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EDOS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2011

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

"All Positions will become Vacant at that time"

Please consider nominating for a position. If you are interested in taking on a position please see the Secretary prior to the meeting.

The continued success of EDOS is not dependent upon the current management committee members but depends upon the support "You" the members are prepared to give to the Society.

For anyone who is interested, the Auditor's Report will be available at the Front Table on the night of the AGM.

***Ken Webster
Secretary
Eastern District Orchid Society Inc***

RED SPOTTERS CLUB

Part 1 - This will be the Final "Weigh-in" for those who have the Dendrobium plants given out in the 2009 New Grower Competition. Please bring your plants along to be given "Correct Weight".

Part 2 – For those who have the "Mystery" Phalaenopsis plants which were given out to members as part of the growing competition in September 2010, please bring them along for "Show and Tell". The correct names for these plants will be given out on the night, and published in the next Newsletter. Tony Beck has already flowered his (show-off!!) – it can be revealed that the 'B' plants have been disclosed as Phal I-Hsin 'Timothy'

FEATURE ITEM

This will be a "Mystery" item – you will have to wait and see!!.

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

Judges: Eric Locke, Bill Williams, Arthur Cornell,
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: Steve Stitz
Plant Registrar: Ann Kable
Plants worth Noting: Marian Samuels
Trade Table: Pauline Webster

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 5.30 pm on **Saturday 3rd December, 2011** prior to the Christmas Party.

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Plants Worth Noting for 2012

If anyone is interested in having their name included on the list of Volunteers for Plants Worth Noting for 2012 please let me know. It would be great to have some different perspectives on the plants brought to our monthly meetings. (and give our some of our 'regulars' a break)



EDOS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The 2011 EDOS Christmas Party will be held on 3rd December 2011 at the Manly Bowls Club.

Please Note: Doors will open at 6.30 pm for dinner at 7.00 pm.

Cost will be \$20 for Members and \$30 for Non Members. Partners of EDOS members who have joined as a Single membership will be \$25. Soft drinks will be included, any other drinks will be at the Member's cost.

If you wish to come along and have not yet purchased your Tickets please let John Rooks know ASAP as numbers have to be finalised.

We will be having a Rolling Raffle, so on the night please remember to bring along a gift to include in the Raffle. There will also be a "Popular Vote" for those who wish to bring along a flowering orchid.

Once again this year will be having a "Silent Auction" One of the items in this auction is a Ladies Bracelet made from Australian Sterling Silver which has been donated by member Eleanor Smith – many Thanks to Eleanor. There will also be a number of Orchid plants as part of the Auction.

The Raffle will be a basket of Christmas goodies, including one of Daphne McKell's yummy plum puddings. 2nd prize will be a plum pudding.

The Lucky Door Prize is a Christmas Tree of Scratchies.

Our Judges will be finalising the Jack Fiege Memorial Trophy for the Plant of the Year (judged from the plants which have been chosen each month by our judges and ably photographed by our Wee Leprechaun)

Please come along and enjoy a great evening and the company of your fellow EDOS members.

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Treemendous Christmas Festival

The Bayside Uniting Church have issued an invitation to EDOS Inc to take part in their Treemendous event this year, to be held from 9 to 13 December. This event is held every second year.

EDOS Inc have agreed to part this year, with a tree display called "Joy, Peace and Harmony in Orchids" Setup will be done from approx 3.30 pm on the 8th December. Any assistance from our members would be appreciated.

If you require further information please contact Pauline Webster, who is co-ordinating the EDOS display.

Please come along during the event and have a look, and help EDOS Inc to support the Church Community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

What:	EDOS Autumn Show
Where:	Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West
When:	31 March and 1 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

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Cultural Award

Pholidota chinensis

This species belongs to the Coelogyneae family, it is from Myanmar, Vietnam and Southern China including Hong Kong. It grows as an epiphyte on the rain forest trees, or on rocks from low altitudes to about 2500m. I have been growing this plant for about 5 or 6 years from a small 80mm pot, potting on to larger pots as required to form this specimen it is today. Growing mix is equal parts medium bark, Maidenwell stone and perlite. It grows in a 4m high shade house with 70% green cloth on the roof, 50% cloth on walls, on the middle bench with Coelogynes, Bulbo's and Oncidium, watering 3 times a week in hot and dry weather plus misting other days when required, very little or no watering in Winter. Fertilising once every 4 to 5 days in Summer with foliar feeding when misting, mostly no feeding in Winter, but sometimes 2 or 3 times with Amino K over the winter months. This is an easy orchid to grow, well worth the effort.

Happy growing



Barry

Plants Worth Noting

A clear winner of the Species Monopodial section was *Cattleya schilleriana*, a very strong plant with five flowers. Steve Stitz grows this on a piece of tree fern

slab. *C schilleriana* is from Brazil, a bifoliate which in nature grows in exposed conditions with abundant air movement.

I have a very similar species *C aelandiae* formerly growing in pots now they are on a tree fern slab. The new growth this spring is amazing. I gleaned this tip of tree fern from Steve's last cultural notes.

There were three *Den loddigesii* orchids on the bench. One of the easier orchids to grow but not so easy to flower, I know as having tried so very hard over the years. I was given a small piece of *D loddigesii* in 1983. I have grown it well with only moderate success in flowering it. I have only ever taken *D loddigesii* to our meetings twice in the last twenty years. I was told in the beginning it needed a dry winter, but how dry? is the question. Then - how to get it to flower on the fourth Thursday of the month, for it is really only good for one week.

