

May 2014



Editorial Address

Di Smith 635 Beachmere Road BEACHMERE 4510

Email - president@pdofs.org.au

orchid talk

Articles for Orchid Talk due on or before 9th JUNE 2014

President

Di Smith
0418711043

Secretary

Helen Day
5439 0334

Acting Treasurer

David Newell
0418711043

Editor

Di Smith
0418711043

Show Organiser

David Newell
54 962 861

All correspondence to:

The Secretary
P.O. Box 49
Bribie Island. Q. 4507
Email-secretary@pdofs.org.au

Web - www.pdofs.org.au

Club Patron - Lisa France

This newsletter is intended to provide general information & cultural notes only. Pumicestone District Orchid & Foliage Society Inc. will not be responsible for any loss of property or injury to any person acting on information in the news letter



May 2014



Day Meeting

Is in the hall at Ningi starting at 9am for a cuppa then the meeting starts at 9-30am. Set up show day. We are showing members how to set up a table display.

Next meeting: 9th May 2014



Committee Meeting

All members are always welcome at committee meetings.

Meetings are held on the 1st Monday

Of the month at 7.30 pm at

635 Beachmere Rd Beachmere

Next Meeting 2nd June 2014



May Birthstone poem - the Emerald

"Who first beholds the light of day

In spring's sweet, flower month of May

*And wears an Emerald all her life
Shall be a loved and a loving wife."*

Presidents say:-

Firstly I must say membership is due now. As at the 30th April all fees are due. Singles \$15-annually and Family \$20-annually. Please all pay your fees as soon as you can.

Next weekend is our show. I have been working for ages now getting everything ready for Fridays judging. Please help sometime over the weekend please. Let me know what you can do & when.

Hope you all have some plants in flower to put on the bench. Remember this year there is a novice section so novices this is your chance to shine.

See you at the hall.

Di

Happy birthday to all members having a birthday this month.

Your birthstone is Emerald

& your birth flower is the Lily

Lily symbolizes sweetness and humility and "You've Made My Life Complete" is the hidden message connected to the flower

Fees are now due. Please pay treasurer at next meeting. Family \$20- Single \$15- annually.

Meeting 9th May Ningi Hall

This meeting day is also the set up of our show. All members please attend and if possible stay an hour or two after the meeting to help with the set up of the show.

Gazebos need to be set up in the grounds plus chairs & tables moved, lights erected etc, Inside the hall there is a lot of work in the kitchen preparing for the evening BBQ. We will be talking about how to set up a display at a show and also any orchids members bring for advice.

New Growers

Next New Growers is on Sunday June 8th. This is at 635 Beachmere Road, Beachmere starting at 1pm. Please bring a chair and a plate of afternoon tea. June is a hard month to show you how to repot as it is too cold but we have plenty to discuss and if you wish to bring problem plants we will talk about them and tell members when and what to do.

Date	Event
May 9 th	Day Meeting Ningi Hall 9am
May 9 th	Set up show all afternoon BBQ dinner 6pm
May 10 th	Mother's Day Show <u>Helpers Needed</u>
May 11 th	Mothers Day Show Pull down after show <u>helpers needed.</u>
June 2 nd	Committee Meeting Beachmere 7-30pm
June 8 th	New Growers Beachmere 1pm
July 7 th	Committee Meeting Beachmere 7-30pm
July 11 th	Day Meeting Ningi Hall 9am AGM
August 4 th	Committee Meeting Beachmere 7-30pm
August 8 th	Day Meeting Ningi Hall 9am
September 1 st	Committee Meeting Beachmere 7-30pm
September 14 th	New Growers Beachmere 1pm
October 6 th	Committee Meeting Beachmere 7-30pm
October 10 th	Day Meeting Ningi Hall 9am Peter Furniss speaking on Phalaenopsis
November 3 rd	Committee Meeting Beachmere 7-30pm
November 14 th	Day Meeting Last for year
December 14 th	Break up Christmas Party Beachmere 11-30am

Our Mother's Day Show

Please remember our show is upon us. (this weekend). Helpers are always needed. Jan will be looking after the kitchen this year so please help her as much as you can. We always need someone to cook on the BBQ so please let me know if you would like to help there. Helpers for the door are also needed.

Friday is a busy day setting up and Sunday pulling down. Please try to be at the hall at these times to help. Please remember we need some cooking donated for the kitchen. Also craft if you have some to sell. David & I will be there most of the time please come & see one of us when you arrive.

BARK

Bark will be sold at the show. Small , Medium & Large will be available and some cymbidium mix is also available.

TELSTRA needed to hire a team of telephone pole installers for the Stuart Highway, and McMurray and the boss had to choose between a team of two guys from Port Pirie and a team of two Irish guys.

So the boss met both teams and said "Here's what we'll do. Each team will be installing poles out on the new road for a day.

The team that installs the most poles gets the job."

Both teams headed right out. At end of the shift, Bud and Buddy, the two Port Pirie guy's came back and the boss asked them how many they had installed.

They said that it was tough going, but they'd put in twelve. Forty-five minutes later, Paddy and Mick, the Irish guys came back in and they were totally exhausted.

The boss asked, "Well, how many poles did you guys install?"

Mick, the team leader, wiped his brow and sighed, "Paddy and me, we got three in."

"The boss gasped, "Three? Those two Port Pirie guys put in twelve!"

"Yeah," said Mick, "but you should see how much they left sticking out of the ground!"

A blonde chick gets a job as a physical education teacher of 16 year olds.

She notices a boy in the field standing alone, while all the other kids are running around having fun. She takes pity on him and decides to speak to him. 'You ok?' she says.

'Yes.' he says..

'You can go and play with the other kids you know' she says.

'It's best I stay here.' he says.

