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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 23/10/12
at 7.30pm

Plants to be tabled by
7.15pm

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Judges for the Meeting

J.Glover, J.Shelton

B.Hilse, B McArthur.

**Notice to
Members
PLEASE assist
with cleaning**

Editors notes,

When you have placed your plants on the benches and done the necessary bookwork, would you please step back so Terry and other exhibitors have room to operate, with people standing at the benches it makes a hard job harder. Thank you in anticipation.

Dates to remember:

October 27th at Billseys. Sausage sizzle, 2 guest speakers, names of those attending to Jeff next meeting.

November 17th B.B.Q. At Breingans. B.Y.O.

Field day at Bundy 9th/ 10th March 2013. Book early.

Golden Orchid Spectacular. Gympie. June 8th/9th 2013.

Summers on the way.

Weather is warming up so keep a close eye on your watering regime, as we know the orchids that we grow most of (Cattleyas) like to dry out before they are put to rest at night but I am a little wary of this. Remember our wet season of 2010; I don't think my orchids dried out for weeks on end but it was not to their detriment, admittedly flowering was a non event yet they flourished, they put on new growths, psuedobulbs were fat and everything taken into account were pretty good so maybe we are a bit scared of over watering. Maybe it would be an idea to put a couple of sacrificial plants to the test. I know our water quality (putting aside what the so called experts say) leaves a lot to be desired; still it's the best we've got. If you pot in the traditional black plastic pot, take notice on the outside of the pot there is a white stain appearing, I wonder what that is?

Till next time good growing

Pete & June

General Meeting

Tuesday 25/9/2012

Attendance: As per register.

Apologies: As per register.

New members: Diane & Rod McKenzie, John & Gladys Dahler, Paul Steer & Monique Teche, Lorraine Rutherford.

Lucky Number: 13 - John & Frisch.

Minutes: Of previous monthly meeting approved as correct and accurate, moved Ellie Dean, second Bernie Peters Carried.

Correspondence: In= Newsletters, Bundaberg O.S., Toowoomba O.S., Blackwater & District O & F Club., Caboolture O.S., Rockhampton H.S. Nambour Orchid News., Mid-Murray Orchid Club, Mackay & District O.S., Maryborough District O.S., Capricorn O & F Club., Gladstone O & F Soc., Orchid news N.S.W., Nightcliff O.S., Redcliff District O.S., The Sunshine Coast O.S., Caloundra O.S. Pioneer O & Plant Ass.

Big Colour Works, Aon Insurance, City Printing Works, C.Q. Party Hire, The Rock, Maroochydore O.S.

Out: Moved Gloria Wakefield, Second Sandra Rowcliffe. Carried

Treasurer's report: Read and moved by Bill Richardson, second Diane Hughes Carried

New growers: Keith Marsden invited every one to go to the coast to Trevor & Marg Handley Then onto Noel & Dawn Barker. 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: Peter Shelton moved second by Bernard Hilse that Arthur & Lorraine Cotton be given honorary membership; Terry Dean spoke against this Ellie Dean also spoke against this. Motion lost. Letter of thanks to Arthur Cotton, Doug Webber and Alice & Stuart Zierk I have been asked to write a letter to Bunnings re sponsoring our show next year. We then went on to talk about the Cent Sale that is coming up.

Plant Commentary: John Frisch Not many plants but those that were there were good quality. Short and Sweet with lots of good information, thanks John.

Lucky exhibitor: Marg Hadley.

Raffle; Peter Shelton, Dianne Hughes, (2) Rosemarie Wines, (2), Jenny Moore, Bernard Hilse, Marg Hadley, Jeff Bloxsom. Jan Hogan, Joy Dwyer.

Meeting closed: 9.30 pm.

Next Meeting: 23 rd October 2012

Jeff Bloxsom **President**

Gloria Wakefield **Secretary**

Monthly Competition Results September 2012.

(Plants tabled: Advanced 45: Novice 16 :)

Judges Choice

Blc. Glorious May
Paph. Hung Sheng Web
Cym. Radiant Ruby

K&R Smith
J&N Glover
T&E Dean

Popular Vote: Advanced

Cattleya over 75mm
Cattleya up to 75mm
Dendrobium
Paphiopedilum
Phalaenopsis
Species
Miscellaneous

Blc. Glorious May
Lc. Fire Gem
Den. Christmas Chime x *Den.* Isochidori
Paph. Hung Sheng Web
Phal. Nobby's Amy
Den. *lindleyi*
Gp. Micro Burst

K&R Smith
J&S Frisch
J&S Frisch
J&N Glover
B&N Lakey
W&M Richardson
K&R Smith

Popular Vote: Novice

Cattleya
Dendrobium
Miscellaneous

C. Lynn Spencer
Den. Farmerii- Thyriflorum
Dtps. Hsinying Downtown

T&M Handley
R.Wines
T&M Handley



Cym. Radiant Ruby



Blc. Glorious May



Paph. Hung Sheng Web

Hints For New Growers.

