



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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Editors Page

Here we are back again with a brand new year in front of us. First of all, a Happy New Year to everyone. It seems that the year 2011 has already made one very gigantic impression on everyone. We must be truly thankful for what we were allotted, but our hearts go out to those who have lost loved ones and so big a chunk of their lives. It is said that all things balance themselves out in time – so we must be in for a lot of good times in the future. I sincerely hope so.

Last year we ended a wonderful year with a lovely Christmas Party at Woombye. I think it was one of the nicest ever. Des and Elaine did a wonderful job with the Christmas raffle and everyone went home loaded with goodies to grow. Some were extra lucky to win some of the prizes generously donated by Nathan.

How are your Christmas competition plants going? My Epi and Bulbophyllum are just powering away. The bulbophyllums are just going mad with all this wet weather. They just love it. It will be interesting to see the effects of this cool wet summer on the flowering cycle of our flowers this year. It could be a bumper or the lack of sunny days could prove just the opposite. I have noticed that a lot of our Christmas time flowering trees have put on lots of growth and greenery but very little flowers. The frangipani trees and the pointsianna trees were very much in this category. It could be interesting to see how our softwood dendrobiums will perform after a “real” monsoon.

At our Christmas party we surprised three of our members with acknowledgment of their efforts. Congratulations to Allan Shields on producing The Flower Of the Year for 2010 with his lovely cymbidium and to David and Julie Tyler for winning The Popular Vote for 2010. The prize paintings by Beryl Robertson were very much admired and will be highly contested in the future.

Val has got away with a good start to the year by celebrating his birthday. He is not saying how old he is but I think an OBE is pending. Happy birthday Val!

A sad note to pass on was the death of Mrs Coral Anderson early last Thursday morning after a long illness. Coral will be remembered for her bright and bubbly personality and for her enthusiasm for growing orchids. She was a former President of the STOCQ, former President and a foundation member of Noosa Orchid Society, a former member of the Kabi Native Orchid Society and long back a former member of North Coast Orchid Society. In all these groups she worked tirelessly and she will be sadly missed. We extend our sympathy to Barry and all her family.

I believe Rod has been away up in Theodore getting down and dirty helping with the clean up operations in that tiny town. Good on you Rod. Perhaps we all can find a way to help our friends up again in the near future. This year will really go down as The Year of the Volunteer.

Happy orchid growing for 2011 from your editors Pat and Clive.

POPULAR VOTE FOR NOVEMBER 2010

HYBRIDS

Cattleya Alliance

Judges Choice	Sc Dal's Tradition	Mal Rivers
First	Bc Dal's Charm x Sc Dal's Good One	Judy Robbins
Tie Second	E Bees Knees x E Atropurpleum "Roseum"	Richard Hand
Tie Second	C Hsinying Cognac x C <i>aclandiae</i>	Tom Buckle

Oncidium Alliance

Judges Choice	Degarmoara Flying High	Ken Richards
First	Odna Memoria Martin Orenstein	Beryl & Graham Robertson
Second	Odna Papageno	Beryl & Graham Robertson
Tie Third	Tolumnia Hawaiian Rainbow x Tolu Purple Envy x Tolu Ann Wins	David Tyler
Tie Third	Wils Castle Issa	Des & Elaine Middlebrook

Paphiopedilum

First & Judges Choice	<i>Paph sukhalukii</i> x Paph Flame Arrow	Alison & Alan Parkes
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Vanda / Phalaenopsis

Tie First & Judges Choice	V Kretcant x V Doctor Anek (Reg. as V Ratchaburi Blue Stars)	Mal Rivers
Tie First	Vasco Pine Rivers	David Tyler
Second	Dtps Chain Xen Magpie	Judy Robbins

Other Genera

First & Judges Choice	Bulb Wilmar	David Tyler
Second	Coel Burfordiense	Rob Raabe
Third	Bulb Wilmar Fantasy	Alison & Alan Parkes

PRIMARY HYBRIDS

First	<i>Aerangis ellisii</i> x <i>Aerangis modesta</i> (Reg. as Aerangis Elro)	Val Siebenhausen
Second & Judges Choice	Epi Chiapas	Des & Elaine Middlebrook

EXOTIC SPECIES

Judges Choice	<i>Bulb bicolor</i>	Val Siebenhausen
First	<i>C maxima</i>	Beryl & Graham Robertson
Tie Second	<i>Bulb lobbii</i>	Alison & Alan Parkes
Tie Second	<i>Ctism tenebrosum</i>	Des & Elaine Middlebrook
Tie Second	<i>C forbesi</i>	Des & Elaine Middlebrook

