

orchid talk

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March 2009

◆ Cultural Meeting

Ningi Community Hall
Bribe Island Road, Ningi.
Meetings are held on the **4th Monday** of each month.
Next Meeting: 23rd March

■ Committee Meetings

All members are always welcome at committee meetings.
Meetings are held on the **1st Monday** of each month at **7.30 pm** at
635 Beachmere Rd Beachmere
Next Meeting: 6th April

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FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

1. Next BBQ at Bunnings is 15th March (Sunday). Please come and help for an hour or two. Starting time 8-30am.
2. Caloundra set up is on 2nd April. Please get your plants ready for this show. See article Page 4.
3. Don't forget our show in May. Start thinking about your plants, sales plants, and putting your name down to help. Set up 8th May Show 9th – 10th.
4. Our club is holding the June STOCQ meeting on 27th June. Please keep this day free as we will need lots of help. (See article page 4)
5. Members fees are due at the end of April Please see Pam at the next meeting.

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● From your President:-

Hello Everyone,

Hope everyone is enjoying the bulletin. If anyone has any ideas for the bulletin or would like to add a piece please contact me.

Bus trip was a great success. We had members from Glasshouse Society, Bribe Island Society, Caboolture Horticultural Society and some friends who answered ads in the paper. We all had a lovely day. Don't forget to look after your plants for Caloundra and Bribe Shows. Caloundra is a display and Bribe benched. Hope you all enjoyed Ernie's talk at the last meeting as much as we did. Good work Ernie. I'm sure you gave our members some good ideas.

See you at the next meeting. Di



Happy Easter to all members & their families & friends. Hope you have a very happy & safe break

March Speakers

March 23rd Darryl will be giving us a talk on nomenclature. This is a subject that you all need to know. The way you write your label is very important. You can tell if a plant is a species or hybrid just by looking at a label. Please attend.

Please give the committee some idea on what you would like to hear or do at the meetings. I read other societies bulletins and we are all having the same problems.

April Speakers

April 27th This month anyone who benches a plant will be asked how they grow it. Other members are always interested in how their colleagues grow, pot, fertilise etc. Don't let this put you off benching. We would like to see heaps on the bench.

May Speakers

May 25th David & Di have been asked to speak on the difference between flowers from the same seed pod. I happened to touch on this a number of meetings ago and some members decided they wanted to hear more.

June Meeting

June 22nd. This meeting is our AGM and presentation of annual trophies.

Sunday Workshop

The February workshop was the bus trip. We all had a great day. Aspley show was lovely and I saw plenty of sales plants being taken to the bus (including ours) They supplied us with a lovely morning tea then we all had a walk around the botanical gardens. After our walk we went to the Gaythorne RSL for lunch which was very nice and priced well. Then on to Olive Branch Wholesale Nursery for a look around, a lovely afternoon tea and a great talk from Len. Nice day was had by all. Thanks to all other societies who participated in our bus trip. This Month's workshop is Darryl speaking. See back page for details.

Every now and then each STOCQ society holds their meeting, our turn is June. We have the hall for the 27th (Saturday). We need plants on the bench, morning tea, BBQ lunch help & a guest speaker. Your committee is busy organizing this at the moment So rather than the committee doing all the work on the day it would be nice for some members to put their name down to help. Please let me know by phone or email or at the next meeting if you can help. Please bring as many plants for the bench as you can and foliage plants. More news later.

Caloundra Show is on 3rd – 4th April, set up on 2nd April. We will be putting up a display at this show and will need plants. They can be left here at Beachmere or at Ernie's on the Island just before. Please send as many plants as you can or leave them with us at the next cultural meeting and we will look after them for you. We are also looking for foliage plants. Small ones to use as fillers would be very helpful if you have some. Plant names for labels will need to be sent to me by 28th March.

Bribie Island show is the following weekend. Please take your plants along to this show. As it is a benched show you do not need labels done but please put your own label on. They will give you a pot number.