Learn Basic Good Culture:

An average orchid, well grown, will give you better flowers than a fine variety poorly grown. When breeding is set for a particular plant it can't be changed. Only the full potential for that plant can be developed thru' good culture. As simple as it may sound, learn how to water the various genera, learn how to feed and adjust the light. Do NOT be continually experimenting with new mixes, feeding procedures and all sorts of techniques until you have learned the basics. Develop a good relationship with a grower whose opinions you respect and who has demonstrated his skills. Listen to him. Wait until you have proven for yourself that you have mastered the basics of good culture before you start out to revolutionize the orchid world.

Provide Proper Growing Facilities:

A greenhouse or bush house is best. Don't try raising orchids under adverse conditions unless it is absolutely necessary. It is "putting the cart before the horse" if you spend money on orchid plants before you have proper facilities. This may sound like heresy to commercial orchid growers. More plants will follow if you are successful with your first ones.

Watch for "Creeping Obsolence":

An orchid collection is forever changing. Your interests don't remain the same. What you liked yesterday will not be your favorite tomorrow. As you build your collection, you will find your tastes become more refined and selective. Realise that you have just so much space, time, energy and money to spend. Get the most satisfaction and pleasure from your orchids. If you have plants which you know are diseased or not doing well, get rid of them. Good orchid plants are no longer expensive. Make sure that every plant produces well and gives you the blooms you desire. If you have Cattleys, count the leaves on a mature plant. (26) How many have out of this total have flowered? Most should have, otherwise the plant is a non-blooming boarder. Do you have a plant which won't flower though you are determined to make it do so? Give it a fair trial under varying conditions. If it still doesn't flower, get rid of it. There are other plants waiting to take its place. Do you have plants which flower well for you but which has inferior flowers? You have divided it now you have a dozen plants of the same type. Give some away to someone who is starting, or as gift plants. Make room for better quality plants. Keep upgrading your collection and you will get more pleasure from it.

Learn About Disease Identification and Pest Control:

Learn aseptic technique. I can't tell you here how to identify virus and other diseases in orchids. There are excellent books on the subject in your library. I can suggest you realize that orchids have certain diseases which can be spread. What a shame to have a beautiful and perhaps expensive orchid become infected with virus merely because you didn't learn about virus prevention. Learn basic pest control. Common orchid scale is so easily identified and eradicated with modern insecticides. Learn what a Red Spider looks like and be on the alert for it. How often beautiful flowers are eaten by slugs and snails and yet there are so many effective baits available. As for aseptic technique, do not cut your plant until you have sterilized your cutting tool, There are good chemical sterilizers available.

Buy Good Stock:

Don't be "penny wise and pound foolish" by trying to fill your bush house too quickly and too cheaply. You get what you pay for. Good orchids are no longer expensive. There are many reputable growers who have seedlings of excellent breeding, as well as flowering size plants or divisions, which cost very little. A collection of fine types can be so much rewarding.

Learn About Names and Watch Your Labeling:

You will get so much more pleasure if you know a little bit about orchid names. How are orchids named? How are they registered? Learn what makes an Lc. a Blc. and the various types of other

orchids. Keep your plants well labeled. It is a sad sight to go into a collection and see names worn off the tags, or the tags completely missing. A plant without identity loses most of its value.

Beware of Gift Plants:

This is related to several of the other categories. If you are just starting, beware of the plant your neighbour gave you which he could not flower. Be sure the gift given to you is a plant worthy of your attention. Most plants which you win at you Society's drawings are of excellent quality and from a reputable grower. However beware of plants donated by a well meaning amateur who is not aware of disease or other conditions.

Specialise:

Orchidology is vast and varied. There are many fields of endeavour. The basic rule is to grow what you like. You may get great satisfaction in having nothing but the finest selected or awarded types in your collection. You may wish to specialize in Cymbidiums, Cattleyas, Paphiopedilums, Phalaenopsis, or some other genera. There can be a never ending delight. You may want to fill your bush house with nothing but species.

Build a Good Library:

You will get from your orchids in direct relationship to your knowledge of what you are doing. There are so many questions to be answered that a good library is invaluable. You can go as far as you wish here, depending on how much of a bibliophile you might be. A few of the basic books might be all that is needed.

