



Nambour Orchid News

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

MEETINGS:

Business Meeting is held on the 4th Saturday of each month at 1pm 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 Buffalo Lodge Hall, Price Street, Nambour at 2pm. All members, prospective members and visitors are welcome.

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

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

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Welcome back and a Happy New Year to all. We have all been blessed with a lovely cool period for Christmas and now seven inches of beautiful rain. Our orchids should be straining to get over their pot edges. It is time to get back into every day work mode again and start a brand new year.

What a wonderful Christmas Party we all enjoyed. Des and Elaine certainly turned up the heat didn't they? Congratulations to Marty and Anita on winning the popular vote (with Judy tagging close behind) and judges choice categories for the year 2011. This year they will be severely tested by many of our growers to stop a repeat performance. Last year Alan and Alison won the Native Trophy My little plants that I got from the party are all repotted and are doing fine. They are sitting next to my little stone Buddha which was made by Nathan. Weren't all those little pieces he made just lovely?

At our last meeting in November we had a visit from quite a few STOCQ judges to judge two very beautiful plants for award. These were both successful and it was nice to see such well grown plants. It certainly gives us incentive to try harder to produce our best.

A few of these judges had just returned from their trip to the World Orchid Conference in Singapore and they were full of their recent experiences. We are looking forward to hearing some of their tales and seeing some of their slides.

Our Species Show held late last year was a wonderful success. We were happily surprised at the amount of interest that it created. It was good to have it so well patronized by the growers and the public and we look forward to it again next year.

In our November meeting we had a wonderful display of *Laelia purpurata*. This group showed just how varied and colourful this species really is. One can have quite a collection with this easily grown and easily flowered beauty.

I have had some lovely encyclia orchids and a few *stanhopea* genera out over the Christmas period and it is a shame not to be able to share them. When Elaine and Des arrived out home proudly displaying two large flowers on their Phrag. Grande we took the opportunity to get some photos for you all to see and share.

Next month is our Annual General Meeting. Please give some thought to volunteering some time and effort into our Society. Our past people have done a wonderful job last year but perhaps YOU could make a difference somewhere in 2012.

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS 2012 TO ALL.

Editors Pat and Clive.

POPULAR FOR NOVEMBER 2011

HYBRIDS

Cattleya Alliance

JC	Sc Red Berries	Beryl & Graham Robertson
Tie First	Lc Mini Purple	Terry Thompson
Tie First	Encyclia Oakland	Richard Hand
Tie Second	Slc Jewel Chest	Beryl & Graham Robertson
Tie Second	Rolfeara (Rolf) Coconut Ice	Beryl & Graham Robertson
Tie Second	Slc Jungle Gem	Beryl & Graham Robertson

Oncidium Alliance

First & JC	Milt Breathless 'Brilliant'	Marty & Anita Vlekkert
Second	Brsdm Klara Ahrnke x Onc Honolulu (Reg as Brsdm October Sunset)	Nathan Gould

Vandaceous / Phalaenopsis

Tie First & JC	Dtps Chian Xen Magpie	Judy Robbins
Tie First	(<i>Phal amabilis</i> x Phal World Class) Reg as Phal Sasquatch) x Phal Pinlong Memory	David & Julie Tyler
Tie Second	Phal BrotherSara Gold	Judy Robbins
Tie Second	V Pat's Delight x V Katsuura	Rob & Joan Raabe

Paphiopedilum

First & JC	Paph Dellaina	David & Julie Tyler
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Dendrobium

JC	Den Kuranda Blue x <i>Den cochliodes</i>	Cliff Alexander
First	<i>Den cochliodes</i> x <i>Den johannis</i> (Reg as Den Magenta's Chocolate Cur)	Cliff Alexander
Second	<i>Den broomfeildii</i> x Den Arching Lubang	Cliff Alexander

Any Other Genara

First & JC	<i>Aerangis (Aergs) ellissi</i> x <i>Aergs modesta</i> (Reg as Aergs Elro)	Val Siebenhausen
Second	<i>Cym lowianum</i>	Alan Shield

SPECIES

JC	<i>L purpurata</i>	Val Siebenhausen
First	<i>Lpurpurata</i>	Steve Schwajhardt
Second	<i>Epi prismatocarpum</i>	Rob & Joan Raabe

