

Nambour Orchid News



July 2010

What a busy month!! Our meeting was held with Richard holding the reins while Bill had some time off and Alan and Alison went north to do a fencing contract in Mareeba. It seems a good place to while away the winter weather days. Meanwhile back home Marty came to the fore at our meeting and gave us a great lecture on general orchid culture. He has some interesting thoughts and some of them will certainly be tested.

There was a good array of flowers to be checked out and some lovely paphs were benched. Our first cymbidiums and zygos and Australian Natives are beginning to make an appearance. We had a plant commentary and then the plant raffle was very capably handled by Elaine and Des. It was a good afternoon.

We have received a very generous donation from the profits of the Orchid Expo at Caloundra. Our thanks to them for this gift.

On the morning of the species group day a group of construction experts gathered up at Hazel and Val's place to construct a very glamorous scare crow to put in the Expo display. We thought she was pretty special and so apparently did the judges as we won first prize with her. Some of my friends told me she was definitely "A lady of the night". We had a lot of fun and laughs in the effort. Did any one by chance get a picture of the completed lady?

The species meeting held afterwards was quite good but the extremely cold and near rainy day had us finishing up fairly early. Thanks to Val and Hazel for the lovely BBQ lunch which we all enjoyed together.

The Expo weekend was very hectic with the Caboolture Show on at the same time. We produced two very good displays and this is quite an achievement as it really involves everyone. We took thirty top plants to Caboolture and came home with six firsts, two seconds, a third and the Grand Champion. Congratulations to the Robertson Family for their win with a glorious striped pink Phalanoopsis Leopard Prince. Our thanks to the people who made the trip down and back on our behalf after having already spent a big morning at the show grounds.

A huge thank you to all the people involved in putting up the Expo Display and the ticket sellers who did a marathon job and the advisors who gave of their knowledge so freely to all who asked for a bit of a hand. Thank you to the top class scare crow builders as well. It was a great display for which we have been well rewarded and the public was once again enhanced by the magical beauty of our orchids.

First Prize in our Expo Raffle went to Ray Cassidy of Nambour (The cymbidium) and second prize went to Rikki (?) of Cooran. (the cattleya). The well chosen raffle plants made it an easy raffle to sell with people queuing up at times to buy tickets.

We were sorry to hear that the trip which the Gympie Club was trying to arrange did not come to fruition; but the latest news is that they are trying to arrange one now for the Grafton area in or around October. Maybe this will suit everyone better and it will get off the ground.

John Rees was recently given some pictures of the Taiwan International Orchid Show by a lady in the Tannum Sands Society. He has passed them on to the STOCQ judges and we hope that you enjoy a quick peek at what the Taiwanese people have been getting up to. Our thanks to John and the lady concerned.

Editors Pat and Clive.

POPULAR VOTE FOR JUNE 2010

HYBRIDS

Cattleya Alliance

Judges Choice	Sc Dal's Tradition "Apricot Lace"	Rob Raabe
First	Caulocattleya (Clty) Chantilly Lace	Judy Robbins
Second	Bc Donna Kimura x C Tiffin Bells	Des & Elaine Middlebrook
Tie Third	Rlc California Girl x C Lana Coryell = (Rlc Lakehaven Pearl)	Beryl & Graham Robertson
Tie Third	Rlc Taiwan Queen	Judy Robbins

Oncidium Alliance

First	Onc Twinkle	Beryl & Graham Robertson
Second & JC	Onc Twinkle	Beryl & Graham Robertson
Third	Onc Space Race	David Tyler

Paphiopedilum

Tie First & JC	Paph Warra Wonga	Rob Raabe
Tie First	Paph Hazella x Paph Irish Spring	Ken Richards
Tie Second	Paph Golden Days x Paph Magic Mood = (Paph Clifford Peter)	Ken Richards
Tie Second	Paph Country Girl x Paph Magic Mood	Ken Richards

Other Genera

First	Z Port Vincent "Bright Eyes" x Z Kiwi Auckland "Speckles"	Alan Shield
Tie Second & JC	Cym Melissa Ann 'Cherry Cream'	Marty & Anita Vlekkert
Tie Second	Calanthe George	Rob Raabe

PRIMARY HYBRIDS

First & JC	Calanthe William Murray	David Tyler
Second	Phaiocalanthe Irrorata	David Tyler

EXOTIC SPECIES

First	<i>Brassavola subulifolia</i>	David Tyler
Second	<i>Den atrovioleaceum</i>	Beryl & Graham Robertson
Tie Third & JC	<i>Bulbophyllum lasiochilum</i>	Rod Aisthorpe
Tie Third	<i>Bulbophyllum digoelense</i>	Rod Aisthorpe

AUST NATIVES

Species

First	<i>Den tetragonum var giganteum</i>	David Hunter
Second & JC	<i>Den affine</i>	David Hunter

Hybrid

First & JC	Den Australian Robbie McInnes	Marty & Anita Vlekkert
Second	Den Beast x <i>speciosum</i>	Marty & Anita Vlekkert

FIRST FLOWERING

First & JC	V Laura Lynn House	Richard Hand
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FOLIAGE

Judges Choice	Brom Kilo Dusk	Lesley Beare
First	Maiden Hair Fern	Nathan Gould
Second	Unknown	Nathan Gould

The plant of the month was *Oncidium Twinkle* grown by Beryl & Graham Robertson.



