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Orchid News for Meetings

The next **New and Interested Growers Group (NIGG) Meeting** will be held on 2 June Christine Thulstrup's Place. Her address will be sent by separate email. Members can bring plants for sale and a plate along to supplement the biscuits that are supplied for morning tea, if you feel like contributing to the day with some of your wonderful home cooking. Remember to also **bring a chair** and a hat and of course your sense of humour. There **will be** a BBQ at this meeting.

Our Next **Monthly General Meeting** is on Thursday 16 May 2024, starting at 7.00pm. Competition plants must be benched by 6:45pm. Tea, Coffee, and Biscuits will be provided and you are welcome to bring a share plate.

GENERAL MEETING 18 APRIL 2024

Our **General Meeting** in April was attended by 37 members. The Popular Vote Competition was held at this meeting with two categories for Cattleyas being under 80mm and 80mm and over, which will continue for future General Meetings.

Bundaberg club contributed 90+ plants and Bundaberg Members were awarded 16 x first prizes, 16 x second prizes and 13 x third prizes.

Congratulations to Mel and Carolyn Smith who won Reserve Champion. Bev advised that as Orchidaceous will be at our show, members can buy supplies direct from them, including bags of mini bark for small seedlings.

GENERAL MEETING
15 FEBRUARY 2024 (continued)

BOSI Autumn Show – there will be daily raffles with 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes each day the show is open to the public. In addition, there will be a 3-day raffle with the major prize being a crochet jacket donated by Gerry Brookes, plus an orchid plant. Gerry has also donated hand-made soaps which will also be used as a minor prize in this raffle. Alwyn reminded members that we need more volunteers to sell entry tickets and raffle tickets at the show. We also need more people to sell posies. Bev needs plant names by no later than 6th May and labels can be collected from her on Tuesday morning, or at the Show. Please ensure your hands are clean and dry when handling barcoded labels, as smudged barcodes are unreadable. The Civic Centre will be open from 7.00am on Thursday 9th for set-up. Members should bring their plants from about 8.30-9.00 am. All club plants to be benched by 1.00pm on Thursday. Alwyn then gave a very informative talk about preparing plants for the show, including lighting conditions for optimal flowering, labelling, cleanliness and presentation of plants and pots for benching. John Hughes explained that even an exceptional orchid can be outclassed by a mediocre specimen if it is not presented correctly. He then proceeded to give a practical demonstration of how to set up flowers and plants to catch the judges' eye.

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

Please phone Bev on **0427 667 706** 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. Please do not ask for more than what you have ordered when collecting your items as this places our magnificent merchandising lady in an awkward position.

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NEW AND INTERESTED GROWERS GROUP MEETING

7 APRIL 2024

Our April NIGG Meeting was held at the home of Ian and Carolyn Nielson and was attended by 29 members, despite the overnight and early morning rain. Feedback was generally positive, with much discussion and exchange of information. Ian gave an informative talk on how he grows and maintains his orchids.



**Our
Magnificent
Hosts**



Members Present



**Growing some very
nice orchids**

POPULAR VOTE COMPETITION

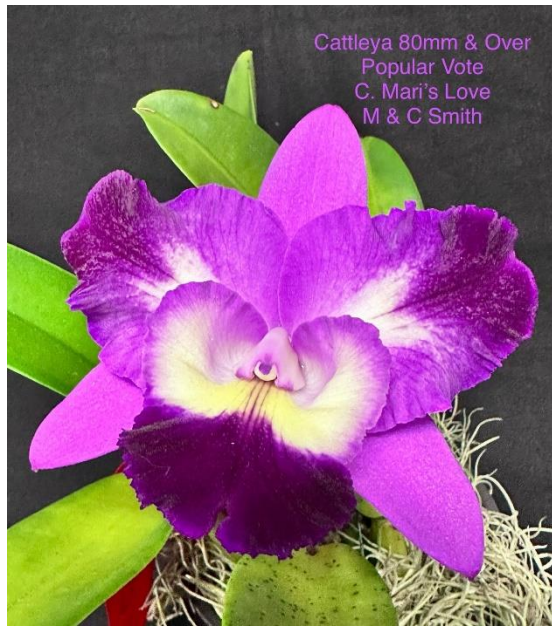
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Cattleya 80mm & Over. 1st
Rlc. Donna Kumar
M&C Smith



