



Eastern District Orchid Society Inc

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CHANGE OF VENUE

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on Thursday 25 June commencing at 8.00pm at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

FEATURE ITEM

This month we will be having a Panel discussion featuring some of our experienced Society Members. Please bring along any questions you may wish to ask, in writing, for the Panel to answer.

RED SPOTTERS CLUB – 7.30PM

Red Spotters will be hosted by Ken Webster.

The following members are requested to make themselves available:-

Judges: Eric Locke; Brian Lovell; Bill Williams; Arthur Cornell
Scribes: Janelle Girdlestone and Dot Menzies
Observers: Ray Girdlestone and Glen Drewett
Plant Registrar: Ann Kable;
Supper Stewards: Daphne and Deanne McKell;
Hostesses: Dot Rooks and Dennis Rieck
Library: Steve Stitz;

PLEASE NOTE: For this meeting the Trade Table will operate "By Prior Request" only. If you need any items please phone Pauline on 3286 4910 and place your order before the meeting.

The Trade Table will re-commence at the July General Meeting.

ALSO NOTE: Due to the move from our usual venue, Steve will not be able to provide the usual range of books for this meeting. If there is anything in particular you would like please contact Steve prior to the meeting.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

To be held on **Thursday 2 July 2009** at the Administration Block, Wondall Heights State School, Wondall Road, Manly West at 7.30 pm

E.D.O.S FIELD DAY

SATURDAY 20 June 2009
8am – 10am

Members are invited by the Lota Creek Catchment Area Group to attend an 'Eco-Tour' of the Lota Creek Catchment Area – namely the grounds of the Moreton Bay Boys School and 2 or 3 other sites.

This will be an opportunity for our members to view a 'rare swamp orchid' and other native plants in situ.

Members are to be at the Moreton Bay Boys College front car park off Manly Road at 8.am sharp. Please wear comfortable clothing suitable for an outdoor excursion, particularly suitable walking shoes, and your EDOS club shirt if possible.

Morning tea will be provided. After visiting the native refuge on the school premises, we will drive to 2 or 3 other locations in the nearby vicinity and view other sites.

Knowledge of members numbers is essential for catering purposes. The Secretary would appreciate confirmation of member's numbers by 8 pm Thursday 18 June, either telephone 3286 4910 or e-mail kpweb01@hotmail.com. Those who have already notified the Secretary need not contact again.

HELP NEEDED!!

As everyone is aware, we have had to move from the Assembly Hall at Wondall Heights State School due to its imminent demolition.

We will be having a "Working Bee" on Sunday 21 June, starting at 9 am, to move all of our gear from the hall to a new storage location. This should take approximately 2 – 3 hours. Afterwards everyone is invited by the President to a 'Sausage Sizzle' at the Kable residence, 281 Redland Bay Road, Capalaba .

"Many Hands Make Light Work" will be the order of the day, so PLEASE come along and help out – the more people we have to help, the quicker the job will be done. If you are available please come along to the Wondall Heights State School Assembly Hall at 9 am.

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BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS

One of our "Most Loved" members recently celebrated a milestone – our Congratulations and

Best Wishes go out to **Jack Fiege** who recently celebrated his 90th Birthday!

Jack was delighted with the birthday card presented to him, signed by many of our members. Thanks go to Pauline for co-ordinating the card signing and also the delivery of the card and a small cake to help Jack celebrate this milestone.

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DATE CLAIMERS

- What:** North Moreton Orchid Council Orchid Show;
When: Sat 27 & Sun 28 June 2009;
Where: Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens
- What:** Caboolture Orchid Society Inc – 40th Anniversary Annual Winter Show;
When: Fri 10 – Sat 11 - Sun 12.07.09;
Where: Memorial Hall King Street Caboolture
- What:** Townsville Orchid Society Inc – Winter Show;
When: Fri. 17 – Sat 18 - Sun 19.07.09;
Where: TOS Inc Hall, Joe Kirwan Park Charles Street, Kirwan
- What:** A.N.O.S – Kabi Group Inc – Australian Native Orchid Show;
When: Sat 22 & Sun 23 August 2009;
Where: The Lion's Hall, Lawnton Showgrounds, 757 Gympie Road, Lawnton
- What:** North Brisbane Orchid Society Inc – Annual Spring Show;
When: Sat 29 & Sun 30 August 2009;
Where: Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens

CULTURAL AWARD - APRIL

Dendrobium oligophyllum

I bought this plant from Aranbeem Orchids in September 2008 when we called in on our Society bus trip. Mind you I did have second thoughts because it was such a tiny plant but it has turned out to be a delightful orchid to have in one's collection.

Den oligophyllum (syn. *tixieri*) is a cute little novelty den. It flowers in clusters at the top of the cane from very early on, being only 2 – 4 cm in height. The plant is compact with clustered cylindrical pseudobulbs which should grow to 3-4 or (6)cm long and about 7 mm in diameter. The long lasting flowers are white with green stripes in the throat and are approximately 2.5 cm across. Since I have had the plant it is rarely without flowers. It has not been through the winter in my orchid house as yet so we shall see if it rests through the cooler months.

I grow *Den oligophyllum* in a pot with medium size coconut peat and a little perlite in the mix. It has been situated on the Northern side of the house about 1 m high bench (shaded by dividing fence) and watered 2-3 times weekly. It receives fertiliser at the same time as other orchids eg weekly. My orchid house has 50% shade cloth on walls and roof with the addition of solar weave on the roof.

