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Tuesday, 26/11/13
at 7.30pm

Plants to be tabled by
7.15pm

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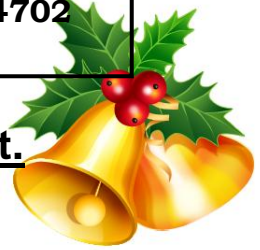
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Judges for the Meeting

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S. Peters

Christmas Party & Presentation Night.



This is the last of your 2013 Newsletters so I had best tell you of the forthcoming Christmas Party and presentation night.

The date is: - 1st December 2013

The venue is: - Frenchville sports club

Time: - Commencing 6 P.M. with pre dinner drinks and nibbles.

Cost: - \$20 per person – Club will subsidise the remainder of the evening or approximately \$20 per head. Payment at the door on the evening.

There will be the presentation of our annual trophies and prizes for the year.

There will be a free lucky door Christmas hamper.

A secret Santa to the value of \$15 – you bring a gift and get one in return.

The tables will be round tables of 10 people, so if you wish to get a group together and reserve a table please let Jeff Bloxson know. Final numbers will be required at our last meeting on November 26th.

So come along and enjoy a great evening with your fellow members.

Jeff Bloxson, President

Please note. *If you make a booking and don't attend, the onus is then on you.*



Notice to Members please assist with cleaning the hall after the meeting

The closing date for articles for the next newsletter are to be received by the 13th of January; articles received after this date will be included in the following month. Ed.

Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.
General Meeting Tuesday October 22/10/2013

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

New members: Marion Vloedmans, Dianne Osborne.

Lucky Member: 57 Jill Howes.

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

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OUT = Thank You to Webbers & Arthur Cotton,
.Moved Gloria Wakefield Second by Sharyn Frisch Carried.

Treasurers Report: No Report.

New Growers: Keith Marsden invited everyone to go to Maxine & Graham Maunder 184 Stamford St Please bring a plate for afternoon tea and a folding chair for you to sit on and enjoy the company of the other members. and a big Thank You to Pat & Owen March for having us at your house.

General Business: There will be no Orchids at the Bunnings Ladies Night, Don't forget the Cent Sale at Feez Street, Christmas breakup, cost of the dinner will be \$40.00. It was moved by Terry Ahern second by Ellie Dean that the members pay \$20.00 per head Carried.
With a secret Santa to the value at \$15.00. Ken & Rosie Smith have the Orchids for the prizes for the Raffle.

Plant Commentary: John Frisch Short and Sweet with lots of good information, thanks John.

Lucky exhibitor: Bob Lakey.

Raffle: Laurence Lucke, Terry Ahern, Terry Dean, Alan Nicholson, Terry Ahern, Bev Power.

Meeting closed: 9.00 pm.

Next Meeting: 26th November 2013

Jeff Bloxsom President

Gloria Wakefield Secretary



Monthly Competition Results. September 2013

(Plants tabled: Advanced 34:. Novice: 14)

Judges Choice

Lc. Mini Purple	T&E Dean
<i>Cym.</i> Australian Midnight	J&M Bloxsom
<i>Den.</i> Yuzuki 'Royal'	J&S Frisch

Refer to last months newsletter for the photos.

Popular Vote Advanced.

Cattleya over 75mm	<i>Lc.</i> Stephen Oliver Fouraker x <i>Dial.</i> Snowflake	J&S Frisch
Cattleya up to 75mm	<i>Ctt.</i> Scarlet Imp x <i>Ctna.</i> Why Not	J&S Frisch
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph.</i> Moustache	J&N Glover
Phalaenopsis	<i>Phal.</i> Mem. Sarah Robertson x <i>Dtps.</i> Chian Xen Pearl	T&M Handley
Species	<i>Den.</i> <i>pierardii</i>	J&M Bloxsom
Miscellaneous	<i>Cym.</i> Australian Midnight	J&M Bloxsom

Novice.

Cattleya	<i>Blc.</i> Darcy- Rose Campbell	T&N Craig
Vandaceous	<i>Ascda.</i> Thanadee x <i>V.</i> Doctor Anek	P&T Jenkinson
Dendrobium	<i>Den.</i> ??? 'Inky Blue'	T&N Craig
Miscellaneous	<i>Phal.</i> KV Golden Star	S.Rowcliffe

Monthly Competition Results. October 2013

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Judges Choice.

