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Newsletter

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CLUB BUSINESS

Please note that there will be NO meeting in May because of the Beef Week Autumn Show.

A possible coach trip is being investigated to the Toowoomba Orchid Soc 60th Conf and Show on July 24-25, maybe overnight. Contact Lionel 66624080 with expressions of interest.

Our 50th Anniversary dinner has been organised at the Commercial Hotel 5.30pm on July 10th. Cost is \$10 for members and \$20 non-members, and all past members are invited. RSVP Meg by June meeting on 66633162.

OTHER SHOWS

* Mingara Orchid Fair & Show – 27 & 28th June

* Toowoomba Orchid Soc 60th birthday show and conference – 23rd to 26th July – USQ Berghofer Recreation Centre

* Logan Orchid Society – 29 & 30th August – Logan Central Community Centre

* Laidley Spring Festival – 10 to 12 September – includes gardens, flower show, orchid show, quilt show and more

* Lockyer Valley Spring Orchid Show – 10 to 12 September – Laidley

* Boonah Orchid Show & Qld Sarcocochilus Festival – 17 & 18th October – Boonah State High School

SHOW BUSINESS

Setup:

10am helpers are required at Nella's shed for collection of stands etc. Please notify Gary 6662 6614 if you can help.

Setup will be at 1pm at the hall to move our tables across from the tin hall and of course the more bodies the less effort for everyone.

Exhibits will be received from 3pm to 6.30pm. **If you won a trophy last Autumn show please bring it with you with your exhibits.**

Delivery during the afternoon of slices is requested to offer the judges.

Miscellaneous:

The usual donations of sandwich fillings, slices and biscuits for the kitchen by our good cooks who deliver again and again will be appreciated.

A reminder to price your sale items to a round dollar amount (no cents).

This year the breezeway will not be in use so all traffic may come through the side door.

The door roster was not distributed at the last meeting and will be organised during the show. Please allow those on the roster to have their turn by sticking to the 2 hour duration.

Potting demonstrations will be from 10am onwards, as the crowd is usually at its peak around this time.

CULTURE NOTES

Things Orchid Judges Don't Like To See.

(Ref: QOS Bulletin April 2014 Vol 54 Number 3)

The following is a short list of things that the judges don't want to see and which will negatively influence their decision:

1. Missing flowers or buds
2. Damaged flowers or buds. These would include insect damage.
3. Marked flowers e.g. botrytis or chemical spotting.
4. Dirty, diseased or ugly foliage. This would include spray residue on leaves
5. Weeds in pots
6. Overgrown plants
7. Poor presentation of flowers and inflorescences
8. Illegal or poor staking and tying e.g. stakes above the foliage
9. Evidence of manipulation of blooms
10. Presence or evidence of packing material used to manipulate the flowers.

Exercise care when packing plants for transport. Missing flowers or buds can often be attributed to transport from home to show. Retain any flowers or buds which become detached and place them with the plant on the show bench.

Dirty and ugly foliage should be removed. This includes unsightly bract.

Make sure plants are free from ants, mealy bug, scale & weeds.

Regularly judges observe packing material remaining in plants on the bench. If you use tissues, cotton wool or polystyrene ensure you remove all traces.

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