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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 24/4/2012

at 7.30pm

Plants to be tabled by
7.15pm

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Judges for the Meeting

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K.Smith.

Notice to Members

*Please assist with
cleaning the hall after
the meeting!*

Editors notes,

Well that's number one done and dusted and what a topsy turvy year it's been weather wise, our poor little babies haven't got a clue what season it's supposed to be, consequently their flowering season is all completely out of whack.

With all adverse things taken into account we the members of one of the best societies in the world (I'm biased of course) put on a magnificent display, congratulations are due to each and every one of you for your input no matter how small a part you play you all as one make up a great team. Special congrats to the members who did displays and won a "trophy", once again it doesn't matter whether you did a big display or a corsage your contribution to the beauty of the show is valued highly. Let's hope that the seasons forthcoming will be kinder to us for our spring show, I know our orchids will appreciate it

This month I have written a small piece about *Milt. moreliana* as I said I would last month, hopefully this will dispel all tag mistakes regarding that species.

We have also put a couple of pages of pictures from around the shows in Central Queensland, as you can see we aren't the only ones with problems relating to the seasons with the quality and quantity down considerably on previous years, we hope you enjoy them (we might get in trouble with the treasurer with the amount of colour pictures used but we've been in trouble before and I'm bigger than him so no worries).

The show results aren't available for publication at the time of going to the printers but we'll do a full run down on the show next month, rushing them to us will only generate mistakes so you'll have to wait, patiently of course.

With this cool weather now approaching its time to treat you plants with Envy, so they will not suffer the chills and ills of winter. Remember they are mostly tropical growers and we are trying to emulate their growth habit.

See you at the meeting on the 24th.

Till then happy growing.

Pete & June

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General Meeting Tuesday 28/2/2012

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

New members: Andrew Woron, Alan & Carol Hine, Gloria Kane

Lucky Member: 37 Jan Hogan

Minutes: of previous monthly meeting with two spelling mistakes corrected approved as correct and accurate, Moved Rosalie Smith second Graham Maunder Carried.

Correspondence: In = Newsletters, Redcliff District Orchid Society Inc., The Sunshine Coast Orchid Society Caloundra Inc, Nambour Orchids News, Childers & Isis District Orchid Society Inc, Caboolture Orchid Society Inc, Capricorn Orchid & Foliage Club Inc. Rockhampton Horticultural Society Inc. Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society Inc., Boyne-Tannum Orchid & Foliage Society Inc. Mid-Murry Orchid Club Inc. Mackay & District Orchid Society Inc, Orchid News NSW, Bundaberg Orchid Society Inc, Bribie Island Orchid Society Inc. Maryborough District Orchid Society Inc. Central QLD Bush house & Orchid Society Inc. Nightcliff Orchid Society, Pioneer River Orchid & Plant Association, Gympie & District Orchid Society Inc, Townsville Orchid Society Inc. Sub-Tropical Orchid Council, Orchids Australia, Orchid Australia, Australian Orchids Review. Perth Conference, Sunshine Coast Orchid Society, New Memberships Andrew Woron, Alan & Carol Hine Gloria Kane. Herbert River Orchid & Allied Plant Society Inc. Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society Inc, Membership Beryl Ledway. Orchidaceous Supplies, Post Office Account, Church Account, Maleny Botanic Gardens.

OUT = Moved Gloria Wakefield Second by Sharyn Frisch Carried.

Treasurers Report: Bill Richardson read and moved his report Second by Ken Smith carried,

New Growers: The first New Growers for the year is at Keith & Pam Marsden at 463 Crane Ave North Rockhampton.

General Business: The bus trip to Gladstone on March 11th this will be a day trip the cost for the day will be \$28.00 Bus with \$12.00 lunch & morning & afternoon tea. The bus will leave at 6 am from the usual place

SHOW Theme for the next show will be "Song Title" Do not forget to put your name on your display after the judging. Names for displays will be needed at the next meeting.

Plant Commentary: John Frisch did the commentary, again gave a very informative talk.

It was good to see some questions being asked, Thanks John.

