

COMING EVENTS:

6, 7 April: Bribie Island OS show BISHS set up after school 5th.
13, 14 April: SCOS show, Caloundra
17 March: Childers & Isis District OS autumn show.
31 March: our meeting at Dudley and Beryl Ross's place 16 Redgum Drive.
31 March: Nambour OS show at Montville
31 March, 01 April: Capricornia OS show
31 March, 01 April: Boyne Tannum OS show
6 – 8 April: Gladstone OS show.
5, 6 May 2012: GADOS show.
11-13 May: Bundaberg OS show, Civic Centre; set up from noon 10th.
12, 13 May: Noosa DOFS show in CWA Hall Cooroy (Closed?)
26 May: our meeting at Jim and Leanne's place, 106 Pine Valley Road.
2 June 2012: Gladstone OS host STOCQ meeting.
2, 3 June: Rotary club of Gympie Quilt show in The Pavilion. We usually get asked to set up a small display in the foyer.
6 – 8 July: Caboolture OS show Morayfield Community Centre, Morayfield Road.
28 July: Our meeting at Corrie Sheaffe's, Van Doren Road.
11. 12 August: Maroochydore show.
25 August: our meeting at Marion Long's, 25 Long Road Bauple.
31 August, 1 September: Nambour OS show; setting up 30 August.
31 August, 1 September: Childers & Isis District OS spring show.
1, 2 September: Capricornia OS show
20-22 September: Maryborough DOS show
21, 22 September Noosa DOFS show RSL Hall Cooroy
28, 29 September: Glasshouse Country OS show. Set up 27th.
6, 7 October: HBOS show set up 5th.
13, 14 October: Bribie Island OS show BISHS set up after school 12th.

26, 27 October: Nambour OS species show, judging 7 PM Thursday.
27 October: our meeting at Doug and Lynne Wilson's, 6 Kimberley Ave.
17 November: STOCQ meeting, Uniting Church hall, 8 Lefors Road, Bli Bli, hosted by Maroochydore OS.
10 – 12 June 2013: STOCQ Orchidfest in Gympie



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Meetings of this society are held on the last Tuesday of the month at 7 PM for 8 PM at St. Peter's Hall, Lady Mary Terrace, GYMPIE in January, February, April, June, September and November and at 2 PM on the last Saturday of the month at members' nurseries on other months



Marion Long brought this phalaenopsis to last meeting. She purchased it three years ago at the Bray Park event and has flowered it three times since. The plant looks like it is not likely to succumb any time soon.. You will note that Marion is hosting us in August.

POPULAR VOTE LAST MEETING:

CLASS	ORCHID	GROWER
CATTLEYA	<i>C. Chocolate Drop</i> x <i>C. lodigessii</i>	John and Kaye Green
DENDROBIUM HYBRID	<i>Den. Blue Sparkle</i>	Ted Mann
OTHER	<i>Phal. Sogo Yukigami</i>	Marion Long
SPECIES	<i>Ctsm. pileatum 'Imperial Court'</i>	Ted Mann
NOVICE	<i>C. Burdekin Delight</i>	Ken Christensen

JUDGE'S CHOICE: Jim Evans selected *C. Chocolate Drop* x *C. lodigessii* grown by John and Kaye Green based on its shape and texture.



This is Ted's plant of *Ctsm. pileatum 'Imperial Court'* shown last month. These are the male flowers of the plant. The female flowers are relatively insignificant in appearance.

There are not many orchids which have this type of flowerings. Although Ted has taken a liking to them, they are not the easiest to grow or transport. They are dormant in winter and lose their leaves and their growth in summer needs to be fertilised regularly and heavily. They can be difficult to grow when young; they spit their pollen out when moved abruptly.

ORCHIDWIZ: The program donated by OrchidWiz failed to attract a bidder at the auction so it was decided to use it as a raffle prize at the STOCQ AGM on 18 February. This might attract several hundred dollars. Although I said previously that the society should keep it for itself, this is against the principle of the gifting. Ted suggested that the society might buy a full program if and when STOCQ buys it for their registrars.

BUS TRIP 1: Ted Mann circulated a sheet for people interested in the International orchid forum at Bray Park on Friday 2 March. The response seemed to make it look like it was viable.

BUS TRIP 2: Jim announced that he had had enquiries from the Sunshine Coast and Bundaberg in relation to a trip to Grafton/Ballina in 2012 and said he would be seeking expressions of interest from members. He would try to get it on the weekend when there are two shows in Ballina.

SATURDAY MEETINGS: The schedule for hosting Saturday meetings is now full. See back page for details.



This is John and Kaye Green's *C. Chocolate Drop* x *C. lodigessii* which gained Judge's choice. It retains the waxiness of *C. Chocolate Drop* but *C. lodigessii* has served to fill out the flower so that this would satisfy the concept of Cluster Cattleya. John has a number of these.