



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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Once again July has been a busy month for our orchid growers. While we were away up North enjoying a long delayed short break our members have been busy getting ready for the Caboolture show and the Garden Expo which were held simultaneously.

Caboolture Show was a quiet affair this year. We presented a table top display and although it was small it was very much appreciated by the Caboolture members. The flowers and foliage displayed were our best. We were able to pick up several ribbons and this included the Champion Species which was exhibited by Robertson Orchids. The foliage shown was also very high class and we were indebted to Judy for sending them down. Thank you to all who sent plants down and to the people who took the time to transport them down and back.

The Garden Expo is an enormous job for us but our members rise to the occasion and help out by manning the stand and selling the raffle tickets for the three days. Our arrangers did an excellent job on the display and with the many beautiful orchids brought forward to show, it made their job easy. It was very much appreciated by the public. Thank you all for your efforts. I am sure that you all took advantage of the great show to explore and let your “green thumb” loose.

I enjoyed listening in on one of Peter Heaton’s lectures on “Growing Ferns”. It was good and I learned quite a lot about the specialized watering that ferns need to grow them successfully. After killing numerous maiden hair ferns I took a lot of his suggestions on board and I hope to have more success with them in the future.

Our special lecturer Mr Bob Raabe had his time cut out in introducing people to the culture of keeping Native Bees in your garden. His lectures were full to overflowing and his tent was the home of a steady stream of “would be” bee keepers. Most of our members trooped down to see what he had to say. I enjoyed his neighbours the Richmond Butterfly exhibit and the Wilvos as well.

Well that is what Expo is all about isn’t it? There is oceans to learn by just looking, listening and asking questions. I hope you enjoyed it.

Editors Pat and Clive.

Tips from Peter Heaton on growing Maiden Hair ferns.

Keep them out of any strong wind.

Don’t grow them where they will get full sun between 8 am. and 5 pm. in Summer and 10 am. and 3 pm. in Winter.

Water them regularly “when they need it”.

Keep a little cup or tray under your fern pot and when it is dry water the plant.

Plant in a good potting mix suitable for ferns.

Fertilize your ferns but at half the recommended mix for seedlings.

Did you see his lovely display of anthuriums? WOW!!!

POPULAR VOTE FOR JUNE 2011

HYBRIDS

Cattleya alliance

Tie First	C Butterfly Wings	Judy Robbins
Tie First	Pot Jomal's Sunrise	Mal & Jo Rivers
Tie Second	Bc Hawaiian Pastel	Des & Elaine Middlebrook
Tie Second & JC	Lc Aloha Case	Rod & Janet Aisthorpe

Oncidium Alliance

First & JC	Tolumnia Unknown	Judy Robbins
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Paphiopedilum

First & JC	Paph Cherished Gold	Rob & Joan Raabe
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Vandaceous & Phalaenopsis

First & JC	V Manuvadee x <i>V coerulea</i> (Reg as V Laura Lynn House)	Rob & Joan Raabe
Second	Vasco Crownfox Magic 'Fuji's Magic'	Tom Buckley
Third	Asconopsis (Ascps) Irene Dobkin 'Peaches'	Judy Robbins

Any Other Genera

First & JC	Zygoneria (Zga) Adelaide Meadows ('Sara' x 'Sylvia')	Marty & Anita Vlekkert
Second	Masd Copper Angel x <i>Masd nangviensis</i>	David & Julie Tyler
Third	Calanthe William Murray	David & Julie Tyler

PRIMARY HYBRID

First	C Mini Purple 'Jessica'	Judy Robbins
Tie Second	C Mini Purple	Val Siebenhausen
Tie Second	Onc Twinkle 'Peaches'	Beryl & Graham Robertson
Tie Second & JC	Onc Twinkle 'Weston'	Judy Robbins

EXOTIC SPECIES

First	<i>Cym traceyanum</i>	Val Siebenhausen
Second	<i>Paph insigne</i>	Judy Robbins
Third & JC	<i>Paph villosum</i>	Beryl & Graham Robertson

