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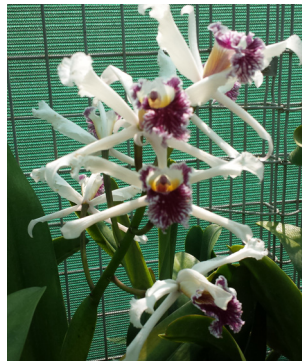
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Welcome to the March edition of our newsletter. On Saturday 3rd March, twenty of our members went on a bus trip to Beenleigh to see what was on offer at Queensland's annual International Orchid Fair. Although it was the second day of the fair, there was still a great range of quality plants and new hybrids to choose from and at times it seemed the orchids were just 'walking out the door'.

On our return trip we stopped in for a visit to Eric Locke's place. Eric has been raising orchids from seed in flasks for many years and will raise seedlings for individuals as well as nurseries at a very reasonable price. Eric gave our group an informative talk outlining the process. For your information this embedded link will take you to a .pdf where he has written about his experience in much more detail: https://www.qos.org.au/uploads/4/1/4/3/41433817/flasking_with_eric_locke.pdf



Some of Eric's own orchids

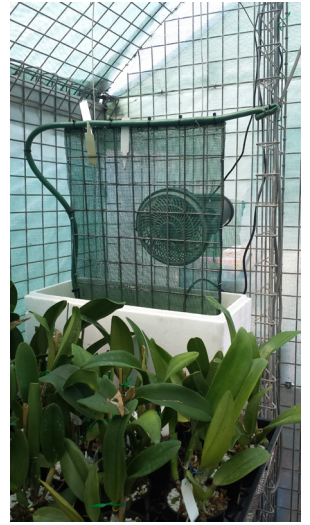
Eric also showed some of members orchid seeds under the microscope. Fertile seed has a small yellow ovoid shape at its centre. He requires at least 80% fertile seed to proceed with flasking. In some instances seed is mostly infertile.

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Some of Eric's flasks on shelves

Fan blowing through wet mesh to increase humidity in the hothouse where Eric also grows *Paphiopedilums*.



Judge's Choice (left)
Vascostylus Pine Rivers grown by Ted Mann



Den. Masaka X Aridang

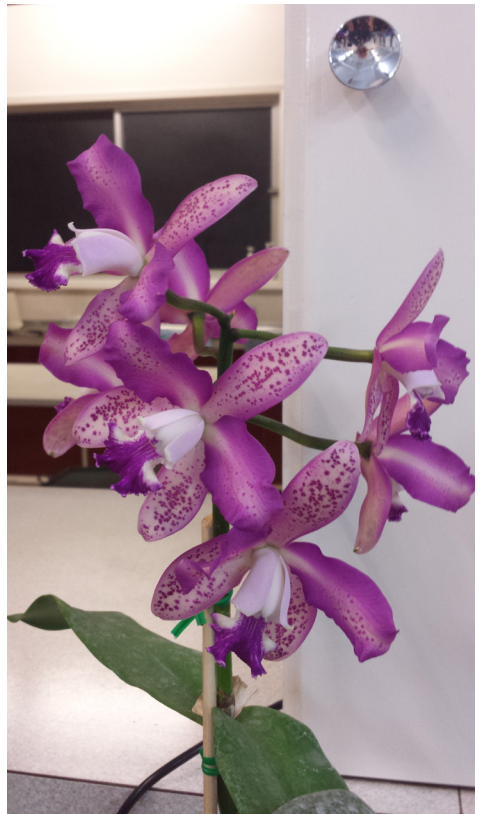
Popular Vote

These orchids won the popular vote

Dendrobium	<i>Den.</i> Alice's Rainbow 'Keith'	Ted Mann
Cattleya	<i>Cattleya</i> Caudebec X Lulu	Doug Wilson
Species		
Any other	<i>Vascostylus.</i> Tristar Gold 'Mandarin'	Ted Mann
Novice	<i>Den.</i> Masaka X Aridang	Larry Downing



Den. Alice's Rainbow 'Keith'



C. Caudebec X Lulu

A last reminder to our members that our monthly meeting is on this Saturday 24th March at Lenskes place at 303 Power road Widgee. Starts at 2 pm.

Also a reminder that the next show is at Caloundra on 5th April and Sth Burnett show is on the 20th.

Known Dates for 2018

March 30-31st-Bribie OFS Show

March 30-1st April - Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society Show

5th April setup -6th &7th Caloundra Autumn Orchid Show

14-15th April - ROSI Autumn Show

21st April - South Burnett Orchid Society Show at Wondai. 9.30am-3pm

5th & 6th May - GDOS Orchid Show & Garden Expo (Set up 4th)

11-12 th May - Noosa District OFS Show Cooroy

11th - 13th May - BOSI Orchid Show. Set up and Judging Thursday
10th

26-27 th May - Boyne Tannum OFS Show

June 16 th STOCQ Meeting at Maryborough

July 13-15 th - Qld. Garden Expo Nambour

14th July - Combined Societies Workshop at Howard. Hosted by BOSI

18-21st July - Australian Orchid Council Conference & Show - Sydney

20-22th July - Caboolture OFS Show

August 10-11th - Maroochydore Orchid Show

11th & 12th August - AWOS Orchid Show. Set up and Judging 10th

31st Aug & 1st Sept. - CIDOS Spring Show. Set up and Judging
Thursday 30th

31st August-1st Sept. - Nambour Orchid Show

Sept. 14-15th - Noosa Dist. Orchid Show

21-22nd Sept.- Glasshouse OFS Show

29-30th Sept. -ROSI Spring Show

6th & 7th October - HBOS Orchid Show. Set up and Judging Friday

Oct 12-13th - Bribie Island OFS Show

Nov 2-3rd - Nambour Species Society Show

14th - 15th September 2019: STOCQ Orchidfest Rockhampton