

HERVEY BAY ORCHID SOCIETY Inc

NEWS AND VIEWS

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THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF ORCHIDS

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GENERAL MEETINGS:

Our general meetings are held on the FIRST Monday of the month unless otherwise notified. They are held in the Presbyterian Church on the corner of Denman Camp Road and Freshwater Street, Torquay. Doors open at 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start. Plants to be judged need to be tabled by 6.45pm

The next General Meeting is on **Monday 1st November 2021**.

The Guest Speaker for November is: T.B.A. speaking on the subject of :T.B.A.

Feature Plant for November 2021 meeting is - Species and 'Odd Bods'

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Our committee meetings are usually held on the FOURTH Monday of the month.

Next committee meeting is **25th October 2021 at 6.30pm at Presbyterian Church hall.**

Annual Membership Fees were due in February.

Feature Plant for October is

• ***Phalaenopsis***

'Phalaenopsis' our October Feature Plant

INTERESTED GROWERS MEETINGS:

These are informal gatherings offering cultural advice and information exchange which are usually held on the FOURTH Saturday of each month from 10am. The next one for the year will be on Saturday **23rd October 10am at the Orchid House** at the Hervey Bay Botanic Gardens. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring problem plants and brag plants.

COMING EVENTS:

HBOS Show Helpers Bus Trip 9th October. A thank you bus trip for the wonderful helpers at our show. 6.45am sharp departure from Stocklands bound for Calliope. For more info contact our vice president Heather Wehl.

Caboolture OS Show 21st-23rd October @ Morayfield Shopping Centre

Nambour Species Show 23rd October @ Buderim Uniting Church Hall.

STOCQ meeting 6th November hosted by Caboolture OS @Morayfield East State School

Getting to meetings!

If you would like to attend any of our meetings but are unable to get there by yourself, then let one of the Committee know and we will see if we can assist or please contact -

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HBOS President's Report - Oct 2021

Hello all!

Well, our Show was an amazing success! This is a testament to this Society's members, who all worked with a common purpose to pull together a really great Show. I received a terrific amount of positive feedback about this Show. I think we all know that our Show is really very special, and very different to all the other Orchid Shows. Everyone should be proud to be associated with it, and proud of their achievement if they helped in any way. In case you haven't heard, we had 2,118 visitors through the door this year – a record. We beat the previous record of 2,001 visitors from 3 years ago.

I would like to pay one tribute here – to Norm Sprenger. Under his Presidency, the Show reached its current shape – ie with Garden and Bromeliad Clubs, Singers, Devonshire Tea etc. Since that time, we have made some adjustments, such as changing the venue, going from a 2 day to a 3 day Show and such like. But we still owe a debt to Norm and his Show Committees for establishing our Show as special.

Congratulations to Keith Lydiate for being Grand Champion of our Show and to Terri Bade for being Grand Champion of the Maryborough Show the previous week. Both won with Paphs – maybe there's a message there!

Lucky Door Prize and Competition Results

- The lucky door prize winner for October was **Beth Payne**
- The lucky competition winners were: **K. & P. Stockwell x2, P. Gaddes, F. Fitzsimmons, K. Holst, T. Russell, J. Blaber, I. Trace and J. Arthur**

***Members must wear name badges to meetings to be eligible for the lucky door prize**

An Orchid Book Library is available at the Church Hall for all members to use. Please see our librarian **Thuy Dolkens at the General Meetings to sign out borrowings. Check out the many Orchid books and magazines available.**

If you have an interesting article on orchids to share in our newsletter please feel free to contact the Editor and we will hopefully include it in a future newsletter.

