



Nambour Orchid News

March 2012

Email nambourorchids@gmail.com
www.nambourorchidsociety.com

Postal Address: PO Box 140, Nambour, Qld. 4560

Articles for the newsletter are very welcome. Please forward to the editor by post or email to nambourorchids@gmail.com by the 15th of each month.

MEETINGS:

Business Meeting is held on the 4th Saturday of each month (Except December) at 1pm prior to the cultural meeting. All members are welcome to attend the business meeting.

Cultural Meeting is held on the 4th Saturday of each month (Except December) at the Nambour Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave. Nambour at 2pm. All members and visitors are welcome.

Species appreciation get together is held monthly from February to November at members homes. Contact the Secretary for details. All STOCQ members welcome.

Bring your flowering species plants, a chair, a cup and a plate to share for afternoon tea.

Disclaimer -:

While the Management Committee and the Editor of the Nambour Orchid Society Inc. endeavour to ensure the reliability of the content of this newsletter, neither the Nambour Orchid Society Inc. or the Editor can assume any responsibility for the views expressed or for information printed in this newsletter.

Our normal February meeting also coincides with our Annual General Meeting and it is always quite an exciting time. This is when changes can happen. Our Returning Officer this year was Mr. Terry Thompson ably assisted by Mrs. Beryl Robertson who did all the recording of the AGM. Terry achieved a great result from the members and all positions were filled without a lot of fuss. A big thank you to all who made themselves available and to Terry and Beryl for an excellent job.

Thank you to all the outgoing officers from last year for a job well done. President Bill will continue to give us curry for another year and Alison and Clive will also try to keep us all occupied and in line for 2012. We wish them well!

Our meeting was well attended and there were a lovely lot of orchids on the bench for us to admire. Several of the growers spoke on their ways of growing some of the orchids on show. Beryl gave us some interesting tips about growing paphs. She told us that changing the compost regularly can help to keep healthy root systems which is most important in growing good paphs. She also told us that the use of cinnamon can help in the control of rot problems.

Bob spoke about the way that he grows his vandaceous orchids and gave some good cultural tips as well. Various other members spoke about their plants also and if one stays alert lots of things can be picked up to help us improve our culture of our pets.

We had a great afternoon out at Beryl and Graham's place for our Species Group get together. The weather was kind with the first hint of Autumn in the air. We had a lovely lot of species orchids on show. These were under scrutiny and lots of growing information was exchanged. Beryl had a special treat for us to enjoy when she showed us her lovely *Miltonia moreliana* growing under her palms and tree ferns. This was a great specimen. Alison had a great raffle arranged and a few more special species made their ways to new homes. An inspection of the orchid houses out there always reveals lots of treasures and the oncidiums that they have lined up to sell just beg for new owners. We are going to see lots of wonderful oncidium and alliance flowers around in our shows in the near future! After a lovely afternoon tea we all agreed it had been a really good afternoon. Thank you to our hosts.

I hope that Hazel is recuperating well after her run in with the surgeon a while back. We look forward to seeing you soon.

How did you all like the new venue last meeting? Personally I found it a big improvement. The "no steps" made it easy for an old geysler like me.

I'm sorry if I have missed any E Mails sent to me for inclusion in our newsletter. I always live in hope that someone will send me an item. At present my computer is having a hissy fit and we have to take it in to the computer shop for a look see.

All the best Pat & Clive Editors.

Never Give Up

i'd love to be a gardener and to know just what I'm doing,
When i've planted precious plants and slugs have started chewing!
I would gladly feed them something tasty for their tea,
if they'd leave my plants alone and stop upsetting me!
I wish I was clever in a horticultural way,
Equipped to make the seedlings thrive I planted yesterday.
But though they looked so strong when they were planted in the ground,
it seems that they abandon life as soon as i'm around!
If I could tickle dahlias like some folk tickle trout,
My garden would have colour that would make the neighbours shout!
But 'til I find the answers that will make my fingers green,
My garden won't win Chelsea as the best they've ever seen.
Still, I won't give up til I know i've done my best
To make my garden beautiful and see my flowers blessed.

