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Calendar of Events

Memberships became due as of October AGM.

MDOS General Monthly Meeting 16th February at Sporting Wheelies Hall, starting at **7.30pm**.

MDOS will be placing a bark/charcoal order by the end of February. If you wish to order for yourself, place order & pay at the February meeting.

Points of Interest

- Members assistance is appreciated to tidy the Hall after the Meeting finishes.
- **A reminder to Members** - You must own an orchid for a minimum of 3 months before it is eligible to be entered in the Monthly Popular Vote.
- Please have your Popular Vote Orchids tabled **at least 15 minutes** prior the start of the meeting.
- MDOS is looking for volunteers to present a talk at the General Monthly Meetings. It could be about a particular type of Orchid or common diseases or even your setup in your shade-house. Please let Dennis or Ros know if you are interested.
- **MDOS** has a Facebook page. Like us on Facebook.
- **MDOS Bank Account:** BOQ, BSB 124001, Acc 100003961
- **MDOS Website:** www.mdos.com.au
- Pests & Diseases reference site: www.staugorchidsociety.org
Prime Facts 1006: www.dpi.nsw.gov.au

Birthdays

Many happy returns to those members whose birthdays are in February.

6 th	Kathy Dine	9 th	Shannan Ross	11 th	Wayne Culla	&	Trevor Heitman
13 th	John Hayward	17 th	Peter Crook	21 st	Peter Milward		
25 th	Maria Turpie	27 th	Eve Penningh	28 th	Carolyn Ischenko	&	Christine Mifsud

PRESIDENTS REPORT – FEBRUARY 2023

It is with a heavy heart and great sadness to announce the passing of Gina Fitzgibbon on Saturday February 4th. Gina was a long term MDOS member and was our hostess for a number of years before relocating to Brisbane to be near her family. Gina will be sorely missed by her family and all her friends.

Thirty members attended the lectures by Charles Lee and Trevor Heitman at the Senior Citizens Hall. The first lecture was presented by Charles Lee, Charles is a member of the Ayr Orchid & Allied Plant Society and the Townsville Orchid Society. Charles' PowerPoint presentation on greenhouse construction was very well presented and extremely thought provoking. Roz and I have built a number of greenhouses over our orchid growing years, however there were a number of ideas contained in Charles' presentation I haven't even considered. The lecture certainly generated a number of questions. Charles also had a few examples of double potted orchids to keep the root system cool in hot climates on display, he explained this concept to the attentive attendees.

The second lecture was presented by Trevor Heitman on Pest Management, this is the same lecture Trevor provided at the TQOC Conference. His presentation was also well received by the attendees, they took great interest in Trevor's exhibits which contained laminated insect strips which Trevor had used to identify what insects were present in his greenhouse, therefore providing Trevor with the information needed to work out the life cycle of the pest and what treatment is required to eliminate the pest from his collection.

At the next General Meeting on February 16th, Doug Penningh will discuss the advantages of using predatory mites instead of chemicals to control Spider Mite and other insects in your orchid collection and greenhouse. Doug has successfully used beneficial insects for over 12 months.

A bark and charcoal order will be placed in the last week of February. The charcoal sizes are 5mm, 15mm and 20mm. The 5 & 15mm is in 19kg bags while the 20mm is in 10kg bags. The cost of the charcoal has risen to \$50 per 19kg bag and \$25 per 10kg bag.

The 20 raffle plants for the February General Meeting have been sourced from Kingfisher Orchids Nursery at Kholo outside of Ipswich. Ros and I were very happy with the quality and size of the plants when we received them.

Happy Orchid Growing.

Kind Regards,

Dennis Farlow

MDOS President

Growers Tip

RAID Oneshot is good for controlling Dendrobium Beetles & Slugs.
If you have a problem with ants, put some **ANTRID** on a plastic label and place it in the ants' pathway.

Popular Vote Results...January General Meeting

Place	Plant Name	Owner
First Flowering		
1	Rlc. Naomi's Delight	D. & E. Penningh
2	C. Chawewan Sunset 'Siam' Rlc. Chief Journey 'First Class'	D. & E. Penningh L. Coburn
3	Rth. Burdekin Lightning x Rlc. Home Hill *	K. Drury
Dendrobiums		
1	Den. Salaya Blue	T. Heitman
2	Den. Liberty White	D. & M. Micallef
3	Den. Tomie Blue	D. & E. Penningh
Exotic Species		
1	<i>Gram. scriptum 'citrinum'</i>	M. Trindorfer
2	<i>Den. convolutum</i>	R. Bassan
3	<i>Den. capituliflorum</i> <i>Gram. scriptum 'citrinum'</i>	D. & R. Farlow K. Drury
Australian Native Species		
1	<i>Geodorum densiflorum</i>	M. Trindorfer
2	<i>Den. toressae</i>	M. Trindorfer
3	<i>Empusa habenarina</i>	M. Trindorfer
Australian Native Hybrids		
1	<i>Den. superbiens</i>	L. Coburn
2	<i>Den. superbiens</i>	L. Coburn
Novice		
1	Onc. Heaven Scent 'Redolence'	W. Culla
Exhibition Cattleyas		
1	Rlc. Rosella's News	L. Coburn
2	Rlc. Village Chief Rose	D. & E Penningh
3	Rlc. Mem. Anna Belmores x C. Robert Strait *	J. Turner
Novelty Cattleyas		
1	C. Caudebec Candy = C. Caudebec x C. Lulu *	D. & E Penningh
2	C. Caudebec Candy = C. Caudebec x C. Lulu * Rlc. Naomi's Delight	D. & E Penningh R. & D. Clark
3	Ctt. Fitz Eugene Dixon	D. & R. Farlow
Vandaceous		
1	V. Varut Leopard	D. & E Penningh
2	V. Fantastic Fanfare x V. Kulwadee Crown V. Somsri Glory 'Blue' *	T. Heitman R. Hardy
3	V. Unknown	D. & M. Micallef
Any Other Genre		
1	Ctsm. Doris' Choice 'SVO' x Ctsm. John C Burchette 'Ursa Major' *	R. Bassan
2	Onc. Shelob Tolken Ctsm. Francis Nelson	M. Trindorfer R. Bassan
3	Fdk. After Dark 'Baker's Black Hole' Ctsm. Dark Odyssey = Ctsm. Karen Armstrong x (Ctsm. John C Burchette x Ctsm. Orchidglade) *	R. Bassan L. Coburn

