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MEETINGS

Committee Meeting

This is held on the first Tuesday of the month (Sep 1st) at the Bribie Island Bowls Club on Welsby Parade, Bongaree. The meeting commences at 1 pm. Just a reminder - any financial member may attend the Committee Meetings.

Cultural Meeting

Held on the fourth Tuesday of the month (Aug 25th) at the Ningi Community Hall on Bribie Island Rd. The meeting begins at 1.30 pm. Gary Yong Gee will be the guest speaker in August-not to be missed.

New Growers' Meeting

Held on the last Saturday of the month (Aug 29th) at the Church of Christ hall on the cnr of Foley Street & Fifth Ave. The meeting begins at 1.30 pm. The bus trip to Logan will replace the normal meeting in August.



DATE CLAIMERS / SHOWS

Caboolture Show

We ended up with enough plants to dress our stand and even came away with some ribbons.

Congratulations to the following succesful members:

D&M Neldner – a first for *Cym. Iridioides* and second for *Coel.speciosa*

Agnes Linsen-Perez – second for *Lyc. Wylfire Superba*

I&F McLaren – second for *Rhv. Colmarie*

M&F Wheeler – first for *Angcm.eburneum superbum*

M&V Anderson – first for *Onc.maculatum*

And Jean Corney scored two firsts in Floral Art

Thank you to all who contributed plants for the display.

Maroochydore Show

This is the next show in which our society participates. This show only requires a small display of 20 plants. Other plants can be benched. Set up will take place around 4.30pm on the 7th (Friday).

Anyone requiring labels needs to advise Mel by the Wed evening preceeding.

Calendar

Aug 8-9	Maroochydore OS show at community centre in Millwell Rd. Set up 7 th .
Aug 27	Seniors Expo at RSL. BIOS participates.
Aug 29	Bus Trip-Logan and District Orchid Show
Sep 4-5	Nambour OS show in Uniting Church hall Donaldson Rd
Sep 8-13	18 th Aust Orchid Council Conference and Show, Werribee
Sep 11-13	QOS Open Show at Mt Cootha. Plants to be benched by 7.30pm on 10 th .
Sep 18-19	Noosa OFS show at RSL hall in Maple St Cooroy
Sep 17-19	Maryborough District OS show. Set up 16 th .
Sep 26	BIOS birthday dinner at RSL for all recent birthdays (ie Aug/Sep/Oct). Start time 6.00pm.
Oct 2-3	Glasshouse Country OS show at community hall Peachester Rd, Beerwah. Set up 1 st .
Oct 10 -11	Bribie Island OS "Bribie Orchid Bonanza" at Bribie Island SHS. Set up 9th.
Oct 17-18	Bus Trip - Boonah Orchid Show
Nov 7	STOCQ meeting hosted by Childers and Isis
Nov 24	BIOS Xmas Party



PLANNED BUS TRIPS FOR 2009

Saturday, 29th August a Bus Trip to **Logan and District Orchid Show** with a special invitation and discount to New Growers. We will leave Woorim at 7am with our first stop to be at the Pine Rivers Orchid Show at The Deception Bay Shopping Centre before proceeding on to the Logan and District Orchid show where we will have morning tea as soon as we get there. Afterwards, we will proceed to the Logan Sporting Club for lunch. After lunch, a visit to a member's green house there before returning home to Bribie Island. The all-inclusive cost is \$30, and \$25 to all New Growers. Please make bookings with Judith Carleton on 34100789 and payments to Ian Mc Laren as I (Diann Sirett) will be away until 29th July.

NOTE-Di is back and cracking the whip! She URGENTLY needs more people for this trip to make it viable.

Also any desirable plants or gifts for the rolling raffle would be appreciated.

October 17th & 18th a bus trip to **Boonah Orchid Show**. This will be an over-night trip. Prices and details in a future newsletter.

There's too much blood in my caffeine system.



OTHER HAPPENINGS

8-13 Sept 2009, AOC conference & show at Werribee Events & Leisure Centre (west of Melbourne.) Hosted by Marybynong OS.

