

Eastern District Orchid Society Inc

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NEWSLETTER MAY 2019

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 23 May, 2019**, 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 will be presented by Ken Webster. Ken's topic will be "Cymbidium varieties, especially those with Hard Leaves"

FEATURE ITEM

Our Guest Speaker for May will be Nev Bone. Nev recently attended the Taiwan International Orchid Show 2019, and will be talking about what he saw there at this prestigious event.

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

Judges: Jan Heitman, Janelle Girdlestone, Helen Vickers, Kev Hamment, Ken Haase, Ray Girdlestone

Reserve Judges: Brent Nicoll, John Rees, Eric Locke

Scribes: Volunteers required please.

Supper Stewards: Ian Want plus a couple of volunteers

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 6 June, 2019**, at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

Reminder - Plants Needed

EDOS members have been asked to supply flowering orchids for the stage at the upcoming Australian National Budgerigar Council's Show being held here in Brisbane in 23 to 27 May, 19 (one of the organisers is our own Bill Sedgwick). If anyone has larger flowering plants they are happy to have in the display, the plants can be brought to the EDOS General Meeting on 23 May for Barry Kable to take into the venue. Barry will also collect the plants on Sunday afternoon from the venue, to be collected from his residence on the following Monday or Tuesday. If you wish, you can also deliver the plants to Barry's prior to Thursday night.

Please make sure that you have your ID on the pots, so that we know who they belong to.



Christmas in July

EDOS Inc will again holding a Christmas in July function on 27 July, 2019, at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club. Tickets will be available at the May and June meetings. Cost will be \$20 for members, and \$50

for non-members. Soft drinks, beer and wine will be included, however anything else will be at your own cost.

Doors will be open at 6 pm, with nibblies at 6.15 pm, and the main meal to be served at 6.45 pm. (If you have any special dietary requirements let one of the Hostesses know at the June Meeting please.)

We will be holding our usual Cent Auction, so if you are planning on coming along, please bring a prize (one per person attending) for the Cent Auction – preferably something “Orchid” (please bring something you would be happy to win yourself). Cent Auction tickets will be \$5 per sheet.

There will also be a Lucky Door prize.

It is a great social night, so keep this date free and come along and relax, enjoy a great meal, have lots of laughs, enjoy yourselves with your fellow society members, and if you are lucky you can win lots of prizes.

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Plant of the Month - April 19

Clowesetum Brown's Delight 'Lynette'

Last year I was privileged to acquire three mature *Catasetinae* plants from Bill Brown, a renowned local grower of such genera. ***Clowesetum Brown's Delight 'Lynette'*** was one of those plants. It is our experience that being able or lucky enough to source plants of good genetic background is half the secret of showbench success. The other half is good culture.

As these plants came to me in a dormant state in the middle of the year, it was my challenge to try to increase the bulb size of the next growth in the following growth season. Somehow, I managed to do this. I do not feel that I am an authority on how to grow such genera yet but put my success down to obsessive observation and providing them with “monsoonal” conditions during their growing season.

Potting Media: Bill's plants were all grown in sphagnum moss. My past experience with such genera had me growing them in 2/3 Paph mix (bark, charcoal & perlite) and 1/3 sphagnum moss. Not wishing to change the media they were grown in too much and noting that Bill's sphagnum had not deteriorated I simply potted them on with my own mix.

Watering: As soon as the new growth comes away, I give my *Catasetinae* “monsoonal conditions”. Sometimes watering them three times a day. Some plants have a saucer of water under them but not this particular plant because the original mix was sphagnum moss.

Housing: All these plants are grown high up in the hottest, brightest part of our shade house under 50% shade cloth and solarweave.

Fertilizer: This plant received the same as everything else in the shadehouse. Weekly full-strength varieties of many different fertilizers during summer which was their growing season. Additionally, they had one application of a slow release fertilizer.

Clowesetum is a cross between *Clowesia* and *Catasetum* both of which originate from the Amazon region. Therefore think “monsoon” if you want to grow them. During their dormant period in winter they lose their leaves and should be kept completely dry until new growths appear. I personally like this characteristic, I get to experience the seasonal change which can be so lacking in many plants here in south east Queensland. Give *Catasetinae* a go.

