



Eastern District Orchid Society Inc

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend the next General Meeting to be held on Thursday 22 October 2009 commencing at 8.00pm at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

FEATURE ITEM

Guest speaker will be Les Vickers who will report on the 2009 AOC Conference

RED SPOTTERS CLUB – 7.30PM

Red Spotters: The new members who were presented with plants at our June meeting as part of our “New Grower Competition” are invited to bring those plants along to our October meeting, where their progress will be checked by Barry Kable and John Clatworthy.

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

- Judges:** Eric Locke; Les Vickers; Bill Williams; Arthur Cornell
- Student Judges:** Brent Nicoll; Adrian Bergstrum; John Rooks
- Scribes:** Volunteers on the night
- Observers:** Alan McKell and Ray Girdlestone
- Plant Registrar:** Ann Kable;
- Supper Stewards:** Marian Samuels and Daphne McKell
- Hostesses:** Margaret Rieck and Dot Rooks
- Library:** Steve Stitz;
- Plants worth Noting:** Arthur Cornell

PLEASE NOTE:

Anyone requiring large orders from the Trade Table please contact Pauline Webster on 3286 4910 prior to the meeting.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

To be held on **Thursday 5 November 2009** at the **Bayside Uniting Church Meeting Room, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West** at 7.30 pm

EDOS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2009

Will be held at the Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

Thursday 26 November 2009

“All Positions will become Vacant at that time”

Nominations will be received by the Secretary at the October Meeting or 14 days prior to the November AGM.

Nomination Forms will be available at the October Meeting. Please see the Secretary.

Please consider nominating for a position. 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.

Ken Webster
Secretary
Eastern District Orchid Society Inc

EDOS SPRING SHOW 2009

The President and the Committee would like to **THANK EVERYONE** who helped out at our Spring Show to make it such a success. Thanks go to those who helped set up Friday, and to those who were there to assist during the weekend. It was great to see many members there to clean up on Sunday afternoon, the old saying "Many hands make light work" certainly applied.

Plant sales were much higher than our previous Spring Show.

The Church was also very appreciative of the flowering plants which were supplied for the Church service on Sunday morning.

To those who were aware that Darcy lost his wallet on Sunday at the venue - we are pleased to advise that Darcy had his wallet returned – just goes to show that there are still honest people in the world!

More details on the Show can be found in the attached Minutes.

THANKS

Marion Samuels would like to thank everyone for their help in the kitchen during the Show. Thanks to those who helped out in the kitchen, and also to those who provided .cakes, biscuits etc.



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XMAS BREAKUP

This year the EDOS Christmas Function will be held on 5 December at the Manly Bowls Club. Cost for Adults will be \$20, children will be \$10.

Please let our Hostesses know at the next meeting, or alternatively, contact our Secretary if you will be attending.

If you have any children who would like to see Santa please let us know as soon as you can.

We will be holding our usual Rolling Raffle, so please bring along a "present" for the table.

More details will be available in the next Newsletter.



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NEW MEMBERS

EDOS would like to welcome new members Roslyn Owen, Linda Clayton and Adrian Bergstrum to our Society. Welcome.

Once again we thank Lyle Sakrzewski for his generous offer to provide "free" membership to three new members.

PLANTS WORTH NOTING

It is good to see the species outnumbering the hybrids. First one of note was *Bulbophyllum picturatum*. It was in a 4" pot and had 2 spikes with 10 and 6 flowers. This species Lindley calls *Cirrhopatelum picturatum* in 1840 with *Bulbophyllum picturatum* Reichenbach 1861.

This plant comes from India, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam around elevations of 1000m. Sometimes it grows near waterfalls and so likes a good supply of moisture with a moisture retentive potting mix and light shade.

Good to see 2 Dens of note – amethystoglossum and farmeri. D amethystoglossum comes from Luzon in Philippines. It grows on mossy limestone cliffs around 1500 m. Year round humidity but easing off in winter – picky eh!! It was well flowered. D farmeri flowered well this season. It can be called D densiflorum var farmeri. It comes from the foothills of the Himalayas – 300 to 1000m, and from India, Burma, Thailand to Malaya. It is one that likes good light. Dendrobium is a big genus with a wide range of species and conditions so it was good to see these.

Next is Vanda tricolor. There are 70 species of Vanda genus and grow from China, Himalayas to New Guinea and Northern Australia. Golden Guide states V tricolor may grow to several feet tall with flowers that vary in colour and shape – great for the connoisseur. Colour is from white to yellow with red brown spots and twisted petals – don't the judges like that. A W Dockrill mentions it being in Arnhem land but apparently wider spread in Indonesia. In ABC's Gardening Flora's Orchids states it is from Indonesia and grows on rocks or trees on fringes of lowland forest. It blooms in Autumn/winter and has perfumed flowers. It is propagated by the keikis shooting from the main stem which when rooted can be cut off or the main stem severed to get two plants – good when they grow so tall.