JUDGING RESULTS - POPULAR VOTE

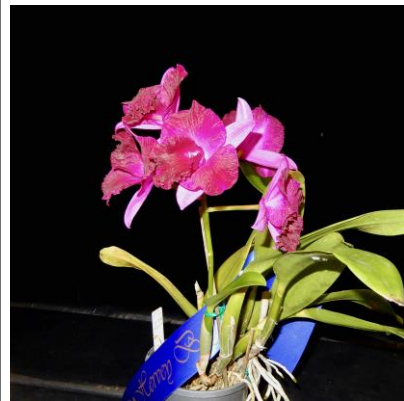
NOVICE:

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| 1 st | <i>Den pierardii</i> | Beth Payne → |
| 2 nd | Sc Cherry Bee 'Anthea' | K. & P Stockwell |
| 3 rd | C. Unk. | J. & P. Gaddes |



INTERMEDIATE:

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|------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| ←1 st | <i>Den. Mousmee</i> | Chet's Choice | T. Dolkens |
| 2 nd | <i>Rhrda</i> | Norma 'KBR' | D.&L. Coombes |
| 3 rd | <i>Den</i> | Unk. | V. Raynor |



OPEN:

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|-------------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1 st | <i>Blc. Duaka's</i> | Purple hawk | C. Morgan → |
| 2 nd . | <i>Den. Mousmee</i> | | Daphne McKenna |
| 3 rd | <i>Rth. Roys</i> | Magic 'Janet' | J. & G. Blaber |



MASTERS:

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|------------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| ←1 st | <i>Ctsm. Portagee</i> | Star x Melana | Davidson | T. & C. Bade |
| 2 nd | <i>Phal.</i> | Lianher | Happy Song | G. Johnston |
| 3 rd | <i>Den.</i> | Touch of gold | | N. Smith |
| 3 rd | <i>Den. farmeri</i> | x | thrysoflorum | T. & C. Bade |

SPECIES:

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|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| 1 st | <i>Epi. standfordianum</i> | D. McKenna → |
| 2 nd | <i>Bifrenia harrisonia</i> | D.& L. Coombes |
| 3 rd | <i>Den. secundum</i> | C. Morgan |



AUSTRALIAN NATIVE:

- 1st · *Den. canaliculatum* 'Moreton' x Batavia
V. Raynor →
- 2nd *Sarc. Ceciliae.* R. Colbran
- 3rd *Sarc hartmannii* 'Red Circles' G. & L. Semmler



JUDGING RESULTS - JUDGES CHOICE

NOVICE:	<i>Sc. Cherry Bee</i> 'Anthea' Stockwell	70 points	K. & P.
INTERMEDIATE:	<i>Rhrda Norma</i> 'KBR' Coombes	71 points	D. & L.
OPEN:	<i>Rth. Roy's Magic</i> 'Janet'	69 points	J. & G. Blaber
MASTERS:	<i>Phal. Liahner Happy Song</i>	71 Points	G. Johnston
SPECIES:	<i>Den. secundum</i>	70 points	C. Morgan
AUST. NATIVE:	<i>Den. canaliculatum</i> 'Morton' x Batavia	69 points	V. Raynor
FEATURE PLANT:	<i>Phal. Lianher Happy Song</i> <i>Phalaenopsis</i>	G. Johnston	



Clockwise from top

Sc. Cherry Bee 'Anthea'

Rhrda Norma 'KBR'

Rth. Roy's Magic 'Janet'

Phal. Lianher Happy Song

Den. secundum



Activities and events 2021

***Note** All events may be subject to postponement or cancellation at short notice.

Due to Covid no events have been scheduled at this stage.

Anyone with flowering plants who would like to loan them to the Botanical Garden's Orchid House please contact the Orchid House on 4125 9715

INTERESTED GROWERS GROUP MEETING

Our September meeting at the Orchid House was not held due to the occurrence of our show.

The IGG on Saturday 23rd October will be held at the 'Orchid House' unless advised otherwise commencing 10am. Tea and coffee are provided but please bring your own seating arrangements, a hat, sun protection and your own personal morning tea.

HBOS Shirts are available from 'TUFF STUFF' 2/109 Boat Harbour Dr.

Just go in, select your size, make payment (\$30 including embroidery, Pocket is extra \$5 and name included at no cost if desired) and shirts should be available 2-3 weeks

Contact Leanne Coombes ph.0418132175 for more information.

Please note limited supply of original shirts are still available at limited sizes .

Two happy 'Posie' makers at our show



Two successful vendors at our show



Phalaenopsis Orchids

The *Phalaenopsis* orchid is the most commonly grown orchid genus in the world.

