

Eastern District Orchid Society Inc

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NEWSLETTER MARCH 2019

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 28 March, 2019**, commencing at 8 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 will be presented by Bill Sedgwick. Bill will be talking about Wire Hangers.

FEATURE ITEM

Our Guest Speaker for March will be Ken Haase. Ken's topic will be "How I Grow My Orchids". As Ken is a very successful grower this will be very informative.

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

Judges: Brent Nicoll, Janelle Girdlestone, John Rees, Eric Locke, John Rooks, Ray Girdlestone

Reserve Judges: Helen Vickers, Les Vickers, Ken Haase

Scribes: Volunteers required please.

Supper Stewards: Ian Want plus a couple of volunteers

Hostesses: Dot Rooks and Margaret Rieck

Library: Helen Vickers

Plant Registrar: Ann Kable

Plants Worth Noting: Greg Webb

Trade Table: Greg Webb

PLEASE NOTE: Student Judges will be taking over the role of Plants Worth Noting for 2019, along with anyone else who may wish to volunteer.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 7.00 pm on **Thursday 4 April, 2019**, at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

2019 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded that Annual Subscriptions were due on 1 January, 2019 – both Family and Single \$15. They can be paid at the March General Meeting,

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

OR EDOS Inc payments can be made using Direct Transfer into their bank account. Bank details are as below:

Bank: CBA
BSB: 064 133
Account No. 00902647

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.

Please take note that any members who have not paid their Subscriptions when the March Newsletter is due 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 bench plants or have plants in Plant Sales at the upcoming Autumn Show.

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53rd EDOS Inc AUTUMN SHOW

I know it may seem a bit crazy, but our 2019 Autumn Show is now only a couple of days away!! It will be held on 30 and 31 March 2019, with judging on Friday night 29 April 2109.

Once again, Treasurer Rooks will be making Plant Sales payments by EFT where-ever possible, to save a lot of cheque-writing. This ensures that everyone receives their payments quicker and there is no need to go to the bank to deposit your cheque. It also saves a considerable amount on postage. It is also safer and more convenient, as cheques can go missing or be forgotten to be cashed.

For those members who have not sold at EDOS Inc before, Treasurer Rooks will have forms available at the next meeting and at the Show for Members to fill out with Bank Details. These forms, once filled out, are to be handed back to either John Rooks, or Dot Rooks who is one of the Hostesses on the door at Meeting nights and at the Show. **Be assured that this information will remain confidential.**

Bar Code Labels

Bar Coding Labels for the upcoming EDOS Inc Autumn Show will need to be ordered on receipt of this Newsletter to enable Ray to have them printed for collection at the March Meeting.

Remember, any labels that you had left over from the Spring Show can be used again at the Autumn Show.

The Bar Code Label Request Form is on the Website, and for those who need them, they will also be available at the next meeting.

The contact details on the form are Important, so that Ray can contact the member if there is an issue, or to let the member know when they are ready for collection.

The most important information required is the number of labels required for each dollar value. **Any labels you do not use can be used at any EDOS Inc show in the future.**

To ensure that the Barcoding system works efficiently and quickly, we are requesting that **ALL labels be put vertically on the pot (as below), instead of horizontally, to enable the reader to work more efficiently.**



The Barcodes can also be put on a tag on mounted plants.

If there are any queries please contact Ray, either on 3823 4277 or email taketwo@iprimus.com.au

Remember, it is a requirement to have these barcode labels on your pots, as this is the only method our Plant Sales Staff will be using to process the sale of your plants.



You can still put the "old style" information Tags on your plants with any other information you want eg species, colour etc.

REMEMBER – NO BAR CODE LABEL, NO PLANT SALES!

Bench Labels are available on the Website. They will also be available at the March Meeting.



Craft Sales Tags will be available at the March Meeting.

Member Number – If you do not know what your Member Number is, it will be available from the Plant Registrar on the Friday night. This number needs to be used if you are benching, otherwise we can't identify the owner of the plant should it win.



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

Show Attendance Register - - It is EDOS Inc. policy that **ALL** members attending; exhibiting; benching or selling orchid plants at the Autumn Show sign the EDOS Inc. Attendance Register, so please make sure you sign when you arrive at the Hall.

Fire Ant Register – Department of Agriculture and Fisheries 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, or whether you are in a Fire Ant Area. Care needs to be taken when transporting plants.

Please remember that **Plants SHOULD NOT be placed on the ground or floor at the Venue. There will be tables provided for this purpose.**

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.



Kitchen - Catering Convenor Margaret would appreciate any donations of cakes, slices and cookies etc. Margaret would also appreciate assistance in the kitchen, especially early in the day for preparation.



Plant sales – Convenor Dick Dorham will require helpers in Plant Sales. Dick would also appreciate it if anyone can bring in small boxes.



