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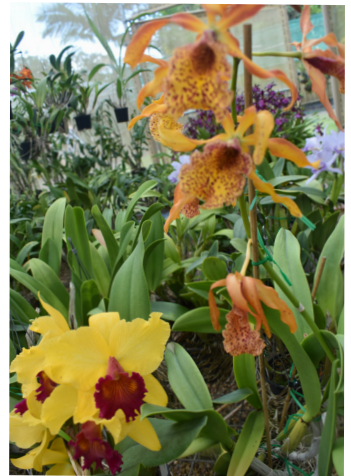
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Welcome to our April newsletter for 2021. Our 27th March meeting was held at Lois & Kevin Thornleys' gardens at Wallu Nursery. It was another beautiful day and our group was joined by new members George Ellis and his partner Deg. The tour of the nursery was a delight. There was a smorgasboard of flowers in the shade houses with a variety of specimens, hybrids and species to be appreciated by our members.



Above in pride of place near the entrance of the long shade house is this magnificent specimen of *Miltonia spectabilis*.

To the right is *Bulbophyllum arfakinnum*

To the left a fine example of a 'pansy' type dendrobium.





Den, Twisted Blue

The main topic of this meeting was fine tuning plans for our May orchid show. There was discussion about limiting the size of specimen pots because of space restrictions. The matter was subsequently decided upon and an updated show schedule reflecting changes has been sent to all attending orchid clubs.

Sharon Stretton was thanked for designing and printing A4 size and leaflet size show posters and Mel Wheeler has agreed to manage signage and posters for the event. I have updated a few particulars below.

The Gympie & District Orchid Society Annual Show will be held at the Albert Park Bowls Club on the 1st & 2nd of May.

Opening hours are 8am-4pm Saturday and 8 am-2pm Sunday followed by the presentation of prizes.

The admission fee is \$2. Raffle tickets will be for sale at \$1 per ticket.

The show will be a benched orchid display only.

Setup is on Friday afternoon, 30th April from 2-5 pm. Gympie members with plants to sell can bring them in at 2pm also.

Members will be issued with an exhibitor number to put on their plants

Plants are to be free standing or if in baskets, to be hung. **Notice to all Exhibitors: Due to space limitations, maximum pot size for all plants including Specimen and Foliage plants is 250mm.**

There will now be 3 vendors at our show. They are John Robertson from 'Robertson's Nursery', Joanne & Mark from 'Orchid Mania' in Gunalda and Orchidaceous from Maryborough.

Advertising for the show will be by way of printed flyers & signage, Zinc fm radio and community event news.



Slc, Tiny 'Alex L'

Popular Vote

These orchids won the popular vote at our March meeting

Cattleya	C. Dal's Dynamite	Doug wilson
Dendrobium	<i>Den. Fire Wings</i>	Don Elms
Species	<i>Den. macrophyllum</i>	Don Elms
Any Other	<i>Deg. Flying High 'Stars & Bars'</i>	Ted Mann
Judges' choice	<i>Den. Fire Wings</i>	Don Elms



Den. Fire Wings

My apologies to Doug as I somehow missed taking a photo of his *Cattleya* Dal's Dynamite.



Den macrophyllum.



Deg. Flying High 'Stars & Bars'

Our next meeting will be at Mel & Judy Wheeler's place on April 24th. The address is 6 David Crt., Groundwater Rd. South Side. (Turn into Langara Drive off Groundwater Rd and David Crt. is first turn off of Langara drve. The meeting starts at 2 pm.



Cattleya grown by Lois Thornley

Thanks to Lois & Kevin Thornley for hosting our meeting and making us welcome at Wallu Nursery.

Calendar of Events for 2021

April

Saturday 17, Sunday 18

Queensland Orchid Show at Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Rd. Belmont

May

Saturday 1, Sunday 2

Gympie & District Orchid Society benched show. Set up 30th April from 2 pm at Albert Park Bowls Club.

Friday 7. Saturday 8

Noosa Orchid Society Show (Closed) at CWA Hall, Maple Street, Cooroy

Saturday 8

Maroochydore Closed Mother's Day Show at Bli Bli Uniting Church Hall, Lefoes Rd, Bli Bli

Friday 7 to Sunday 9

Bundaberg Orchid Society Autumn Show (Set up 6th) at Bundaberg Civic Centre, Bourbong St Bundaberg

June

Saturday 6th

STOCQ Meeting, Childers/Isis

July

Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th

Caboolture Orchid Society Winter Show at Community Ctr. Morayfield Rd., Morayfield

August

Friday 6th, Saturday 7th

Maroochydore Annual Show (set up 5th) at Buderim Uniting Church Hall. King St. Buderim