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Next New Growers Meeting SATURDAY 11TH MAY Next Birthday Lunch TUESDAY 21ST MAY Next Cultural Meeting TUESDAY 28TH MAY

To those members/family/friends who are not enjoying the best of health at the moment. we wish you all the best for your recovery and look forward to seeing you at Society functions in the future. Stay safe!!



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello and welcome to our April bulletin for 2024.

With our 2024 Easter Orchid & Foliage Show done and dusted, some of our members have taken a well earned break over the last couple of weeks to recharge their batteries and we look forward to seeing them back at future meetings. None of us are getting any younger and time has taken its toll on some, but never fear we have a great team of workers who are only to happy to step in and help out. So thank you everyone.

Our airconditioning and solar panels have now been replaced and we are already reaping the benefits so thank you to all concerned.

Jill from Searles Garden Products was our guest speaker at the April Cultural Meeting and kept the group entertained with her wealth of knowledge about all things gardening (she doesn't claim to be an orchid grower) so everyone went home with lots of tips on potting mixes, fertilisers, fungicides, pests and diseases the list goes on. So thank you Jill once again for your informative talk and garden goodies for future raffles.

In May, Robert Trost from RoLin Orchids will be our Guest Speaker on the subject of growing Bulbophyllums.

The Autumn Orchid Shows in south east Queensland are ramping up over the next few months giving members the opportunity to enjoy the host of beautiful blooms and no doubt the plant sales departments will be doing a roaring trade. There's always room for one more orchid, or two!!!

Ros G, Paul & Di, along with Teresa and Joe, have been out and about at some of the recent shows. See Ros's report further on In this bulletin.

Happy growing!

Diann Sirett, President B I O S

Members may now bring a plate of food to share for afternoon tea at Meetings however please note all food will be served, along with tea and coffee, by appointed Society members.



SIGNING IN AT MEETINGS

All members and visitors must sign the Attendance Book which is on display at the front of the hall for attendance/Insurance purposes. Thank you.



The Next New Growers Meeting will be held on Saturday 11th May commencing at 1.00pm for 1.30pm. Benching by 1.15pm please.

Topic will be deflasking Cattleya seedlings so come along prepared to get down and dirty!

New Growers, please feel welcome to bring along any problem plants for advice.



Check out the wide range of **pots &** vanda baskets, fungicides, ties, cutters, bark and perlite etc available at both the New Growers and Cultural Meetings at The Orchid House. For more information contact Paul on 0475 851 603.

PLEASE NOTE : EFTPOS is now be available for purchases at both monthly meetings.



PROPOSED GUEST SPEAKERS AT COMING CULTURAL MEETINGS

MAY Robert Trost from RoLin Orchids—Bulbophyllums JUNE—No guest speaker—AGM JULY Peter Farquharson. "Plant of Health" supplier, Fertilisers for orchids

If you have any suggestions for Guest Speakers or if there is a particular topic you would like to hear about, please contact our Secretary Teresa on 0407 782 290



Are you interested in understanding the mystery of Orchid names and helping out at **meetings?** Scribing the judging results is a great way to familiarize yourself with 'orchid speak' and to get to know the different types of orchid genera.

It's not hard—all you have to do is copy the details of the orchids/foliage selected by the judges for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class from the blue/cream plant tags on to our results sheets, and record the number of plants benched in each class. 'On the job training' will be provided. Please let Zelda, Ros G or Sandy know if you are interested.

Softcane Dendrobiums

Mainly Spring flowerers. In the warmer months, new green leafy growths develop, lengthen and produce roots. New growths may need staking. In the cooler months, plants may lose their leaves and produce flowers along the cane. Water sparingly in Winter and DO NOT fertilize in Winter. Softcanes grow well in the Brisbane area under shadecloth, however it is beneficial to expose Softcanes to full sun (hang them on the clothesline if possible) from Mother's Day, returning them to more shade on Father's Day.





JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER THAT MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE BY THE END OF APRIL - \$15 PER ANNUM SINGLE, OR \$20 PER ANNUM FAMILY.