26 Sept-6 Oct 2009, 'An Orchid Lovers Tour of Borneo', hosted by Wayne Harris. Organised by Go See Tours. Cost from \$3300.

24/25 Oct 2009, Gympie Society is organising a 2 day Bus tour to Northern NSW with visits to nurseries and an overnight stay in Ballina. Other societies have been invited to join the tour. If interested contact John Rees or Jim Evans on 54822574 and 54826962 or email : lavina.rees@bigpond.com.au. Cost for bus is \$65 and motel approx \$120 double.

Queen's birthday weekend 12-14 June, 2010 is the STOCQ "Golden Orchidfest" hosted by Sunshine Coast, OS Caloundra Inc. at the Kawana Lakes Community Centre.

Women who seek to be equal to men lack ambition.



JUDY'S JOTTINGS

Hip Hip Horray!!! Our building approval has finally come through. Now our dear Secretary can re-do the two Grant applications AGAIN!!

Last month John Stokes, Agnes Linsen-Perez and I attended the Pine Rivers meeting. Quest speaker, Gary Yong Gee talked about many of the Species that were benched. Remember Gary is our Guest speaker for our August Meeting - a meeting not to be missed.

July's Cultural meeting was full of surprises. Some old faces, Vic and Judith Horton, Pam Board and Judith Cheatham were a welcome sight. Our Patron, Caryn Sullivan paid a surprise visit. She presented two awards. The first was Life Membership to Merv and Val Anderson whilst Joan Venz received an Award of Appreciation for all of her years as editor of our Bulletin.

The R.S.L. is the venue for this years Senior Expo on Aug. 27th. It's well worth a visit, as there is so much information available for all of us as we age. See you there. Judy



CULTURAL MEETING

There was a good roll up of 38 to the July meeting. It was nice to see some long-standing members, who haven't been able to make it recently, turn up incl. Joan Venz, Judith Cheatham, Pam Board and Vic and Judith Horton from Gympie. Caryn Sullivan, our Patron, was also there.

Caryn presented Life Membership to Merv and Val Anderson and also two grower of Year awards to members who weren't in attendance at our AGM. These were to Janet Watson for Novice Any Hybrid and Ro Clyne for Novice Native.

Merv and Val's recognition is well-deserved. Just to mention some of their contributions since joining our society on 26/5/1998.

- ❖ **Merv** has co-ordinated the New Grower's Group for several years and still 'fills in' from time to time (like last month)
- ❖ has taken responsibility for the Plant Sales Tables at the shows since????
- ❖ makes 'home calls' for those members and community folk who request help.
- ❖ has prepared information sheets for meetings which have since been reproduced in bulletins and on the website.
- ❖ sets up displays at other societies' shows
- ❖ collects plants from members for other societies' shows

- ❖ **Val** has been Convener for many years
- ❖ is now part of the Catering Committee
- ❖ makes items for Craft Stall at shows
- ❖ co-ordinates the Christmas Parties each year as well as other celebrations we hold
- ❖ makes 'special cakes' for member's special occasions such as 90th Birthdays, 50th Anniversaries etc
- ❖ sews and knits for the Cambodia Project for Bribie Island High School Students
- ❖ organises raffle days leading up to shows
- ❖ organises rosters for various activities

and they are both always there at every meeting, show and celebration that they can.

Joan Venz was also presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for her sterling effort in editing our Bulletin for the last 6 years or so..

The guest speaker was Dean Stibbe who gave a very informative presentation about Wills and Power of Attorney and other legal matters.