<i>Paph.</i> Saint Swithin	T&E Dean
<i>Phal.</i> I-Hsin Sunflower	T&M Handley
<i>Den.</i> <i>chrysotoxum</i>	J&S Frisch

Advanced

Cattleya	<i>Pot.</i> Twentyfour Carat x <i>Bc.</i> Donna Kimura	J&S Frisch
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph.</i> Saint Swithin	T&E Dean
Phalaenopsis	<i>Dtps.</i> I-Hsin Sun Beauty	B&N Lakey
Oncidiinae	<i>Onc.</i> Ruth's Rainbow	K&R Smith
Species	<i>Den.</i> <i>chrysotoxum</i>	J&S Frisch
Miscellaneous	<i>Epi.</i> <i>altissimum</i> x <i>Epi.</i> <i>alatum</i>	T&G Breingan

Novice.

Cattleya	<i>Jkf.</i> Appleblossom	R. Wines
Dendrobium	<i>Den.</i> Fraser's Mosaic Spiral = (<i>Den.</i> Carron Deb x <i>Den.</i> <i>tangerinum</i>)	S. Rowcliffe
Miscellaneous	<i>Brsdm.</i> Golden Gamine 'White Knight'	R&L Mann





Den. chrysotoxum



Phal. I-Hsin Sunflower



Paph. Saint Swithin

From Terry last month



Another lovely plant tabled at this meeting was listed as *Den. farmerii* var. *alba*. As stated at the time I did have doubts whether this name was correct. Following some research into the various forms and colour variations within this species I now accept the name on the label could be right.

Congratulations to Jeff and Norma Glover on having their plant of *Paphiopedilum Saint Swithin* awarded an Award of Merit (AM) and Award of Cultural Merit (ACM). The plant carried four inflorescences with seventeen flowers and one bud. Quite an achievement!

Terry Dean, Registrar.

New Growers Report.

The last new growers was held last Saturday at the home of Graham and Maxine Maunder. This was the final meeting for 2013 and now is the time to appreciate how fast the time has flown, seems like only a couple of months ago that we held the first meeting for the year.

The members on arrival had the pleasure of each others company whilst enjoying the beautiful gardens Graham and Maxine have, they have put a lot of work into their large allotment and it certainly pays dividends - beautiful.

Afternoon tea was taken next and while seated the members were addressed by the president Jeff regarding the forthcoming Christmas function. (See page 1)

The trouble plant was next on the agenda giving members with concerns to discuss their problems with the experienced growers present.

We then talked about the watering of orchids and discussed other interesting articles from past Orchid Australia publications.

The afternoon raffle completed the meeting giving the lucky ones some nice plants to add to their collection.

Thank you Graham and Maxine for a very nice afternoon and thank you to all those that donated to the raffle and to all the members who allowed us to use their place as a venue to them we say a big thank you, to you all who attend these meetings, thanks for making the new growers so enjoyable again this year.

The final get together is the barbeque at Terry and Gwen's, as this happy event will be over by the time you read this, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Terry and Gwen on behalf of all the members for giving us the chance to complete 2013 at their place.

Keith Marsden

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Merry Christmas from the
editors

Paphiopedilum Ladies Slipper Orchids

There are just over 60 species in Asia – and nowhere else. The number of hybrids is much greater. The orchid lover should only attempt to obtain cultivated Paph' plants in order to preserve the wild forms in their natural habitats. The cultivated forms have a greater advantage anyway in that they are much more resilient consequently grow better. Paph's are mainly terrestrial, although a few are also lithophytic and epiphytic. They live in both the lowest levels of the forest (jungle) and up to levels of 2,000 m (6500 ft). Most of them, however, are to be found in monsoon regions with alternating climatic phases. The inhabitants of cooler regions usually possess fresh green leaves; those in warmer climates have marbled leaves. Each leaf rosette only ever produces one single flower shoot. After flowering only leaf rosettes will grow out of the leaf axils. The first Paphiopedilum orchid, a *Paphiopedilum. insigne.* arrived in Europe from the Himalayas in 1819.

Origin: Tropical and sub tropical Asia.

Temperature Range: Warm to temperate – (Trace your plants history, then treat accordingly)

Flowering Time: Varies, according to species or hybrid.

Colour of flowers: White, yellow, green, brown, purple, flecked, spotted or tiger striped.

Position: Semi – shade during the summer, bright during the winter, never sunny.

Required temperature: Indoor temperatures all year round, cooler at night. Around 25c (77F) during the day in the summer, around 15c (59F) during the winter. During early autumn, after the shoots have finished forming, keep them cooler for 2 or 3 weeks at night and sunny during the day.

