YOUR ORCHID HOBBY AND IT'S REWARDS

A Small Token of Thank You

Trevor Heitman

I have been an asthmatic since birth and some 40 years ago, when I came to Brisbane, I was lucky enough to come under the health care of Dr Maurice Heiner at The Wesley Hospital. Dr Heiner became my Asthma Specialist and has been looking after me ever since.

About 5 years ago on one of my hospital stays Maurice asked me what I was doing now I was retired, and I replied, "Growing and breeding orchids". His reply was, "Perhaps you could name one after me one day." In a casual way I replied, "Right oh", then promptly forgot about it.

Two years ago, when I was naming some of my orchids, which I had bred, my wife Jan said, "Don't forget about Maurice. "

So we named a cross I had done between Dendrobium Masako Taki and Dendrobium Dal's pennies, **TJ's Dr Maurice Heiner.**

This February 2019 on the orchid's 2nd flowering I presented this orchid to Maurice.



Trevor Heitman presented Dr Maurice Heiner with *Dendrobium* TJ's Dr Maurice Heiner (*Den.* Masako Taki x Dal's Pennies)

Maurice stated he was overwhelmed and honoured to have an orchid named after him and declared how magnificent it was. I assured him the honour was all mine, as it gave me great pleasure to be able to do something in return for his ongoing friendship, care and support over many years.

Thank You, Maurice

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