FEES CAN BE PAID BY CASH/EFT AT MEETINGS. OTHERWISE WESTPAC BANK BSB 034 119 ACCOUNT NUMBER 161085 IF YOU ARE DOING INTERNET BANKING OR IN PERSON. PLEASE INCLUDE 'FEES & YOUR SURNAME' AS THE REFERENCE.



Sunshine Coast Orchid Show 5th – 6th April, 2024

After the success of our Bribie Show a few of us decided to try our orchids out in another environment. Some were shown at Bribie but the ones that were not quiet up to speed for our Show were given a second chance. On Thursday I went up to Caloundra with a car weighed down with lovely orchids and with the help of the Show Marshall finally had everything in the right spot. By this time orchids and owners were coming in very fast and they were having to rearrange the benches.

Paul & Di Firth went up on Friday and were very excited about their placings of 1st, 2nd & 3rd, super effort for a first time showing outside our club. Ron Russell snagged a 3rd and my recycled Brat. got me a 2nd. It has made me appreciate my Brat more as the competition was stiff and it had already given me a 1st the week before.

It is always worth going to other shows, it opens up a new world of orchids that we may not have at our club and a chance to talk to people and absorb different ideas and of course buy more orchids. All of the clubs in our STOCQ group were at this show which is so important for a successful show. Sandy's stats for our show highlighted this as our members benched 122 plants and other clubs benched 135 plants. For anyone who was at our show, they would know that without the other clubs support we would have had a lot of gaps.

Keep an eye on the bulletin for the next show and mark it in your calendar.

Cheers

Ros Grant









Di & Paul have been touring the Sunshine Coast, Redcliffe and Pine Rivers Shows in the last couple of weeks, as well as Joe and Teresa who were earlybirds at the South Burnett (Wondai) Show. Great to see members supporting other societies!

APRIL 2024 --- NEW GROWERS MEETING

Our April New Growers meeting held on Saturday 11th April was attended by 31 members and visitors, some of who joined the society on the day. Welcome all.

Zelda got to try out her new trick using the camera on her laptop to project her image on the screen so that everyone had a good view of what she was doing when she demonstrated dividing/repotting a plant, reminding those present that when repotting the plant should be soaked for 24 hours prior and also the mix should be soaked so that the plant has a headstart and can then be left for a week or so before needing to be watered. She also has a new microphone setup, with a spare for visiting speakers.

Zelda also issued a warning about the risks of buying plants that had been transported long distances to shows and possibly suffering from changes in conditions/transportation. Where possible, avail yourselves of 'plant creches' at Shows and don't leave your new purchases in your car while you enjoy the Show. Locked cars and plants, especially those flowering, do not fare well together.

It was pleasing to see 8 plants benched at the meeting, with Pat Samuelson taking out 'The Finger' for the first time, with her lovely, well presented *Phal.* Unknown. Congratulations Pat. Zelda was kept busy answering questions about a number of problem plants including deformed blooms which could be the result of not enough energy (food) for the plant, the use of some fungicides and snail damage to buds. Bev was given a lesson on what to do with dry sheaths, opening them very carefully and finding viable buds just sitting waiting to develop, so gently does it and exercise plenty of patience!

After the raffle had been run and won, supplies purchased from Paul's Cultural Corner, the group adjourned to enjoyed a yummy afternoon tea before heading off. The May New Growers Meeting will cover deflasking Cattleya plants and potting them up, so come along and join the fun!



Zelda's new toy!



Den. Unknown



Bulb. Elizabeth Ann 'Bucklebury'





New member James getting some advice



APRIL 2024 CULTURAL MEETING

With our Secretary Teresa, our Vice President Joe and our Treasurer Ros R missing in action replenishing their energy and sanity levels after a very busy first quarter of the year, Diann S and Zelda, with the help of Di K, managed to keep our April Cultural Meeting on track and things ticking over in the background. Thank you ladies. For those taking a break, we hope you are all refreshed and look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Searles Garden Products 'Pocket Rocket' Jill was our guest speaker for the day. Jill is always a popular speaker at our meetings and delights in 'naming and shaming' (all in good fun), those present who don't always read the labels on products or have umpteen bottles/bags of product which are well past their Use By date. Jill likes to remind us that while we might have good intentions buying large, or several bags of potting mix at a time, we invariably have bags sitting in our sheds which have already started to deteriorate, even if not opened, as the dates on the bags are when the product was bagged, so please keep this in mind in future.

