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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 22 March, 2012** commencing at **8.00 pm** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

RED SPOTTERS CLUB

Ken Webster will be doing a presentation on "Preparing Plants for a Show". This will be particularly relevant for our new members.

FEATURE ITEM

Ken Unsworth's topic for this meeting will be Fungicides for Dendrobiums. With the weather we have been having recently, this should be very timely.

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

- Judges:** Eric Locke, Bill Williams, 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 29 March, 2012** at the Bayside Uniting Church Meeting Room, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

CHANGE OF DATE!!!

Please note that EDOS' Autumn Show 2012 date has been changed due to the Elections. Our show will now be on 31 March and 1 April, with setup and Judging on 30 March.

2012 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded that Annual Subscriptions are now overdue – Family \$16, 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.

Any members who have not paid their Subscriptions by the March Meeting will not have a copy of their Newsletter posted or emailed to them.

Please also remember that you need to be a financial member to be able to table plants or have plants in Plant Sales at the upcoming Autumn Show.

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EDOS AUTUMN SHOW

Don't forget that our Autumn Show will be held on 31 March and 1 April, 2012, with judging on Friday night 30 March.

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.

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. **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.

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

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.

Raffle – For this year's Autumn Show we will have a Grocery hamper
Tickets will be available at the March General Meeting and during the Show. The winner will be drawn approx 3.00 pm on 1 April, 2012.

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.

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

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.

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

Plant sales – Convenor Alan McKell will require helpers in Plant Sales. Alan would also appreciate it if anyone can bring in small boxes and shopping bags.

Request for Plants - Our Potting Demonstrator has made a request for some plants for re-potting at our Saturday demonstrations. If you have any please bring them along. (Nothing too difficult though!)

Request to Members

Is there any member who would be willing to put an EDOS Inc Orchid Show sign on their front fence for a few days prior to the Shows?

If you are please contact either Barry, John or Brent. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Helpers Needed

EDOS Inc will be holding an EDOS Inc Promotional Orchid Display at Wynnum Plaza on 24 March between 9 am and 2 pm. If you are available please let John Rooks know ASAP. Once again the more members we can get, the shorter the length of time those volunteers will need to be there.

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Reminder

Anyone who has Show Vouchers from the Spring Show 2011 is reminded that they expire at the end of March. Please ensure that they are redeemed prior to that date.

UPCOMING EVENTS

What: Queensland Orchid Society Inc Autumn Show
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
When: 23,24 and 25 March, 2012

What: Bribie Island Orchid Society
Where: Bribie Island State High School, 1st Ave, Bribie Island
When: 6 and 7 April, 2012

What: Brisbane Orchid Society Inc
Where: Mt Gravatt SHS Hall, 1263 Logan Rd, Mt Gravatt
When: 14 and 15 April, 2012

What: Redlands Orchid Society Autumn Charity Show
Where: Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield St, Cleveland
When: 21 April, 2012

What: AOC Conference and Show. (For more information refer to web site http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/19th_AOC_Conference.htm)
Where: Perth WA
When: 11 – 16 September, 2012

What: EDOS Spring Show
Where: Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West
When: 29 and 30 September, 2012

Paph. Memoria Jack Feige - New Orchid Registration Honours Former Life Member



Paph. Memoria Jack Feige 'Premier'

(Colour photo shown on attached "Around the Benches")

Eastern District Orchid Society Inc. (EDOS) members were deeply saddened in August 2009 by the passing, at age 90, of their highly regarded, life member John Charles (Jack) Feige.

EDOS now presents the Jack Feige Memorial Trophy, in honour of its former life member, to the winner of its annual Plant of the Year competition. In Jack Feige's honour, there is now also the registration of a paphiopedilum grex. It is very appropriate that a paphiopedilum hybrid does this honour as Jack really enjoyed paphiopedilums.

A crossing, by Sam Tsui (Illinois, USA), of *Paph. bellatulum* 'Jumbo' (seed parent) and *Paph. Tokyo Black Knight* 'Red Moon' (pollen parent), on 15 April

2008, produced a batch of seedlings now to be known worldwide for evermore as *Paph. Memoria Jack Feige*. Les Vickers, who registered the grex, purchased a flask of the cross from Sam Tsui at the 2009 AOC Conference Show in Werribee, Victoria.