POPULAR VOTE FOR FEBRUARY 2012

Hybrids

Cattleya Alliance

First & JC	Rlc Brunswick Gem	Mal & Jo Rivers
Tie Second	Slc Tiny Titan x C Caudabec (Reg as C Ollies' Folly)	Bill Letcher
Tie Second	Bc Dal's Victory	Rob & Joan Raabe
Tie Second	Blc Alma Kee	Steve & Janelle Schwajhardt

Oncidium Alliance

First	Wils Tiger Brew 'Floricultura'	Marty & Anita Vlekkert
Second & JC	Milt Beall's Strawberry Joy '314'	Marty & Anita Vlekkert
Third	Oncidium Unknown	Nathan Gould

Vandaceous & Phalaenopsis

First & JC	Mokara Clitti	Rob & Joan Raabe
Second	Vasco Blue Fairy	Rob & Joan Raabe

Any Other Genera

First & JC	Z Titanic 'June' HCC x <i>Pabstia jugosus</i>	Marty & Anita Vlekkert
Second	<i>Ctsm russellianum</i> x Ctsm Orchidglade	Des & Elaine Middlebrook

Paphiopedilum & Phragmipedium

(Species & Hybrids)

First & JC	Paph Asteroid	Beryl & Graham Robertson
Second	Paph Makuli X <i>Paph henryanum</i> (Reg as Rosy Ingenue)	Nathan Gould

Species

First	<i>Miltonia spectabilis</i>	Beryl & Graham Robertson
Tie Second & JC	<i>Brassia lanceana</i>	Mal & Jo Rivers
Tie Second	<i>Den laevifolium</i>	Bill Letcher

Novice

First & JC	Colmonara Wildcat	Pat Cairns
Second	Phal Unknown	June Hutchins

Foliage

First	Caladium	Pat Cairns
Second & JC	Maidenhair	Marty & Anita Vlekkert

The plant of the month was *Brassia lanceana* grown by Mal & Jo Rivers.



Brassia lanceana

Secretaries News Update

March 2012

Guest Speaker:

MARCH:- Wayne Harris Myth Busters.

Club Shirts:

Club shirts are available from the Monogram Man, Shop 2a/6 Norval Court, Maroochydore 4558. Phone/Fax 54793206. Prices include Club logo & are subject to change. Please check price when ordering.

Ladies Metro Shirt, Colour Stone, ¾ sleeve Style B7300, Short sleeve Style B7301

Mens Metro Shirt, Colour Stone,, Long sleeve Style SH714, Short sleeve Style SH715.

Short sleeve in Mens & Ladies Metro \$35.

Civic Polo Shirt Colour Stone/Black, \$28 Ladies - Style P9725, \$31.30 Mens - Style P9700.

March/April N.O.S. Society Events:

Saturday 24th March Table display at Buderim for the 150th Anniversary celebrations. **Members plants required, Volunteers needed to man display for the morning 9am to 12noon**

Saturday 24th Cultural meeting **Plants to be tabled by 1.45pm for Judging**

Saturday 31st March Montville Show (Members only) Set up 7am

Saturday 14th April Species get together at Rod & Jan's

Saturday 28th April Cultural meeting **Plants to be tabled by 1.45pm for Judging**

After discussions at the last meeting slips for the popular vote will now be handed out at the commencement of the meeting, after the judging has finished.

Species Social Afternoon

The March species get together was at the home of Graham & Beryl.

After such a wet start to the week, we all enjoyed a nice fine hot afternoon for our get together

Thanks to Graham & Beryl for hosting the afternoon.

The April get together will be held at Rod & Jan's place on Saturday 14th April at 2pm.

BYO flowering species plants, a chair, your cup & a plate of goodies to share for afternoon tea.

URLs: for checking species plants as discussed at the February get together

World Checklist of Selected Plant Families: <http://apps.kew.org/wcsp/>

International Plant Name Index: <http://www.ipni.org/>

It may be easier for some to just type into their Google Search: "World Checklist of Selected Plants" or for the other one "International plant names index". Either way should work.

The correct spelling of the genus is imperative otherwise you won't get any results.

If you save both of these to favourites in your web browser, it makes checking a plant much quicker & easier.

Orchid of the Month

Plant of the month chosen by Rod was *Dendrobium spatella* owned by Wayne.

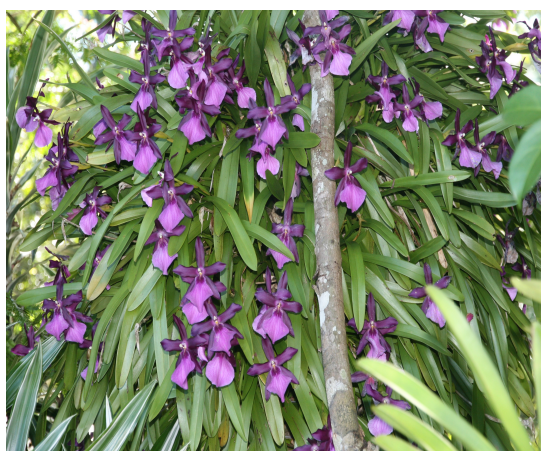
***Dendrobium spatella* Rchb.f. 1865 (section Aporum)**

Synonyms: *Aporum banaense* (Gagnep.) Rauschert 1983; *Aporum spatella* (Rchb.f.) M.A.Clem. 2003; *Callista spatella* (Rchb.f.) Kuntze 1891; *Dendrobium acinaciforme* var. *minus* Tang & F.T.Wang 1951; *Dendrobium banaense* Gagnep 1930. This species has been misidentified as *Dendrobium acinaciforme* Roxburgh, a native of Ambon Island in Maluku, Indonesia.

