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NEWSLETTER APRIL 2018

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 26 April, 2018**, commencing at 8 pm, at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

RED SPOTTERS CLUB

Commencing at 7.30 pm, Red Spotters for this month is being presented by Rob Kerr. Rob will be going through some Basics of orchid growing which he uses to great success.

FEATURE ITEM

The Feature Item for this month will be presented by David Woolf. David's topic will be "What's New in Oncidiums". This will be very interesting as David has done quite a lot of work with Oncidinae in the past few years.

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

Judges: Brent Nicoll, Jan Heitman, Trevor Heitman, Les Vickers, John Rees
Associate Judges: Kev Hammett, Janelle Girdlestone
Scribes: Volunteers required please.
Supper Stewards: Ian Want and Bill Sedgwick
Hostesses: Dot Rooks and Margaret Rieck
Library: Helen Vickers
Plant Registrar: Ann Kable
Plants Worth Noting: Volunteer please.
Trade Table: Greg Webb

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.00 pm on **Thursday 3 May, 2018**, at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

52nd EDOS Inc AUTUMN SHOW

WOW! Another excellent Show, with amazing Plant Sales, and excellent display on the Benches, and plenty of people through the door.

President Barry Kable would like to Thank everyone for all their work over the weekend.

More details in the next Newsletter.

Handy Hints – Sterilising Solution

Last month there was a discussion about sodium orthophosphate and trisodium phosphate. Ortho phosphoric acid is $H_3 PO_4$ and it gives rise to salts when metals replace the H. In sodium's case $Na_3 PO_4$ is called sodium orthophosphate. Orchidaceous Supplies sells this as Tri sodium phosphate as a solid. The sanitising solution of this is quite concentrated. Cutting instruments should be immersed in that solution for 20-30 minutes before reuse. The solution does not corrode the cutting instruments, and this makes it a favoured sanitiser for many growers, who leave their cutting instruments all the time.

The solution should not be held in P.E.T. containers as it reacts with the plastic.

Thanks to Member John Rees for supplying this information.

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Expressions of Interest Bus Trip

The Committee are looking for Expressions of Interest from members who are interested in the proposed Bus Trip to the Gympie area on 26 May. There will be visits to a number of growers, and a Nursery or two. If you are interested please let either Secretary Milton or President Barry know at the next meeting.

UPCOMING SHOWS

- What:** Brisbane Orchid Society Show
Where: Mt Gravatt State School, 1263 Logan Road, Mt Gravatt
When: 21 and 22 April, 2018
- What:** Redlands Orchid Society Charity Show
Where: Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St, Cleveland
When: 28 April, 2018
- What:** Pine Rivers Show
Where: Aspley Hypermarket, 59 Albany Creek Rd, Aspley
When: 3 and 4 May, 2018
- What:** Southport & Districts Annual Show

Where: Albert Waterways Community Centre, Cnr Sunshine Bvd, Broadbeach
When: 5 and 6 May, 2018

What: Aspley Orchid Society Mothers Day Show
Where: Community Hall, Edinburgh Castle Rd, Wavell Heights
When: 12 May, 2018

What: Toowoomba Autumn Show
Where: St Paul's Church Hall, Cnr James & Phillip Sts, Toowoomba
When: 12 and 13 May, 2018

What: North Moreton Orchid Council Show
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 30 June and 1 July, 2018

What: Toowoomba Winter Show
Where: St Paul's Church Hall, Cnr James & Phillip Sts, Toowoomba
When: 14 and 15 July, 2018

What: John Oxley District Orchid Society Show
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 28 and 29 July, 2018

What: ANOS KABI Show
Where: Strathpine Community Centre, 199 Gympie Rd, Strathpine
When: 18 and 19 August, 2018

I found this plant on the EDOS sales table about 4-5 years ago. It was not in the best of health but at \$15.00 I thought it was worth trying to bring it back to life and luckily it has thrived under my conditions which are 75% shade cloth and open to all weather. It's growing in a shallow saucer in my normal 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 mix of bark, perlite and coconut chip, watered every day and fertilised once a week. I never do any preventative spraying. If I get a problem I treat that individual plant.

Today it has 14 spikes in flower with at least that many yet to develop. It is a very rewarding plant to have in your collection. I would say this plant has had over 100 flower spikes over the last 6 months.

If you find a plant for sale I would suggest buying it, remember to keep it moist to the point of it growing moss on or in the pot-mount as this is its natural habitat and it will reward you with flowers for years to come.

Happy growing,

Tony Beck

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Cultural Notes

Bulbophyllum makoyanum

This species is normally found growing on trunks and branches of trees in dappled sunlight.

WEBSITE

www.edos.org.au. Our Webmaster Ray Girdlestone asks that 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

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