This article was in my storage file, where it came from or who wrote it I do not know, but we are, I'm sure, grateful to him or her. Ed.

Nomenclature – The language of Orchids.

We notice there is still a bit of confusion as to what is a species and what is not, also how do we write it on the tag. I shall endeavour to explain it to you in layman's terms.

If the tag on the orchid you have just purchased or you have in your collection is written thus –

C Skinneri var alba "Pendentive"

This is WRONG – C - Should be underlined, followed by a full stop.

This is WRONG - Skinneri – Should be all lower case & underlined.

This is RIGHT – var – (for variety) is always in Roman letters & NOT underlined.

This is WRONG – alba (meaning white) should be lower case & underlined.

This is WRONG – "Pendentive" is a clonal name usually given to a special cultivar should be in **single** quotation marks.

Hand written it should look like this –

C. skinneri var alba 'Pendentive'

Or if you are writing it on a computer –

C. skinneri var *alba* 'Pendentive'

I have used the white *Cattleya. skinneri* only as an example, you might have many species in your collection some without clonal names & some with or they might have no varieties, in that case you only put – *C. skinneri* on the tag.

Your tag has – C. skinneri ‘You Beaut’ x C. skinneri ‘Profusion’ – it then **remains** a species.

If your tag has multiple crosses check them out it may save a lot of writing if you intend benching the plant. e.g. –

Rlc. Doris x C. Bonanza (or the likes) check it out & you will find it is – Rlc. Dorbon

If you find it isn’t registered it remains as written.

If your tag has a **hybrid** crossed with a **species**. e.g.

Rlc. Erin Kobayashi x B. nodosa – it is a **hybrid** registered as Rby.Don Pepe

Oh, by the way an Rby is a *Rhynchobrassoleya*. Sorry but these new names are too good for me as well. I know some of you don’t bother with nomenclature but if you try after a while it becomes a natural thing. Like pronunciation but that’s another story.

Some rules you need to know –

Only species can have varieties.

All plants names **must be** registered otherwise they remain **unknown**.

Do not ever give a plant a name without registering it.

A registered name of a hybrid may **not have** more than **3** parts. e.g. **Mary Ann Barnett**.

The registered name of a hybrid must **never** be written in italics.

The **name / names** used in a registered name **must never** be abbreviated, e.g. **Mount** Hood not **Mt** Hood, except for the abbreviation to indicate the hybrid is named after a person who has passed away, e.g. **C. Mem.** Crispin Rosales, or in the case of a registered name starting with **Mrs**, e.g. **Milt. Mrs.** Crumm.

Don’t forget our SOCIETY - STORE (members only)

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49222637 Barry & Faye English

Hours of Business: 8am -12 – 2- 5pm (Closed: ‘Thursdays’ and ‘Lunchtime’ each day)

No cheques please

New Growers Report

On Saturday the 29th the new growers had the pleasure of a trip to Yeppoon to have their meeting. Unfortunately for the first time in the last 33 years I was unable to make it due to ill health. Thankfully our members took over the reins and everyone had a good time. My thanks to Barry, Fay, Ted and Jeff for your efforts and to all those who helped in making the meeting as successful as it was.

I phoned Trevor, Marg, Noel and Dawn to offer my apologies and promised to visit them in the near future.

Everyone who attended the meeting that I have spoken to said that it was very enjoyable.

The next meeting will be held at the home of **Ray and Gay Bills at 143 Emmerson Drive Glenlee**. Ray and Gay have kindly offered their place for this meeting that involves two guest speakers, Mr Steven Fay from Townsville who will speak on Phalaenopsis orchids and Mr John Green from Gympie who will talk on Dendrobiums. Both of these speakers are very well respected members of the orchid growing world and we are very lucky to have them visit us. Thanks to Ken and Rosalie Smith for organizing this, we would be one of the very few Societies that have had this opportunity.

The meeting will commence at **11 A.M.** this will give the members a chance to enjoy Ray and Gay's extensive collection of orchids and to share the company of fellow members before the start of the afternoon. The Society will have a sausage sizzle starting at approximately **11.30** and numbers attending please let Jeff know so catering can be arranged.

Bring a folding chair and a plate for afternoon tea as usual. This afternoon will most likely go later than usual. We will draw the raffle at afternoon tea time between speakers.

Any one who has ordered plants from Steven, could you please pick them up from him before the start of the first lecture. We will arrange a spot in the shade to keep the plants for the afternoon.

