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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 25 August, 2011** commencing at **8.00pm** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

RED SPOTTERS CLUB

Lorraine Ashcroft will be doing a presentation on Floral Art, so we would love to see all those ladies (and men also) who may be interested in giving Floral Art a go at our shows.

FEATURE ITEM

Wolfgang from Horticultural Solutions will be doing a presentation on Pests and Diseases. If anyone has any orchids which may have a problem, please bring them along to be assessed, and hopefully Wolfgang can find a solution to the problem.

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

- Judges:** Eric Locke, Bill Williams, Arthur Cornell, Les Vickers
- Associate Judges:** John Rooks, Brent Nicoll, Adrian Bergstrum
- Observers:** Please see Eric if you are interested
- Scribes:** Volunteers required please.
- Supper Stewards:** Marian Samuels, Daphne McKell
- Hostesses:** Margaret Rieck, Dot Rooks
- Library:** Helen Vickers
- Plant Registrar:** Ann Kable
- Plants worth Noting:** Alan Nalder
- Trade Table:** Pauline Webster

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 1 September, 2011** at the Bayside Uniting Church Meeting Room, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

45th Spring Orchid Show 17-18th September, 2011

SHOW ROSTER

If you are available to help out at the Spring Show please put your name in the Roster book at the next meeting, or contact either Brent, John or Barry and let them know when you would be available to help out, and what job you be able to volunteer for.

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 TO SHARE THE LOAD!

It's also an opportunity to spend time getting to know other members – for our new members it is an excellent opportunity to learn from our more experienced growers.

Our Catering Convenor Marion would appreciate any donations of cakes, slices and cookies etc. Marion will also appreciate assistance in the kitchen.

Plant Sales and Benching Tags –Plant Sale and Plant Benching Tags will be available at the August

EDOS meeting from **Roy Jope**. Tags are also available for printing from the EDOS website – www.edos.org.au. Please ensure that you use EDOS sale plant tags only. If you are unable to collect them at the meeting please contact Treasurer John Rooks.

Craft Tags – Craft Tags will be available at the August EDOS meeting from Pauline. If you are unable to collect them at the meeting please contact Treasurer John Rooks.

Plant Labels - It is very important that when benching plants that labels are easy to read. A clearly written label makes it much easier for everyone to read, and avoids the possibility of a plant being given an incorrect name in Competition Results. 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.

Member Number - Your 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.

Fire Ant Register – Legislation 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.** The Hall is in a Fire Ant area so care needs to be taken when transporting plants. Please do not place your plants on the ground or floor at the hall.

Attendance Book – for Insurance Purposes it is necessary for Members to sign the Attendance Book when helping out at the Show

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.

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. If it is not a plant in the condition you would consider purchasing yourself, then please do not put it up for sale!

SHOW SCHEDULE

A copy of the Schedule for the 2011 Spring Show has been included with this Newsletter.

There have been some changes made to the Show Schedule (in particular the Classes) and General Conditions, so it would be timely for ALL members, old and new, to have a read of these to ensure that they are aware of any changes that have been made.

One change to note is that Entries must be tabled and available for Judging by 7.45 pm

If you have any queries please feel free to contact either the Show Captain Brent Nicoll, Chief Steward Eric Locke, or the President Barry Kable.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- What:** 9th Open Australasian Native Orchid Show (ANOS QLD – KABI Group Inc)
Where: Lions Hall, 757 Gympie Road, Lawnton
When: 27 and 28 August, 2011
- What:** Logan & District Orchid Society Inc
Where: Logan Central Community Centre
When: 27 and 28 August, 2011
- What:** West Brisbane Orchid Society Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 27 and 28 August, 2011
- What:** Nambour Orchid Society Inc
Where: Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour
When: 2 and 3 September, 2011
- What:** Queensland Orchid Society Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 9, 10 and 11 September, 2011

What: ANOS (Qld) Beenleigh Group
Where: Showgrounds Hall, James St entrance, Beenleigh
When: 10 and 11 September, 2011

What: Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc
Where: Centenary Heights School Hall
When: 16 to 21 September, 2011

What: Eastern Districts Orchid Society Inc.
Where: Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Rd, Manly West
When: 17 and 18 September, 2011

What: Beaudesert Districts Orchid & Foliage Society Inc
Where: Canungra Com Hall, 2 Pine St, Canungra
When: 24 and 25 September, 2011

What: Ipswich Orchid Society Inc
Where: Silkstone State Primary School
When: 24 and 25 September, 2011

VOUCHERS AUTUMN SHOW - REMINDER

For those who were lucky enough to win Prize Vouchers at our Autumn Show, these vouchers will expire soon, so be sure that you redeem them at any of the venues whose name appears on the voucher.