They are popular because they flower for up to six months and are dead easy to look after.

Phalaenopsis orchids originated in south-eastern Asia and naturally extended from the Himalayas to Cape York Peninsula. From just 80 odd species thousands of hybrids and cultivars have been produced

Graham McKay is passionate about *Phalaenopsis* and grows about 10,000 orchids as a hobby.

Graham also breeds orchids and as part of this breeding program aims to improve the plant's characteristics. He makes about a hundred crosses each year.

Graham cross pollinates the orchids himself. He selects two plants and removes pollen from one flower and places it into another. "I'll do a couple of flowers, so I have a backup for myself. About four months later I get a wonderful new green pod. I'll send it to my propagator," he said.

In about four months a flask of progeny plants - produced from the seeds in the pod - will be grown in sterile agar. Over the next 18 months, a flowering plant will be produced. "I'll at least see the results of my progeny in probably two to three years time," Graham said.

The small plantlets are taken from a flask and planted into what's called a community pot for a few months. Then these are potted into normal size pots, using different media. Nurseries use a sphagnum moss. But Graham finds this difficult to water and maintain. He has been experimenting with other media including a new coconut fibre, which must be pH treated. He has also tried a mixture of bark, foam and coconut fibre - which after a couple of months has promoted beautiful root growth. And another pot has a mix of just foam and bark. Graham does not find this to be as successful as the other media. *Phalaenopsis* orchids have enormous root growth, so it's best to use a clear pot so the light can get through to the roots. They're saprophytic and epiphytic orchids - growing on trees and rocks. *Phalaenopsis* orchids like plenty of light, but you must protect them from direct sunlight so that means a shade cloth covering with a density of no greater than 70 per cent. Ideally they like a temperature range of between 15 and 28 degrees Celsius. .

Excerpts from an article on ' *Phalaenopsis* ' on ' Gardening Australia '. Courtesy ABC



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AUSTRALIAN ORCHID CONFERENCE

In 2019, South East Queensland Orchid Societies combined to bid for the 2021 event. **This has been postponed to late Aug/Sept 2022.**

The event will now be held at the **Logan Sports and Events Centre from 31st August 2022 to 4th Sept 2022.**

Hervey Bay Orchid Society Member Profile

Presenting Flora and Eric Maloney

Flora and Eric have been valued members of the HBOS since 2001. Their journey into orchid addiction began on a holiday to Hervey Bay from their home in Echuca, Victoria (yes, there is Mexican blood in there somewhere) when they visited a local market and were intrigued by an unknown orchid on sale there. They visited the Orchid House, which had only recently been opened and asked Joan Cummings (the Supervisor there) for help in identifying said orchid (*Coelogyne falcata*). Joan asked if they were interested in volunteering but alas, they were only on holidays.

In 2001 they moved to Hervey Bay and Flora commenced volunteering at the O.H. a position she held for 14.5 years. (Flora was a great help to me, when I commenced my role as O.H. supervisor in 2011- ED.) Not long after, they attended an IGG at Freddy Ross's house in Urraween and their involvement with HBOS began. Flora was President from 2006-2007 and has served on the committee in various other roles since. Flora is also proud of the fact that she instigated the adoption of the Society shirt that most of us wear today.

Eric has been the " Fixer" (door, raffles and show setups etc.) a great help all round.

Flora also commenced Orchid Judge training (with June Ambrose and Carol Jenkins) , completed that and held the position of Assistant Judge Registrar from 2018-2019. Flora has also added notes to the Judges Handbook on *Bulbophyllum* Judging – a genus they are both very interested and passionate about.

With their selfless dedication to the HBOS, the Society was very delighted to grant them both Life Membership in 2018. Well done Flora and Eric.

Flora and Eric have made many overseas trips following their passion on Orchids, including visiting – Singapore, Taiwan, South Africa, South America, New Zealand and Madagasca (to name a few) and have also attended many conferences around Australia.

Flora has no idea of how many orchids are in their collection as she is always obtaining new plants. Their favourite Orchid is *Bulbopyllum guttulatum*(not so easy to grow- Ed)

Flora and Eric's tip to growers is to ' Enjoy your Orchids'



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