Lucky exhibitor: Bernard Hilse

Raffle; Terry Dean, Peter Jenkinson, Ken Smith, Lionel Reeves, Joy Dwyer, Joy Dwyer. Meeting closed : 9.20 pm.

Next Meeting; 27 th March 2012

Jeff Bloxsom President

Gloria Wakefield Secretary

Monthly Competition Results. February 2012.

(Plants tabled: Advanced: Novice :)

Judges Choice: Den. Matokotaki 'Blue' (not registered) B&N Lakey
Paph Hsing Faibre T&E Dean
Ctsm. Orchidglade 'Belinda' L.Reeves

Popular Vote: Advanced

Cattleya over 75mm.	Blc. Golden Reign x Blc. Dal's Grace	K&R Smith
Cattleya up to 75mm.	Lc. Star Parade 'Volcano Queen'	B&N Lakey
Dendrobium	Alice's Stripe x Den. Burana Stripe	B&S Peters
Oncidiianaes	tie. Alcra. Dorothy Oka 'O.C.'	J&M Bloxsom
	tie. Mtssa. Aztec 'Everglades Green'	K&R Smith
Paphiopedilum	Paph. Hsing Fairbre	T&E Dean

Popular Vote: Novice

Cattleya	Bc. Donna Kimura 'Paradise Tami'	G&M Maunder
Dendrobium	tie. Den. Name unknown	T&M Handley
	tie. Den. Pug Bung 'Burana' (not registered)	R&L Mann
Miscellaneous	Ascda. Susan Ong Ah Mooi	R&L Mann

Paph. Transvaal



Den. Matokotaki



Ctsm. Orchidglade '



Miltonia spectabilis var. *moreliana*?

Last week I said that I would write with regards to the change of *Milt. moreliana* from a variety of *spectabilis* to species status. Firstly I E/Mailed Dr Eric Christenson in U.S.A. asking the reason for it being so. Here is his reply, I quote “Dear Peter, I have mentioned it from time to time but I can’t claim any credit for the work. Brazilian botanists did a superb morphometric analysis that shows *Miltonia.moreliana* is amply distinct from *M. spectabilis* – far too many characteristics were analysed to even consider varietal or subspecific status. Not the least of which is a distinct non-overlapping flowering season. Glad to be of help, Eric.” end of quote.



Milt. moreliana

Originally plants were sent from Brazil to Messier G. Morel of Paris, in 1846. In 1858 Mr. A, Richards originally described it as *Miltonia.moreliana*



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in Morel’s honour, Arthur Renfrey reduced it to varietal status in 1861. It has been treated as such until 2002 when the aforementioned botanists have shown that it is best treated as a distinct species. The reason it received this status is the floral morphology and colour, its flowering time along with its geographical distribution. It has larger flowers with a larger lip and smaller column with the petals and sepals being a rich deep purple. *M. moreliana* is restricted to the northern area of Espirito Santo and the southern Bahia states in Brazil, in this region the flora is distinct, and it’s also found in the northern parts of the Orinoco Basin part of the Amazonas state in Venezuela. *M.*

moreliana flowers around 2 – 3 months earlier than *M. spectabilis* (personally I think it depends on your

bush house conditions in cultivation). By comparison *M. spectabilis* has smaller flowers and have pink to pinkish white sepals and petals; they flower on new growths whereas *M. moreliana* flowers on mature pseudobulbs.



Milt. spectabilis
var. *alba*

The genus *Miltonia* was named by Dr. John Lindley to honour Earl Fitzwilliam Viscount Milton, patron of horticulture during the 19th century and described it in 1837 or so it says in many articles the dates are conflicting but in reality this pretty little orchid won’t give a hoot when it was described as long as we give it its correct name, as I’m sure you will.

Did you know?

The word “samba” as in the Brazilian dance, is thought to come from an African term meaning “a blow struck with the belly button”.

The weight of all the insects on earth is twelve times greater than the weight of all the people on earth.

