

Eastern District Orchid Society Inc

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NEWSLETTER MARCH 2017

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 23 March, 2017**, commencing at 8.00 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 covered by Ken Webster, whose topic will be "Separating and Dividing Vandas".

FEATURE ITEM

This month's Feature Item will be a presentation by Michael Tervo on "Natural Fertilization of Orchids". This should be an entertaining "take" on an otherwise tedious subject.

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, Ken Haase

Scribes: Volunteers required please.

Supper Steward: Ian Want and Bill Sedgwick

Hostesses: Dot Rooks and Margaret Rieck

Library: Helen Vickers

Plant Registrar: Ann Kable

Plants Worth Noting: Helen Vickers

Trade Table: Colin and Hazel Barker

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 6 April, 2017** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

2017 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded that Annual Subscriptions were due on 1 January, 2017 – Family \$16, Single \$15. They can still be paid at the March General Meeting,

OR a cheque can be mailed to the Secretary, PO Box 60, Wynnum Central Q 4178.

OR

This year we have a new method of payment. EDOS Inc is now able to take payments using Direct Transfer into their bank account. Bank details are as below:

Bank: CBA
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PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU PUT YOUR NAME (SURNAME PREFERRED) AS THE REFERENCE, OTHERWISE OUR TREASURER WILL NOT BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY WHO THE PAYMENT BELONGS TO.

For those Members who have not paid their Subscriptions, the March Newsletter will be the final copy to be received, 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.



Show Kitchen Convenor for 2017



The Management Committee would like to say a **HUGE THANKS** to Ian Want for putting up his hand to cover the position of Show Kitchen Convenor. We hope that the members give Ian all the help he needs to make the job as easy as possible.

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51st EDOS Inc AUTUMN SHOW

Don't forget that our Autumn Show will be held on 8 and 9 April, 2017, with judging on Friday night 7 April 2017.

The Show Schedule was attached to the February Newsletter.

One change that has been made to the Schedule is that there will now only be two classes in Floral Art. Management has decided that, due to lack of entries, there will only be Open and Novice classes.

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 March Meeting – 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 March Meeting.

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 - such plants which are deemed to be of an unsuitable standard will be removed from the Sales Tables.

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.

Bus Trip to Toowoomba OS Workshop and Presentations

For those EDOS Inc members who have booked to attend the Workshop and 2 Presentations by President of OSCOV (Victoria) Michael Coker who will be Guest Speaker at the Toowoomba Orchid Society on Friday 24th March, please note the following details.

The bus will leave the Kables, 281 Redland Bay Rd, Capalaba at 12 midday, the Uniting Church Hall at 12.30 pm, and the Sunnybank Hills Shops Bus stop 83 on Compton Road, Sunnybank Hills at 1 pm. The bus stop is opposite the Sunnybank Hills Shopping Town on the corner of Compton Road and Calam Road. Members can park in the Sunnybank Hills Shopping Town and walk across the road to the Bus Stop.

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Cultural Award February 17

Den. bracteosum

Over the years Maurie Page has spoken of the joys of growing *Den. bracteosum*, I would say that he was the main reason I took up the challenge. This New Guinea species thrives in a warm high humidity environment. My orchid house has never had the southeast breeze

Kitchen - Catering Convenor Ian would appreciate any donations of cakes, slices and cookies etc. Ian 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.

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!

Volunteers Needed for Plaza Display 1 April 2017

EDOS Inc will be holding their usual Pre-Show Display at Wynnum Plaza on Saturday 1 April, 2017.

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 Show Captain Ray Girdlestone or Secretary Milton Ludlow know at the next meeting.

that Brisbane is noted for; I live on the North western slope of a hill at Holland Park. Our breeze comes straight off the Simpson Desert - hot and dry is the order of the day. Having said this I do have a couple of humidifiers that do help to keep up the humidity at a reasonable level.

A year or so ago I would never have thought to write another culture note as my orchids were doing rather badly, the problem was getting quite bad. I did install a water tank when it was trendy to do so. Everything was fine for a while then everything started to go belly up, it got so bad I could not grow a small groundcover on the floor of the orchid house. All the leaves on the orchids had brown or black blotches and most leaves had black tips.

