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We are currently holding our meetings both Monthly and New and Interested Growers. The Secretary will advise if the situation changes.

Orchid News for Meetings

Current COVID 19 Restrictions are still permissible enough for our Orchid Society to hold outdoor and indoor Meetings and the next NIGG Meeting will be held on 6 June at Dale and Diana Searles place. Their address will be sent by separate email.

Members are asked to observe all restrictions put in place by Queensland Health where there is the Presentation and Consumption of Food.

These rules only allow members to bring their own Morning Tea to this meeting. Any food available must not be shared or presented for distribution by any one during a meeting. Therefore, preventing the transition of any Virus germs.

There are no restrictions for you to bring an Orchid plant/s along to talk about, seek advice or merely have the opportunity to share your success. Everyone loves an Orchid.

Our next Monthly Meeting is on 17 June. No food or beverages will be provided or taken to these meetings.

The Club merchandise is available only to BOSI members not the public.

Please phone Bev on 4159 3291 or Email aheidke@bigpond.com to arrange a suitable time for you to collect any merchandise you require for your Orchid Potting. If you want to collect Items from Bev at the monthly meetings please let her know a few days prior of what you need.

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Potting Supplies Availability:

Bev has some supplies of bark and other potting supplies and requires your orders for later in the year, **NOW** as it takes time to procure the items due to COVID 19 slowing down deliveries from overseas.

You must phone Bev or Email her to make a time to collect your Orders which will be at staggered times in line with COVID 19 Rules.

Available supplies are Labels, Steriliser, Pencils, Fertilizer, Pots, Bark, Charcoal, Perlite, Quincan and some Mixes (in small quantities for New Growers).

Any supplies ordered will be held for 4 weeks only, then sold off as spare merchandise.

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Monthly Meetings

The May Meeting continues with the new format for our Monthly Meetings. The new format is to have our Judges award 1st, 2nd and 3rd cash prizes of \$15, \$10 and \$5. We will keep the same categories with the exception of the Novice Section having two prizes one for Cattleyas and one for all other novice entries. This system is working well with the exception of NOVICE Entries with Andrew Straume taking out both first prizes at our last meeting as he was the only novice that entered plants. **We need more entries from novices.** The new format for a popular vote is to hand each attendee a token to be placed next to the orchid that they like the most. Members are encouraged to bring in as many plants as they can carry.

Aside from bringing along plants, (the more the better), is that we ask you to have a label placed in the pot with the name of the orchid on the front and the owners name on the back. This is as per the system that is used at shows and if you are unsure how to do this just ask someone as most people know this system.

New and Interested Growers Group Meeting

We did not hold a NIGG Meeting in May as we had our show in that month.

Mother's Day Show Weekend

The show was very well attended with over 2,500 visitors for the 2 1/2 days and we had record plant sales for BOSI Members and for all our vendors who sold out of most items.

The Committee would like to thank all the members who volunteered their time and expertise to help make this show THE BEST EVER. Your efforts were much appreciated and everyone got on well with each other. A number of long time members have mentioned that they were impressed with the level of cooperation shown by all the volunteers.

Despite some misgivings the Pay Way Credit/Debit Card EFTPOS facility for the plant sales and the entry area for entry fees, raffle tickets and posy sales all worked well with no issues. Many members commented that they made more sales due to this facility being available.

The COVID 19 check in procedure worked well and it was surprising how many people either stuffed up the check in procedure or just plain lied about doing it. We found that mostly older people had little idea of what to do and we helped many of them download the app and then showed them how easy it was to use. All the younger people had it sorted out in quick order and it was mostly the middle age group who were impatient, and lied about checking in. We insisted on seeing the app that showed they had actually checked in. We also used the Business Profile of the app to check in about 10% of people who did not have a phone or internet access or had not set up their apple or google play accounts.

We have identified some area that can be improved and if anyone out there has any suggestions please let the Secretary know.

Some of the areas where we have identified improvements are:

- ✓ No longer have a lucky door prize to reduce congestion at the entry area.
- ✓ Move the posy making area closer to the posy selling area.
- ✓ Have the plant sales payment area adjacent to the exit not the entry.
- ✓ Have a roster for keeping the kitchen area clean and tidy.
- ✓ Keep using food/coffee van vendors instead of having our own catering.
- ✓ Tiered stands to better show back of table orchids.
- ✓ Use no entry signs on side doors at the venue.
- ✓ Better background to display champion orchids.
- ✓ Keep the Cattleya Section on the first tables as this provided a spectacular view upon entry.

Below is a selection of photos from the Show





STERILISING

It turns out that I heard wrong wrt Sterilising solutions. The committee strongly advises that BOSI only recommends Trisodium Phosphate Solution (TSP) as the preferred method of sterilising orchid cutting implements as we have found through experience that this is the most effective method of sterilisation.

It was pointed out by our Merchandising Officer to not use the crystallised form of TSP as this is a cheap knock off and is not effective. She stated that the TSP available from Orchidaceous and BOSI is the only one to use.

Some have said that using alcohol as a virus disinfectant is “Laughable” and this may be true. However, one would then need to question why governments are insisting on people using alcohol-based hand wash to kill the Corona Virus. Perhaps Orchid viruses are tougher to kill than Corona Virus.

The results of this month’s Judges Choice and Popular Vote are



Cattleya: Pot. Hsinying Dream – I & C Nielson



Dendrobium: Napporn Green – D Shield



Vanda – Phal. Fullers Pink Stride - D Shield



Species: Paph. Spicerianum – C. Tholstrup



Any Other & Judges Choice -Fdk. Sunset Ridge – D Ephraims



Popular Vote:

Cattlaya: Pot. Hsinying Dream – I & C Nielson



Novice Cattlaya Section - Rlc Burdekin Storm 'Midnight'

A & A Straume



Novice – Any Other - Den. Peter Shen

A & A Straume



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