Watering: Ensure that the plants are moderately but evenly moist. (I'm inclined to let mine dry out for a short time before watering) In the warmer months try not to get water in the apex as they are very susceptible to rot. The method I use (whether it be right or wrong) is on starting to water the bush house, water the Paph's first then water the rest of the plants returning to do the Paph's again, this ensures a moist mix is obtained. A light misting keeps the humidity high but do it only lightly.

Fertilising: Mid spring to early autumn, every 3 weeks. (Only use a very weak mix.)

Repotting: Every 2 years, with utmost care as the roots are very delicate. (Some growers advocate every 6 months.) The experts tell you NO SLOW RELEASE. I don't use it I rely on organics – weak.

Medium: Use an open draining mix but one that will keep moist without getting wet. My mix is 25% small bark, 25% medium bark, 25% charcoal of equivalent size to small bark, 25% jumbo perlite.

Propagation: From division, the plant usually falls apart when it is ready to be divided but they thrive as a clump and will grow better if left undivided. (Beware the use of the knife, can be fatal.)

Pest and Diseases: Spider Mites are a problem if you allow them to build up they can be hard to get rid of. Scale can be a problem but rarely. Bud burst is the main problem I've encountered caused by leaving water in the apex.

My Tip: Paphiopedilum orchids love tiny pinches of lime; I also give mine Epsom salts and condies crystals at 1gram per litre.

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Ellie's Corner

Hello everyone. Welcome to the November edition of Ellie's Corner.

Our President Jeff Bloxsom and his wife Marilyn recently had a 13 night cruise on the Sea Princess around New Zealand. This was their first trip to New Zealand. Marilyn

said the food and service were simply wonderful and they enjoyed meeting many friendly and interesting people with whom they were cruising. A highlight was Rotorua with its thermal pools and they enjoyed seeing lavender and tulips growing everywhere. Another highlight was the Winter Garden in Auckland which was filled with masses of plants and flowers. Marilyn recently travelled to Brisbane for her niece's wedding and to see family members. The day of the wedding was Marilyn's 60th Birthday on November 2nd and special mention of this significant occasion was made at the wedding and Marilyn said she had a great time. Happy Birthday from us all to a lovely lady.

Our esteemed Treasurer, Bill Richardson, underwent a heart triple by-pass operation in Brisbane on 11 October. He is now progressing well and walking half an hour each morning and each afternoon (as per doctor's orders). He and Moyna are looking forward to catching up with us all at our Christmas Party.

Two ladies (66) joined at our last meeting. They are sisters – Marion Vloedmans and Diane Osborne. Diane is a registered nurse at the Base Hospital. She was given an orchid last year and came to our Spring Show and bought some more. She loves patchwork and tapestry and dabbling in artistic things. Marion is at present staying with Diane and has been her carer for the past few months. She has always loved gardening and is becoming more interested in the cultivation of orchids. We warmly welcome you both.

Rodney and Kathy Russell joined at the New Growers' Afternoon on 26th October. Rod said they are getting a collection together and have bought orchids from growers and the Kern Arcade Markets. They have a daughter, Angela. Rod is a truck driver and Kathy works in the nursery section at Bunnings. Prior to that she spent 34 years at Fitzroy Nurseries so she will be able to give us all good advice about plants. Rod enjoys going fishing.

Kerry and Don Ellis also joined our Society at the New Growers' Afternoon. Don's brother used to grow orchids and Don became interested too. Don works at the Mines at Blackwater and Kerry is a home maker. Don loves cars and is very proud of his 1955 Chevrolet. Kerry is very interested in animal welfare and has chooks, budgies, and guinea pigs!!
Birthday greetings to Jenny Moore who celebrates her 60th Birthday on 22nd November. Jenny is a lovely bright and helpful lady, and has served on the Committee this year. To celebrate this significant Birthday Jenny and her husband Peter are travelling to Singapore for a week's holiday. They will be accompanied by Jenny's sister and her husband (who is Peter's brother). Sounds complicated? Two brothers married two sisters! They will all certainly have a wonderful time.

As this will be my last Ellie's Corner until 2014, Terry and I would like to wish you all a joyful festive time and safe travelling if you are holidaying over this period. "May the joy that comes from living Christmas every day be yours in the coming year".

My love and prayers

Ellie

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Your Orchid Diary 2013

This year's shows have finished in our area so until they start again in 2014 this (66) will remain like me, blank. Ed.

- 2014 TQOC Atherton
- 2015 TQOC Mackay