Caloundra	3rd 4th April set up 2nd	Display
Bribie Show	10th 11th April set up 9th	Benched
Our Show	9th – 10th May set up 8th	Benched
Caboolture	10th 11th 12th July set up 9th	Display
Maroochydore	8th – 9th August set up 7th	Display
Nambour	4th – 5th Sept Set up 3rd	Display
Glasshouse	2nd – 3rd October Set up 1st	Display
Bribie	10th - 11th Set up 9th	Benched
Our Show	7th – 8th November Set up 6th	Benched & Display.

Don't forget June is our AGM. Anyone wishing to take on a position please let one of the present committee members know. All positions are declared vacant come June. Think about it. Please consider participating in the running of your society.

Ascocentrum miniatum

By Patrick Devereux

These plants like to grow in an area with plenty of air movement. Their natural habitat is at an elevation of 500m to 1750m in a temperature range of 20 to 30degrees C. They are native to an area spreading from India to Malaysia. *miniatum* was first collected by Thomas Lobb for James Veitch & Sons in 1846. There are only three members in this family of: *curvifolium*, *ampullaceum* and *miniatum*. These three miniature vanda complexes are a great challenge to grow and are amongst some of my favourite orchids. I have had this plant for five or six years and this is its first flowering. I have other plants of ascocentrum 50 to 70 mm high and they have already flowered 3 times. This plant has been growing under approx 70% shade and hung up about 1.2metres off the ground.



Den. Drake Kubo Popular Vote.

I have owned this plant for nearly 20 years. It has grown & grown and I now have 4 plants of it. It grows in the tunnel house with all the other dens. It has slow release fertiliser on it so each time it gets watered it gets a little feed. It also has a dose of fertiliser each week. At the moment it is HSO 10. I will keep going with this till about May, have a few months off fertilising then around August will start fertilising again with HSO 22. As long as you can keep your hardcane dens warm and under cover in the winter you will have no problems growing them. We water only every 2 weeks in the middle of winter.

After retiring, I went to the Social Security office to apply for Social Security. The woman behind the counter asked me for my driver's license to verify my age. I looked in my pockets and realized I had left my wallet at home. I told the woman that I was very sorry, but I would have to go home and come back later.

The woman said, 'Unbutton your shirt'. So I opened my shirt revealing my curly silver hair. She said, 'That silver hair on your chest is proof enough for me' and she processed my Social Security application.

When I got home, I excitedly told my wife about my experience at the Social Security office.

She said, 'You should have dropped your pants. You might have gotten disability, too.'

And then the fight started...

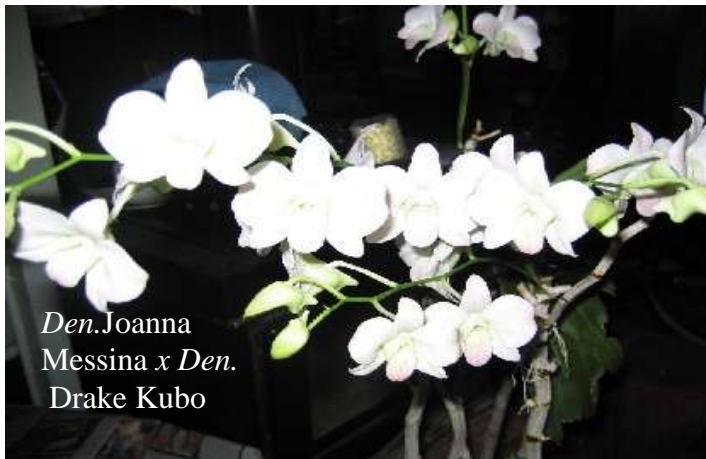
I asked my wife, "Where do you want to go for our anniversary? "

It warmed my heart to see her face melt in sweet appreciation. "Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!" she said.

So I suggested, "How about the kitchen?"

And then the fight started....