AUSTRALIAN NATIVES

Hybrids

JC	Den Glory Fleck	Marty & Anita Vlekkert
First	Den Rutherford Starburst 'Blood Red' x <i>Den tetragonum</i>	Marty & Anita Vlekkert
Second	Den Rutherford Starburst x <i>Den tetragonum</i>	Marty & Anita Vlekkert

Species

First & JC	<i>Cryptostylis erecta</i>	Alan & Alison Parkes
Second	<i>Cryptostylis erecta</i>	Alan & Alison Parkes
Tie Third	<i>Cym maddidum</i>	Alan Shield
Tie Third	<i>Den wassellii</i>	David Hunter

FOLIAGE

First & JC	Tillandsia Curly Slim	Judy Robbins
Second	Caladium	David & Julie Tyler
Third	Tillandsia streptophylla	Judy Robbins

The plant of the month was Milt Breathless 'Brilliant' grown by Marty and Anita Vlekkert.

Milt. Breathless 'Brilliant'

This orchid was purchased from Robertson's late 2010 for \$13.00, a bargain.

Our interest in this group of plants started when Beryl gave Anita a plant of Milt, Vanity 'Red Shadow' which flowers with beautiful dark red blooms. Thanks Beryl.

The Miltonias can be considered in two groups, the warmer growing Brazilian Miltonias and the cooler Columbian group. The Columbian group has been moved by some botanists into another new genus Miltoniopsis. This genus contains 5 species. This name is still being debated and could change again. The above plant is a hybrid of the Columbian group. These plants are commonly called pansy orchids.

Although these plants come from the tropics they grow at a high elevation in cloud forests and tend to like the same sorts of temperatures that we do. In general they tend to be happy in the conditions on the range where we live.

I find that the Miltoniopsis are relatively easy to grow once I worked out their requirements.

They require humid air around them, more water than most orchids and good air movement. The plants like a little more shade. I pot them into small bark in a tall 100mm pot with a little coarse bark in the bottom to help with drainage. I grow my orchids under shade cloth and water the plants perhaps more than I should. If you tend to water less, mini bark may be more suitable. As far as fertilizing is concerned, for a 100mm tall pot, I use Hi K 8-9 month Osmocote at the rate of about a flat quarter of a teaspoon as well as a teaspoon of shell grit mixed through the bark. After a year since repotting I have repotted some and topped up the Osmocote with a few others. Considering the wet shady conditions they grow in, I repot after two years if not earlier. These compact plants like to grow in smallish pots with just enough space in the pot for a further two years growth.

The plants speak to you if you observe them. Some varieties will get a reddish tinge in the leaves when they are in bright, perhaps too bright conditions. If the leaves are droopy maybe they are getting too much fertilizer or possibly not enough light.

With regards to temperature not too hot or too cold suits them. Hot dry conditions can be a problem.

The plants bloom very late in the year and will hold the flowers for about six to eight weeks. Sadly they do not last as cut flowers. We have them in bloom for Christmas, when orchid blooms are scarce at our place. Although I haven't tried it I suspect they may grow in bright light in the house. If you can grow African Violets then you should be able to grow and flower Miltoniopsis in the house.

Thank you Marty and Anita for this informative article.

Pat.

Phragmipedium Grande.

Phrag. caudatum crossed with Phrag. longifolium makes us this lovely old hybrid which was first made by Veitch way back in 1881.

Phrag Grande's parents are both accustomed to cool to intermediate growing conditions and medium to high light; so it is best to grow in a dappled light..

This plant likes high humidity and should not be allowed to dry out between waterings. It grows well in a mix of fine bark and perlite. Elaine grows hers standing in a saucer of water and it seems to like it.

Grande likes a very weak fertilizer once a week.

In September I purchased a plant of Phrag. Grande and after the sale the previous owner said to me – “Good luck Pat, I've had it for seventeen years and it hasn't flowered for me yet.” By this, I take it that it is a bit of a shy flowerer!

In late December Elaine and Des flowered this reluctant beauty; and as is often the case; at a time when there were no shows around.



Secretaries News Update

January 2012

Guest Speaker

A view of Singapore and the World Orchid Conference.

New Members

A very big Nambour Orchid Society welcome to the following new members. Your pot number for show purposes is in brackets behind your name. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Robyn Norris (36), Michael Miller (37), Robert Cairns (5), Steve & Janelle Schwajhardt (9), Jean Harris (2), Stuart Bowles (7), Neil & Ella Walker (3), Cheryl Basic (20), Fay Buckley (13), Leonie Hemsall (38), Rob & Margie Wright (39).

