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Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.

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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 27/11/12

at 7.30pm

Plants to be tabled by
7.15pm

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Notice to
Members
PLEASE assist
with cleaning

Editors notes,

Have a very merry Xmas, best wishes from your editors.

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Well, this is our last newsletter for 2012, we have tried to make it as interesting as we could but it is difficult to write new articles all the time that is the reason we ask for members to provide a little input but that has proved to be a futile task. Having said that I shall be eternally grateful to *Freindii* for those articles he has provided, I don't know about you but I found them excellent information and my very good friend John Green also some very good info'. Thanks also to Ellie for her column. Off course one can't throw accolades around without giving a BIG thank you to our President Jeff he does a remarkable job organising things.

I don't know how many of you know the amount of work and effort Ken and Rosie Smith put in obtaining plants for our Xmas raffle but I think they are to be highly commended for their effort. They have certainly traveled some ks in their search.

Your Xmas break up.

Frenchville club 6.00 P.M. entry.

Cost \$10 per head. Secret Santa gift to the value of \$15 if participating. There will be lucky member's prizes. Lucky door prizes and of course our usual multi draw raffle.

If you are intending to attend your names to Jeff at the next meeting, it's imperative that you book a seat. If your name isn't down, entry will not be allowed.



Pete & June

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General Meeting Tuesday 23/10/2012



Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

New members:

Visitor: Ann Oram.

Lucky Member: 26 Clary Smith.

In the absence of President Jeff the Vice President Terry Dean took the chair.

Minutes: of previous monthly meeting approved as correct and accurate, Moved Keith Marsden second Bernie Peters Carried.

Correspondence: In = Newsletters, Bundaberg Orchid Society Inc, Toowoomba Orchid Society Inc, Blackwater & District Orchid & Foliage Club, Caboolture Orchid Society Inc, Rockhampton Horticultural Society Inc. Mid-Murry Orchid Club Inc. Mackay & District Orchid Society Inc, Maryborough District Orchid Society Inc. Capricorn Orchid & Foliage Club Inc. Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society Inc. Nightcliff Orchid Society. Redcliffe District Orchid Society Inc. The Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Caloundra Inc, Gympie & District Orchid Society Inc. Central Queensland Bush House & Orchid Society, Boyne- Tannum Orchid & Foliage Society. The Rock, Bundaberg Orchid Society Inc, Nambour Orchid Society, Australian Orchid Review, Orchids Australia, Kennas Kapers, Capricorn Region Bonsai Society Inc. Sub- Tropical Orchid Council QLD.

OUT = Letter of Thanks to Arthur & Lorraine Cotton, Webbers, Alice & Stuart Zierk. Moved Gloria Wakefield Second by Ellie Dean Carried.

Treasurers Report: Read and moved by Bill Richardson Second Clary Smith Carried.

New Growers: Keith Marsden invited everyone to go to Ray & Gay Bills with a B B Q Lunch starting at 11 am. 2 guest speakers Stephen Fay and John Green. A gift will be given to each speaker. Please bring a plate for afternoon tea and a folding chair for you to sit on and enjoy the company of the other members..

General Business: Moved by Burnie Peters 2nd Ellie Dean that the club buy a P A and Sound System Carried. Congratulations to everyone for putting in such a good effort for the Cent Sale, we raised just over \$4,000.00, Moved by Peter Jenkinson 2nd Ken Smith that we have another next year Carried. 1st December is the Christmas Breakup, 6 pm start with eating at 6.30 pm. With Secret Santa \$15.00 each person.

March 23 - 24th Bundaberg Field Day.

Moved by Moyna Richardson 2nd Ken Smith that the breakup meal be \$20.00 per person Carried

Moved Moyna Richardson 2nd Trish Craig that we have a section for Phalaenopsis in the Novice section. Carried.

Plant Commentary: Keith Marsden Short and Sweet with lots of good information, thanks Keith.

