-Show Displays planned at the following Venues:

Capalaba Central Shopping Centre Saturday 17 September, 2016

Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre on Thursday 22 September, 2016 between 9 am and 2 pm.

Wynnum Plaza on Saturday 24 September 2016 between 9 am and 2 pm.

We will be looking for volunteers to help man these displays, and also to provide flowering orchids. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

What: Maroochydore Orchid Show
Where: Community Hall, Millward Road East, Maroochydore
When: 4 and 5 August, 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: Gold Coast Orchid Society
Where: Waterways Community Centre, Cnr Sunshine Blvd, Mermaid Waters
When: 2 and 3 September, 2016

What: Nambour Orchid Show
Where: Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Avenue, Nambour
When: 2 and 3 September, 2016

What: Laidley Orchid Show
Where: Laidley Cultural Centre, Laidley/Plainland Road, Laidley
When: 8, 9 and 10 September, 2016

What: West Brisbane Orchid Society
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 10 and 11 September, 2016

What: Beaudesert Orchid and Foliage Society
Where: School of Arts Hall, 3-7 Pine Street, Canungra
When: 10 and 11 September, 2016

What: Toowoomba Orchid Society
Where: St Paul's Church Hall, Cnr James & Phillip Sts, Toowoomba
When: 16 to 20 September, 2016

What: Glasshouse Country Orchid Show
Where: Beerwah Community Hall, Peachester Road, Beerwah
When: 23 and 24 September, 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: Ipswich Orchid Society
Where: Silkstone
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

What: Toowoomba Orchid Society
Where: St Paul's Church Hall, Cnr James & Phillip Sts, Toowoomba
When: 22 October, 2016

What: Orchid Species Show
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 22 and 23 October, 2016

Cultural Award June 16

Isabelia pulchella (Syn. *Noelauchea pulchella*)

This plant comes from humid Atlantic rain forests growing as an epiphyte in Brazil and Northern Argentina.

I purchased this as a small plant growing on a cork slab about 12 years ago and kept putting it onto larger slabs of cork, achieving its current specimen size. It has been a slow grower. It hangs between two shade houses facing North at about 1.5m high, with 70% green shade cloth on the roof no side cloth which gives good air movement. Watering in Summer every day when extremely hot, a little less on overcast days, and once every 5 days in Winter, mornings only. It is fertilised with Horticultural Solutions A&B Fertiliser at ½ strength every 3rd or 4th watering. It is an easy orchid to grow under my conditions. It is a sight to behold when flowering, why not give one a go.

Happy growing

Barry Kable

Sam Tsui Visit

TAPS have invited Orchid Society members to a Presentation by Sam Tsui from Orchid Inn in USA. Sam will be presenting a new programme on *Paph sanderianum*. If you are interested please contact auspaphsociety@gmail.com by 1 August for catering purposes and further information.

Plant of Night June Meeting

Phragmipedium Perseus Highclare HCC/AOC

Parent's are *Phrag. sedenii (candidulum)* x *Phrag. lindleyanum*

I purchased a division of this cross some years ago from Nicky's Slippers, Adelaide South Australia and it has been an excellent performer ever since, flowering reliably from almost every growth. This single inflorescence has 6 flowers with another 3 buds. You can only imagine the display a specimen size plant with multiple flower spikes, truly a most rewarding plant to have in any collection.

This plant grows under 75% green shade cloth; the mix is 1/3 small bark, 1/3 jumbo perlite and 1/3 small coconut husk. During summer it stands in a shallow saucer of water and is hand watered every day with rain water, in winter the saucer is removed and the watering is cut back to 2-3 times a week. Fertilising is once a week throughout the year, I prefer organic fertilisers where possible however any recognised quality fertiliser can be used. There is no preventative spraying of any sort, any problems which are rare are treated on an individual basis. I'm fortunate to live in South East Queensland so the climate seems ideal with no artificial heating or cooling required, minimum temp 6 degrees maximum temp 38 degrees, humidity and air movement are key factors that need to be monitored for successful *Phrag* culture, one simple method to increase humidity is to have a soaker hose (on a timer) around the outside top edges of the roof letting the water moisten the walls and this acts like an old fashioned meat safe increasing

the humidity and reducing the temperature, I also grow a ground cover fern under the benches. Air movement is important, if you live in an area that gets constant breezes as I do problem solved, if not fans are the other option.

Happy growing,

Tony Beck

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

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