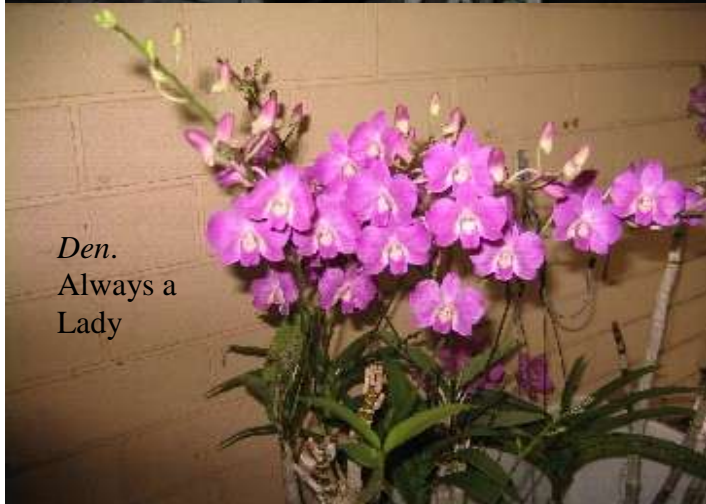
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Den. Joanna
Messina x *Den.*
Drake Kubo



Neo.
Bubbling
Over



Den.
Always a
Lady



C. guttata x
C. Chocolate
Drop



Blc. Oconee x
Blc. Toshie
Aoki



Den.
bigibbum
compactum



Arachnoides
standishi

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pepperonii

Judges for the night: Kathy Beatty & David Newell

Benching Results of Cultural Meeting February 2009

Genera	Placing	Name	Grower
Judges Choice:-		<i>Asctm. miniatum</i>	Patrick Devereux
Cattleya Exhibition	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	<i>Blc. Oconee</i> x <i>Blc. Toshie Aoki</i> <i>C. Vickie Andrews</i> <i>Sc. Royal Beau</i>	Peter Furniss Patrick Devereux David & Di
Cattleya Cluster	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	<i>C. guttata</i> x <i>C. Chocolate Drop</i> <i>C. Bactia Grapewax</i> x <i>C. Chocolate Drop</i> <i>C. Caudebec</i>	David & Di Peter Furniss Patrick Devereux
Dendrobium	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	<i>Den. Always a Lady</i> <i>Den. Joanna Messina</i> x <i>Den. Drake Kubo</i> <i>Den. Masaki Toki</i>	David & Di David & Di David Eyles
Oncidium & alliance	1 st	<i>Milt. Ann Warne</i> <i>Milt. Ann Warne</i> <i>Milt. Ann Warne</i>	Patrick Devereux Patrick Devereux Patrick Devereux
Vanda/Phal Hybrid	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	<i>Ascda. Malibu</i> <i>Prra. Luke Thai</i> x <i>Aer maculosum</i> <i>Rhynchorides Memoria Suranree</i>	David Eyles Bruce & Carol David & Di
<i>species</i>	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	<i>Asctm. miniatum</i> <i>Den. bigibbum</i> <i>Milt. spectabilis</i>	Patrick Devereux David Eyles Patrick Devereux
Bromeliad	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	<i>Neo. Bubbling Over</i> <i>Neo. One & only</i> <i>Guzmania Purple Star</i>	David & Di David & Di David & Di
Foliage	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	<i>Caladium</i> <i>Pepperonii</i> <i>Begonia</i>	Peter David & Di Peter
Fern	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	<i>Arachnodies standishi</i> Maiden Hair Maiden Hair	Peter Furniss David & Di Richard & Carolyn

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Orchid Talk

Pumicestone District Orchid Growers Workshop

Our workshop is every third Sunday of the month except December. Next workshop is March 15th at 1-30pm and our speaker will be Darryl. He will speak on a number of different plants he is bringing with him. It will be at 635 Beachmere Road Beachmere. Please bring a plate for afternoon tea. Don't forget to bring some money for a raffle ticket or to buy a plant or two.

Visitors most welcome. Contact Di on 54 962 861 or email

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