Lucky exhibitor: Ken Smith.

Raffle: Dianne Hughes, Terry Breingan, Thea Press, Joy Dwyer, Terry Breingan, Dianne Gilmore, Laurence Lucke.

Meeting closed: 8.40 pm.

Next Meeting: 27th November 2012

Terry Dean Vice President

Gloria Wakefield Secretary

Monthly Competition Results October 2012

(Plants tabled; Advanced 33; Novice 24)

Judges Choice

<i>Paph. Saint Swithin</i>	T&E Dean
<i>Phal. Ming-Hsing Cinderella</i>	B&N Lakey
<i>Brs. Rex</i>	K&R Smith

Popular Vote, Advanced.

Cattleya over 75mm	<i>Sc. Royal Beau 'Dendi'</i>	B&N Lakey
Cattleya up to 75mm	<i>Ctna. Why Not</i>	K&R Smith
Dendrobium	<i>Den. Wina Loo (primulinum x parishii)</i>	B&N Lakey
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. Saint Swithin</i>	T&E Dean
Phalaenopsis	<i>Phal. Ming – Hsing Cinderella</i>	B&N Lakey
Oncidiinae.	<i>Onc. Sphacetante x Onc. ornithorhyncum</i>	K&R Smith
Species	<i>Ctism. tenebrosum 'Ellie'</i>	T&E Dean
Miscellaneous	(name unknown)	B&H Hilse
	Possibly <i>Renanthera Kalsom</i> (or hybrid of <i>Ren. Kalsom</i>)	

Novice.

Cattleya	<i>Rlc. Darcy Rose Campbell</i>	N&D Barker
Vandaceous	<i>(Ascda. Butterfly x V. Udom Gold) x V. Crimson Glory</i>	P&J Moore
Species	<i>Paph. hirsutissimum var. esquirolei</i>	P&T Jenkinson
Miscellaneous	<i>Dtps. Taiwan Diamond 'Orchis'</i>	T&M Handley

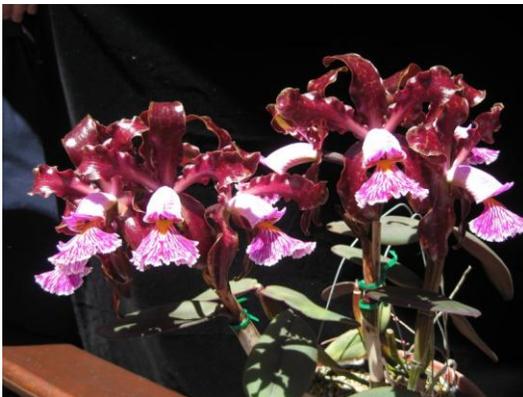
Apologies for no pics of judge's choice. I have 3 cameras and had to pick up the wrong one.



C. maxima



Bulb. burfordiense



C. schilleriana



Eria. multiflora

These are four awarded species

The 3 Secret Ingredients.

This article is an extract of a talk given by Ross Maidment to the Caboolture Orchid Soc' on the 7th of July 1999.

In all my travels I have seen in excess of 100 million orchids. Every successful hobby grower and nursery that I have visited had the 3 secret ingredients that guarantee success.

The 1st is AIR.....It's free: it's in things, on things and around things. All orchids are surrounded by air, without it they wouldn't survive. Orchid media whether its tree fern fibre, bark, charcoal or some new found rock, or tree mounts, is there for only one reason..... to anchor the plant. Good air movement is a disease control mechanism. It will get rid of fungal spores.

The 2nd is WATER.....You need good quality water with good Ph. Excess water (poor drainage) will kill orchids. Plants are mostly made up of water. Bacterial and root rots are water borne transmitted diseases. Running water is clean, free of algae and bacteria. How you water is important. You need water to flow through the media and not be left in pools to become stagnant and harbor disease.