Helen Vickers

Another New Innovation

EDOS Inc is introducing the option of selecting what you want for our Monthly Raffles. You will now have the choice of either a plant as usual, or a Voucher which can be redeemed at our Trade Table.

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UPCOMING SHOWS

What: North Moreton Show
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 22 and 23 June, 2019

What: Toowoomba OS Winter Show
Where: St Paul's Church Hall, Cnr James & Phillip Sts, Toowoomba
When: 13 and 14 July, 2019

What: John Oxley District OS Annual Winter Show
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 13 and 14 July, 2019

What: Caboolture Orchid Show
Where: Morayfield Community Centre, Morayfield Road, Morayfield
When: 26, 27 and 28 July, 2019

What: North Brisbane Show
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 17 and 18 August, 2019

What: ANOS Show and Conference

Where: Strathpine Community Centre, 119 Gympie Rd, Strathpine
When: 23 to 25 August, 2019
What: Logan & District Orchid Show
Where: Springwood State School, Springwood Rd, Springwood
When: 24 and 25 August, 2019

What: Redlands Charity Show
Where: Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St, Cleveland
When: 31 August, 2019

What: Nambour Orchid Show
Where: Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour
When: 6 and 7 September, 2019

What: Beaudesert Orchid Show
Where: School of Arts Hall, 3-7 Pine St, Canungra
When: 7 and 8 September, 2019

What: West Brisbane Orchid Show
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 14 and 15 September, 2019

What: STOC Inc "Rocky Round Up Orchidfest 2019"
www.rockhamptonorchidsociety.com.au/conference.html for more information

Where: Parkhurst (15 min from Rockhampton)
When: 14 and 15 September, 2019

What: **Eastern District Orchid Society 53rd Spring Show**
Where: Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Rd, Belmont
When: 21 and 22 September, 2019

What: Glasshouse Country Orchid Show
Where: Beerwah Community Hall, Peachester Rd, Beerwah
When: 27 and 28 September, 2019

What: Bribie Island Orchid Show
Where: The Orchid House, 1st Avenue, Bribie Island
When: 11 and 12 October, 2019

What: Queensland Orchid Society Show
Where: Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Rd, Belmont
When: 12 and 13 October, 2019

What: Nambour Orchid Species Show & Trade Fair
Where: Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour
When: 1 and 2 November, 2019

What: North Moreton Orchid Council Show
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 2 and 3 November, 2019

What: Orchid Species Society Show
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 23 and 24 November, 2019

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 Inc Trade Table at any time **before the expiry date shown**, or at any of the Sponsors noted on the vouchers.

Plants Worth Noting April 19

(a different view of the Plant of the Month)

Clowesetum Brown's Delight 'Lynette'

Of all the plants benched, the above plant with no leaves and a pendulous floriferousness, seemed to say, 'Look here I am.' The viewer's focus is directed to the flowers.

This hybrid is a cross between a *Catasetum* and *Clowesia*, and can, under the right conditions, give a showy display, even though the flower will only survive a week or so. The flowers are unisexual and that is a story in itself. Most plants are found in wet forests that have a distinct dry season. They grow along the coast and up to 1500m in Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and further south to the central Americas, making them ideal for the Brisbane area.

Perhaps one of its enduring features is that the plant is deciduous, and therefore will grow new leaves each year, unlike non-deciduous plants where one has to wait for the old disfigured leaves to drop and regrowth to appear. As with *Catasetums* and *Clowesias* every year new lush undamaged leaves appear. Flowers vary in colour from white to near black. They are easy to grow if a few simple steps are followed. Keep dry in winter and only water and feed during their growth cycle. The cigar-shaped pseudo bulbs will sustain the plant through to the next growing season. With the new

pseudo bulb and good culture, the plant will increase in size each year. They are gross feeders. The red spider likes the new growth but if they are kept under control then little else will worry the plant.

Sometimes they are called the holiday orchid, because in the southern hemisphere you can let them go dormant in winter, forget them and go north for the winter.

Colin Barker

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