JULY BENCHING RESULTS

Cattleya	1st (Plant Name)	1st	2nd	3rd
Exhibition	<i>Blc.</i> George King " 'Serendipity'	J&B Hopgood	S.Maller	S.Maller
Miniature/compact	<i>Sc.</i> Fairyland Pink	J&B Hopgood	T&B Pritchard	J.Cheatham
Novelty	<i>Epicat.</i> Renee Marquis	J&B Hopgood	M&V Anderson	M&V Anderson
Species	<i>L.blumensheinii</i>	A.Linsen-Perez		
Dendrobium				
Spat/intermediate	<i>Den.</i> Mem Kp McKillop x <i>canaliculatum</i>	W&J Corney	I&F McLaren	
Vandaceous				
Over 60mm	V.Taveesuka x Chindavat x Jimmy Miller	I&F McLaren		
Other	<i>Rhv.</i> Colmarie	I&F McLaren		
Species	<i>Rhy.gigantea</i> 'Red'	M&F Wheeler	M&F Wheeler	W&J Corney
Phalaenopsis				
Any Type	<i>Phal.</i> Orchid World	M&F Wheeler	M&F Wheeler	J&J Stokes
Paphiopedilum				
Any Other	<i>Paph.</i> Leeanum	J&J Stokes	S.Maller	
Oncidium				
Any Other	<i>Onc.</i> Twinkle	T&B Pritchard	T&B Pritchard	T&B Pritchard
Other Alliance	<i>Colm.</i> Wildcatt	J.Cheatham	W&J Corney	
Miscellaneous				
Hybrid	<i>Zygo.</i> Lois	J&B Hopgood		
Species	<i>Den.</i> lawesii var.bicolor	A.Linsen-Perez	A.Linsen-Perez	
Cymbidium				
Any	<i>Cym.</i> Rum Runner x Doctor Baker	J&B Hopgood		
Aust Natives				
Species	<i>Den.</i> loressae	A.Linsen-Perez		
Hybrid/Nat other	<i>Den.</i> Hilda Poxon	J&B Hopgood	J.Carleton	J&BHopgood
Terrestrial	<i>Ludisia discolor</i>	W&J Corney		
Novice				
Cattleya any type	<i>Bl.</i> Yellowbird	C&I Macqueen	J&G Watson	L.Binnie
Hybrid any other	<i>Howeara</i> Lava Burst	C&I Macqueen	C&I Macqueen	C&I Macqueen
Species	<i>Pleurochallis Phalangifera</i>	C&I Macqueen	C&I Macqueen	C&I Macqueen
Native	<i>Diuris palustris</i>	C&I Macqueen	C&I Macqueen	
Foliage				
Bromeliad	Neo.Ruby Rose	P.Board	P.Board	J&G Watson
Tillandsia	<i>Tillandsia stricta</i>	T&B Pritchard	M&V Anderson	C&I Macqueen
Foliage other	<i>Aglaonema</i>	M&V Anderson	D.Haupt	



- ❖ **Popular vote (Orchid)** – *Rhy.gigantea* – M&F Wheeler
- ❖ **Popular vote (Foliage)** – *Tillandsia stricta* – T&B Pritchard
- ❖ **Judges' choice** – *Rhy.gigantea* – M&F Wheeler
- ❖ **Novice of the month** – C&I Macqueen
- ❖ **Judges were:** Mel Wheeler, Agnes Linsen-Perez, Tom Davis, John Hopgood John Stokes
- ❖ **Raffle** – Pam Board 1st (Thanks to Carolyn Macqueen for donating a painting as a raffle prize).



OTHER MEETING REPORTS

Committee Meeting

This months meeting was quite a long one. It was nice to have Gerry and Helen van Dinter in attendance as well as most committee members.

Some of the more important topics covered were:

- ❖ **A REMINDER TO MEMBERS THAT CLAUSE 7 OF OUR SHOW RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY REQUIRES THAT ALL BENCHED PLANTS MUST REMAIN IN PLACE UNTIL AFTER THE PRESENTATIONS.**
- ❖ New member application from **Jim Porter** of Burpengary has been accepted. He is a new grower and we trust that all our members will make him welcome.
- ❖ Our **website** has now all been reformatted preparatory to inclusion in the State Archives.
- ❖ Change in make-up of fruit **raffle prizes**.
- ❖ **Xmas Party** first raffle prize will be a wrought iron stand with orchid. Members are encouraged to bring along good quality plants and gifts for the rolling raffle. Something you would like to win yourself please.
- ❖ **Bribie Orchid Bonanza**-discussion re catering for judges dinner and promotion materials were circulated for discussion.
Carryn Sullivan, our Patron, has kindly asked to sponsor the Grand Champion Prize. Tickets are now available for our major raffle for the spectacular Orchid Photo Collage. In view of the value of this prize all members are being asked to take a book of tickets to sell.
- ❖ **Sheila Wilson Memorial Trophy**-nominations were accepted for this award. Anyone can make a nomination for this award the best club supporter Please see Lyn if you wish to make a nomination.
- ❖ **Orchidwiz** – John Stokes a leaflet about the suppliers of this program offering a free licence for auction by the society subject to certain conditions. This will be considered by the Committee at a later date.

New Growers' Meeting

The July meeting was chaired by Merv Anderson.

John Stokes and Judy spoke about their trainee judging experiences and gave the meeting previews of the presentations they have to give at the next STOCQ judges meeting. John's was on *Bulb.fletcherianum*(Tongue orchid) and Judy's on *Ludisia discolor*(Jewel orchid). The August meeting will be a bus trip to Logan & District Orchid Show on 29th. Novice growers will receive a subsidy for this trip.

Merv then went through Ian McLaren's culture notes for Winter.

Judging results were:

Open Class

First-B&L McKane for *Dend.wenzellii*

Second-M&V Anderson for *Lc. Amaroo*

Third-J&B Hopgood for *Zygo.Lois*

Novice Class

First-Lorna Binnie for an Unknown (but lovely) Cattleya

Foliage

M&V Anderson for *Aglaonema*

As well as the fruit/veg tray which was won by the raffle machine operator there were several orchids, plants and other prizes donated by members.

During afternoon tea Lyn played a DVD of the last Taiwan Orchid Show which will now go into our library so please see Sarah to borrow.



Bulbophyllums Your Time Has Come

The largest Genus in Orchidaceae (approx 2000 species with many yet to be identified and named) and a centre of distribution in PNG (800 species). This was enough to persuade me to try again with this Genus after my initial efforts were less than a resounding success. However, I did realise on closer examination that many of the species do not have flowers with the "wow" appeal of some other species and some are categorised as "carrion" orchids because of their smell which equates to rotting meat to attract pollinating beetles and flies. But compensating for this (in my mind at least) are some very interesting shapes and colours and the species does contain **some** lovely flowers. Bulbophyllum translation is "leafed bulb". Note that Cirrhopetalum species used to be considered a separate genus within the alliance but most botanists today apparently classify them within the Bulbophyllum genus. The main difference between the two is that Bulbo's have only single flowers whereas Cirrhopetalums carry a number of flowers grouped together on a single stem called an umbel (like fingers on a hand or struts on an umbrella).

So I decided to do a bit of research to see if I could find an informative article on cultivating this species. What I did find was many "experts" have just copied their advice from the same source (a source which I have not yet located but I don't find particularly helpful).

As well as the shows, there are several sources of Bulbophyllums in Queensland. Two people in QLD (Kuranda and Ipswich) offer a good range through Ebay but I always find Ebay prices pretty expensive particularly when you add in the freight (must be our wealthy southern cousins bidding against us!). Orchid Species Plus from Victoria also offer a good range but whether they will prosper in our conditions I don't know.

And in our own backyard, I've been told that Bill Williams in the Redlands is an authority. He is the breeder of the well-known Wilmar Galaxy Star and Wilmar Candy Stripe and quite a few other hybrids with the Wilmar prefix. Finally there is an overseas web nursery called Asiatic Green offering at least 100 different Bulbo's with photos of each. Of course importing plants from overseas is not easy. People like Wayne Harris and Gary Yong Gee would also be very familiar with many of the species in this genus.

It seems the critical aspects of cultivating this genus might be temperature and potting method as the requirements for humidity, fertilising, watering and air movement are probably not that different from other genera in your orchid house.