Judges Choice read by Arthur Pinkney		
1	Ctsm. Francis Nelson	R. Bassan
2	Ctsm. Doris's Choice 'SVO' x Ctsm. John C Burchett	R. Bassan
3	<i>Gram. scriptum 'citrinum'</i>	M. Trindorfer
Members Choice		
	Rlc. Village Chief Rose	D. & E Penningh
(Names followed by an asterisk* have errors of spelling, genus name or nomenclature corrected. Owners may wish to make changes).		

MDOS January General Meeting

Judges Choice



Plant:

Ctsm. Francis Nelson

Parentage:

Ctsm. sacco x Ctsm. Fimbriatum

Originator:

Beall

Registered: (1974)

Mrs. D Allyn

Grower:

R. Bassan

Members Choice



Plant:

Rlc. Village Chief Rose

Parentage:

Rlc. Taiwan Queen x Rlc. Chunyeah

Originator:

Chih-Cheng Chen

Registered: (2004)

Chih-Cheng Chen

Grower:

D&E Penningh

Judges Choice

2nd



Ctsm. Doris's Choice 'SVO' x Ctsm. John C Burchett
R. Bassan

3rd



Gram. scriptum 'citrinum'
M. Trindorfer

PEST CONTROL - HOME REMEDY (For all plants, including Orchids): Supplied by Doug Penningh

*500 MLS luke-warm water

*5 MLS Paraffin Oil

*3-4 drops of dishwashing liquid (I use Morning Fresh)

I only spray early morning or late afternoon, never in the heat of the day. This mixture has been very effective on all plants, ferns and especially the orchids (dens, cats, oncidis & phallys).

It stops **RED SPIDER, WHITEFLY, SCALE & MEALY BUGS**. The best of it is, it's not poisonous!

BUDDIES FOR NEW MEMBERS

Peter Milward	Ron & Joanne Laird Albert & Denise Pearce	Kerry Daly Peter De Haas
Dennis & Ros Farlow	Stuart Johnson Graham Stabler Ryan & Amber Hardy	Keith Allen Kathy Dine Cheryl Green
Trevor Heitman	Carolyn Ischenko Mary Hawkins	Lyn Whitmore Geoff Miles Debra Paul
Ron Bassan	Ian Cruickshank Kym Waddington Scott Morice	Wayne Culla Clare Grant
Doug Penningh	Mark Trindorfer	Ian Pilcher
Mervyn Toon	Rose Brownsey	
Joe Stroppiana	Lyn Coburn	

ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION

MDOS CALENDAR 2023

<p><u>JANUARY</u></p>	<p><u>FEBRUARY</u> Committee Meeting – 2nd</p> <p>MDOS Meeting - 16th</p> <p>New Growers Workshop - 25th @ TBA</p>	<p><u>MARCH</u> Committee Meeting – 2nd</p> <p>Rocky Field Day – 4th & 5th</p> <p>MDOS Meeting - 16th</p> <p>MDOS Autumn Show – 31st & 1st</p> <p>TQOC Meeting –</p>	<p><u>APRIL</u> Committee Meeting - 6th</p> <p>Ingham Field Day -</p> <p>MDOS Meeting – 20th</p> <p>New Growers Workshop – 29th @ TBA</p> <p>TOS Autumn Show -</p>
<p><u>MAY</u> Committee Meeting - 4th</p> <p>MDOS Meeting - 18th</p> <p>Farleigh Palm Fete - TBA</p> <p>Bowen Field Day – TBA</p>	<p><u>JUNE</u> Committee Meeting – 1st</p> <p>Finch Hatton Show - TBA</p> <p>Mackay Show - TBA</p> <p>MDOS Meeting - 15th</p> <p>New Growers Workshop - 24th @ TBA</p> <p>TQOC Meeting –</p>	<p><u>JULY</u> Committee Meeting - 6th</p> <p>MDOS Winter Show - 14th & 15th</p> <p>MDOS Meeting – 20th</p> <p>Proserpine 60th Birthday Field Day – 23rd</p>	<p><u>AUGUST</u> Committee Meeting – 3rd</p> <p>Sarina Show - TBA</p> <p>MDOS Meeting - 17th</p> <p>New Growers Workshop - 26th @ TBA</p>
<p><u>SEPTEMBER</u> Committee Meeting – 7th</p> <p>Orchid Extravaganza – 16th</p> <p>Townsville Field Day – 16th</p> <p>MDOS Meeting – 21st</p> <p>TOS Spring Show -</p>	<p><u>OCTOBER</u> Committee Meeting - Monday – 5th</p> <p>MDOS Spring Show - 13th & 14th</p> <p>MDOS Meeting & AGM - 19th</p> <p>New Growers Workshop - 28th @ TBA</p>	<p><u>NOVEMBER</u> Committee Meeting – 2nd</p> <p>MDOS Meeting - 16th</p> <p>TQOC Meeting –</p>	<p><u>DECEMBER</u> Committee Meeting & Lunch – 2nd</p> <p>Christmas Dinner & Awards – 10th</p>



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