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Cultural Notes

Dockrillia teretifolia

This particular plant originally came from an area called Lenthall's Scrub, around 30 km inland from the Hervey Bay area. Janelle's parents were given this plant about 35 years ago as one of their first orchids. It lived most of its life hanging under their persimmon tree, until about 3 years ago, when we brought it back to Capalaba in a somewhat "sad" state (during the drought

period it had dried out very badly). It now hangs under a shadecloth awning on our side fence, slightly protected from the summer afternoon sun by a grevilleia tree. It flowers around July-August and each year the flowering has improved. It gets no special treatment – gets watered most days in summer, and 2-3 times a week in winter, and fertilized when the other orchids are done, alternating between Arcadian and Horticultural Solutions.

Good growing

Ray and Janelle Girdlestone

Beginning with Orchids

EDOS Inc will be hosting the post-Spring Show "Beginning with Orchids" at Aranbeem Nursery on Saturday 27 September 2011. For those new members it is an excellent opportunity to learn the basics of orchid growing from an expert, and also to purchase good quality plants if you wish.

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PLANTS WORTH NOTING

There were 100 plants benched by 25 members at the last General Meeting.

One species worth noting was *Dockrillia teretifolia* commonly known as the pencil orchid. It grows up to three meters in length in lowland forests in North Queensland. This plant had numerous inflorescences over the plant and this is what made it so spectacular. They are fragrant and normally appear late winter to spring. The leaves were about 50cm long and terete. They like slab culture and bright and intense light. The owner has it on a cork slab and "just hanging on the fence".

In the Paphiopedilum Section Paph. Flame Arrow T-Star (Paph. Gloriosum x Paph. Memoria Robert Ward) was in my opinion the best orchid at the meeting. An oldie but still a goodie. A glistening well defined colour with a broad dorsal standing up nicely (slightly forward), sepals not furling and pointing down and the pouch

sitting down (not pointing up) was smooth and rounded giving balance to the flower. The colours of one of the parents of Paph Gloriosum i.e. species Paph.callosum is reflected in this cross. To me slippers are top of the orchid world.

Both the Open class Cattleya Cluster and New Growers class, Cattleya Alliance had a cross BL. Yellow Bird-parents being the species B. Nodosa and cross Bc. Richard Meuller. The starry shape of this orchid is most appealing with yellow coloured sepals, petals and dorsal. The labellum is wide giving balance to the flower displays a yellow colour with maroon spotting. The orchids had numerous spikes that allowed the flowers (up to six flowers per stem) to sit well above the foliage. This orchid is easy to grow flowering around four times a year and is a plant new growers should consider. Den. Elegant Heart was displayed in the Australian Native section. I have it growing high in the shade house so as to maximise the light. It gets no water in the winter. The inflorescence had fifteen well shaped flowers sitting away from the foliage. This cross has 50% of speciosum var curvicaule "Daylight Moon" x 25% biggibum x 25% tetragonum. It's in a 120mm plastic pot, foliar fertilised weekly in the spring to summer months and likes to be crowded (in the pot) with good air movement and medium humidity.

Happy Growing

The Beanie.

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The Queensland Orchid Society Inc. and The Australian Paphiopedilum Society Inc.

invite you to Two Presentations by Sam Tsui of Orchid Inn Ltd, Illinois, USA on Friday, 2 September 2011 at the Ithaca Bowls Club at 7.30pm

The 1st Presentation will be 'The Wonderful World of Brachypedilums and Parvisepalums'

The 2nd Presentation will be on 'Multifloral Paphiopedilum Culture and New Directions in Their Breeding'

Sam will bring with him pre-ordered flasks - **order deadline has been extended to 9 August.** Orders are to be placed direct with Sam via email. Most likely, Sam also will have some extra flasks to sell at the event,

For Sam's flask listing and details contact Les Vickers (LHVICKRS@BIGPOND.NET.AU)

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

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