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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on Thursday 24 March, 2011 commencing at 8.00pm at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

RED SPOTTERS CLUB – 7.30 PM

Ken Webster will do a presentation on Preparation for the Show, including the correct method of labelling plants, writing tags etc.

FEATURE ITEM

This month's Guest speaker will be a "Mystery"

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 Locke if you are interested

Scribes: Please see Eric Locke if you are interested

Supper Stewards: Marian Samuels, Daphne McKell

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 7 April, 2011** at the Bayside Uniting Church Meeting Room, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

EDOS AUTUMN SHOW

The EDOS Autumn Show will be held on 16-17 April, 2011, with judging on Friday night.

Plant Tags will be available at the March Meeting from Roy Jope– If you need more Tags or are unable to attend the meeting to collect please contact John Rooks. Tags are also available for printing from the EDOS website – www.edos.org.au. **Please ensure that you use EDOS sale plant tags only.**

Craft Sales Tags will be available at the March Meeting from Pauline Webster.

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 – Legislation requires that Members **MUST** sign the Fire Ant Register before

Plants can be accepted into the Hall for either showing or Sales. 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. If it is not a plant in the condition you would consider purchasing yourself, then please do not put it up for sale!

Cut Flowers and Greenery – The Ladies from the Flower arranging section of our show are requesting contributions of containers (small or large) suitable for their flower arrangements. We would be very grateful for any orchid flowers, bromeliad flowers and Anthuriums.

The leaves from the camellia bush, magnolia, strap leaves and crotons are great along with all the others you kindly bring. In the past we have received lots of orchids on the Sunday morning as people realized our supplies are very low. There are times by Saturday lunch we have run low and are unable to keep up with demand. More on Saturday would be wonderful. Many thanks in advance to all who help. If in doubt please ask Brent Nicoll.

Raffle – For this year's Autumn Show we will have a Grocery hamper to the value of \$100 Tickets will be available at the March General Meeting and during the Show. The winner will be drawn approx 3.00 pm on 17 April, 2010.

HELP NEEDED!!!

If you are available to help out at the Autumn 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.

We particularly need volunteers for the Front Door, and raffle sellers, and to set up on Friday afternoon around 4 pm, and clean up on Sunday afternoon.

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

EVEN IF YOU CAN ONLY SPARE A COUPLE OF HOURS, WE NEED AS MANY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE TO HELP MAKE THE SHOW A SUCCESS!

Reminder

Anyone who has Show Vouchers from the Spring Show 2010 is reminded that they expire at the end of March. Please ensure that they are redeemed prior to that date.

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Correction to Date Claimer



The Editor had a "Blond" (or was that a Senior's) moment and got the venue wrong!!!!

We will be combining our Christmas in July and EDOS 45th Anniversary Celebrations this year with a function on 23 July 2011 at the **Wynnum Manly Leagues Club**, so keep this date free and come along and have a great night.

More information will be available in coming months.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

What: West Brisbane Orchid Show
Where: Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens,
Mt Coot-tha
When: 26 and 27 March, 2011

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

When: 2 April, 2011

What: Brisbane Orchid Society
Where: Hibiscus Place Hall, off Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt

When: 9 and 10 April, 2011

What: **EDOS Autumn Show**
Where: **Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West**
When: **16 & 17 April 2011**

What: Bribie Orchid Society
Where: Student Centre, Bribie Island High School
When: 22 and 23 April 2011

What: Queensland Orchid Society Show
Where: Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 22-24 April, 2011

What: Toowoomba Autumn Show
Where: Gardenfest, Lindsay Street, Toowoomba
When: 30 April, 1 & 2 May, 2011

What: Aspley Orchid Society Inc Show
Where: Community Hall, Edinburgh Castle Rd, Wavell Heights
When: 7 and 8 May, 2011

What: Pumistone Orchid Society Show
Where: Ningi Hall, Bribie Island Road, Ningi
When: 7 and 8 May, 2011

What: Oasis Orchid & Garden Expo
Where: Oasis Shopping Centre, cnr Surf Ave and Charles Ave, Broadbeach
When: 21 and 22 May 2011

What: 46th Tropical Queensland Orchid Council Conference and Show 2011 (Registration Form available on EDOS website)
Where: Bowen Showgrounds, Mt Nutt Rd, Bowen
When: 10,11,12 June 2011

What: EDOS Christmas in July
Where: Wynnum Manly Leagues Club
When: 23 July 2011

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Cultural Notes

ONC. SHARRY BABY 'SWEET FRAGRANCE' (Jamie Sutton x Honolulu)

This has to be one of the easiest orchids to grow, not as tough as Dancing Ladies but almost.

Thankfully Sharry Baby likes a fair bit of water as most of the plants that I grow do. Watch the pseudobulbs in winter to see that they don't shrivel as you need to water less at this time. They grow incredibly fast, I bought this plant as a seedling about 6 years ago and this is 1/3. of the original plant. My mix is .1/3 jumbo perlite, 1/3 small bark, 1/3 medium coconut husk with a sprinkling of rooster booster in the top half of the mix. This plant is grown under 75% shade cloth and watered 2-3 times a week in summer and once a week in winter. The chocolate/vanilla fragrance in the mornings is simply wonderful; if you could bottle that for the ladies of the world you could make a fortune. The inflorescences need staking to present them at their best as they can reach over 1 metre in length. This particular plant has 6 inflorescences up to 1 metre tall and approx. total flower count of 400. This plant is a wonderful addition to any collection.

Happy growing,

Tony Beck

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Plants Worth Noting

EDOS February 2011 meeting

The standard of plants in the novice section demonstrates a great future for the club. We look forward to even bigger brighter better displays at the next show. Well done.

In the Australian native section there was only one contender. A lonely plant of *Dendrobium monophyllum*.

This can grow into a large specimen plant and thrives on neglect in the home garden. a multi flowered yellow bells is a sight to see. The best way to ensure that there are always native plants is to acquire a few and look after them.

The little Schoenorchis fragrans took my eye. If you blinked you could miss it. The proportion of flowers to green stuff is good and you get the added bonus of a perfume.

The lovely Bulbophyllum graveolens var robustum was delightful It produces a bold colour statement. This species can have many colour forms and is quite spectacular.

In the Cattleya novelty section it was interesting to see the influence of Caudebec as a parent. Some time back Ross Maidment a guest speaker recommended its potential. The offspring on the table all demonstrated a tall robust multi flowered display. This time all had spotted progeny that were very pleasing to the eye.

In the Cattleya Exhibition the plant of BLC Mt Isa Jean caught my eye. The bright yellow with a red velvet lip with it's yellow flares makes a statement. A worthy addition to any collection.

In the Cattleya novelty the lovely little Ctna Aloha Jewel cross really caught my eye. I'm a sucker for sweet petite and the yellow concolour full shape little gem appealed to me.

The Paph Harold Koopowitz stood out from the crowd, the large yellow with red brown lines was a fine example of the specialist breeding. The parents P. rothschildianum has multi flowered spikes of thin very long pendulous petals while the P. malipoense is a single green, full round shape with freckles.

The outstanding plant of the night for me was Cycnoches Tawny Bar. The colour was a pinky brown with dark brown freckles. The thirty to forty flowers gave a wonderful display. I started to count them but life's too short. Seeing this plant encouraged me to have another

go at Cycnoches. I may succumb at the Queensland Orchid Fair and see if I can do better this time.

Editor's Note: Did you do it Maurie – did you do it!!

Maurie Page

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

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