AUSTRALIAN NATIVES

Species

First & Judges Choice	<i>Den kingianum</i> "Bron"	Marty & Anita Vlekkert
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Hybrids

First & Judges Choice	Den Glory Fleck	Marty & Anita vlekkert
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Novice

First	E Bees` Knees	June Hutchins
Second & Judges Choice	Phal Unknown	June Hutchins

FIRST Flowering Seedling

Forst & Judges Choice	Blc California Girl X Slc Dal's Buddy	Beryl & Graham Robertson
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FOLIAGE

Judges Choice	Caladium	Val Siebenhausen
First	Tillandsia Streptophylla	Judy Robbins

The plant of the month was Degarmoara Flying High grown by Ken Richards. His article is below.

Degarmoara Flying High:- This plant is a combination of two cool growers, *Odontoglossum* and *Miltonia* and a warm growing *Brassia*.

This seems to suit my conditions at Mapleton quite well as the plant has never looked back. Other *Odontoglossum* and *Miltonia* hybrids usually flower a couple of times then fade away.

The orchids are grown under 70% shadecloth with no plastic cover, potted in straight bark and fed with a low nitrogen fertilizer every second watering through the growing season. In winter this is reduced to weekly or less frequently and fertilized very lightly.

As most fertilizers do not contain magnesium due to its not being compatible with other elements in the fertilizer, Epsom Salts is applied, at the rate of two teaspoons to the bucket, at a different time, three or four times a year or when I think of it.

To supply calcium, often lacking in fertilizers, the plants are drenched with lime water a couple of times a year. If your water supply is hard it may have sufficient calcium in it.

Thanks Ken for the article. Pat.

Secretaries News Update

January 2011

Happy New Year to all

I hope you have all had a great Christmas & New Year break and managed to get plenty of potting done. Those of us who don't have cover over our orchids have not had much need for watering with all the rain around that's for sure. We have been pretty lucky on the coast when you see what other Qld folk have had. Guest Speakers for the January meeting will be Wayne Harris & Rod Aisthorpe.

Species appreciation

The February species appreciation will be held at the Parkes residence on Saturday 12th February. Bring all the usual, a chair, plate to share for afternoon tea & your flowering species orchids listed on a sheet of paper. I am hoping it is a bit drier here by then.

STOCQ AGM

The STOCQ Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 19th February at the Surface Hill Uniting Church Hall, Gympie at 9am. At the November meeting, Bill gave members an overview of what the day involves. If you are considering going please let me know at the January meeting as Gympie will need numbers for morning tea & lunch catering.

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.

Show Dates Catalogue 2011

Nambour Orchid Society commitment (in bold)

Sat.– 22nd Jan. NOS Cultural Meeting

Sat. 12th Feb.- NOS Species appreciation

Sat. 19th Feb. - STOCQ AGM hosted by Gympie Orchid Society – Surface Hill Uniting Church Hall, Gympie.

Saturday 26th Feb. - NOS Annual General Meeting

Fri.-Sat. & Sun. 4th to 6th March - Qld International Orchid Fair

Sat. 12th March - NOS Species appreciation

Sat. 19th March - Childers & Isis District Orchid Show

Sat. 26th March – NOS Cultural meeting

Sat. & Sun. 26th & 27th March – Capricorn Orchid Society Show- Bauhinia House, North Rockhampton.

Sat. 2nd April – NOS. - Montville Autumn Show

Fri. & Sat. 8th & 9th April - Sunshine Coast Orchid Show – Uniting Church Hall, Caloundra.

Sat. 9th April – NOS Species appreciation

Sat. 16th April – South Burnett Orchid Show

Sat. 23rd April - NOS Cultural meeting (Easter Saturday)

Fri. & Sat. 22nd & 23rd April – Bribie Island Easter Show

Sat. 30th April & Sun. 1st May - Gympie Show

Sat. 4th June STOCQ meeting - at Murgon

Some Happy Snaps from the Xmas Party



Judges choice winner Alan Shield & popular vote winner David Tyler being presented with their perpetual trophies by Mal Rivers & Nathan Gould



Looks like these two are enjoying themselves



Some deep discussion going on here between Joan, Bob & Rod.



The rolling raffle master at his best



Gary, Julie & David enjoying the festivities