New Growers Report

On Saturday the 31st the new growers had the pleasure to have their meeting at the home of Bernie & Shirley Peters at Gracemere. On arrival we were greeted by Bernie & Shirley and invited to look over their beautiful gardens and orchid collection before enjoying afternoon tea.

The problem plant section started the meeting and the members who had their concerned plants looked at and answers given by the experienced members present.

The requested subject for the afternoon was on Bulbophyllums and a short talk and demonstration on the mounting of the species onto mounts was given myself and assisted by the experienced members present. My thanks to the members who helped in the presentation.

Bernie and Shirley had many bargain priced plants for sale on the afternoon giving the members a chance to add to their collections.

The afternoon raffle completed the afternoon giving many members additional plants to take home.

My sincere thanks to Bernie and Shirley for your invitation and kindness. Thanks to all who helped, including those who donated to the afternoon raffle. We all enjoyed the afternoon.

The next meeting will be held at the home of **Ken and Rosie Smith** on April 28th starting at 2 P.M. Their address is **92 Perrott Drive, Olive Estate, Rocky View**. Parking can be had at the rear of premises.

The usual plate for afternoon tea and a folding chair if possible.

Keith Marsden.

Trivia

Supposedly the first exotic orchid cultivated in England was *Bletia. veracunda*. In 1731 a dried specimen was sent from Providence Island in the Bahamas to a fellow of the Royal Horticulture Society, a Mr. Peter Collinson who was a noted patron of botany and horticulture. The corm seemed to still have some life left in it, which it did, being revived in the hot house of a neighbour; Admiral Sir Charles Wager and flowered the following year

The Dendrobium beetle not only attacks orchids but it also attacks sugar cane. The beetle's larvae burrows into the stalk of the plant. The major problem caused by the beetle is mainly noticed at the final testing of the sugar. The larvae's droppings when heated above 55 degrees Celsius produces a substance called flock. If too much flock is found the soft drink companies will not buy the sugar, because it causes the soft drink to become cloudy and it forms an unsightly sediment at the bottom of the bottle.



Ellie's Corner

Hello Everyone. I am typing my column over Easter and I am sure you are all enjoying yourselves with family and friends. By the time you receive this Newsletter another Autumn Show will have passed into the history of our Society. I am sure it will prove to be a great event and up to our standard of excellence.

I asked Dawn and Noel Barker for a story about their Asian holiday and the report follows in their own words. What an adventurous and fascinating time they enjoyed.

“Our Asian holiday started with three days in Singapore. It is becoming a really modern city with great architecture. Marina Sands building with the three pillars & boat platform on the top is amazing. Raffles for a Singapore Sling was on our must do list. We did the trip out to Santosa island on the “flyer”, rode the Singapore eye...the largest in the world & visited the Zoo for the night safari. The orchids were beautiful...in the airport, the orchid Gardens and arrangements in the Hotel foyers were just orchids & orchids.

We started our cruise on The Diamond Princess from Singapore. After two days at sea our first port of call was Bangkok. The buildings in Bangkok would be some of the most ornate in Asia.....with solid gold & precious gemstones.

Our next port was Ho Chi Minh City then Nha Trang, Vietnam. We arrived in Hong Kong at 6am ...did the tour to Victoria Peak, the Stanley markets, a cruise down the river on a sanpan then watched the laser light show from the centre city buildings at night. Back on the ship at midnight.

Next stop was Shanghai China then on to Nagasaki, Japan. We went to the museum

“Remembering the Atomic Bomb” built on ground zero then to the Monument of Peace .It was all so moving. Our last port was Bussan in South Korea.

Our 16 day cruise finished in Beijing. Six of us had travelled together from Rockhampton so had organised for a guide & driver to meet us at the Port The port is about 1 1/2 hours out of Beijing. We had our guide & driver for the next three days. Climbing the Great Wall was the highlight. We visited the Summer Palace, Tienanmen Square, traditional tea ceremonies & lots more. It was great to receive a phone call from Ellie while we were in The Summer Palace! The traffic in Beijing & most other Asian cities is chaotic to say the least...there are no road rules. The Silk & Pearl markets in Beijing are shopper’s paradise. We thoroughly enjoyed our trip. Noel & Dawn (Thank you Noel and Dawn for such a vivid account of your travels).