Some of Jill's tip were :-

- 1) Make sure you use separate spray bottles for each product. Residues of weed killers etc in used sprayers can easily decimate your orchid collection or garden and make sure your spray bottles are clearly labelled.
- 2) When using Insecticides/Fungicides/Miticides follow the instructions on the pack eg spray 3 times 10 days apart and don't always use the same product as bugs build up resistance. Always spray in the cooler part of the day.
- 3) It is better to use demineralized water when preparing products to spray, otherwise use all the spray the same day it is mixed.

As usual Jill brought along some packs of Searles products so they will be used for raffle prizes at future meetings. Thank you Jill for a very entertaining talk, and we look forward to seeing you again.

Thank you to Martin Gunther and Trish Stevenson, our Orchid and Foliage judges respectively, for their comments. Benching numbers were down slightly, so with the weather cooling and the rain easing, numbers hopefully will increase at future meetings.



Does Paul use an extra special fertilizer on his orchids??

He needs to get a bigger basket!!

What do you do when your Stanhopea grows out of its basket? You wrestle with it for a while then resort to the angle grinder to finish the task..... Now to decide whether to keep the plant in tact or divide it in to more manageable pieces and perhaps take orders or sell them at our next Show. Good job Paul!







How's this for a giant-sized Phalaenanthe Dendrobium

Paul purchased this plant from Ken Unsworth's collection at the Society's Spring Show in 2022. This is its first flowering, with the plant having only 6 flowers on the inflorescence. It will be interesting to see if it continues the trend in future.





Den. Dal's Stunner 'Ron' X Den. Tanamera Beauty

APRIL 2024 RESULTS - NEW GROWERS MEETING

CLASS	#	No.	PLANT NAME	GROWER/S
Dendrobium	2	1st	Den. Unknown	R Ramsey
		2nd	(Den.Mem. Charlie Taylor X Den. Pat Ward) X (Den. Kuranda Classic X Den. Udom Sri)	R Ramsey
		3rd	C. Unknown	R Ramsey
Vandaceous	2	1st	<i>Phal.</i> Unknown	P Samuelson
		2nd	<i>Phal.</i> Unknown	P Samuelson
Other Hybrids	1	1st	Bulb. Elizabeth Ann 'Buckelbury'	B Power
Species	3	1st	Gur. bowringiana	D & B Birt
		2nd	Gur. bowringiana	S Harrison
		3rd	Gur. bowringiana	S Harrison
Judges Choice			Phal. Unknown	P Samuelson

(# = No. of plants benched in each Class)

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RECENT GRANTS APPROVED





Our airconditioning system has been replaced by AH Airconditioning and Electrical, and our Solar system has been replaced by Powered Electricians & Solar so its all systems go!

Our thanks again to the Gaming Community Benefit Fund and Busy Fingers for providing the funds to cover these activities.



April 2024 Birthday Lunch

With no sign of any Birthday people on the horizon, April's planned Birthday Lunch at the Bribie Island RSL Social Café turned in to a wedding anniversary celebration for both Bob and Vicki Ferguson and Paul and Diane Firth. Congratulations folks! As usual the food was top notch and enjoyed by the relatively small group of 13 members.

Once again our thanks to Liz for organizing lunch, and to Diane our volunteer photographer for the day. The May Birthday lunch will be held at The Bribie Island Bowls Club, 11-23 Welsby Parade, Bongaree.



Sandra, Bob & Vicki



Di & Paul



Liz & Friends



Bob L & Ros



Allen & Jenni



Bob & Vicki



Helene

'MISSTIMED BLOOMS' - Those plants that flower when there are no meetings (or you can't get there) or Shows!



