

Bribie Island Orchid Society's Q150 Easter Orchid Show

Though the skies were cloudy and grey and rain poured on Bribie Island, nothing could take away from the atmosphere at the Bribie Island State High School where the Q150 Easter Orchid Show was held on Friday 10th and Saturday 11th April. At 9.00am all was in readiness as folk poured into Bribie Island Orchid Society's Show. The Student Centre was filled with hundreds of colourful, fragrant orchids, elegant floral art arrangements and brilliant foliage. The show was officially opened by Carryn Sullivan State MP on Friday morning and she and Jon Sullivan Federal MP were presented with a Dtps Bribie Q150 orchid which was propagated by Show Organiser Mel Wheeler especially for Queensland's 150th Anniversary. This orchid will also be presented to the Governor, the Premier and the Curator at the Brisbane Botanical Gardens to be kept as a living reminder of an extra special year in our State's history. This was followed by the cutting of the Q150 Anniversary cake by President Judith Carleton and Carryn Sullivan MP.

Members who dressed in costume of "Yesteryear" were kept busy on the various Craft and Cake, Plant Sales and Memorabilia stalls while the Kitchen Staff supplied cups of tea and coffee with lovely home made cakes and biscuits. Commercial vendors sold plants, pots, shade houses and all the necessities for successful plant growing. The bromeliads and carnivorous plants were well patronized and added variety to the show. As show was to celebrate Queensland's 150th Anniversary, there were displays of "olden day" items from the Queensland Museum and Caboolture Historical Society as well as a presentation of photos of "Old Bribie". With the number of "Seniors" who came to enjoy the displays as well as the 'Stepping Back in Time" theme, this made their visit much more pleasurable. Some were heard reminiscing over the costumes and items such as the washboards, Queensland Readers, slates and slate pencils which were in the displays. The two guest speakers who gave presentations on "Orchids of Bribie" and "Rare Orchids of South East Queensland" were well received. The show came to a close with Carryn Sullivan MP and Cr Gary Parsons presenting the awards to the prize winners of the various classes.

The Champion Orchid of Show grown by R & J Hopkins was Ascda Roslyn's Best, Champion Species Orchid was N Frizzo's *Ornithophora radicans*, Champion Specimen owned by M & F Wheeler was *Oncostium*, Reserve Champion grown by B Nuenendorf was Den Aileen Lange x *canaliculatum*, Champion Foliage was owned M & F Wheeler and Champion Floral Art was "A Q150 Arrangement" by J Corney. Along with the Champion Orchid of the Show, the Reserve Champion, Den Aileen Lange x *canaliculatum* was also awarded an Australian Orchid Council Highly Commended Certificate (HCC) and a *Dendrobium* Emma White grown by N Frizzo was awarded an Australian Orchid Council Award of Distinction (AD) for colour.

The Management Committee and Members would like to thank the Q150 Community Funding Program for the grant which helped in making this event so successful, our State Member Carryn Sullivan, Federal Member Jon Sullivan and Cr Gary Parson from Moreton Bay Regional Council for their continuing support in our endeavours. Without these folk, the local businesses and members who donate time, effort and financial assistance to the Society, we would be unable to achieve our levels of success. In conclusion, President Judith Carleton and Show Organiser Mel Wheeler would like to salute our Secretary Lynn Hauck, Treasurer Ian McLaren and those members for all their hard work before and throughout this show. The record number of visitors who came through the doors felt this was a show to remember. A job well done!!!!

Media Releases and General Information

This year, Queensland is celebrating the 150th Anniversary of its foundation and Bribie Island Orchid Society is staging a Q150 Easter Orchid Show at the Student Centre, Bribie Island State High School on Good Friday 10th April and Easter Saturday 11th April 2009. While it will have the spectacular orchids on display that are usually found at our shows along with our commercial growers, there will also be guest speakers who will give presentations of the discovery of native orchids on the island as well as information on their cultivation. Some of these orchids can still be found in the National Park which covers two thirds of the island.

There will be a "Stepping Back in Time" theme with members dressing in the clothes of yesteryear. Many of our community are seniors and we feel sure they will be able to relate to these times and enjoy the experience. Visitors will be able to view static displays of historical photographs and maps of the island and see how it has developed throughout the years.

