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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 22 August, 2013** commencing at **8.00 pm** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

RED SPOTTERS CLUB

Ken Webster will be doing our Red Spotters, commencing at 7.30 pm. Ken's topic will be "Show Preparation – Staking and Tying for the Spring Show". I would highly recommend this presentation for anyone who is considering benching plants in the Show.

FEATURE ITEM

Our Guest Speaker for August will be Les Vickers who will be doing a presentation on the Chelsea Flower Show, and also an orchid show in south Devon which the Vickers visited on their trip. Les will finish up with a short trivia presentation also.

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

- Judges:** Les Vickers, Bill Williams, plus others co-opted by Eric Locke
- Observers:** Please see Eric Locke if you are interested
- Scribes:** Volunteers required please.
- Supper Steward:** Marion and Colin Samuels
- Hostesses:** Margaret Rieck, Dot Rooks
- Library :** Helen Vickers
- Plant Registrar:** Ann Kable
- Plants Worth Noting:** Eric Locke
- Trade Table:** Pauline Webster

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 29 August, 2013** at the residence of Treasurer John Rooks.

NEEDED URGENTLY!!!

EDOS is urgently in need of a new Trade Table Convenor. If one is not found as a matter of urgency September will be the last time the Trade Table will be available to members.

As the Trade Table is a service to our Members, it is imperative that we have someone to continue it on.

For anyone who may be interested, please speak to either Pauline or Ken Webster, and they will give you all the details.

Christmas in July

EDOS Inc held our 'Christmas in July' function on 27 July 2013 at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club.

Once again it was a Great night, enjoyed by all who attended, with a beautiful meal, great company and heaps of great prizes in the Cent Auction.

(Some of our members have already asked about holding the event again next year!!)



John and Dennis were a "Pigeon Pair" (not sure what Alan thought about it all though!)

47th Spring Orchid Show 21-22nd September, 2013

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, SO PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON THE ROSTER!

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.

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

Plant Sales – Our Plant Sales Convenor Alan McKell is looking for assistance in Plant Sales. If you are available to help out, please either see Alan or a Committee member, or put your name on the Roster.

Plant Sales and Benching Tags – Plant Sale and Plant Benching Tags will be available at the August EDOS meeting from **Roy Jope**. Benching 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 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 on the Prize Cards and 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 either outside or inside of 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!

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

SHOW SCHEDULE

A copy of the Schedule for the 2013 Spring Show was included in the July Newsletter, and is also available through the EDOS website.

There have been some changes made to the Show Schedule (in particular the Classes) and General Conditions, so please have a read of these to ensure that you are aware of any changes that have been made.

One change to note is that Entries must be tabled and available for Judging by 7.30 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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Promotional Display

EDOS Inc will be holding another Display at Wynnum Plaza on 14 September between 9 am and 2 pm, as a promotion for our upcoming Spring Show.

Please consider helping out, even if it is only for an hour or so. We have been holding this display prior to the last few shows, and have found that it is very beneficial in promoting our Show, but we are looking for more members to help reduce the workload on our hard-working Committee members. We will also be looking for plants to put on display.

Please speak to either Barry, Ken or John if you are available on the day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- What:** 7th Australasian Native Orchid Conference and Show (hosted by ANOS Kabi Group)
Where: Strathpine Community Centre, cnr Gympie Rd and Mecklam St, Strathpine
When: 21 to 25 August, 2013
- What:** North Brisbane Orchid Society
Where: Auditorium, Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 24 and 25 August, 2013
- What:** Logan & District Orchid Society Inc
Where: Logan Central Community Centre, Cnr Jacaranda & Wembley Rds, Logan Central
When: 24 and 25 August, 2013
- What:** Gold Coast District Orchid Society Inc
Where: Orchid and Bromeliad Spring Show
Albert Waterways Community Centre, Cnr Hooker Blvd & Sunshine Blvd, Mermaid Waters
When: 31 August and 1 September, 2013
- What:** West Brisbane Orchid Society Inc 2013
Charity Orchid Spectacular
Where: Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 7 and 8 September, 2013
- What:** Queensland Orchid Society Inc
Where: Auditorium, Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 13 to 15 September, 2013
- What:** Beaudesert Districts Orchid & Foliage Society Inc
Where: Canungra School of Arts Hall, 2 Pine St, Canungra
When: 14 and 15 September, 2013

What: Eastern Districts Orchid Society Spring Show

Where: Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Rd, Manly West

When: 21 and 22 September, 2013

What: Glasshouse Country Orchid Society Inc Annual Spring Show

Where: Beerwah Community Hall, Peachester Road, Beerwah

When: Friday 27 September and Saturday 28 September, 2013

What: Redlands Orchid Society Inc

Where: Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St, Cleveland

When: 5 October, 2013

Date Claimer AOC Conference

The date for the AOC Conference in Darwin in 2015 has been changed to 1st to 6th July 2015.



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Reminder Autumn Show Vouchers

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.

Cultural Notes

Masdevallia veitchiana 'Albert Smith'

We grow this plant in the glasshouse along with our Phallies. We try to keep the temperature between 10 and 25 degrees, using an oil heater in winter, and a wet wall fan in summer. It is currently growing in a bark and

fibre mix, but is due to be repotted. It sits on the lower shelf of the glasshouse, which has a slightly lower light than the other shelves. We fertilise where possible weekly, with either Duett or Arcadian. All the masdevallias are kept moist but not wet, and not allowed to dry out completely.

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Information for 7th Australasian Native Orchid Conference and Show (hosted by ANOS Kabi Group)

I ask you to remind your membership that benching of plants for Judging and setting up of displays at the above conference will **only** occur from 9.00am to 8.00pm on Wednesday 21 Aug 2013. Plant benching forms can be downloaded from the website www.ourshopfront/kabi and partially completed prior to plant registration day.

Further I ask you to draw your members' attention to the show schedule special conditions especially sections 2, 3, 5, 8 and 9.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter and we look forward to your support for this event.

Any further questions please contact me.

Regards

Ross Harvey

Leader, Show Subcommittee

Changes to Orchid Genera

For any members who may be interested, there is a very informative article in the August 2013 edition of Orchids Australia regarding the changes to orchid genera. If you are interested in this article, please see our Librarian Helen Vickers to borrow a copy of the magazine, or ask the Editor Janelle who can also get you a copy.

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This is proof that our President Barry can actually use a Vacuum Cleaner!! This is just another of those jobs which needs to be done after a Meeting.

Date Claimer - Carers Queensland Expo

EDOS has been invited to take part in a Carers Expo which is being put on by Carers Queensland on Wednesday 16 October. We have been invited to attend and provide a display table and offer some orchids for sale on the day.

The event will be held on the first floor of the Wynnum RSL, the time frame being 9.30am – 2.30pm.

More information will be available as the event gets closer, but at this stage they are planning on around 30

WEBSITE

www.edos.org.au. Our Webmaster Ray Girdlestone would like you to have a look at our EDOS website and make comment – remember it is still a work in progress and any suggestions will be appreciated. If you have any Cultural advice 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

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