Bulb. Mega Sri



Rth. Rosella Tokyo 'Hot Lips' X *C.* Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'



Gracillus neobethamia



Knight'



Ascda. Princess Mikasa 'Pink'.



Mta. Aztec 'Hildos'



Spa. Far out Freckles



Bc. Hawaii Stars 'Only One'



V. Somsri Glory 'Blue'



Lc. Ecstasy 'Orchidglade' x BLc. Burdekin Heights "#5"

If you have any plants that flower between meetings, email the photos to our Bulletin Editor—sandyjens@bigpond.com for inclusion in the next bulletin.

APRIL 2024 CULTURAL MEETING CLASS WINNERS



Judges Choice—Open Rlc. Home Hill 'Bridal Blush Growers D & Z Holm



C. Mem. Ralph Yagi '4 Good'

OPEN



Rlc. Goldenzlle 'Moody Blues'



Rth. Nell Hammer 'Destiny Dixon'



Ctt. Final Blue 'Royal Purple'



c. bowringiana var. coerulea X *Rth.* Volcano Blue 'Volcano Queen'



Den. bigibbum



Den. Miss Singapore X Den. Kiyomi Beauty



Den. Green Flash

APRIL 2024 CULTURAL MEETING CLASS WINNERS (Cont'd)



People's Choice—Orchids C. Unknown Growers R & R Mitchell



V. Pachara Delight 'Nakornsawan Pink'



Vct. Herbert Kurihara 'Kazuto Nitta' Nota

OPEN



Phal. Surf Song



Phal. Unknown



Onc. Heaven Scent 'Redolence'



Bulb. Sri Mega



Bulb. sanguineopunctatum

APRIL 2024 CULTURAL MEETING CLASS WINNERS (Cont'd)

NOVICE



Judge's Choice—Novice Den. Unknown Growers D Kennedy & G Gow



People's Choice—Foliage Bromeliad Unknown Growers B & V Ferguson



Brs. Up the Water-spout 'Long Legs'

FOLIAGE

Tillandsia Unknown





Anthurium Bugatti Royale



Judge's Choice—Foliage Qld. Layered Tassel Fern Growers N & S Jensen



Alocasia Cupra Bronze

GET YOUR ORCHID FIX.....UPCOMING SHOWS

	I 2na ⊰ra 4th	Caboolture Orchid Society Mini Show (Closed), Caboolture Square, King Street	Thurs & Fri 7am - 8pm & Sat 7am - 3pm
		Brisbane Orchid Society 50th Anniversary Show, Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont	Sat 8am - 4pm Sun 8.30am - 2pm
	10th, 11th, 12th	Bundaberg OS show, Civic Centre	Set up Thurs 9th May, Fri, Sat & Sun
	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Noosa District Orchid & Foliage Society Show (Closed)	Saturday & Sunday
	11th	Aspley Orchid Society May Show, Wavell Heights Community Hall, Edinburgh Castle Road, Wavell Heights	Saturday 8am - 3.30pm
		Maroochydore Orchid Society - Closed show, Uniting Church, Bli Bli	Saturday
	18th	Southport & Districts Orchid Society Show Country Paradise Gardens, 231 Nerang- Beaudesert Road Nerang	Saturday 8am - 3pm
JULY	11th,12th,13th	Caboolture Orchid Society Winter Show, Morayfield Community Hall, 298 Morayfield Road	Thurs Fri, Sat
	27th & 28th	John Oxley District Orchid Society Annual Winter Show, Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens	Sat 8.30am - 4pm Sun 9am - 3pm



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APRIL 2024 RESULTS - CULTURAL MEETING

