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*The Committee of EDOS Inc
would like to wish everyone a*

Merry  Christmas and a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 26 January, 2012** commencing at **7.30pm** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 2.30 pm on **Saturday 14 January, 2012** at the Kable residence, with a barbeque to follow.

New EDOS Inc Life Members

At the 2011 Annual General Meeting, President Kable stated there had not been any appointments to Life Membership for a number of years. In addition, during the past couple of years, a number of life members had passed away and this left the society with a number of vacancies in this area. He stated the appointment of Life Membership was not taken lightly by the 2011 Management Committee Members and a number of members are now recognized for their dedication and commitment to the betterment of E.D.O.S Inc.

The newly appointed Life Members were: Clarke Allen; Ken and Pauline Webster; Eric Locke; Roy Jope; Brent Nicoll; Barbara Allen(Inset); and Maurie Page (Absent)



HELP!!!!

Plants Worth Noting for 2012

If anyone is interested in having their name included on the list of Volunteers for Plants Worth Noting for 2012 please let me know. We need some new "Volunteers" (and give our some of our 'regulars' a break) It would be great to have some different perspectives on the plants brought to our monthly meetings

Names for Grower Competition Phalaenopsis Plants

Listed below are the names for the plants given out to members as part of the grower competition which was finalised at the November meeting.

- A** 1-16 Dtps. I-Hsin Sun Beauty
- B** 17-32 Phal. I-Hsin Timothy
- C** 33-40 Phal. Taisuco Date 'No2 x No1'
- 41** Phal. Jiaho's 'Pink Girl'

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Treemendous Christmas Festival

EDOS Inc participated in the Bayside Uniting Church's Treemendous Christmas Festival this year by decorating a tree.

We have it on good authority that our tree attracted a lot of interest and was very popular among the visitors.

Many thanks to Pauline Webster for organising the decorating of the tree, and to Marian, Ann and Janelle for assisting and to Ken and Pauline, Barry and Ann, and Ray and Janelle for supplying the plants.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- What:** Aspley Orchid Society Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 11 and 12 February, 2012
- What:** Queensland International Orchid Fair
Where: Pine Rivers PCYC, Baker Street, Bray Park
When: Friday 2 and Saturday 3 March, 2012
- What:** EDOS Autumn Show
Where: Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West
When: 31 March and 1 April, 2012
- What:** AOC Conference and Show. (For more information refer to web site http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/19th_AOC_Conference.htm)
Where: Perth WA
When: 11 – 16 September, 2012

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QOS Service Award 2011

EDOS Winners of the QOS Service Award for 2011 were Marian and Colin Samuels, pictured below with President Barry Kable after the presentation at our last meeting.



Plants Worth Noting

On a night that over 130 plants were tabled it was not hard to select plants that I liked.

Den. aggregatum: This plant had 10 sprays of Lemon coloured flowers with Yellow centres. This plant is well grown and rewards the owner with a great display of blooms.

These plants like to be grown in bright light with good air movement and will tolerate warm to hot conditions. Repot only when necessary in open mix with good drainage, keep moist while actively growing and reduce water when new growths are mature. They come from Southeast Asia and in the wild where they grow on tree trunks and branches of deciduous trees.

Den. wassellii: There were several of these Australian Native plants on display, all with plenty of White flowers on each plant. These plants are from Northeastern Australia /Cape York Peninsula, growing on tree trunks or rocks. When grown in pots they like good light and plenty of air movement, They do not like the temperature to fall below 10c in winter. Reduce water in winter keeping plants dry, being an Australian native, fertilizer can be stopped in winter and then fed weekly with a weak fertilizer after new growths appear in spring.

Ascda. Suksumran Beauty 'Birthday': One spray of nicely arranged perfect Purple blooms. [I wish that I could grow Vandas like this]. The Vanda family like to be grown in hanging baskets with coarse mix and good light, and be fed weekly.

Tolumnia Stoplight Guy: This plant is growing on cork and doing well, it had 2 spikes of flowers open and 1 spike to come out. They like high humidity and watered daily while in active growth.

They can be grown in small clay pots or mounted on cork. This plant was shown by a new grower and I would like to encourage him to keep up with the good work that he is doing.

Marion

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Unwanted Ribbons from EDOS Shows

Show Captain Brent Nicoll is looking for unwanted EDOS Show Ribbons. If anyone has any at home that they don't particularly want, he would appreciate it if they could 'donate' them back to the Society for re-use (before he goes ahead to purchase more, as they are not cheap). If you have any it would be appreciated if you could bring them to a meeting, thanks.

Jack Fiege Memorial Trophy for 2011

The Plant of The Year for 2011 was awarded to Tony Beck's Paphiopedilum. Maudie 'Big Daddy'. This was judged at our Christmas Party from the photos taken each month throughout 2011 by our Wee Leprechaun. Congratulations to Tony on his achievement.

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Presidents Report 2011

How quick another year has rushed past, it seems like it was just yesterday we had our 2010 AGM.

What a year it has been, what a fantastic group of people you all are. I look forward to our meetings and social get together. It gives me great pleasure to see so many different orchids benched on meeting nights and shows, so keep it up. This past year there has been a steady increase in memberships, which is good to see. Welcome to our newer members, and a few old faces have returned. It has been pleasing to see our meeting nights well attended, this is great, please keep it up. The information from our feature item speakers and Red Spotters has been very good, this helps to keep the nights interesting, and also the reason we get together.

Any suggestions for the coming year?

Our Christmas in July was a very enjoyable and relaxed night. This is a subsidised event for you the members, so to those of you who were unable to attend please think about coming next year. Also our Christmas party to end the year - please coming along and join in.

Thanks to the Gaming Community Grant we were able to purchase 21 tables which give us 63 all up, these have been hired out a number of times resulting in a profit for the Society.

The Beginning with Orchids has been running for 18 months now and I believe it's a program worth continuing with, what you think.

Our Autumn and Spring Shows were well attended with good nett results, to all who helped a big thank you and please keep it up next year; it is working in our flavour. To the orchid nurseries and sponsors EDOS would like to thank you very much, we know it is tough out there in today's economic climate, so we wish you well for the coming year. To Graham McKay who has disposed of his collection of orchids, we wish you well, your support of plants on the show bench and plant sales will be missed, also your donation of plants for growing competitions and raffles etc we thank you.

Lots of hours of work behind the scenes have been put in by Secretary, Treasurer and all Committee members and many members, so a special thank you to all for making the Society what it has become today.

Barry Kable
President

CULTURAL NOTES

Grammangis ellisii

This large epiphytic orchid is a species from Madagascar and is one of my all-time favourites. I grow this plant high in the orchid house where it can receive as much sun, wind and rain as possible. Watering is at least twice a week and fertilize once a week. You can tell by looking at the plant if your culture is up to speed or not, under watering gives you thin pseudobulbs; over watering and you can pump them up to the stage they

will split which will ultimately ruin your chances of getting good healthy inflorescences. In winter I reduce the watering and keep this plant under cover as it does not mind being cold OR wet, BUT cold and wet at the same time and you stand a good chance of losing it totally. The mix is a coarse mix of bark and perlite to allow for good drainage.

Any orchid that gives you this many long lasting flowers deserves the space in any orchid house.

Happy growing

Tony Beck

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