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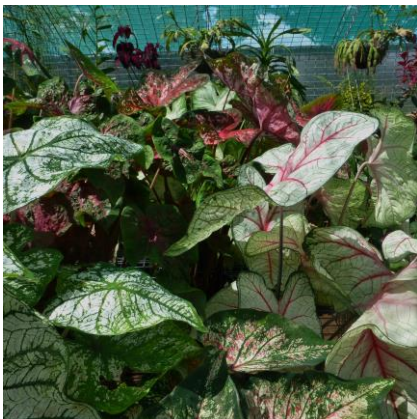
Orchid Dahlia



Collarette Dahlia



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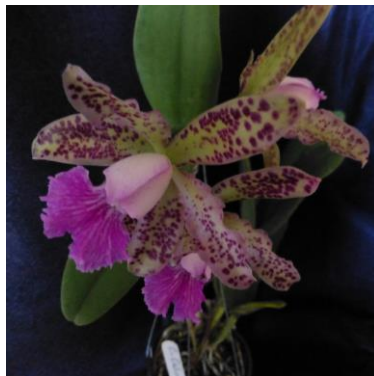
Caladiums



Stellar Dahlia



Decorative Dahlia



C Calico Spots – Won
Champion Orchid at St Mark's
Dahlia Show 20/2/16.

CLUB BUSINESS

You may be wondering why there are photographs of Dahlia's in this issue. Six C&DOS members met at Aldi's car park and travelled in two cars to the Wedd brothers at Coorabell last Thursday 18/2/16. It was a very hot humid day but that didn't spoil our enthusiasm. We saw all the dahlias first as they were starting to wilt in the blazing

sun; the red flowers tend to burn hence they were covered by umbrellas. After seeing two areas of dahlias we went through the orchid, begonia, and caladium shade houses, what a treat at the caladium house. Morning tea was served under the large camphor laurel tree. The sea breeze came in and we all cooled down and admired the beautiful view across Coorabell. Three of the group went for lunch at the Commercial Coffee shop which topped off a lovely day.

Thanks to Narelle who is our photographer and takes all the beautiful photographs at our monthly meetings and our two Shows. Well done Narelle!

OTHER SHOWS (2016)

Manly Warringah OS Auction
20 March.
Alstonville Orchid Society
Autumn Show 30 March - 2 April.
City of Lismore Orchid Society
Show 7- 9 April. Lismore Central.
Gold Coast Orchid Show Fri 8 -
Sat 9 April.
Woodburn Evans Head Show 7 -
8 May.
Aranbeem Orchids, Deception
Bay, Open Day Sale Weekend
May 7 Sat 9-4pm Sun & 9-2pm.
Orchids out West May 14-15.
Sunshine Coast Long weekend
coach trip June 11-13. Cost \$275
pp. Northern Rivers Species
Society. Phone Kevin Foster.
Singapore Tour July 22-26, cost
\$2,670 twinshare, \$3,460 single
(plus flights)
Southern Orchid Spectacular Oct
7-9.
21st AOC conference and Show
NSW, 'Orchids in the Foothills'
July 17-22, 2018.

SUGGESTIONS FOR TRIPS:

Woolf Orchid Nursery -
Toowoomba
Rosella Orchid Nursery
Eastern District Orchid Show
Members Shade houses
Fame Orchids – Qld
BBQ my place (Meg) Saturday
7 May@ 11.00am further
discussion.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Topics suggested by Simon.

Winter protection for orchids
Summer - heat control.
Light levels for orchids (shade
cloth weight).

Any offers from the more
experienced members to give a
talk on any of the above topics,
please let me know.

We need more suggestions!

POTTING DEMOS

Gary McAteer has offered to
hold potting demonstrations for
new members. Please see
Gary for details of time and
place. You need to bring two
orchids and your own pots,
bark, stakes, ties, name tag,
etc. and Gary will show you
how to repot one orchid and
then you can practice repotting
the second orchid.

Lionel Frame has also offered
to hold potting demos when he
has recovered from his foot
operation.

BEEF WEEK AUTUMN ORCHID SHOW

We are introducing a popular
vote section for the general
public. A prize of \$10 will be
awarded to the grower with the
most votes.

NEW COMMITTEE 2016

Congratulations to the new
committee. They are:

President: Meg Kerr
Vice President: Paul Noone
Secretary: Jan Caban
Treasurer: Jack Caban
Public Officer: Jan Caban
Committee: Gary McAteer,
Donna Edmonds, Simon
Edmonds, Margaret Scofield.

Support Team

Publicity Officers: Meg Kerr &
Jan Caban
Newsletter Editor: Meg Kerr
Catering: Kathy Rose &
Margaret Hyde
Show Secretary: Margaret
Scofield
Plant reorders meetings:
Simon & Donna Edmonds
Librarian: Narelle Wynn
Custodian Pots & Bark: Meg
Kerr
Custodian Nella's Shed: Gary
McAteer
Hon Auditor: Simon Edmonds
Thanks to all the above for
accepting their positions.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all the
winners of our yearly
competition of orchids,
bromeliads and pot plants. The
winners received an orchid
plant from the Society.

FEBRUARY JUDGES CHOICE

Kevin & Kathy Rose with
Cattleya Burdekin Belle
'Rosco'. Congratulations a
beautiful flower.

THIS MONTH'S GUEST SPEAKER

Col Andrews from Alstonville
will talk about *Dendrobium*
Phalaenanthe (hard cane)
orchids. He will show a

powerpoint presentation on the
screen. There will be notes in
our next newsletter from his talk.
Col will also be bringing plants for
sale during our supper. Col has
won numerous awards from local
orchid shows and from the
OSNSW.

INFORMATION FOR SENDING PHOTOGRAPHS FOR OUR WEB PAGE

Photos can be emailed to Martin
Marschall (martin336@gmail.com)
Format: 800 max width and
saved as a Jpeg image, no large
files by email please! or you can
save your photos to a USB stick
or SD card (any size or format)
and give them to Martin at the
meetings.

CARE OF ORCHIDS – AUTUMN

- Return orchids summering
out of doors to their winter
quarters before the first
frost appear.
- Check plants over for any
pests and clean them up
before taking them back
indoors.
- Repot any young
seedlings or propagations,
which need it by dropping
on into a larger pot.
- As the sun's power
lessons remove shading
so that the plants can
receive full sun for the
winter.
- Pick all discarded leaves
as they are shed.
- Gradually give less water
and allow plants to dry out
between watering.

Paddy says to Mick, "I'm getting
circumcised tomorrow."
Mick says, "I had that done when
I was a few days old."
Paddy asks, "Does it hurt?"
Mick says, "Well, I couldn't walk
for 12 months".