CLASS	#	No.	PLANT NAME	GROWER/S
Cattleya Exhibition over 110mm (Lavender/Mauve/Purple)	3	1st	<i>Rlc.</i> Home Hill 'Bridal Blush'	D & Z Holm
		2nd	<i>C</i> . Unknown	R Mitchell
		3rd	<i>Rlc.</i> King of Taiwan 'Fong Ping'	D & Z Holm
Cattleya Exhibition over 110mm (White)	2	1st	C. Mem. Ralph Yagi '4 Good'	P & D Firth
		2nd	<i>Rlc.</i> Druinn's Martin <i>X Rlc.</i> Burdekin Bells	M Gunther
Cattleya Exhibition over 110mm - Any other colour or colour combination	5	1st	<i>Rlc.</i> Goldenzelle 'Moody Blues'	D & Z Holm
		2nd	<i>Rlc.</i> Spanish Eyes 'Tian Mu'	D & Z Holm
		3rd	Rlc. Goldenzelle 'Sheer Delight'	D & Z Holm
Cattleya 75–110mm	6	1st	Rth. Nell Hammer 'Destiny Dixon'	D & Z Holm
		2nd	Rlc. Zelda's Sunrise 'Morning Star'	D & Z Holm
		3rd	Rlc. Rosella's Magic Tokyo	M Gunther
Cattleya Non Exhibition	2	1st	Ctt. Final Blue 'Royal Purple'	R & L Kunde
		2nd	Bc. Hawaii Stars 'Only One'	N & S Jensen
Cattleya Cluster	1	1st	<i>C. bowringiana var. coerulea X Rth.</i> Volcano Blue 'Volcano Queen'	D & Z Holm
Cattleya Species	1	1st	C. cernua	M Gunther
Dendrobium Species	3	1st	Den. bigibbum	M Gunther
		2nd	Den. macrophyllum	M Gunther
		3rd	Den. bigibbum	M Gunther
Dendrobium Spatulata/ Intermediate	12	1st	<i>Den.</i> Miss Singapore X <i>Den</i> . Kiyomi Beauty	P & D Firth
		2nd	Den. Sally Koh Siew Aye	P & D Firth
		3rd	Den. Mem. Kip McKillop	M Gunther
Dendrobium Any other	1	1st	Den. Green Flash	M Gunther
Vanda Over 60mm	2	1st	V. Pachara Delight 'Nakornsawan Pink'	N & S Jensen
		2nd	V. Unknown	R Mitchell
Vanda Other	1	1st	<i>Vct.</i> Herbert Kurihara 'Kazuto Nitta' Nota	N & S Jensen
Phalaenopsis Any Type	1	1st	Phal. Surf Song	N & S Jensen
Phalaenopsis Miniature	1	1st	Phal. Unknown	D & Z Holm
Oncidium Any Other	1	1st	Onc. Heaven Scent 'Redolence'	D & Z Holm
Miscellaneous Hybrid	2	1st	Bulb. Sri Mega	R Grant
		2nd	Bulb. Wilmar Sunrise	R Grant
Miscellaneous Species	2	1st	Bulb. sanguineopunctatum	R Grant
		2nd	Ddc. glumaceum	N & S Jensen

APRIL 2024 RESULTS - CULTURAL MEETING (CONT'D)

CLASS	#	NO.	PLANT NAME	GROWER/S
NOVICE				
Dendrobium	1	1st	Den. Unknown	D Kennedy
Other Hybrids	2	1st	Brs. Up the Water-spout 'Long Legs'	S Hetherington
		2nd	Brat. Charles Fitch 'Izumi'	D Kennedy
Judges Choice - Novice			Den. Unknown	D Kennedy
Judges Choice - Open			<i>Rlc.</i> Home Hill 'Bridal Blush	D & Z Holm
Judges Choice - Foliage			Qld. Layered Tassel Fern	N & S Jensen
Popular Vote - Orchid			C. Unknown	R Mitchell
Popular Vote - Foliage			Bromeliad Unknown	B Ferguson
FOLIAGE				
Bromeliad	4	1st	Bromeliad Unknown	B Ferguson
		2nd	Brom. Deuterocohnia brevolia	D Sirett
		3rd	Bromeliad Unknown	N & S Jensen
Tillandsia	5	1st	Tillandsia Unknown	N & S Jensen
		2nd	Tillandsia funckiana	N & S Jensen
		3rd	Tillandsia kawinskyana	N & S Jensen
Anthurium	2	1st	Anthurium Bugatti Royale	N & S Jensen
		2nd	Anthurium Utah	N & S Jensen
Ferns	4	1st	Qld. Layered Tassel Fern	N & S Jensen
		2nd	Birds Nest Fern	D Sirett
		3rd	Maidenhair Fern	N & S Jensen
Other Foliage	11	1st	Alocasia cupra bronze	N & S Jensen
		2nd	Aglaonema Unknown	N & S Jensen
		3rd	Epipremum aureum	D Sirett