Species Social Afternoon

The February get together will be held at Wayne & Jean's place on Saturday 11th February at 2pm. BYO flowering species plants, a chair & a plate to share for afternoon tea.

Below are the details of the STOO AGM supplied by John Rees

I will require attendees for lunch numbers at the January meeting.

The STOCQ AGM to be held in the Surface Hill Uniting Church Hall, Channon Street, Gympie on Saturday 18 February 2012.

Directions: Turn EAST off the Bruce Highway at KFC (into Channon Street) and travel one block, turning left into Barter Street and turn right before or after the Blue Nurses Centre to large parking areas beside and behind the church.

PROGRAMME:

Before 9.00: tea/coffee.

9.00 – 10.30 AM: Judges meeting.

10.30 – 11.00 AM: Morning tea

11.00 – Noon: AGM/general meeting.

12.00 – 1.00 PM: Guest speaker: Rob Raabe – Native Bees

1.00 PM; Lunch. There will be a charge of \$10 on this.

After lunch: shade house visits.

Afternoon tea at last shade house

There will be a table of plant sales from selected nurseries.

Nambour AGM.

The Nambour OS. AGM will be held on Saturday 25th February 2012. A nomination form is attached to this newsletter. Members please consider helping out your society, by applying for one of the many positions that need to be filled at the AGM.

Membership for the 2012 financial year is also due.

The list of Positions to be filled at the AGM

President

Secretary

Assistant Secretary

Treasurer

Assistant Treasurer

Committee members x 7

Patron
Attendance record & lucky door
Host/ Hostess
Librarian
Plant Recorders x 2
Property Officer
Chief Judge
Cultural advisor
Providor
Editor
Publicity officer
STOCQ delegates x 2

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 know who to pay. A 10% commission is payable to the Treasurer. Members are responsible for their own plants. Plant sale tags are on our website.

Show Dates Catalogue 2012

Nambour Orchid Society commitment (in bold)

Sat 28th January N.O.S. Cultural meeting

Sat. 11th Feb. N.O.S. Species appreciation

Sat. 11th Sun. 12th Feb. Aspley Orchid Society Show – Mt Cootha

Sat. 18th Feb. STOCQ AGM - Surface Hill Uniting Church Hall, Gympie

Sat. 25th Feb. N.O.S. AGM

Fri. 2nd & Sat. 3rd March Qld. International Orchid Fair- Pine Rivers PCYC, Les Hughes Sporting Complex, Baker Street, Bray Park

Sat. 10th March N.O.S. Species appreciation

Sat. 17th March Childers & Isis District OS Autumn show.

Sat. 24th March Buderim 150th Anniversary display combined with Maroochydhore Orchid Society. Set up Fri. 23rd.

Sat. 24th March N.O.S. Cultural meeting

Sat. 31st March: Nambour OS Autumn show (members only) St Mary's Church Hall, Montville

Fri 6th & Sat 7th April Bribie Orchid Society Show

Fri. 13 & Sat. 14th April Sunshine Coast OS Show – Set up Thurs. 12th

Sat. 14th April N.O.S Species appreciation

Sat. 28th April N.O.S. Cultural meeting

Sat. & Sun 5th & 6th May Gympie Orchid Show – Set up Fri. 4th

Sat. 2nd June Gladstone OS host STOCQ meeting.

Fri. Sat. Sun. 6th 7th 8th July Garden Expo Nambour Showgrounds

Fri. Sat. Sun. 6th, 7th, 8th July Caboolture Orchid Society Show

Sat. & Sun 11th & 12th August Maroochydhore Orchid show.

Fri & Sat 31st August, 1st September Nambour OS Spring show- Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour- Set up Thurs. 30th August.

Fri. 31st August Childers & Isis District OS Spring show.

Fri. 28th & Sat. 29th Sept. Glasshouse Orchid Society Show – Set up Thurs. 27th

Sat 13th & Sun 14th October Bribie Orchid Society Show – Set up Fri. 12th

Fri. 26th & Sat. 27th Oct - Nambour Orchid Society Species Show & Trade Fair - Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour.- Set up Thurs 25th

Sat. 17th Nov. STOCQ meeting Hosted by Maroochydhore Orchid Society

Gympie Golden Orchid Spectacular - 10th, 11th, 12th June 2013 -The Pavilion, Gympie Showgrounds