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Welcome to our first newsletter for 2021. Our 30th January meeting was held at Sharon Stretton's place at 16 Watt St. Gympie..



*R/c. Hawaiian Wedding Song
'Virgin'*



Sharon Stretton standing beside
C. Caudebec Candy

Mel Wheeler opened the meeting. First on the agenda was the S.T.O.C.Q. meeting to be held at the Albert Park Bowl's Club on Saturday, February 13th. Jim Evans will be the supervisor for the venue. Gary Walker has volunteered to be the door person and Sharon Stretton to sell raffle tickets.

Members helping with setting up and catering are asked to arrive between 7.30 and 8 am. Cakes and slices for morning tea will be appreciated.

The Judge's Meeting starting at 9 am will be followed by morning tea and the General Meeting. Guest speaker for the day is Charlie McMonagle.

At our first meeting of the year we welcomed new member Dave Carter to the Gympie & District Orchid Society.

Sharon Stretton asked about our website, and Joe Tramacchi said he would endeavour to have a website up by our next meeting in February.

It was also suggested that our members list be updated and shared among members and that Ted Mann might be approached to do this.

Popular Vote

These orchids won the popular vote at our January meeting

Cattleya	<i>Rlc. Young Kong 'Sun#16'</i>	Gary Walker
Dendrobium	<i>Den. Hibiki</i>	Don Elms
Species	<i>Gram. scriptum 'Citrine'</i>	Don Elms
Any other (tie)	<i>Bulb. polystictum X dearieii</i> <i>V. Somsri Gold KBR</i>	Don Elms Mel wheeler
Judge's Choice	<i>Bulb. polystictum X dearieii</i>	Don Elms



Rlc. Young Kong 'Sun#16'



Den. Hibiki

The Gympie & District Orchid Society is preparing for its annual show at the Gympie Showground Pavillion. It will be a benched orchid show only and will run from 31st April to the 2nd of May.



Grammatophyllum scriptum 'Citrine'

Grammatophyllum scriptum is a species from Borneo, the Lesser Sunda Islands, the Moluccas, The Philippines, Sulawesi, the Solomon Islands, the Bismark Archipelago, Papua and New Guinea, Fiji and Santa Cruz Islands. The more common form has brown mottled markings on a greenish flower and has the common name of Tiger Orchid. These are found at elevations of sea level to 100 metres and grow on tree trunks and branches always close to the coast, near beaches, lagoons, and coconut plantations. They like bright light. The genus was first recorded in 1825 by Carl Blume.

The green form of the species is native to Borneo, The Philippines, Fiji and New Guinea. These are wonderful specimen plants and have quite a presence when in flower. They have a pleasing fragrance and the blooms can last 6-8 weeks.



Vanda Somsri Gold 'KBR'



Bulbophyllum polystictum X *dearieii*

Our next meeting will be at Lex & Joan Cooper's place at 2 Skyring Place, Tin Can Bay on Saturday, February 27th. The meeting starts at 2 pm.



Bulbophyllum digoloece

The plants brought to the meeting were notable for their quality and variety. One plant of special interest was *Bulbophyllum digoloece* a species from Papua and New Guinea grown by Don Elms. Its first flowering revealed it to be an exquisitely balanced and delicate bloom on a long and very slender stem. The labellum quivered at the slightest movement or breeze adding to its captivating affect. These photos to the left do not nearly do it justice.



Mel Wheeler's three vandas are *Vanda Somsri Gold KBR*, *Vasco Charlie Khan* which had a well shaped inflorescence and another white *Vasco* which Mel has bred.



Above is Don Elm's *Bulb. treschi* and in the bowl is *Sarcochilus eriochilus* grown by Ken Christiansen.



C. Deception Spots
'Prolific' X Southern Spots



Slc. Precious Stones X
C. Caudebec

These C. Caudebec hybrids are flowering at the moment in Gary Walker's shadehouse. The C. Deception Spots 'Prolific' X Southern Spots is a first flowering for Gary.