

COMING EVENTS:

18 February: STOCQ AGM Gympie at Surface Hill church hall.
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: 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.
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.
11. 12 August: Maroochydore show.
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
28, 29 September: Glasshouse Country OS show. Set up 27th.
13, 14 October: Bribie Island OS show BISHS set up after school 12th.
26, 27 October: Nambour OS species show, judging 7 PM Thursday.
17 November: STOCQ meeting, Uniting Church hall, 8 Lefors Road, Bli Bli, hosted by Maroochydore OS.
10 – 12 June 2013: STOCQ Orchidfest in Gympie

**Hosts are needed
for Saturday
meetings in
March, May,
July, August,
October 2012.**



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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



VALE: BEATRICE VISINI

Beatrice passed away just before Christmas. The image above was taken in 2004 when she was beginning to suffer from macular degeneration. She had joined the society on 27 November 1962. The society had been formed in August 1961 and Amanda had joined in October 1962.

Beatrice, like so many of her generation of farmers, didn't have the cash to buy expensive orchids. Her collection had started from orchids collected off the farm at Cedar Pocket. Throughout her life she gave herself to community groups like Gympie East P&C, this society and the show society. Even when blind, she cooked lots of cakes for the kitchen at Expos. She was one of a few life members of the society and a former STOCQ judge.

POPULAR VOTE LAST MEETING:

| CLASS | ORCHID | GROWER |
|-------------------|---|---------------------|
| CATTLEYA | <i>Epc.</i> Burdekin Honey | Corrie Sheaffe |
| DENDROBIUM HYBRID | <i>Den.</i> Alice's Rainbow | Ted Mann |
| OTHER | <i>V.</i> Trevor Rathbone | Marion Long |
| SPECIES | <i>C. schilleriana</i> | John and Kaye Green |
| NOVICE | <i>Phal.</i> Brother Golden Wish <i>X Phal</i> Ihsun Sunflower | Kay Morrison |

JUDGE'S CHOICE: Jim Evans selected *Epc.* Burdekin Honey grown by Corrie Sheaffe based on floriferousness and presentation..

THANKS: In late November the orchid society's computer stopped. My son, Paul, reckoned it was the CPU (Computer power unit) and I left it in Brisbane at his place on 30 November. He said he'd taken a CPU out of one of his computers and it would do the job. Paul is rebuilding his house and was overseas for a week in December. When he came up for Christmas he wanted to network our house for TV so we could have TV in the granny flat. Our old antenna wasn't up to scratch and my personal PC was not to his liking. He returned the next week and now we have TV on the computer and in the granny flat and my PC has had a bit of a rebuild. He brought GADOS computer back and fitted the second hand CPU and the DVD burner off my PC. So now we have a GADOS PC again. All for nix. I can't thank him enough for what he did for us, let alone the society.

I did not have a backup of a lot of gear on the computer so it is a life saver.

AGM STOCQ: Saturday 18 February Surface Hill hall, hosted by this society

PROGRAMME: Before 9.00: tea/coffee.

9.00 – 10.30 AM: Judges' meeting.

10.30 – 11.00 AM: Morning tea

11.00 – noon: AGM/general meeting.

12.00 – 1.00 PM: Guest speaker: Rob Raabe "Native Bees"

1.00 PM; Lunch. There will be a charge of \$10 on this.

After lunch: Visit to shade houses.

Afternoon tea at last shade house

ORCHID WHIZ: Once again, OrchidWhiz has gifted the society a copy of its latest programme. I believe that the society should keep this for itself but this will be discussed at this meeting

CHRISTMAS PARTY: This was held at Jim and Leanne's place on 3 December. I missed this but I understand that everyone had great fellowship and went home with one of Jim or Ted's plants. Jim's plants looked to be in good nick from the images Ted sent me and Jim was proud of the plant at left. Glenn and Jan enjoyed the bush house visit.



SIGNS OF THE TIMES?

I am a member of a service club in town and we have found that getting new members is very difficult with our membership ageing. Orchid societies and other volunteer organisations are in similar straits. The Apex movement was peculiar to Australia and there were clubs in every community once but many have disappeared and some are hanging on with 5 members.

I understand that The American Orchid Society is selling its headquarters and public gardens established 10 years ago west of Delray Beach, Florida. In that time, membership has dropped from 30000 to 11000. GFC or the same as here? A tragedy?