The 3rd is a RUBBISH BIN..... Preferably with a lid, the cost of these is minimal compared to the loss of a good orchid. This is a most valuable tool used by successful nurseries and hobby growers. A diseased leaf or plant - into the bin, not left to spread disease spores around the orchid house – problem contained. A lot of hybrid plants have potential but don't work out, so throw them in the bin and cut your losses. A bin can save heaps of Dollars in chemicals, fungicides and fertilizer use, also save time and space in the orchid house.

Water is a good insecticide. Red spider mite, smaller than a pin head can be drowned and washed away by washing them of with a blast of water, especially Dendrobiums. Mix air and water and you get humidity. Different types of orchids require different levels of air and water. There are different cultural requirements; different pots, both in size and makeup; slabs baskets etc. Orchid growers are keen to part with money for a quick fix product. Quick fix products are hog-wash. Orchid plants don't need much food. A good watering program will produce significant results rather than a fertilizer program. There is nothing to control flowering other than light with the exception possibly of a gene. For example – a Vanda flowering booster fertilizer. You would perhaps get the extra flowering by the extra watering. There are more nutrients on the floor of the orchid house than in the plants. There would be less need for quick-fixes if the 3 successful secrets were used. You should always remember the KISS principle. **Keep It Simple Stupid.** Other features such as sunlight and temperature are important but not as important as air and water. Water flushed through the orchids gives no pH problems, no bacteria build up, no build up of salts and no nutrient problems

Note:

If you are wondering why you're not getting any flowers look at the 1st ingredient – AIR- maybe you have your benches too crowded, a good rule of thumb is have the distance between pots of a comparable pot size. Then air movement is not a problem.

The 2nd – WATER – If your plants are crowded the leaves of the bigger plants keep the water off the smaller plants.

It's nice to have a lot of plants BUT at the expense of flowers? I think not – cull them. - **Ed.**

New Growers Report.

On Saturday the 27th the new growers had their meeting at the home of Ray & Gaye Bills at Glenlee. The day started at 11 o'clock and finished at 4 that afternoon. The efforts the workers in put in getting things ready for the day, shows how lucky we are to have members such as these. So many of our members are only too willing to get in and help when we have an event such as this.

All present had a chance of looking over Ray & Gaye's collection then enjoy the sausage sizzle before our first guest speaker of the day Steven Fay of Townsville, Steven addressed the members on his Phalaenopsis growing method and the importance of having the P.h. of the water around 6 when fertilizing. Steve answered any questions that the members had and we all came away knowing how to grow our Phallies a little bit better.

Thank you Steven for sharing your knowledge with us and also give of your valuable time.

Afternoon tea and the drawing of the afternoon's big raffle was next giving the members a chance to enjoy each others company before heading back for the next speaker of the day. John Green of Gympie was our next guest speaker, speaking on how he grows Dendrobiums. John has been growing Dens for many years very successfully and he shared his knowledge unstintingly with the members. Now we all know how to grow champion Den's the Green way. Rays Dens were on display for the members to enjoy before and after the address by John and this was an added pleasure. Thank you John for your time, we do appreciate your making time for us in your busy schedule.

Only one thing could have made the afternoon a little more pleasant and that was the weather. It sure was a very HOT afternoon.

My sincere thanks to Ray and Gaye for having us, to Peter Jenkinson for his effort in supplying the extra shade and other items, to the members who helped in getting things ready for the afternoon, to all who donated plants and helped to make the day a success that it was. Last but not least a very big thank you to Ken and Rosie Smith for organizing our speakers. To Steven and John, thank you and please come again you will be most welcome

Our final get together for 2012 will be the B.B.Q. at Terry and Gwen's. This will be over by the time you get your newsletter but I know everyone will have enjoyed the outing as they have in previous years. Thank you, Terry and Gwen for inviting us again this year. We all appreciate your efforts in giving us a chance to come to your place and enjoy the end of the year.

