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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on Thursday 22 April, 2010 commencing at 8.00pm at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

FEATURE ITEM

Guest speaker will be Graham McKay. His topic will be Phalaenopsis Classes and new trends.

RED SPOTTERS CLUB – 7.30 PM

Ken Webster will give a presentation on "Some pointers on what to look for when buying an orchid seedling."

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

Judges: Eric Locke, Bill Williams, Arthur Cornell,
Associate Judges: Brent Nicoll, John Rooks,
Adrian Bergstrum

Observers: Please see Eric Locke if you are interested

Scribes: Please see Eric Locke if you are available

Supper Stewards: Marian Samuels, Daphne McKell

Hostesses: Margaret Rieck and Dot Rooks

Library: Steve Stitz

Plant Registrar: Ann Kable

Plants worth Noting: Adrian Bergstrum

Trade Table: Pauline Webster

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 6 May, 2010**, at the Bayside Uniting Church Meeting Room, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

Congratulations to our members for another successful EDOS Autumn Show!!!

More info and photos in the next Newsletter.

FIELD DAY 30 MAY 2010

EDOS will be holding a Field Day on 30 May, 2010. Our first stop will be at 9 am at Alan and Daphne McKell's, followed by a visit to the Bromeliad Gardens at Capalaba (where plants will be for sale). Next will be a visit to Ray and Janelle Girdlestone's, culminating with a bar-b-que lunch at the Kable residence. (BYO drinks, tea and coffee provided)

New members are encouraged to come along, to gain ideas from others, and to enjoy socialising with other members.

If you are interested, for catering purposes (morning tea and lunch) please contact Pauline, either at the next meeting or phone 3286 4910

Please make sure you bring a hat, sunscreen, water, Insect Repellent and also a chair for our lunch-time bar-b-que.

Locations will be published in the next Newsletter

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Cultural Notes

Milt. Earl Dunn 'Hildos'

I purchased this plant approx 3 years ago from Aranbeem Orchids. It was in flower and was a small example of a plant that was tabled at the Oasis Orchid Show at Broadbeach. I was taken with the colour and thought it would make a good specimen plant which I am still working towards. It has been potted in perlite and small bark 50-50 and although not having a robust root system it has grown reasonably well. This plant grows under 50% green shade cloth and is watered every third day and fertilised once a week. I'll repot next month and try and get a larger root system going so the plant can hopefully produce many new growths and finally get towards that specimen plant. Happy growing,

Tony Beck

Plants Worth Noting

Cycnodes Wine Delight, two sprays of wine red blooms saying – Hey Look at Me!!! A cross of Cyc lehmannii x Morm sinuata, first registered in 1980, a credit to the breeder and a credit to the grower, as the plant took out Judges Choice for Plant of the Night.

Next eye catcher was Rsc Glenn Maidment 'Southern Cross', a cross registered by Ross Maidment of Aranbeem Orchids in 1998, and truly an improvement on both of its parents, Rsc Toshie Aoki and C Horace. Three large lemon blooms with a red overlay and a large red lip, quite outstanding. Both the Judges and the members liked this one as it picked up first place in the Section and Popular Vote.

Moving on to one of my favourites - Ang magdalanæ. A superb species coming from the Highlands of Madagascar. Barry's plant carried two large white blooms which surprises me as mine always blooms for the EDOS Christmas party in December. Another lovely species well represented on the night was Milt spectabilis var moreliana, coming from South Eastern Brazil through to Venezuela. It has a large flower, purple in colour and makes a magnificent specimen when grown on.

Last but certainly not least was Grt Why Not, a plant which would be grown through the world as it is a lovely red cluster with yellow in the lip. There were several plants on display, which is good to see as this is now becoming quite an old orchid, but still can hold its own today. The story of how it was named goes like this – a junior staff member asked the senior breeder if he thought a crossing of Gur aurantiaca x Bro sanguinea would be worthwhile. The senior breeder said no!!! - that would be rubbish. But after much annoyance by the junior staff member the senior breeder said, Oh Well – Why Not! It was then registered by the Stewart Company in 1979. Today it would be one of the world's most successful hybrids. It just goes to show, us old dogs don't know everything!!