As far as I can determine there is only one specialist publication on the Bulbophyllum genus. It is "Bulbophyllums and their Allies" by Emily Siegerist and we have a copy in our library so why not see Sarah about borrowing it? I have selectively extracted a little cultivation advice from this book and other sources as follows. Hopefully it may be of interest to anyone new to this genus and interested to give it a try.

Temperature

Fortunately most species in this genus are happy with warm (18°C at night to say 32°C day) to intermediate (13-18°C at night to 23-33°C during day) conditions during winter. I've tried to obtain a list of the cool growing species to avoid (from Sth America) but no one seems to have done this collation exercise. Responsible suppliers will, however, specify growing conditions and as with all orchids common sense would suggest only buying those suitable for cultivation in warm to intermediate conditions if you live on Bribie.

Growing Media

Bulbophyllums are generally adaptable to many types of growing media. Most growers recommend potting in shallow trays or baskets because they are not deep rooted genus and root rot is a risk with deep pots.

The addition of cypress mulch to a mix is helpful in counteracting mold. (freely available on bribie- has anyone tried it?).

As a rule sphagnum moss holds too much moisture to use alone as a potting medium for bulbophyllums but is very useful as a top dressing. New Zealand sphagnum moss has a pH of 4 and supposedly no pathogens can grow in it.



Bulb. Wilmar Galaxy Star 1 (pic from Orchids Online)

Ms Siegerist states that slab culture is often preferred if you can supply enough humidity. In Thailand they mount their Bulbo's on pieces of coconut husk.

Most successful growers seem to agree that Bulb's don't like repotting and take a while to settle down again.

Watering

One nursery (Clouds Orchids) states that Bulbo's will not tolerate hard water. which is interesting, so probably best to stick to rain water.

Most nurseries advise keeping mix moist but not wet although one recommends allowing roots to dry out between waterings. Maybe follow the advice of whoever you obtain the plant from. Because of the moist conditions fungus can be a problem and regular spraying with fungicide plus good air movement are recommended.

All seem to agree that high humidity is important as for many of our orchids.

Blooming

Most species tend to bloom intermittently throughout the year, usually with one or two major flushes. Fragrance varies greatly from one to the next, some being very pleasant, while others are downright nasty. Flower durability varies from 1 to 6 weeks, depending on the species.

Fertiliser

Fertilisation is simple - Bulbos love to eat. 1/4 strength at each watering is sure to keep them happy

FLOWERING THIS MONTH IN OUR REGION

Ascocenda, Cattleya, Coelogyne, Cymbidium, Dendrobium Australian Native (aemulum, teretifolium), Phalaenopsis, Lycaste, Odontoglossum, Paphiopedilum, Rhyncostylis



OTHER INFORMATION

Internet sites for Month

My suggestion this month is the RHS site at http://www.rhs.org.uk/plants/plant_groups/orchids.asp.

RHS produce a very well-produced magazine called The Orchid Review. Sarah has taken out a subscription to this magazine and will putting her copies in our library after she has read them so they will be available on loan to all members.

Joan's One Liners are back again by popular request

(Have you noticed?)

Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?

Always remember you're unique, just like everyone else.

Lost

Agnes Linsen-Perez forgot to retrieve her Laelia blumensheinii from the bench at the last Cultural Meeting. Does anybody know what happened to it?

Finally, On the Grapevine

One of our members, **Bev Pritchard**, is a regional winner in the IGA 2009 IGA Community Chest Unsung Heroes Awards in recognition of her work over 11 years with the ACCES organisation which resettles newly arrived refugees. Congratulations Bev.

Voting is now open to select a national winner. To vote for Bev online go to http://www.iga.net.au/igafresh/index.cfm?page_id=2603. Let's all net users make the effort to do this.

This month's birthdays known to us are Mavis Ratcliffe, Trish Fryer, Roy Mitchell, Carolyn Macqueen and John Stokes. Best wishes to all.

(Note-Bulletins can be viewed in colour on our website)

Contact Editor John (phone 3408 9228 email stokes@sillyfrog.com) for more information on any of above items.

That's all, folks.