AUSTRALIAN NATIVES

Hybrids

First	Den Australian Robbie McInnes	Marty & Anita Vlekkert
Tie Second	Den Minispec	Marty & Anita Vlekkert
Tie Second	Den Victorian Bride	Marty & Anita Vlekkert
Tie Second	Den Rutherford Starburst x <i>Den tetragonum</i>	Rod & Janet Aisthorpe
Tie Second & JC	Den Beast x <i>Den speciosum curv.</i>	Marty & Anita Vlekkert

Species

First	<i>Pterostylis baptistii</i>	Alan & Alison Parkes
Second & JC	<i>Corybas hispidus</i>	Alan & Alison Parkes
Third	<i>Corybas barbarea</i>	Alan & Alison Parkes

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First & JC	Yellow Throat	Shelby Walters
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FIRST FLOWERING

First	Slc Precious Doll x (Blc Toshie x Slc Wendy's Valentine)	Beryl & Graham Robertson
Second & JC	V Manuvadee x <i>V coerulea</i> (Reg. as V Laura Lynn House)	Richard Hand
Third	<i>C walkeriana</i>	Judy Robbins

The plant of the month was Onc Twinkle 'Weston' grown by Judy Robbins. Below is a picture of Onc. Twinkle 'Weston'.



Oncidium Twinkle is a primary hybrid of *Onc ornithorhyncum* x *Onc cheirophorum*. I grow this plant in a clay pot in an 8/1 mix of peat and coarse grade perlite with some chopped sphagnum moss added. A small amount of Osmocote High K fertilizer is added twice a year in Spring and Autumn and I spray with a foliar fertilizer about every 4 weeks using different brands alternately for a variety of trace elements. It is growing quite happily in the shady and cool position on the shelf below the cattleys which are spaced to allow a reasonable amount of light through.

Thank you Judy for your article

Marty and Anita Vlekkert were the growers of the plant of the month for May with *Zygopetalum Titanic* 'June' x *Pabstia jugosa*. As Alison and Alan and Clive and I were going to be away for the school holidays visiting family we had to produce the newsletter earlier than usual thus missing Marty's article on this plant. Therefore Marty's article is in this month's newsletter. Thank you Marty and Anita for your article.

Z. Titanic x Pab. jugosa

This intergeneric orchid has the full name of *Zygopetalum Titanic* x *Pabstia jugosa*. It was purchased November 2006 from John Woolf, who has a nursery at Toowoomba. At the time he had a large collection of *Zygo.* seedlings and mericlones for sale.

The label had the species *Pab. jugosa* written as *Colax jugosa*. I have looked this up in OrchidWiz and it tells me that this species has at various times been a *Colax*, *Lycaste*, *Maxillaria*, *Pabstia* and *Zygopetalum*. The Royal Horticultural Society and Kew now says the accepted name is *Pabstia jugosa*.

I grow *Zygos* somewhat like my *Cymbidiums* except that they are in a shadier part of the greenhouse. They seem to prefer a darker position and a fair amount of water. I grow them under shade cloth and they can take any rain that comes down on them. The plants are potted in bark and this 200mm pot has small bark. Medium bark may be better. Fertilizer is a teaspoon of 8-9 month Hi K Osmocote when repotted and then at about yearly intervals. I also put 2 or 3 teaspoons of shell grit mixed in the bark when potting it up. I am not sure if it makes any difference, but the theory suggests it keeps the bark from going too acidic and provides a little calcium.

Zygos are easy to grow, flower usually in the autumn but sometimes again in the spring, mostly have a nice perfume, and the flowers last for a few weeks. Try some.



Re *Onc Twinkle* (Previous Page)

According to Orchid Wiz (Versions 7 & 8)

Onc Twinkle is a crossing of *Onc cheiroporum* and *Onc sotoanum*.