A hotly contested section of the meeting was the *Oncidium* section with one of the smaller plants taking out the first prize. *Rodrumnia* David Butcher was grown by Eric Locke. This well grown plant had numerous spikes but unfortunately each spike had a maximum of eight flowers. This could be better so Eric has made a crossing back onto specie to give it more strength and floriferousness.

Brent Nicoll

Unwanted Ribbons from EDOS Shows

Show Captain Brent Nicoll is looking for unwanted EDOS Show Ribbons. If anyone has any at home that they don't particularly want, he would appreciate it if they could 'donate' them back to the Society for re-use (before he goes ahead to purchase more, as they are not cheap). If you have any it would be appreciated if you could bring them to a meeting, thanks.

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NOMENCLATURE - Correct Writing of Orchid Names

Species and their Variants

Each species has a **Generic Name**, (or first term), eg. *Masdevallia*, also a **Specific Epithet**, (or second term), eg. *coccinea*. The two terms combine to form the specific name of the species: *Masdevallia coccinea*.

When written they are **always** in *italics* or underlined. The generic name always begins with a Capital letter but the specific epithet is written with a small letter first - even when it is derived from a personal name.

A varietal epithet (third term) is given to a distinctive race or population within a species. It is preceded by the abbreviation var. (for variety) or subsp. (for subspecies) in Roman letters, and is in *italics* or underlined without a capital.

A special clone of a species may be given a cultivar epithet (third or fourth term). It is not Latinised, in italics or underlined. It is in Roman, with a Capital and has **single** quotes. Inexplicably, a lot of experienced growers still confuse cultivars with varieties.

examples;

Dendrobium kingianum 'Inferno' (3rd term)

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Coelogyne cristata var. *hololeuca* 'James' (4th term)

Coelogyne cristata var. *hololeuca* 'James' (4th term)

Artificial Hybrids

The generic name (first term) begins with a Capital letter and is in *italics* (preferred) or underlined. The second term is always a registered hybrid name, known as a **grex epithet**. It is **not** Latinised or underlined. It is printed in Roman letters and the initial letter is a Capital.

examples; *Paphiopedilum* Hawkesbury River
Paphiopedilum Hawkesbury River

A special clone of a hybrid may be distinguished by a cultivar epithet. These are generally only given to superior clones of horticultural merit. It is in Roman letters, has a capital, and is in **single** quotes. Remember there are **no** "varieties" in hybrid orchids, only cultivars.

examples; *Paphiopedilum* Hawkesbury River 'Amber'
Paphiopedilum Hawkesbury River 'Amber'

In orchids, the same grex name applies to **all** the progeny raised from any, each and every "mating" of two parent plants which bear the *same pair* of specific names and/or grex names.

Example: If **any** plant of the grex *Dendrobium* Hilda Poxon is crossed with **any** plant of the species

Dendrobium kingianum, the resulting progeny will **all** bear the grex name *Dendrobium* Telekon. (regardless with what parent is the pod or pollen parent)

All official hybrids are registered with the Royal Horticultural Society, London. These new names appear in periodicals such as *The Orchid Review* (U.K.), *Orchids* (U.S.A.) and in the Australian publication *Orchids Australia* and sometimes *The Orchadian* (for Australian native orchid hybrids only).

These hybrids later appear (every few years) in updated volumes of *Sander's List of Orchid Hybrids*, which is also now available on CD-ROM. The hybrid lists are also updated on the RHS and AOS websites.

Citation of Awards

1. All awards should be abbreviated in capital letters without periods or full stops. e.g., FCC, AM, HCC, AD, etc.

2. Names of awarding societies should be abbreviated in capital letters, again without full stops;

eg AOC Australian Orchid Council

3. A slash mark should separate the award from the awarding society, with the award appearing first;

eg. AM/NSW AD/TASM HCC/ANOS

4. In the event of two awards from one society, or two or more societies granting the same award, it is recommended they be linked with a hyphen. The major award or major society appearing first;

eg. AM-AD/NSW

5. Whenever an award is published, it should be accompanied by the year in which the award was granted.

eg. *Coelogyne* Jannine Banks 'Snow White'
HCC/AOC-NSW 1994.

General Points

- Note the term **variety only applies to species orchids**, many cultivars are loosely termed "varieties".
- The word species is both singular and plural, there is **no such thing as a "specie"** in horticulture.
- The word genus is singular and its plural is genera.
- If a species is crossed with another clone of the same species, the offspring remains a species.
- Most generic names are derived from Greek.
- Most specific names are derived from Latin.
- Cultivar names which indicate perfection or superiority should not be used, (even though a few have snuck in - such as 'Purple Perfection'.)

- Cultivar names should preferably be one or two words, with three the maximum allowed under the Code.
- Latinised clonal names are not permitted.
- Natural hybrids should be written in italics with a capital multiplication symbol (in Roman) between the generic name and the specific epithet. For example, *Dendrobium X suffusum*.
- Generic names are **always** one word and abbreviations must adhere to this - without fullstops. Even these abbreviations should be in *italics*. eg., *Blc.*, *Odcdm.*, *Slc.*, *Wils.*, A full list appears in the *Sander's List of Orchid Hybrids* - published every few years.
- Recommended abbreviations of generic names are only given when plants are used in registered hybrids.
- When a new species are described, the authors name appears (often abbreviated) after the specific name e.g., *Dockrillia fuliginosa* M.A. Clem. et D.L. Jones. This tells us that this species was named by Mark Clements and David Jones.
- The *Handbook on Orchid Nomenclature and Registration* published by the International Orchid Commission is the primary guide, with all the rules pertaining to the Code.
- You can actually learn a lot from correctly written plant names!

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