I didn't single out a particular plant but the Dendrobium soft canes are out in force this year. Judging around the benches, it was so good to see so many of size of flower and plant and colours. They are relatively easy to grow if – that proverbial if- you get the right position. Hybridisation has done so much for this section. It is certainly good to see the overall perspective of this section.

Lastly around the benches I didn't see so many Cymbidiums this year. Of course I didn't get to Toowoomba. There was one on the bench, a hybrid – good arching spike but colour and shape was mediocre.

Spring has sprung and almost gone so good growing and flowering for summer.

That's all

Arthur Cornel I

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Wot, When, Where?

What: Gold Coast-Tweed Orchid Fair 2009
When: Sat 31 October & Sun 1 November
Where: Tweed Civic Centre, Cnr Wharf & Brett Sts, Tweed Heads

What: The Orchid Species Society Inc**
When: Sat 14 and Sun 15 November
Where: Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens

**The Orchid Species Society Inc (Qld) show is open to members of all Orchid Societies who wish to participate by entering species Orchids in the various classes of the show. If you require a copy of the show schedule please contact the Editor.

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ORCHID BOOKS FOR SALE

A number of Orchid Books have been offered for sale by Mrs Beryl Pulsford to any E.D.O.S Inc. members who may be interested in purchasing them. The following orchid books are available:-

1. Encyclopaedia of Cultivated Orchids – Alex. D Hawkins;
2. The Orchadian (Journal) Vol. 1 (1 – 12);
3. Orchids of Australia – The Complete Edition – W. H. Nicholls;
4. Exotica'
5. The Manual of Cultivated Orchid Species;
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NOTICE TO AMEND BY-LAWS

At the recent E.D.O.S Inc. Committee Meeting on **Thursday 01 October 2009**, the Committee decided to make two proposals to the E.D.O.S By-Laws.

The **first proposal** will be made in relation to **By-Law 5.4** which currently reads:-

"The Committee will ensure a commission is deducted from these sales which shall be credited to the Society. The Society will deduct 10% commission of the proceeds of sale from members and 20% commission from commercial growers".

The **NEW PROPOSAL** to **By-Law 5.4** is as follows:-

"The Committee will ensure a commission is deducted from these sales which shall be credited to the Society. The Society will deduct 15% commission of the proceeds of sales from both members and commercial growers".

The **second proposal** will be made in relation to **By-Law 5.5** which currently reads:

"The Committee may from time to time determine the number of orchid plants a Society member can sell at any general meeting or show. The number of orchids for a Society member is 60 plants however unlimited number of flowering orchid plants for a commercial grower although first preference will be given to flowering orchid plants by the Plant Sales Convener".

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Rule 42(2) of the E.D.O.S Inc. Constitution is applicable – **'A by-law may be set aside by a vote of members at a general meeting of the association'**.

SECRETARY E.D.O.S. INC

FIRE ANT CO-ORDINATOR

At the Spring Show, a number of issues were raised concerning those members who were or not in declared **'Fire Ant'** areas.

Whilst E.D.O.S Inc Management Committee are attempting to ensure our members are fully informed of the relevant legislation and compliance requirements, it has been decided necessary for a designated member to be appointed as the society's Fire Ant Co-ordinator Officer.

At the current time, this activity has been addressed by the past and present Secretary of E.D.O.S. Inc. however there is a need for a member of the society to be appointed to this position 'full-time'.

The duties of the Fire Ant Co-ordinator is not onerous and mainly relate to the (i) recording of members bringing in orchid plants for sale at both the autumn and spring shows; (ii) liaising with the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries; and (iii) updating members on current issues – i.e. new fire ant declared areas.

If interested, please discuss with **Secretary Ken Webster or Barbara Allen** to gain an understanding of this particular role within the society. As stated, it is not an onerous task – by taking on this role – you will greatly assist in the reduction of the Secretary's current workload.

EDOS WYNNUM PLAZA SHOPPING CENTRE DISPLAY

Our display at the Centre was again very successful, even though it was in a different location from usual. (The Editor had occasion to visit the Post Office nearby to post the Newsletters and saw the display first hand – very impressive) Thanks go to those members who attended.

This is an important promotion for EDOS, so we ask that members please keep in mind that we will consider holding a display again next year prior to our Autumn Show, and will require workers and supply of plants.

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Tremendous Christmas Festival 2009

We have been invited to participate in the Bayside Uniting Church's Christmas Festival

This takes the form of a display of decorated trees, musical presentations etc to the theme of "Celebrate Christ with People Everywhere". If anyone is interested please contact EDOS Secretary for further information.

WEBSITE

www.edos.org.au. Our Webmaster Ray Girdlestone would like you to have a look at our new EDOS website and make comment – remember it is still a work in progress and any suggestions will be appreciated. If you have any Cultural advice you think may be useful to others please let us know.

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

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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