Onc sotoanum is listed with off spring but *Onc ornithorhynchum* is shown as having nil off spring. *Onc sotoanum* is not listed as being accepted by Kew & RHS.

Onc ornithorhynchum is still listed as an accepted name by Kew & RHS.

Do we have a name change.

Secretaries News Update

July 2011

July- John Green from Gympie Orchid Society will talk on growing seedlings.

Popular vote & Judges choice.

Cultural meetings are now very busy afternoons. Members are asked to have their plants on the bench by 1.45pm to allow the judges to complete the judging by the time the meeting starts at 2pm. We rent the hall for 4 hours each meeting day, so have a time frame to complete our business, pack up and clean the hall. With judging complete by starting time of 2pm, members will then be asked to do their popular vote before we start the business of the meeting. (Please refrain from doing your popular vote before the President gives the OK) This will also allow the vote counters to complete their task & join the rest of us for the guest speaker segment of the meeting. The hall is often rented by another group after our meeting, so we need to ensure we are completed on time.

Species appreciation:

Due to Garden Expo & Caboolture show there was no get together to report on for July. August will be at Mal's place.

Shows:

I was away for all the July show activity, but I am told that the Nambour Display took out the Champion species at the show with Robertson's *Paph. villosum*. Congratulations to all the winners. Results are as follows.

D & E Middlebrook	<i>C. Tangerine Jewel</i> x <i>Rlc. Glenn Maidment</i>	2nd
Judy Robbins	<i>Aglonema Foliage</i>	3 rd 3 rd
Graham & Beryl Robertson	<i>C. Royal Beau</i> <i>Paph. Lynleigh Koopowitz</i> <i>Paph. villosum</i>	2 nd 1 st 1 st & Champion species
Rod Aisthorpe	<i>Acampe ochracea</i>	3 rd
Bob Raabe	<i>V. Laura Lynn House</i>	3 rd

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.

Website update.

A Pdf version of each newsletter is available on our website. This is still a work in progress, if you have any feedback or any articles to include please email the Secretary or our Webmaster.

We are looking for some cultural notes from our members to add to the web page.

Show Dates Catalogue 2011

Nambour Orchid Society commitment (in bold)

Sat. 23rd July – N.O.S Cultural meeting

Sat. 6th & Sun. 7th Aug. Maroochydore Orchid Society Show – Milwell Community Hall- Milwell Road Maroochydore - Set up Fri. 5th

Sat. 13th August – N.O.S Species appreciation

Sat. 27th August – N.O.S Cultural meeting

Fri. 2nd & Sat. 3rd September - Nambour Orchid Society Spring Show – Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour. Set up Thurs. 1st

Fri 2nd & Sat 3rd September – Childers Orchid Society Show. Set up Thurs. 1st

Sat. 10th September – N.O.S Species appreciation

Fri. & Sat. 16th & 17th September, Noosa Orchid & Foliage Society Show, Cooroy RSL Hall Set up 15th

Sat. 24th September – N.O.S Cultural meeting

Fri 23rd & Sat 24th September Glasshouse Country Orchid Society Show. Set up Thurs. 22nd

Sat 1st & Sun 2nd Oct Hervey Bay Orchid Society Show- Great Hall HBSHS. Set up 30th Sept.

Sat. Oct. 8th N.O.S Species appreciation

Sat. 8th & Sun 9th October – Bribie Island Spring October Orchid Bonanza- Bribie State High School, First Ave. Bribie. Set up Fri. 7th

Sat. 22nd Oct. N.O.S Cultural meeting

Sat. 5th November – Nambour Orchid Society Species Show – Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour. Set up by 7.30am for judging

Sat. 12th Nov. N.O.S. Species appreciation

Sat. 12th & Sun. 13th November Orchid Species Society open show – Mt Cootha Botanical Gardens Auditorium- Set up Fri 11th.

Sat. 22nd Nov. N.O.S Cultural meeting

Gympie Golden Orchid Spectacular

10th, 11th, 12th June 2013

The Pavilion

Gympie Showgrounds