Plants are tufted, about 60 cm tall with erect stems that are compressed and unbranched with many nodes. Leaves are alternate to slightly overlapping, laterally compressed and dagger shaped, thick and fleshy, about 4-5 cm long. Short single flowered inflorescences are produced along a leafless pseudoraceme. Flowers are very small, white, lip tinged with red, about 5 mm across.

My plant is growing vigorously in a 200 mm net pot with a coconut chip mix under about 50% shade. It flowers prolifically several times a year, particularly after periods of heavy rain.

This species is found in Assam, eastern Himalayas, Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, China and Malaysia in forest margins, epiphytic on tree trunks or lithophytic on rocks at elevations of 200 to 900 m. It is a warm to hot grower.



Miltonia moreliana owned by Beryl & Graham Robertson on display at the species afternoon



Plant of the month *Dendrobium spatella* owned by Wayne Harris

Below is the list of plants on the table for March. Names are those accepted on the Kew World Checklist

<i>Bulbophyllum cryptophoranthus</i>	<i>Bulbophyllum longiscapum</i>	<i>Brassavola nodosa</i>	<i>Brassia gireoudiana</i>
<i>Cattleya bicalhoi</i> (<i>L dayana</i>)	<i>Cattleya forbesii</i>	<i>Dendrobium bigibbum</i>	<i>Dendrobium spatella</i>
<i>Dimerandra stenopetala</i> (<i>Epi. stenopetalum</i>)	<i>Phalaenopsis pulcherrima</i> (<i>Doritis</i>)	<i>Malleola dentifera</i>	<i>Miltonia moreliana</i>
<i>Neofinetia falcata</i>	<i>Phalaenopsis bellina</i>	<i>Phalaenopsis hieroglyphica</i>	<i>Phalaenopsis pulcherrima</i>
<i>Polystachya anceps</i>	<i>Pterostylis baptistii</i>	<i>Stanhopea graveolens</i>	

We have a plant sales table at each meeting for members to sell any surplus plants. If you have any you would like to sell, bring them along tagged with your name & price so members know who to pay. A 10% commission is payable to the Treasurer. Members are responsible for their own plants. Plant sale tags are on our website. nambourorchidsociety.com - Go to links/forms and print off what you need.

Show Dates Catalogue 2012

Nambour Orchid Society commitment (in bold)

Sat. 24th March Buderim 150th Anniversary display combined with Maroochydore Orchid Society. Set up Fri. 23rd

Sat. 24th March N.O.S. Cultural meeting

Sat. 31st March: Nambour OS Autumn show (members only) St Mary's Church Hall, Montville

Fri 6th & Sat 7th April Bribie Orchid Society Show

Fri. 13 & Sat. 14th April Sunshine Coast OS Show – Set up Thurs. 12th

Sat. 14th April N.O.S Species appreciation

Sat. 21st April South Burnett Orchid Show- (New venue) Wondai Diggers Club.

Sat. 28th April N.O.S. Cultural meeting

Sat. & Sun 5th & 6th May Gympie Orchid Show – Set up Fri. 4th

Sat. 2nd June Gladstone OS host STOCQ meeting.

Fri. Sat. Sun. 6th 7th 8th July Garden Expo Nambour Showgrounds

Fri. Sat. Sun. 6th, 7th, 8th July Caboolture Orchid Society Show

Sat. & Sun 11th & 12th August Maroochydore Orchid show.

Fri & Sat 31st August, 1st September Nambour OS Spring show- Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour- **Set up Thurs. 30th August.**

Fri. 31st August Childers & Isis District OS Spring show.

Fri. 28th & Sat. 29th Sept. Glasshouse Orchid Society Show – Set up Thurs. 27th

Sat 13th & Sun 14th October Bribie Orchid Society Show – Set up Fri. 12th

Fri. 26th & Sat. 27th Oct. Nambour Orchid Society Species Show & Trade Fair - Uniting Church Hall, Coronation Ave, Nambour.- **Set up Thurs 25th**

Sat. 17th Nov. STOCQ meeting Hosted by Maroochydore Orchid Society- Uniting Church Hall, Lefoes Road, Bli Bli.

Gympie Golden Orchid Spectacular - 8th & 9th June 2013 The Pavilion, Gympie Showgrounds