Cattleya 80mm & Under 1st
C. Jungle Hot Spots
R & G Coster

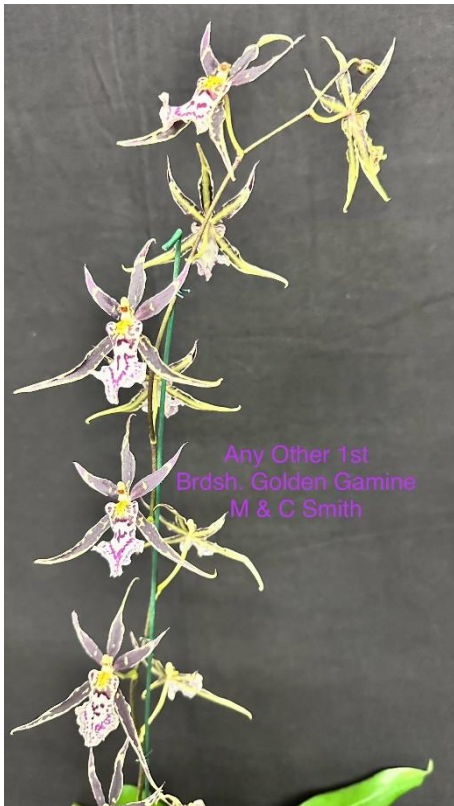




Cattleya 80mm & Over
Popular Vote
C. Mari's Love
M & C Smith



Cattleya 80mm & Under
Popular Vote
Ctt. Chocolate Chip
M & C Smith



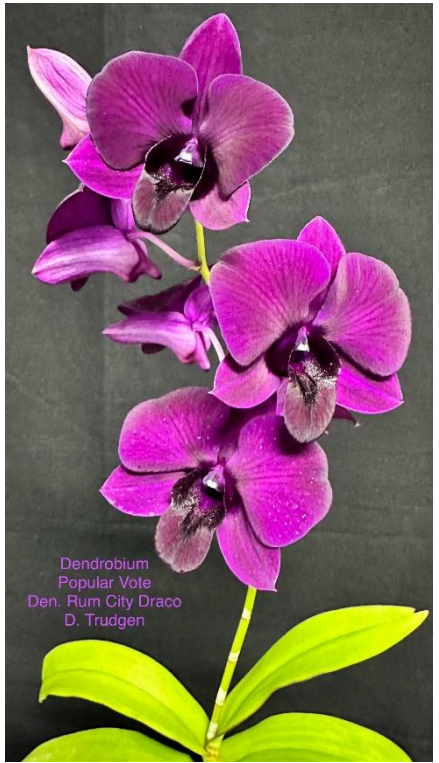
Any Other 1st
Brdsh. Golden Gamine
M & C Smith



Any Other Popular Vote
Cl. Black Jade
L. Crawford



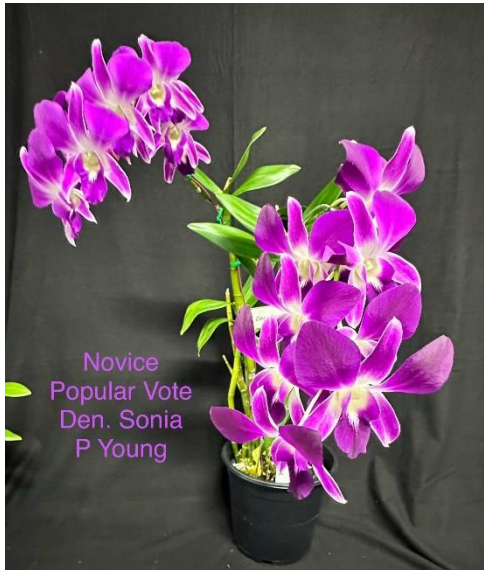
April Meeting Champion
Dendrobium 1st
Den. Touch of Gold
M & C Smith



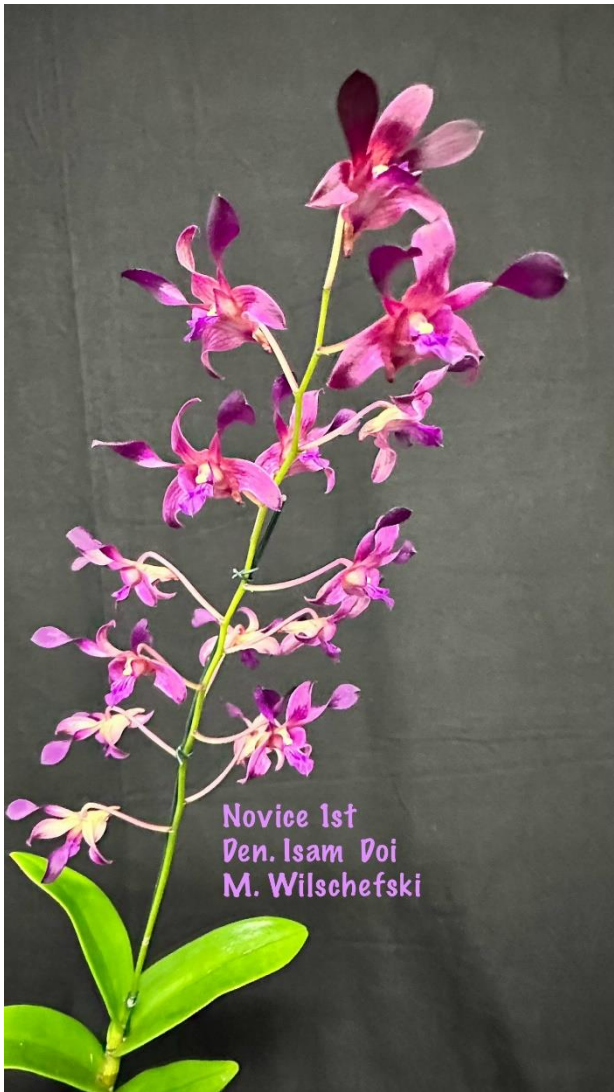
Dendrobium
Popular Vote
Den. Rum City Draco
D. Trudgen



Species
1st & Popular Vote
Bulb. oligochaete (ovale)



Novice
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Den. Sonia
P Young



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