



Nambour Orchid News

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Articles for the newsletter are very welcome. Please forward to the editor by post or email to nambourochids@gmail.com by the 15th of each month.

MEETINGS:

Business Meeting is held on the 4th Saturday of each month at 12.45pm prior to the cultural meeting. All members are welcome to attend the business meeting.

Cultural Meeting is held on the 4th Saturday of the month at the Nambour Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave. Nambour at 2pm. All members and visitors are welcome.

Plants to be tabled by 1.30pm for judging

Species appreciation get together is held monthly from February to November at member's homes. Contact the Secretary for details. All STOCQ members welcome.

Bring your flowering species plants, a chair, a cup and a plate to share for afternoon tea.

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Welcome back to everyone after some time off over Christmas. Remember that February is the **Annual General Meeting**. All positions in the club are declared vacant and any person can nominate for positions on the executive or the committee.

I would like to think that we could have a complete changing of the guard as new ideas will help us take the club forward, so if you haven't previously put your hand up for a position, please consider it.

It will not take a coup to replace the President as in some countries.

Nomination forms for all positions will be available at the January meeting. These forms when completed & signed must be in the hands of the Secretary 2 weeks prior to the AGM.

Committee numbers will be decided at the meeting.

November 2013 Popular Vote – Hybrid Names as per Orchidwiz, Species names Kew Monocot List

CATTLEYA HYBRID 1 st & Judges Choice 1 st 1 st 2 nd 3 rd	<i>Rlc.</i> Waianae Leopard <i>C.</i> Mem Robert Straight <i>Gct.</i> Swill of Brandy x <i>Vkt.</i> Anzac Brandy <i>C.</i> Thospol Spot <i>C.</i> Purple Princess	T Buckley Judy Robbins T Buckley T Buckley D & E Middlebrook
ONCIDIUM HYBRID 1 st 2 nd 3 rd & Judges Choice 3 rd	<i>Milt.</i> Lawless <i>Wils.</i> Tiger Brew <i>Oip.</i> Mem Martin Orenstein <i>Odcdm.</i> Wildcat	N Gould M & A Vlekkert Judy Robbins M & A Vlekkert
VANDA/PHALAENOPSIS 1 st & Judges Choice 2 nd 3 rd	<i>V.</i> Susan Ong Ah Mooi <i>Phal.</i> Dragon's Dazzler <i>Vasco.</i> Pine Rivers	Judy Robbins Judy Robbins R & J Raabe
DENDROBIUM 1 st & Judges Choice 2 nd 3 rd 3 rd	<i>Den.</i> Milroy x Kaminya's Creation <i>Den.</i> Dandy Dame <i>Den.</i> Mem Stan Laffy <i>Den.</i> Ken Lonne x johannis	C Alexander C Alexander C Alexander C Alexander
PAPHS and PHRAGS 1 st & Judges Choice 2 nd	<i>Paph.</i> Toni Semple . ShinYi Heart	M & J Rivers N Gould
EXOTIC SPECIES 1 st & Judges Choice 2 nd 3 rd	<i>Bulbophyllum</i> <i>lobbii</i> <i>Vanda</i> <i>ampullacea</i> <i>Catasetum</i> <i>tenebrosa</i>	A & A Parkes R & J Aisthorpe A & A Parkes
NOVICE 1 st & Judges Choice	<i>Lycaste</i> <i>aromatica</i>	Mavis Walsh
FOLIAGE 1 st 2 nd 3 rd Judges Choice	<i>Caladium</i> <i>Anthurium</i> <i>Johnston River</i> fern <i>Begonia</i>	Rob Wright Pat Cairns Rob Wright Pat Cairns

Judges Choice plant of the month for

November: *Bulbophyllum lobbii* owned by A & A Parkes

This plant belongs to the section Sestochilis and was discovered in Java by Thomas Lobb in 1846. It has been widely propagated and is fairly readily available. It is found in Thailand, Malaya, Philippines & Borneo & is a very prolific grower. In our shade house it grows under about 75% shade in the summer & 50% in the winter. It is currently grown in a seedling tray with a mix of bark, coconut & perlite and kept moist at all times.

It has very large flowers and puts on quite a show every year, usually after all the shows are finished.

I fertilize weekly with Peters All Rounder, and use Osmocote when I repot. It also receives occasional applications of Epsom salts & Calcium nitrate at different times throughout the year.



Culture of Bifoliate Cattleya and Their Hybrids

The photos for this article have been provided by Wayne Harris;

Top left- *Cattleya bicolor*; Middle right- *Cattleya guttata*; Bottom left- *Cattleya amethystoglossa*.

These in general are tall plants with several to many flowers from plants that have 2 leaves (hence the name bifoliate). There are nearly 20 species in this group which all originate in Brazil or Central America. For the sake of registration and naming the old nomenclature will be used even though some of the Central American species have been shifted out of the *Cattleya* genus. The main species

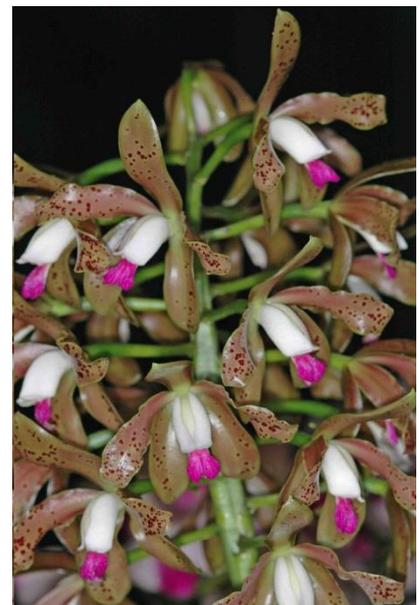
used for tall plants are *bicolor*, *guttata*, *amethystoglossa*, *granulosa*, *leopoldii* and *bowringiana*. These 6 plants have been involved in over 1000 hybrids as a parent and many thousands more in the background.