Den oligophyllum is found at around 600-700 m altitude in its natural habitat and is distributed in Vietnam and in the Southern central as well as South Eastern areas of Thailand.

This little plant has been a joy to grow without any extra fuss due to its size.
I would certainly recommend it to you.
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Barbara Allen

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CALLING ALL NEW MEMBERS

A special invitation is issued to all new EDOS members who have joined the Society since January 2007 to attend the General Meeting on 25 June 2009, in particular the Red Spotter's Club at 7.30 pm.

There will be a New Grower's Plant Competition launched at this meeting.

New Members who have joined the Society since January 2007 will be eligible to be involved in our new competition.

Orchid seedlings will be distributed to those members at the Red Spotters Club at 7.30pm on Thursday 25 June 2009.

The Rules for the Competition will be explained at that time and it would be great if all those new growers could be at this meeting to receive their plants, and join in on the challenge.

Recent new members will also receive the New member's Handbook and Orchid Information Book.

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SPRING SHOW

The EDOS Spring Show will be going ahead on the 19 and 20 September 2009 at the new venue of Bayside Uniting Church 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

CULTURAL NOTES

Coelogyne Rochussenii

(refer to 'Around the Benches' for photo of this plant)

As with most plants there is a story behind how they come to live in your backyard. The idea of growing this plant came to me when I saw a photo online with a curtain like cascade of flowers, which to me was worth trying to source and ultimately grow.

Approx 5 years ago I purchased a seedling and have potted it on each year, hoping for something like what I had seen on the net. This year I was rewarded with 23 pendant inflorescences with a total of almost 700 flowers, I'm stunned to think a first flowering could produce so many sweetly scented flowers.

These plants are normally found growing on trees in lowland areas and over rivers in south-east Asia. This plant has a spag ball centre, bark and perlite outer with a liberal sprinkling of Roosta Boosta throughout the mix. It is grown under 75% green shade cloth and watered with tank water twice per week.

Getting the plant to the meeting in good condition was a challenge in itself. After some trial and error I settled on two long lengths of twisted glad wrap crossed over the plant and tied to the timer stand. This wrap has surprising strength and is not as harsh as twine. The stand with the plant attached was then placed on the floor behind the passenger seat and tied with a bungy cord to the seat. End result it made it to the meeting in one piece.

Happy growing,

Tony Beck

E.D.O.S CLUB SHIRTS

E.D.O.S Club Shirts are still available for purchase. These shirts look great as they easily identify E.D.O.S members at shows etc. There is a variety of popular sizes for both men and women. Please contact Pauline. Cost: \$20.00.



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HAMPER WINNER

As stated in the previous Newsletter, it was decided that, due to not being able to find the original winner of the Hamper from the Autumn Show, EDOS members' names were 'put in a hat' and redrawn, and the eventual winners were Arthur & Beverley Courtenay of Lota. Congratulations to Arthur and Beverley.

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SICK LIST

The members of EDOS wish Tony Harrison a speedy recovery from his recent "misadventure". We hope to see Tony back at our meetings soon.

ORCHID NOMENCLATURE

Most growers (new and old) are having difficulty with the new names of orchid genera and their pronunciations.

The complete list of Genera can be found in the AOS AQPlus 3.4 program – it is very extensive, some 50 pages long!

Listed below is just a small selection of the names and pronunciations available today.

Abb	Genus	Pronunciation	Makeup
C	Cattleya	KAT -lee-ah	
Den	Dendrobium	Den- DROH -bee-um	
L	Laelia	LAY -lee-ah	
Onc	Oncidium	On- SID -ee-um	
S	Sophronitis	Sof-roh- NYE -tiss	
Tolu	Tolumnia	Toh- LUM -nee-ah	
B	Brassavola	Bras- SAH -voh-lah	
Rolf	Rolfeara		B x C x S
Sc	Soprocattleya	Soph-ro- KAT -lee-ah	C x Sc
Bulb	Bulbophyllum	Bulb-oh- FILL -um	
Paph	Paphiopedilum	Paff-ee-oh- PEE -de-lum	
Ren	Renanthera	Ren- AN -ther-ah	
Lc	Laeliocattleya	Lay-lee-oh- KAT -lee-ah	
Rsc	Rhynchosoprocattleya	Rinn-ko-soff-ro- KAT -lee-ah	C x RI x S
Mtssa	Miltassia		Brs x Milt
Blira	Beallara		Brs x Cda x Milt x Odm
Mrr	Marriottara	Mare-ee- OTT -are-ah	B x C x RI x S
Ctna	Cattleytonia	Kat-lee- TON -ee-ah	Broughtonia (Bro) x C
RI	Rhyncholaelia	Rink-oh- LAY -ee-lee-ah	
RIc	Rhyncholaeliocattleya	Rinn-ko-lay-lee-oh- KAT -lee-ah	C x RI
Thw	Thwaitesara	THWAYTS -are-ah	C x Gur x RI x S
Odcdm	Odontocidium	Odon-to- CID -ium	Odm x Onc
Lyc	Lycaste	Lye- KASS -tee	

Some-one's Thinking

The psychologist put it to Fred: "If you had to give up wine or women, which would you choose?"

Fred thought for a moment – "That would rather depend on the vintage of each" he said.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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