A momentous decision was made in January 2016 to stop using tank water and go back to town water. The results were truly amazing. It took a little time for the plants to clear up. The first were some phallies that different people had given me to resurrect, you know the Bunnings variety they really powered on so much you feel you could eat them. Everything else followed suit. *Den. bracteosum* was a little slower but soon found its wings and took off.

One of the reasons for having the water tank originally was of no water pressure on the hill with the reticulated water. I trickle feed the Brisbane water into a large blue drum and then pump out of it, aging the town water as long as possible to help evaporate the chlorine content. I do add a little fertilizer 40 grams to the 200 litres every time I water. Sometimes we use Epsom salts or calcium nitrate never exceeding the 40 grams to 200 litres.

Remember a clean orchid house is a happy orchid house!

Brent Nicoll

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UPCOMING SHOWS

- What:** West Brisbane Orchid Show
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 25 and 26 March, 2017
- What:** Brisbane Orchid Society Inc
Where: Mt Gravatt State School, 1263 Logan Road, Mt Gravatt
When: 1 and 2 April, 2017
- What:** EDOS Inc Autumn Show
Where: Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.
When: 8 and 9 April, 2017
- What:** Queensland Orchid Society Inc.
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 14 and 15 April, 2017
- What:** Bribie Island Orchid Show
Where: The Orchid House
When: 14 and 15 April, 2017
- What:** Redlands Charity Orchid Show
Where: Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St, Cleveland
When: 22 April, 2017
- What:** Aspley Mother's Day show
Where: Edinburgh Castle Road, Wavell Heights
When: 13 May, 2017
- What:** Toowoomba Orchid Society
Where: St Paul's Church Hall, Cnr James & Phillip Sts, Toowoomba (TBC)
When: 13 and 14 May, 2017

What: North Moreton Orchid Council Show
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 24 and 25 June, 2017

What: Logan And District Orchid Society
Where: Springwood State School
When: 27 and 27 August, 2017

What: EDOS Inc Spring Show
Where: Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.
When: 16 and 17 September, 2017

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 the any of the Sponsors noted on the vouchers.

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Den. Enobi Purple was a cross between *Den. Enobi Komachi* and *Den. Laguna Princess*. The line for the purple/white combination appears to come from *Den. Enobi Komachi* line and its parents *Den. Petit Cake*. *Den. Petit Cake* parents are *Den. Snow Dance* and *Den. Apricot Rainbow*. I talk about the makeup of these orchids further down.

In researching the background of *Enobi Purple* I noted that it was made up with 76.47% *Den. bigibbum*, 9.8% *Den. phalaenopsis* with 13.73% of other genera. So I decided to investigate what makes up the other percentage.

The 13.73% is made up with the following Species Orchids of which all are Dendrobiums - *lineale*, *superbiens*, *canaliculatum*, *dicuphum*, *schroederianum*, *taurinium*, *stratiotes* and *tokai*.

Looking at siblings from many crosses I would suggest that the purple/white combinations would most likely come from the introduction of *Den. stratiotes* and possibly *Den. canaliculatum*. *Den. stratiotes* was used in breeding on 3 separate occasions and makes up 15.84% of *Den. Apricot Rainbow*. *Den. Apricot Rainbow* was the first to display the purple/white combination, although it was more of a stripe combination.

Den. canaliculatum possible influence on the colour can be seen through the Orchid *Den. Cherry Dance* which shows the purple/white combinations. *Den. Cherry Dance* was crossed with *Den. Snow Fire* with the resulting sibling being *Den. Snow Dance*. Unfortunately photos of *Snow Fire* and *Snow Dance* are not available but the names would suggest some combination of white exists. There are two white species orchids in the background and they are *Den. dicuphum* and *Den. lineale*.

I have been very impressed with *Den. Enobi Purple* for some time and purchased 3 seedlings. However the three orchids flowered as straight purple orchids and shape was not the best but they were very vigorous and floriferous growers as is *Den. Enobi Purple*. In talking to some nursery growers I was advised that only about 10% of this cross turned out to have the flared purple and white combinations.

Ken Haase

Plant Worth Noting February 2017

Dendrobium Enobi Purple 'Splash'

I noticed a very striking display of 3 *Dendrobium Enobi Purple* 'Splash' benched at the February meeting. This orchid makes a good display when in full flower. So much that I noticed that the judges had given the three orchids benched all 3 placings in the *Dendrobium* class. This was a very competitive class on the night. It is also a very floriferous orchid and appears to have a very vigorous growth habit.

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

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