The end of year B.B.Q. is being held at the home of **Terry and Gwen Breingan** again this year on **Saturday the 17th of November** starting at approximately **5 P.M.** As in the past years you bring your own food and drinks, a folding chair plus a small table if possible also a gift for the free raffle would be appreciated. The barbeques are supplied by Terry and Gwen, you cook your own.

Look forward to seeing you at both venues.

Keith Marsden

Free – To give away - Free

One pump – 240 volt with 200 Litre drum and fittings, pump has not been used for 18 months could need some work on it. Ring 49226889 or see the Editor.



Ellie's Corner

Hello everyone.

We have had an influx of new members to welcome to our Society recently. Mrs Meryl Dyer came to Rockhampton in May from India where she used to grow orchids. Her sister took her to the

Markets here and she bought an orchid and, enough said, she now has a small collection! She has a son and daughter-in-law and 2 grand daughters aged 13 and 9 who live in England. She told me she had a passion for orchids and loves all forms of gardening. She also said "the wilder the garden the better". She is a lovely bright lady.

Patricia March and her husband Owen are also new members. They have 5 sons and 10 grand sons and 4 grand daughters and 6 great grand sons. What a lovely family. Two sons live in Rockhampton and the others live away but they all keep in close touch. Pat told me she has always loved orchids and when she met Jan Rawlings at a Patchwork Group, Jan invited her to come along and join our Society. Pat loves patchwork (she used to teach it) and she has made many beautiful quilts. We welcome her.

Dianne and Rod MacKenzie recently became members. Dianne enjoys coming along to our Shows and wants to learn more about the cultivation of orchids. Dianne is a registered nurse at the Mater Hospital and Rod is self employed. They have three children – a married daughter and son-in-law and 2 grand children in Brisbane, and a son and daughter in Sydney (not married). Dianne loves gardening and sewing.

We also welcome Mrs Marion Kehl who has two children, a boy and a girl and 6 grand children. She has been attending our Shows for many years and says she really enjoys her orchid collection and is keen to gain more knowledge about their care. She also loves her roses and gerberas and tells me she "lives in her garden". There is definitely not a better place to be than in one's orchid house and garden!

Mrs Lorraine Rutherford is another new member. She recently moved back to Rockhampton after 20 years in Port Douglas. She used to attend the various Orchid Shows in the north (Mossman etc.). She has a small orchid collection and is looking forward to gaining more information about their care. She is an avid shell collector and volunteers once a week at Shell World in Yeppoon. She has a son and a daughter and 3 grand sons in Rockhampton and naturally moved back to be close to family.

Jeff and Marilyn Bloxsom's gorgeous little grand daughter Lilly Russell was baptised at St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday 16th September. It was a beautiful service and Lilly behaved perfectly. She wore a christening robe that had been worn by six generations of Marilyn's family. Marilyn's great great grand mother had made it in 1876. Lilly's mother Renee changed Lilly into a little Princess outfit for the Morning Tea. Lilly has a beautiful smile and she certainly looked like a little Princess.

Happy Birthday to those celebrating in November: Allan Kane 11th; Wayne Henney 20th; Lorraine Carter and Beryl Ledwy 21st; Peter Shelton 22nd; Chris Hewitt 27th.

Bye till next time. My love and prayers. *Ellie Dear*

Recently awarded Orchids



Blc Dal's Passion



Bulb. lobbii



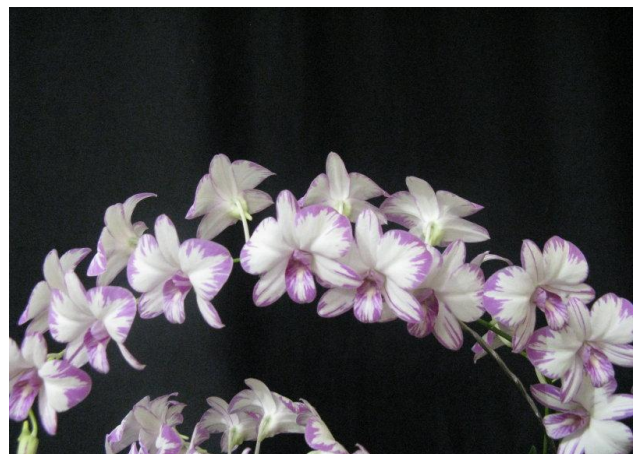
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Rth Mem Warren Eggins



Paph Angel Hair



D. Frasers Blue

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Your Orchid Diary 2012

Sat 6th/7th October Hervey Bay Orchid Soc
Sat 13th/14th October Bribie Island O & F Soc
26th/27th October Nambour Orchid Soc (Species Show)

2013 STOCQ Orchidfest Gympie
2014 TQOC Atherton
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