

Eastern District Orchid Society Inc

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Celebrating our 50th Anniversary Year

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NEWSLETTER MARCH 2016

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 24 March, 2016** commencing at 8.00 am, at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

RED SPOTTERS CLUB

Commencing at 7.30 pm at the end of the Hall, Ken Webster's topic for this month will be 'Growing Terrestrial, Sympodial and Monopodial Orchids'.

FEATURE ITEM

This month will be a combined presentation from Ken Webster and Ray Girdlestone. Their topic will be a very timely 'Preparing your orchids for the Autumn Show – presentation and staking considerations'. There will be a lot of useful information in this presentation.

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

Judges: Eric Locke, John Rooks, Ken Webster, Arthur Cornell
Associate Judges: Kevin Hamment, Michael Tervo
Scribes: Volunteers required please.
Supper Steward: Marion and Colin Samuels
Hostesses: Dot Rooks and Margaret Rieck
Library : Colin and Hazel Barker
Plant Registrar: Janelle Girdlestone
Plants Worth Noting: Volunteer required please
Trade Table: Michael and Nikki Tervo

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 1.30 pm on **Sunday 10 April, 2016** at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

2016 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded that Annual Subscriptions are now due – 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.

Please take note that any members who have not paid their Subscriptions when the March Newsletter is due will not receive their copy, as they 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 table plants or have plants in Plant Sales at the upcoming Autumn Show.

EDOS Inc Show Vouchers

For those Members who are lucky enough to win Prize Vouchers at any of our EDOS Inc Shows, please be assured that these vouchers CAN be used at the EDOS Inc Trade Table at any time before the expiry date shown.

Bus Trip to J & V's Nursery

Alan has organised a bus trip on **2 April, 2016** to J & V's Fraser Coast Dendrobiums in Maryborough. The bus will leave from 2 locations – Kables on Redland Bay Road at 6.30 am, and the Bayside Uniting Church Hall at 7 am. Our Host Shane will be providing a barbeque lunch at the Nursery. We will also have a couple of "comfort" stops along the way. Cost will be \$25 per head.

If you want to go on this trip, you will need to contact John Rooks as soon as possible, as the trip is only a few days after the next meeting, and details will need to be finalised.



50th Anniversary EDOS Inc AUTUMN SHOW

Don't forget that our Autumn Show will be held on 9 and 10 April, 2016, with judging on Friday night 8 April 2016. This will be our 50th Anniversary Autumn Show, so there will be a number of extra genera added to the Champion List.

The Show Schedule has once again been included in this Newsletter so that members can start planning and organising the plants they may want to bench or sell.

There have been some **changes** made to the Show Schedule, in particular the **Opening Time on Sunday (now 10 am) which unfortunately is beyond our control**, so we ask that everyone takes time to have a read of the Schedule and the Conditions to ensure that they are aware of any changes that have been made.

A reminder also that Entries must be tabled by 7.30 pm and available for Judging at 8.00 pm.

If you have any queries please feel free to contact either Show Captain Ray Girdlestone, Chief Steward Ken Haase, or the President Barry Kable.

Plant Tags will be available at the March Meeting – 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.

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 – Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry 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. Although the Hall is no longer in a Fire Ant area care needs to be taken when transporting plants.

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.

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 for the Front Door, and raffle sellers, and to set up on Friday afternoon around 3 pm, and clean up on Sunday afternoon.

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!

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 Dick Dorham will require helpers in Plant Sales. Dick would also appreciate it if anyone can bring in small boxes and shopping bags.

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, Milton or Ray. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Volunteers Needed for Plaza Display 2 April 2016

EDOS Inc will be holding their usual Pre-Show Display at Wynnum Plaza on Saturday 2 April, 2016.

We are seeking volunteers to help man this display, between 9 am and 2 pm. You don't need to be there the whole time, we usually appreciate having a couple of extra helpers around lunchtime to enable others to have a bit of a break and have some lunch.

If you are able to help out, please let Show Captain Ray Girdlestone or Secretary Milton Ludlow know at the next meeting.

WORKING BEE

EDOS Inc is calling for volunteers for a working bee to be held Thursday 31 March 2016 to clean and carry out maintenance on our EDOS tables. If you are able to assist please contact President Barry Kable. The working bee will be at the Kable residence, commencing at 8.30 am.

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Cultural Notes February

Trichoglottis philippinensis var. brachiata

This plant is a native of Philippines, Borneo and Sumatra and is part of the Vandaeae tribe. It is somewhat of a hot grower. This particular plant was obtained as a 7" keiki around 10 or 12 years ago. It hangs from the ceiling in the hot-house, in temperatures which vary from 15° maximum in Winter to up to 34° in Summer. It has happily been growing in the same pot for 10 years. I fertilise once a month with a mix of Seasol and Powerfeed, other than that it gets "whatever whenever".

(This plant on the night won Popular Vote, Plant of the Night and Cultural Award – Ed)

Gary Shishkin

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Beginning With Orchids

EDOS Inc will once again be hosting a "Beginning With Orchids" after our Autumn Show. This will be held at Fame Orchids Nursery on Saturday 16 April, 2016. Morning tea will be available at 9.30 with the demonstration starting at 10 am. These are very informative sessions particularly for those who are new to orchid growing (even the "older" growers can learn some tricks from Todd). If you are intending to come along, please bring a hat and chair.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- What:** Queensland Orchid Society Inc
Where: Auditorium, Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-ta
When: 25, 26 and 27 March, 2016
- What:** Bribie Island Orchid Easter Show
Where: The Orchid House, 156A First Avenue, Bribie Island -
When: 25 and 26 March, 2016
- What:** EDOS Inc 50th Anniversary Autumn Show
Where: Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.
When: 9 and 10 April, 2016
- What:** Brisbane Orchid Society Inc
Where: Mt Gravatt State School, 1263 Logan Road, Mt Gravatt
When: 16 and 17 April, 2016
- What:** Redlands Charity Orchid Show
Where: Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St, Cleveland
When: 30 April, 2016
- What:** Nambour Orchid Society Diamond Festival of Orchids
Where: Lake Kawana Community Centre, 114 Sportsmans Parade, Bokarina
When: 11 and 12 June, 2016
- What:** Southport & Districts Orchid Society Inc
Where: Albert Waterways Community Centre, Cnr Sunshine Blvd, Mermaid Waters
When: 11 and 12 June, 2016

Aranbeem Open Day/Sale Weekend 7 – 8 May, 2016

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- There will be a very large number of New Releases (limited numbers of plants available of each variety)
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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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