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 as “Monitors” in the Sales Area, and “Monitors” in the Show area, and to assist with set up on Friday afternoon around 3 pm, and especially to pack up and clean up on Sunday afternoon. The more members we have to assist at clean-up on Sunday afternoon, the quicker we can get it done, and then we can all go home and relax after a busy weekend. We would also like a Volunteer to act as Traffic Control, mainly Saturday and Sunday mornings during the busy times.

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!

EDOS Field Trip

EDOS Inc have organised a visit to Ken Unsworth's shadehouses on 6 April, from 9 am to 12 noon. Ken is a very successful grower of Dendrobiums, and actually bred *Den*. EDOS 50 years, which each member received. Morning tea will be supplied. Please bring a chair, a hat and a water bottle.

Ken's address is 79 Formosa Road, Belmont. You will need to park outside on the street, there is plenty of room.

If you are planning on attending, can you let a Committee member know for catering purposes please.

Working Bee Thanks

The EDOS Inc Committee would like to offer a "BIG Thanks" to the small band of workers who assisted with the cleaning and maintenance of our tables at the Kable residence on Monday 4 March. Many Thanks to Barry and Ann, Ray and Janelle, Malcolm, Dick, Brent and Milton.

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When: 2 and 3 May, 2019

What: Redlands Orchid Society Charity Show
Where: Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St, Cleveland

When: 4 May, 2019

What: Lockyer Valley OS Autumn Show
Where: Anglican Church Hall, Cnr Railway & Spencer Sts, Gatton

When: 10 and 11 May, 2019

What: Toowoomba OS Autumn Show
Where: St Paul's Church Hall, Cnr James & Phillip Sts, Toowoomba

When: 11 and 12 May, 2019

What: Toowoomba OS Winter Show
Where: St Paul's Church Hall, Cnr James & Phillip Sts, Toowoomba

When: 13 and 14 July, 2019

What: John Oxley District OS Annual Winter Show
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha

When: 13 and 14 July, 2019

What: STOC Inc "Rocky Round Up Orchidfest 2019"

www.rockhamptonorchidsociety.com.au/conference.html for more information

Where: Parkhurst (15 min from Rockhampton)

When: 14 and 15 September, 2019

UPCOMING SHOWS

What: West Brisbane Orchid Society Show
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 23 and 24 March, 2019

What: EDOS Inc Autumn Show
Where: Belmont Shooting Centre, Brisbane International Shooting Centre Building, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont
When: 30 and 31 March, 2019

What: Brisbane Orchid Society Inc
Where: Mt. Gravatt State School Hall 1283 Logan Rd Mt. Gravatt
When: 6 and 7 April, 2019

What: Ipswich Orchid Society Show
Where: Silkstone State Primary School Prospect St. Silkstone
When: 13 and 14 April, 2019

What: Pine Rivers Autumn Orchid Show

Cultural Award February 19

Miltonia moreliana 'Sonja'

This species is found in Brazil occurring in altitudes between 400mts and 1000mts. Like most miltonias they tend to produce 2 new growths on each pseudobulb so plants grow to large specimens in a short time.

There is always high humidity and constant air movement in the Bayside area and this plant has been growing for 10 years under 70% shadecloth on a tree fern mount on the south east side of the orchid house. It is watered every 3-4 days (weather permitting) during summer and reduced significantly during the winter months. It is fertilised at ½ strength using organic or inorganic fertiliser once a week.

Bill Williams

Plants Worth Noting February 19

Many beautiful blooms were benched at February's meeting. Several plants were worth noting, so I decided to limit my choice to one that had not been selected for either a Cultural Award or Judges' Choice.

Robbie Kerr's *Ren. Brookie Chandler* caught my eye because of its spectacular display of red flowers. He's had this plant since 1994. Robbie grows the plant in his shade house where it gets lots of light. He waters it once every 3 days and mists it daily throughout the year.

In its heyday, Robbie's *Renanthera Brookie Chandler* was acclaimed Champion of the Year in an EDOS Orchid Show.

Ren. Brookie Chandler is a *Renanthera* hybrid. Its seed parent is *Ren. monachica* and its pollen parent, *Ren. storiei*. The plant gets its generic name from the shape of its anthers. The word 'renas' is a Latin word meaning kidney. 'Anthera' is a Greek word, which refers to the kidney shape of the pollina, a characteristic of this genus.

Ren. storiei has been the most popular hybrid parent for its large red velvety flowers but it is also the largest species of its kind. Currently, the most popular plants used for hybridising are the red *Ren. philippinensis*, *Ren. imschootiana* and *Ren. bella*.

Renanthera is a monopodial genus from Southeast Asia, where weather and temperatures are excellent for an orchid with no pseudobulbs for water storage. There are currently 20 recognised species of *Renanthera* in the world.

Most species are epiphytic, but several may be lithophilic. Some begin their lives as terrestrial seedlings germinated among the mycorrhizal fungi in dead logs and humus.

All species in this genus require an intermediate to hot climate with good air movement and bright light. If grown in pots, excellent drainage is essential.

Hazel Barker

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

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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