The production of a brochure on orchid discovery on Bribie Island is being compiled and will be a lasting record for future historians and orchid growers. An orchid has been propagated and registered as "Doritaenopsis Bribie Q150" to commemorate this special year. Plants will be donated, by the Society, to the Queensland Governor Ms Penelope Wensley AO, Queensland State Premier, Ms Anna Bligh, Local State Member Ms Carryn Sullivan and other dignitaries, the Brisbane Botanical Gardens for inclusion in their orchid collection as well as to our members. By staging this Q150 Easter Orchid Show and combining the flowering orchid plants with historical displays and themed costumes, we will be able to celebrate our State's 150th Anniversary in a unique way. The Society would like to thank the Q150 Community Funding Program for its support of our Show. For further information, please contact Secretary Lynn Hauck on 07 3410 1919 or email lynn@bribieislandorchidsociety.com

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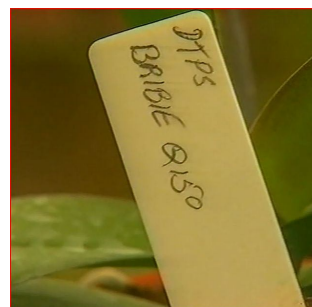
Our Q150 Easter Orchid Show recently received excellent publicity when Mark Suleau from Channel 10 News came out and interviewed our Show Organiser, Mel Wheeler regarding the propagating of our Dtps Bribie Q150 orchid. Mel developed the orchid as a keepsake of our State's 150th Anniversary. Here are some 'stills' from the News program which went to air on Monday 16th March 2009.



Channel 10 News Monday 16th March 2009



Mel in his 'laboratory'.



Bribie Q150 tag



Potting up the little ones.



Making sure it is placed firmly.



Mark Suleau on camera.



One of Mel's beauties.



Checking that all is well in the orchid house.



Contentment of a job well done!

Q150 Easter Orchid Show Schedule

Bribie Island State High School
Good Friday 10th & Easter Saturday 11th April 2009
Set up Thursday 9th April between 5.00pm and 7.00pm

Champion Classes

- 0.01 Champion Orchid of Show
- 0.02 Champion Species
- 0.03 Champion Specimen
- 0.04 Reserve Champion
- 0.05 Champion Foliage
- 0.06 Champion Floral Art

Cattleya

- 1.01 Exhibition Lavender/Mauve/Purple
- 1.02 Exhibition Any Other Colour
- 1.03 Miniature - Compact
- 1.04 Novelty
- 1.05 Cluster
- 1.06 Species

Dendrobium

- 2.01 Phalaenthe Lavender/Purple
- 2.02 Phalaenthe Any Other Type
- 2.03 Spatulata Type
- 2.04 Any Other Type
- 2.05 Intermediate Type

Vandaceous

- 3.01 Ascocenda/Vanda over 60mm
- 3.02 Ascocenda/Vanda under 60mm
- 3.03 Vandaceous Any Other
- 3.04 Vandaceous Species
- 3.05 Phalaenopsis Exhibition White
- 3.06 Phalaenopsis Exhibition Pink
- 3.07 Phalaenopsis Exhibition Any Colour
- 3.08 Phalaenopsis Novelty
- 3.09 Phalaenopsis Species

Paphiopedilum

- 4.02 Primary Hybrid
- 4.03 Species
- 4.04 Any Other Type

Oncidium

- 5.01 Any Type
- 5.02 Intergeneric Hybrid
- 5.03 Oncidium Species

Australian Native

- 6.01 Any Species
- 6.02 Native Hybrid
- 6.03 Terrestrial Species

Miscellaneous Orchids

- 7.01 Any Other Genera Species
- 7.02 Any Other Intergeneric Hybrid

Foliage

- 9.01 Bromeliad
- 9.02 Fern
- 9.03 Anthurium
- 9.04 Any Foliage under 250mm
- 9.05 Any Foliage over 250mm

Floral Art - Open

- 11.01 "An Easter Arrangement" - Orchids to predominate
- 11.02 "A Q150 Arrangement" any flowers to be used

Novice

- 13.01 Cattleya
- 13.02 Dendrobium
- 13.03 Any Other Genus
- 13.04 Species inc. Aust. Natives

Please Note – Novice Section is open to Bribie Island Orchid Society Members only.