We have a number of new members to welcome into our Society. Mr. Gene Davies was born in Rockhampton, lived in Tasmania for 30 years and moved back to Rockhampton in recent years. He grew orchids in Tasmania, mainly cymbidiums, and now he is back in our tropical climate, is enjoying growing a wide variety of orchids.

Alan and Carol Hine moved to Moura for health reasons, and say that they are in seventh heaven as they have been able to create a garden there. Carol says it took two years and they have established a beautiful garden which they, their family, and friends greatly enjoy. There is a Garden Lovers’ Club at Moura and Alan and Carol are looking forward to hosting an afternoon at their residence in the near future. Alan started off with some bush orchids but, once he saw

some *Phalaenopsis* blooms, he was hooked! Now they both love orchids and Alan has built a green house. He also enjoys fishing and Carol loves gardening, scrap booking, and hand crafts. We warmly welcome these two happy and enthusiastic people to our Society.

Gloria Kane, who was a member of our Society many years ago, recently re-joined. Gloria and her husband, Allan have 2 sons and 5 grand children. Gloria loves playing mahjong and doing patchwork. She says “she has a lot of work to do on her orchids which have been sadly neglected!” I enjoyed reminiscing with her about good times we enjoyed in the past, and we look forward sharing more happy times in the future.

Clarry Smith underwent 5 heart by-passes at the Wesley Hospital in Brisbane on 23 March. He had previously had some tests at the Mater Hospital in Rockhampton and was sent on to Brisbane. I spoke with him on Easter Monday and he had just arrived home again on Easter Saturday. The doctors are pleased with his progress and he will be able to consult his cardiologist when he visits the Mater Hospital in Rockhampton thus avoiding tiring trips to Brisbane. He cannot drive a car for 7 weeks and must take great care of his health. Joan was not well enough to accompany him to Brisbane but their family members cared for her at home. Clarry has always loved music and has entertained guests at parties at our home – playing the spoons, the harmonica, bongo drums, puppet show and dancing dolls. He certainly livened up our parties!! He is well known around our City for entertaining at Senior Citizens and other groups. Clarry and Joan are greatly loved members of our Society with 22 years membership. I am sure our thoughts and prayers are with Clarry and Joan and family as he recovers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to those celebrating in May:
Lorraine Weaver (3): Ray Bills (6): Tom Robb (14): Ellie Dean (19):
Till next time, my love and prayers, *Ellie Dean*

Vale



Allan “Gillie” Gilmore
May you rest in peace old friend,
Condolences to Dianne & Family.

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No cheques please

Around the Shows in CQ



**John & Bethel Hughes Display
At the Boyne / Tannum Show
31st March – 1st April**



**Benched Orchids at Capricorn Orchid & Foliage
Club
31st March – 1st April**



**Benched Cattleyas at the Gladstone Orchid &
Foliage Society Show
April 6th – 8th**



**Best Exotic species
Psych. papilio
Grown by K & R Smith
Rocky Show 14th & 15th April**



Grand Champion at Rocky Show
Rlc. Donna Kimura
Grown by P & J Shelton



Reserve Champion at Rocky Show
Ctsm Hybrid
Grown by K&R Smith



Best Novice Orchid
Ascda. Yip Sum Wah
Grown by P & J Moore



Best Large Display
By P & J Shelton & K & R Smith



Best Small Display

Nat & Bob
Lahey



Best Specimen Orchid
Grown By B & S Peters
Den. Alice's Stewart Zierk

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Your Orchid Diary 2012

May 5th -6th Gympie
May 11th-13th Bundaberg
June 8th-10th TQOC Ingham Conference & Show
August 11-12th Childers & Isis District Orchid Society Spring Show
September 8-9th Rockhampton Orchid Society Spring Show
Sept 11th – 16th Aust Orchid Conference Perth
Sept 28-29th Glasshouse Orchid society Show

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