My thanks to all who allowed us to visit their place this year and to all the members who helped in so many ways to make my job that much easier.

Happy Christmas, from Pam and I.

Keith Marsden

The man who made it didn't want it, the man who bought it didn't use it, the man who used it didn't see it. What is it? Answer elsewhere in newsletter.



Ellie's Corner

Hello everyone. It seems incredible that this is my last Ellie's Corner for 2012 and that Christmas is fast approaching. It has been a great year for our Society with many new members joining, and many social and educational occasions enjoyed by all.

I was very happy that Terry and I were able to attend the last two New Growers' Days. I have long admired the Phalaenopsis that the Handleys have brought to meetings and shows so I was very interested to visit them on 29 September. It was a delightful setting and their plants more than lived up to expectations. Trevor and Marg told me they had owned the block for 22 years and gave the then existing house away and it is now in Dingo. They built their current two level house 18 months ago, overlooking Rosslyn Bay Harbour. It is a lovely position. Marg told me later that the day the New Growers visited was a particularly hectic one for them. They held a Wedding Shower/Tupperware Party for their daughter Kate on the morning before we all arrived, and after the New Growers left, Marg changed and went off to Kate's Hens' Party. What a day ... and, in spite of all that activity, they both managed to be very gracious hosts!!

We all then went on to Noel and Dawn Barker and admired their garden and beautiful home. Their two level home has spectacular views over Cooe Bay and they took great care in designing the open design and furniture in muted tones (so suitable for our tropical climate). It is a real dream home and we would have liked to stay longer soaking up the atmosphere. A few months back they travelled to Auckland, New Zealand to see Dawn's sister Gail. We send Noel and Dawn our thoughts and condolences in the loss of Noel's beloved mother who passed away 7 September aged 92. It doesn't matter how long a beloved one lives, we will always miss them and feel their loss in our hearts.

I was talking recently with Marion and Henry Wilson who told me that they had sold their home at Gracemere and moved to Rockhampton, and have settled in well. Marion said "we're townies now". They are very happy with the people who bought their previous home – Mum and Dad and two children. They found a turtle laying eggs on the bank of the dam – a wondrous thing for the children to see. Marion's two wild galahs still come regularly after many years. Marion called them Mills and Boon (because they are so romantic)!! I suspect that Marion and Henry will always be "bushies" wherever they live and will always exhibit their traits of hospitality and generosity for which we all love them.

Clarry Smith had a wonderful weekend over 9/10/11 November with the Olympic Torchbearers Commemoration Club. The event marked the 56th Anniversary since the Olympic Torchbearers carried the torch for the 1956 Olympics. 120 people from as far away as Cairns to Melbourne took part and shared many happy reminiscences. Clarry was presented with an Outstanding Achievement Award at the Dinner on the Saturday evening for all his efforts and enthusiasm with the Club. I thought he looked very handsome when he was interviewed on local TV on the Friday evening!!

We send our loving sympathy to Jeff and Norma Glover and family on the loss of Jeff's only brother Darryl who died recently after battling cancer for the past five years. We also will keep Darryl and Jeff's parents in our prayers at this sad time. Jeff is recovering and progressing well after a spinal fusion operation. He tells me he is able to go for walks again and the indications for the future are positive. Our thoughts and best wishes are with you, Jeff.

Laurie and Paxia Lucke celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary over past months. In a unique celebration they decided to visit all their children. Firstly they went off to Brisbane to visit their two daughters Toni and Susan and families (they each have one child aged 8). Then on to Darwin for their Golden Anniversary trip. They had an interesting time touring around the Northern Territory. Next destination was Townsville where they visited their son, Peter and his

family (including adorable three year old grand daughter). They were only home a couple of days before they had to travel back to Brisbane for Laurie to have a new generator fitted into his pacemaker - everything went really well. Recently Paxia had a very happy reunion with the Rockhampton Highland Lassies Pipe Band. The Band was formed in 1955 and Paxia was a piper. There were 21 at the Dinner and all present had a great time catching up.