49 ORCHIDS BENCHED 26 FOLIAGE PLANTS BENCHED

NEW GROWERS : BENCH YOUR ORCHIDS AT CULTURAL MEETINGS AND ANY PLACINGS RESULT IN POINTS FOR THE YEAR'S AWARDS.

NB Corrections in red have been made after checking with OrchidWiz. Please change tags for new registrations and correct spellings.... Zelda Holm.



Our next Birthday Lunch will be held on

Tuesday 21st May 2024

Time: 12 noon

Venue : Bribie Island Bowls Club, 11–23 Welsby Parade, Bongaree

Please contact Liz on 0407 388 771 if you intend to attend, if you have not already done so

Many Happy Returns to our members celebrating their Birthdays in May

Karen Quinn 6th May

Kathleen Daly 10th May

Beverley Hopgood 12th May

Lois McKane 13th May

Vicki Ferguson 26th May

Janet Watson 29th May

Jenni Mae 29th May

Margaret Svensson 31st May

Is your name and Birth date in our Birthday Book? If you're shy, your year of birth is not necessary, just the day and month!

Email Liz—kundecrew@bigpond.com or text her at 0407 388 771 to have your name and birthday registered if you're not already in the book.





Our monthly Birthday lunches are usually held on the third Tuesday of each month at 12 noon various locations around the Island and surrounds. They are a great way to get to know other members of the Society. Everyone pays for their own meal/drinks so the choice is yours whether it be a low cost outing or something a bit more up-market.

Website Our new website address is www.bribieislandorchidsociety.au

FACEBOOK

Members are reminded that our Society has a Facebook page. Just type in Bribie Island Orchid Society in the Facebook search field and the group page will appear. In the section headed Groups ask to join. Our administrator will then accept your request. Our Facebook page is attracting a large number of views and comments from both within the Society and outside and it is interesting to note that some of our new members found us on Facebook. Many thanks go to Teresa Watson and Sue Harrison for their contribution to this platform.

Suggestions for our monthly Bulletin



If you have any suggestions for our monthly bulletins or would like more information on any particular subjects, please don't hesitate to contact our editor **Sandy Jensen on 3408 3317 or email sandyjens@bigpond.com** and we will do our best to accommodate your requests.

Cultural Meeting

Cultural Meeting is normally held on the Fourth Tuesday of the month at The Orchid House, 156A First Avenue, Bribie Island. Meeting times are arrival 1.00 pm for start at 1.30 pm. Plants must be benched by 1.15 pm when judging will commence. Members may now bring a plate of food to share for afternoon tea however please note all food will be served, along with tea and coffee, by appointed Society members due to COVID-19 restrictions.

New Growers' Meeting

The New Growers' Meeting is normally held on the Second Saturday of the month. These meetings are held at The Orchid House, arrival time 1.00 pm for start at 1.30 pm. Plants must be benched by 1.15 pm when judging will commence. Members may now bring a plate of food to share for afternoon tea however please note all food will be served, along with tea and coffee, by appointed Society members due to COVID-19 restrictions.

CLUB BADGES AND/OR SHIRTS To order your Club polo shirt and/or name badge, see our friendly Treasurer. The costs are Polos \$ 35 each and Name badges \$15. Wearing a Club shirt and name badge readily identifies Bribie Island Orchid Society members to the public who patronize our Shows and name badges come in handy at our meetings/functions when we sometimes experience a 'Senior's moment or two'. **Be proud to stand out in the crowd**!



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