The culture of these species will give an insight into how to grow their offspring.

Repotting of these plants is crucial. Only when the new roots are beginning to emerge from the leading pseudobulbs or the whole plant can be lost or at best it will 'sulk' for sometimes years before it gets going properly. This gives the grower a week or at best 2

week window to repot. The roots can start at any time even when the plant is coming into bloom. So it is advisable to keep an eye on your plants individually and repot each at the correct time.

If dividing your plant please try and keep at least 5 bulbs in each division and please remember that the plants need to be staked very well to stop the top from moving around and damaging the new roots.



Potting media needs to be very free draining and most growers find a mix of coarse bark and charcoal seems to work although I have heard of a grower who used to grow them in peat and perlite but I don't think he still has any. This is because in the cooler months the roots need to be kept on the drier side. But care must be taken to make sure that the sometimes thin pseudobulbs do not shrivel. When in active growth increase watering and fertilizing.

NB. Please make sure that according to our rules you must have owned a plant for a minimum of 6 months before it can be entered into competition. We leave this up to the integrity of each member. If you have owned a plant for less than 6 months and it's in flower please bring it along but just make it not for judging. (Not for judging tags are available at the meeting) We all love to see new plants.

Vale – Val Siebenhausen:

Val Siebenhausen was born Percival Robert Siebenhausen on the 2nd January 1931. He was a country boy at heart & grew up with a farming background where he spent his life until he sold the Farm at Danderoo & retired to Warwick. After several years living in Warwick, Val & Hazel moved to the Sunshine Coast permanently where Orchids became his passion.

Val & Hazel were welcomed as members of the Nambour Orchid Society on the 22nd February 1995. Val grew many different genera of orchids over the years, & although he loved them all I think his passion lay with his beloved Cymbidium collection.

For many years Val stored & carried the show display material, and with Hazel attended all the regional shows and assisted with the building of displays. At our own shows, you always found Val at the plant sales, he loved to talk to people & give advice to new growers on how to grow their Orchids. He also did many potting demonstrations, & was only too willing to pass on his vast knowledge.

Val was respected & loved by all who knew him & will be greatly missed. Val passed away on the 14th December after a short stay in hospital. He is survived by his wife Hazel, Five children, 11 grandchildren & 1 great grandchild.

New members:

Val Sierhuis Pot No. 31, Merlyn & Bert Morris Pot No 37, Maya Engelhardt Pot No 40, Duncan McMartin Pot No 41, Andrew Merifield Pot No 42. A big Nambour Orchid Society welcome to all our new members.

Guest Speakers:

January: Presentation of Kempsey speciosum spectacular 2013

February; No Guest speaker AGM

Species appreciation.



Our species group gets under way again on February 8th after our Christmas New Year break. The 1st get together will be at the home of Neil & Ella Walker

Something to keep you going till the next species get together.

These two 1st flowering seedlings belong to Judy Robbins. R- *Phalaenopsis bellina* var alba, L-*Phalaenopsis tetraspis*

Judy posted them on the Nambour Orchid Society facebook page recently.

If you haven't checked us on facebook please do so.

Go to nambourorchidsociety.com and click on the facebook link.

We have a plant sales table at each meeting for members to sell any surplus plants. If you have any you would like to sell, bring them along tagged with your name & price so members can purchase them. Members are responsible for their own plants. Plant sale tags are on our website.nambourorchidsociety.com - Go to links/forms and print off what you need.

2014 Show Catalogue

N.O.S Cultural meeting Sat. 25th January 2pm

N.O.S. Species appreciation group Sat. 8th Feb 2pm

15 February 2014: STOCQ AGM, Albert Park Bowls club, Gympie

N.O.S. AGM. Sat. 22nd Feb. 2pm

N.O.S Species appreciation group Sat. 8th March 2pm

N.O.S. Cultural meeting Sat. 22nd March 2pm

N.O.S. Autumn Show (Members only) Sat. 29th March – Coolum Uniting Church Hall, Elizabeth St. Coolum.

Boyne Island Tannum Sands OF Society show 5th 6th April with set up 4th.

Sunshine Coast Orchid Society show - Fri, Sat 11th & 12th April Set up Thurs.10th.

Gympie Orchid Society show - Sat, Sun 3rd & 4th May set up Fri 2nd

Noosa OS (closed Show) Fri/Sat 9th & 10th May

Caboolture OS show-Fri - Sun 4th to 6th July with set up Thurs. 3rd

Maroochydore OS show - Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th August Set up Friday 8th

N.O.S. Spring Show - Fri/Sat 5th & 6th September, Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour set up Thurs. 4th.

Noosa OS Show – Fri/Sat 19th & 20th September. Cooroy RSL Hall. Set up Thurs. 18th.

Glasshouse Country OS show - Friday 26th & Saturday 27th September 2014. Set up Thursday 25th.

June 2014: STOCQ meeting in Rockhampton.

September 2015: 20th AOC Conference and Show

Mackay, Queensland, Australia 16 - 23 September in conjunction with the 50th Tropical Queensland Orchid Council conference and show.

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Hosted by Nambour Orchid Society

Saturday & Sunday June 11th & 12th

Lake Kawana Community Centre

Sportsmans Parade, Bokarina. Qld.

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