We welcome two new members to our Society. Paul Steer and Monique Teghe joined at our Spring Show. They have always been interested in orchids and are looking forward to learning more about their cultivation. Monique has owned a small business for 7 years "Children's Entertainment". She goes to Shopping Centres and Birthday Parties etc. She also does cake icing. She sounds a very creative lady. Paul is a primary school teacher. .

We really enjoyed the "New Growers" day at Ray and Gay Bills' home on 27 October, and it was great to see so many members there. Ray and Gay have the most beautiful black and white Border Collie dog "Devil" (now aged 3). We met him when he first went to live with them and he was very timid then, but, after their loving care and kindness he has become so friendly and greets everyone in quite a regal fashion.

Carol and Michael Dahler told me they celebrated their 28th Wedding Anniversary recently and went to Bundaberg for the weekend and visited Bev and Elwyn Heicke and Arthur Jennings and saw their orchids. They went out for an Anniversary Dinner in the evening. Carol told me their 8th grand child turned one on Remembrance Day. That means he was born on 11-11-2011. John and Gladys Dahler also joined our Society at our Spring Show. They live in Dululu and seeing the orchids on view at the Show inspired their interest in growing orchids. They said they like doing things as a team whether in the house or in the garden. We welcome them to our happy band of orchid enthusiasts.

It was lovely to see Helen Hilse, her daughter in law, Henreika and two grand children, Fleur (little flower), and Hugo at the Russian Ballet recently. We all thought the Show was magnificent and I thought how lucky we are in Rockhampton to see world class shows in our own Pilbeam Theatre. A special 70th Birthday Greeting goes to Alan Hine for 13 December. Alan and Carol are our members who live in Moura so are not able to attend many Society events. We will be thinking of you Alan as the family celebrates with a Birthday dinner. All the best!!

Happy Birthday to those celebrating in December: Ted Page 2nd; Cherryl Hannaway 4th; Henry Wilson & Jean Wust 9th; Jan Martin 14th; Jeff Glover 15th; Dianne Gilmore 22nd; Rona Ninness 23. May you and your loved ones have a Christmas and New Year filled with all the blessings of this Holy Season. Take care and keep safe if you are travelling.

Ellie's Corner will be back in 2013, with lots of stories about how we all celebrated Christmas and the New Year. Till then, my love and prayers are with you.

Ellie Dean

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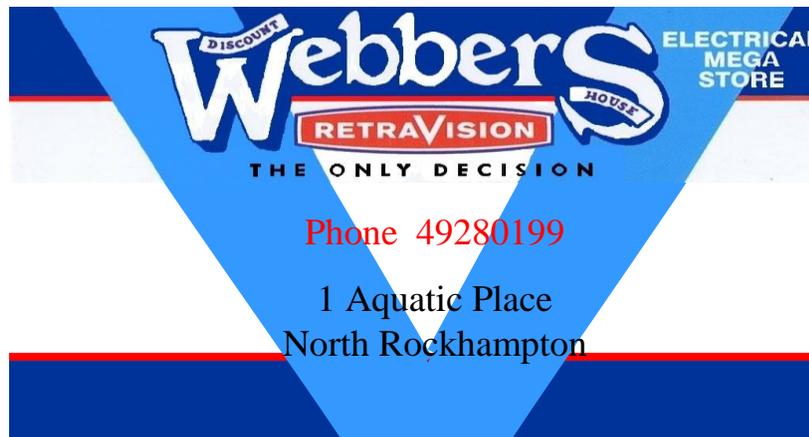
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Your Orchid Diary 2012

Nov 17th New growers B.B.Q. start 5 P.M.

Dec 1st Xmas breakup Frenchville Sports Club at 6 P.M.

2013 STOC **Orchidfest Gympie**

2014 TQOC Atherton

2015 TQOC Mackay