*This article was proudly presented by our wil l ing
vol unteer Eric Locke*

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Aranbeem 2010 Open Day Weekend/Sale 15-16 May 2010

Due to changing times, this will be the LAST intended Open Day/Sale Weekend.

Times: Saturday 15 May - 9am – 4 pm
Sunday 16 May - - 1 pm

Many Specials available, also special Releases.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- What:** Sunshine Coast Orchid Society
Where: Caloundra Uniting Church Hall
When: 23-24 April, 2010
- What:** Pine Rivers Orchid Society Inc
Where: Deception Bay Shopping Centre
When: 22-24 April, 2010
- What:** Redlands Orchid Society Inc
Autumn Charity Orchid Show
Where: Donald Simpson Centre, 172
Bloomfield St, Cleveland
When: 24 April, 2010
- What:** Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc
Where: Walsh's Centre, 881 Ruthven St,
Toowoomba
When: 1-3 May, 2010
- What:** Redcliffe District Orchid Society Inc
Where: Redcliffe Library, Oxley Ave, Redcliffe
When: 5-8 May, 2010
- What:** Aspley Orchid Society Inc
Where: Community Hall, Edinburgh Castle
Road, Wavell Heights
When: 8-9 May, 2010
- What:** Logan & District Orchid Society Inc
Orchid Festival & Trade Fair
Where: Oasis, Broadbeach
When: 15-16 May, 2010
- What:** Tropical Queensland Orchid Council
Conference and Show 2010
Where: Kirwan (Townsville)
When: Friday 11 – Sunday 13 June 2010
More information available from
Secretary
- What:** Sub-Tropical Orchid Council of
Queensland Inc Triennial Orchidfest,
hosted by Sunshine Coast Orchid
Society Caloundra Inc
Where: Lake Kawana Community Centre,
Bokarina
When: 12-14 June, 2010

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Orchid Diseases

*This is an excerpt from an American online newsletter we receive. I think that after all the rain we have received recently it might be timely information. **Note the reference to BOS!!***

Orchids, like other plants, are subject to certain diseases and insects. Most diseases are fungal and can be treated if they are noticed and treated immediately. If you suspect something is wrong from the appearance of your plants, do not ignore the symptoms. Check the plant and those around it to determine what is wrong. Some of these diseases can kill your plant in less than a week if you do not treat it appropriately. The main diseases which appear in orchid collections are fungal diseases and viruses.

Fungal diseases are generally recognized by soft blister-like areas of infection. They spread rapidly and are spread by the spraying of water which moves spores to new plants where it can spread rapidly. Any black areas on an orchid are bad news and it is imperative that the plant and any others around it be isolated and sprayed with a fungicide such as Physan as soon as you can get it on them. Cut out the obvious blackened area and some unaffected areas with a sterile razor blade and will seal the wound. Moving the plants away from others can keep the problem from being passed on to new plants.

As a general rule, fungal diseases are prevalent when humidity is very high and air circulation is lacking. Make sure that your plants are receiving adequate air

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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circulation at all times and take the time to check your plants periodically for any sign of problems. Many growers add fungicide to the water they give their orchids in order to kill any possible sources of infection. Viruses are the deadliest of diseases of orchids. There is absolutely no cure for them and they are very infectious in a collection. The only known way to keep from getting viruses in your collection is to ensure that plants you buy are not infected, sterilizing all tools used on your orchids between plants, and do not allow water to drip between plants. Insects which feed on sap such as aphids, mealy bugs and spider mites can also transmit a viral infection as they move between plants. There are very few recognizable symptoms of virus on orchids, The Brisbane Orchid Society has a very good site with photos etc showing leaf damage –just go to [leaf symptoms of virus](#)

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

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