Onc Twinkle is a Primary Hybrid from the crossing of *Onc cheirophorum* and *Onc ornithorhynchum*

The two images shown below have been extracted from the Orchidwiz database.

They are images of the two parents of *Onc Twinkle*.

The one at the left is *Onc cheirophorum* and the other is *Onc ornithorhynchum*



The construction of the scarecrow the Society entered into the glamour girl section at the Garden Expo



The girls had a good time constructing the lady. The boys helped where they could. Graham had to fiddle a bit to get the lady into the back of his vehicle to take her home so Beryl could put the finishing touches, such as hair etc.



The two images below were taken at the Caboulture Orchid show

1. The table display entered by the Nambour Orchid Society

2. The Grand Champion Orchid of the show, The plant belongs to Beryl & Graham



While browsing through some old Australian Orchid Council Awards Books, I came across a Photo of Award No.1305 *Neolehmanna porpax* "Beetles Galore" ACC/AOC-QOS with 82 Points. It was grown in a 530 mm pot and the plant totally filled the pot. It was awarded in 1993. ACC is Award of Cultural Commendatio



No. 1305 *Neolehmanna porpax*
 'Beetles Galore', ACC/AOC-QOS. Species.
 AJ 82 points. Width 13mm.
 Growing in 530mm pot, totally filled in.
 Owner: K. Richards.

The plant was grown and shown by one of our older members, Ken Richards. The photo is shown below.

Secretaries News Update

July 2010

Bus Trip

Gympie Orchid Society has cancelled its proposed bus trip in August and replaced it with a weekend trip to Grafton on the 16th & 17th October. The cost for this overnight trip is \$130. If you would like to go contact John Rees, lavina.rees@bigpond.com or Jim Evans, leanne@cldaw.com.au to book your seat. This promises to be a great trip.

International Guest Speaker

The Orchid Species Society has sent an Invitation to all members to attend their meeting on Monday 16th August at 7.30pm, Brisbane Botanical Gardens Auditorium, Mt Cootha, to hear Bill Thoms from the USA speak on *Bulbophyllums*.

Bill will give a talk on “*Bulbophyllum* hunting in the Philippines” & will be available to answer your queries on growing and cultivation of *Bulbophyllum* Species.

Extract from Bill's Resume printed in the July 2010 Orchid species bulletin.

Bill is a renowned orchid grower, world traveller and nationally (USA) recognized speaker. Bill & his wife Doris Dukes have been growing orchids around Central Florida for almost 40 years, and have received every award granted by the American Orchid Society as well as more awards for culture than anyone else in the world. The talks are spiced with funny stories & funny associations, so whether you grow thousands of orchids, or just a few, you will have a wonderfully entertaining evening. Many of the most important requirements for growing world class plants are made easy to understand and remember. Don't miss this great opportunity to learn how to grow these fascinating plants and to hear one of the most knowledgeable, interesting & funny speakers in the orchid world. His new book, *Bulbophyllums the Incomplete Guide From A to Why* will be available for purchase (\$75) and he will sign them for free.

Bill also has other speaking engagements, at QOS meeting on Monday 9th, & Kabi meeting Tuesday 10th August. All three venues will be different Orchid Talks. I have venue details if anyone requires them.

• **Shows**

Caboolture

Graham & Beryl Robertson	GRAND CHAMPION & 1 st in class Phal. Leopard Prince 1 st . Dtps. Mount Lip
Wayne Harris	1 st . <i>Epigeneium coelogyne</i>
Alan & Alison Parkes	1 st . <i>Ptst. anatona</i> 2 nd . <i>Ptst. aff. tenuicauda</i>
Marty & Anita Vlekkert	2 nd . <i>Paph. Villosum</i> 3 rd . <i>Den. Minispec</i>
Clive & Pat Mann	2 nd . <i>Den. speciosum</i>
Mal Rivers	1 st . <i>C. Mini Purple</i>
Bob & Joan Raabe	1 st . <i>Paph. Nerida</i>

Plant Sales.

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. Each member is responsible for their own plants.