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Plants Worth Noting

Date Claimers

- Once again we will be holding our Christmas in July this year with a function on 21 July 2012 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.

- EDOS Inc will be hosting a "Beginning With Orchids" at Oz Orchids on 14 April, 2012, commencing at 9 am. Please bring along a chair and a hat for a very information morning.

Cultural Award

Miltonia moreliana Owned by W & M Williams

This species is found in Brazil occurring in altitudes between 400 mts and 1000mts. The pseudobulbs are compressed yellowish, ovate and up to 4" (10cm) long on the rhizome. Single-flowered inflorescence is up to 10 inches (25cm) long with a flower up to 4 inches (10cm) across. Like most miltonias they tend to produce 2 growths on each pseudobulb, so plants grow to large specimens very fast.

There is always high humidity and constant air movement in the Bayside area where I live. *Miltonia moreliana* is grown under 70% shade cloth on a tree fern mount high in the orchid house, where it is fertilized with ½ strength organic or inorganic fertilizer weekly not allowing the mount to dry out too long in between watering weather permitting.

Bill Williams

The plant that most attracted my attention was *Miltonia spectabilis* var *moreliana* 'Sonja' AM/AOC x 'Geyserland' 4N. This plant is very robust and the flowers were a really good size and deep dark colour. By carefully reading the label you can get a good indication of the parentage and history of this orchid.

The theme of my article this month is how really important it is to get the label right and to make sure when writing labels you don't take short cuts.

By looking at the label above I can tell that the plant is a member of the *Miltonia* genus. The *spectabilis* name is in small case so it tells me that this is a species. The variety of this species is *moreliana* which indicates a specific floral type, flower colour and /or general region or habitat.

The name 'Sonia' is in quotation marks to indicate that it is an awarded clone and has been judged to be of superior quality. This time the AM/AOS indicates it has received an award of merit from the Australian Orchid Council. The x in this spot indicates that that species and variety has been cross pollinated with an identical species and variety. This time another awarded clone named 'Geyserland'. The 4N indicates that this plant has four sets of chromosomes rather than the standard two in most orchids. This polyploidy gives the plant more grunt, larger, stronger, more colourful and more robust plants and flowers. So as it is effectively a cross of the same species, it still qualifies as a species plant.

Therefore, having all this information, one could assess that plants with this parentage should be pretty good. I rest my case your honour.

The plant in the *Paphiopedilum* section that caught my eye was *Paph. Krull's Lace*. Lovely pendulous petals and pale pinky/cream with darker spotting. Really attractive. This plant is a cross of the species *Paphiopedilum rothschildianum* with long arching petals

and the man made Paphiopedilum Fanaticum. Paphiopedilum Fanaticum then is a cross of two species, Paphiopedilum malipoense and Paphiopedilum micranthum both from the high limestone cliffs in China and Vietnam. One green with spots and the other with a large puffy pink pouch.

Having this information I could make some guess as to the likely shape of the flowers, the possible colours but most of all about all the cultural conditions that the plant may need, based on its parents habitat.

Look up each of these species on the following hyperlink, <http://www.orchidspecies.com/indexp-pf.htm>. This site gives good photos and cultural notes. See if you can spot the dominant genes.

There was a quite pretty Cattleya cluster with freckle spotting and a lovely pink blush. The label read C. LULU PINK BLUSH. It should read C. LULU 'PINK BLUSH'. The plant is therefore an awarded clone of the registered cross C.LULU. Having this info I can research the parentage and discover that there are Cattleya aclandiae and guttata as well as loddigesii, gaskelliana, trianae, mossiae, lueddemanniana and labiata. When you have this information, its easy to see which features are dominant.

This is a really simple overview of plant genetics. There is a lot to it but it all starts with having the facts. Hope this gives you the incentive to look more closely at keeping your plant labels correct.

Having this detailed information can make purchasing decisions more informed. It may also improve your sales potential when you wish to part with pieces in the future.

May your orchids bring you contentment.

Maurie

Printer for Sale

EDOS has a colour Laser Printer for Sale. It is the Editor's old printer. It would be excellent for anyone wanting a colour Laser printer for home use.

Make an Offer!! If you are interested please contact John Rooks for details.

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