'Why's that sweetie?' says the blonde.

The boy says: "Because I'm the goal keeper !!!"

Pumicestone District Orchid & Foliage Society Inc.



Thought you might like to see what my back yard looks like every morning and afternoon. This is just a portion of the amount of ducks that fly in each day. They are so beautiful and now know my voice so follow me all over the place till I feed them. Once I walk in the shed there is no coming out without buckets of grain.

July 11th is our AGM. I really would like someone to take over as president this year. I have done it for far to long. Helen is having a break as secretary so we need a new secretary, at least for 1 year, and of course we need a treasurer. Please nominate yourself if you are prepared to do one of these jobs or speak to one of the committee for guidance. As you can see below our nomination form is to be in the hands of the secretary by no later than June 27th

Pumicestone District Orchid & Foliage Society Inc.

NOMINATION FORM

This form is to be returned to the secretary of the above society by June 27th 2014. Address P.O. Box 49 Bribie Island . 4507.

I,..... wish to nominate
.....,for the position of
..... at the 2014 election of officers.

Proposed by.....signed

Seconded by.....signed

I,.....nominated for the above position,

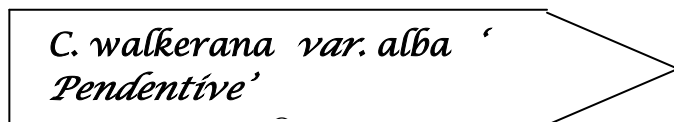
accept. Signed.....

Nomenclature

Nomenclature (the naming of orchids) is an essential part of orchid growing but also a little tedious and difficult to understand. In this booklet we will endeavour to explain the correct printing of a label and what that label means, in as basic terms as possible.

First we will deal with a label written for a species orchid. (a species orchid is one found growing naturally in the wild)

Let us look at a label and work out what is written on it and what it means:-



Here we have a label with the same orchid name written twice, each of which is correct.

The Genus:- On the label the *C.* is an abbreviation for *Cattleya* – the genus to which the orchid belongs. This is called a 1st term.

Species:- Within each genus, each species has a specific name. In this case *walkerana* is in a 2nd term – in *italic* form. These 1st and 2nd terms reveal instantly that here we have an orchid species of the *Cattleya* genus identified as *walkerana*. When the 1st and 2nd terms are written down for a species they are always in *italics* or underlined.

The generic name *Cattleya* starts with a capital, but the 2nd term is written in lower case letters.

The varietal name (3rd term) may be given to identify a particular variety within the species. This 3rd term is preceded by the abbreviation *var.* in normal print, and this 3rd term is written in *italics* or underlined and without a capital.

Special individual clones may be given a cultivar name (4th term). This 4th term is in normal print – has a capital letter and is not in *italics*. It is enclosed in single quotation marks.

There are many standard varietal forms of orchids. By understanding the varietal names given it will help you to know the colour of the flower without even seeing the plant in flower.

var. alba	white or white with yellow throat
var. semi-alba	white with coloured lip
var. coerulea	blue (lilac)
var. aurea	yellow

A cross between two of the same species eg *C. walkerana var alba* x *C. walkerana var coerulea* is still *C. walkerana* and is still a species, however *C. walkerana* x *C. skinneri* is now a hybrid because there are now two different generic backgrounds in this plant.

So much for species.

Now we will deal with a label for a hybrid orchid.

Blc. Sylvia Fry 'Supreme'

Hybrids:- When writing the names of hybrids, the 1st term remains the same as for species. That is the genus *Brassolaeliocattleya* has a capital – it is in *italics* or underlined.
The 2nd term in this case is *Sylvia Fry*. This is a registered name of the orchid hybrid. It is in normal print – and has capital letters starting each word.
The 3rd term 'Supreme' is in normal print has a capital starting each word and is enclosed in single quotation marks. This is called the clonal name.

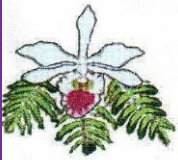
Therefore, the label informs us that this particular orchid is a member of the *Brassolaeliocattleya* genus- is a hybrid registered as *Sylvia Fry* and is a clone with the specific name of 'Supreme'. All orchid hybrids are registered in Sanders List of Orchid Hybrids.

Just because this has a clonal name does not necessarily mean it has been mericloned. A mericlone is a plant that has been mass produced by tissue culture, so each plant is exactly the same as the original. A clonal name can also be given to a plant that has flowered with exceptional qualities. eg. One that has received an award – to differentiate that plant from other plants with the same parents. The importance of the clonal name can be illustrated by the following:-

Robert Jones and Mary Jones have three children – Peter, John and James. These three children have the same parents but all have their own individual characteristics, eg. hair colour, eye colour, height and to differentiate between each of the Jones children they are given different Christian names.



Return Post-P.O. Box 49 Bribie Island. Q 4507

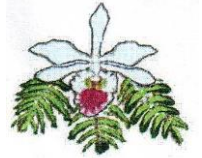


Name _____

Address _____

State _____ Post Code _____

Place
Stamp
here



Orchid Talk

Our meetings are divided between the Ningi Hall, Bribie Island Road Ningi, and 635 Beachmere Road Beachmere.

At the Hall you will hear a guest speaker talk & at Beachmere we will be doing hands on potting and talking about all genera of orchids.

Anyone wanting to learn how to grow an orchid please attend all meetings.

Day meeting at Ningi cuppa at 9am for a 9-30 start at the hall - 1pm start at Beachmere. Please bring a plate of food.

Problem plants most welcome. If you have an orchid you are not sure what to do with bring it along.



Don't forget the club has a web site. www.pdofs.org.au. If anyone would like to add some information to this site please feel free to email it to me and I will forward it to Phillip.