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CULTURAL MEETINGS

Meetings are held at 7.30 pm on the first Tuesday of the month at the Buderim Men's Shed 34 Advance Road Kuluin

Plants are to be tabled by 7.00 pm for judging

THE NEXT CULTURAL MEETING IS ON TUESDAY 02 April 2024

Hello MOS members.

I hope you are all out of your summer slumber and your orchids are fattening up all their new growths to feed their flowers for the coming Show Season. The weather is certainly helping us out with all this rain and warm weather. For so many of the past weeks I have passed on the hose and just made sure to fertilise with plenty of Potassium to bring the autumn and winter flowers.

The Dendrobium beetles are yet to arrive in my courtyard but the grasshoppers have been more than making up for their absence. Regular sprays have mostly kept them off the orchids but a lot of my herbs, with their faster growth that shoots past my spray rotation have suffered horribly – given up on growing basil this summer because of this! With all the rain around, fungus and bacteria will be just over the horizon so a prophylactic spray when rain is on the horizon is on the cards.

We want all our orchids at their best coz our show is just weeks away. Emerging flower spikes will need staking and our plants will need a quick once over to spruce them up for the show bench. Don't be shy about asking our more experienced growers for some handy hints, tips and tricks towards snaffling a show ribbon (or five). The last minute finesse, wiping down leaves and tidying up pots is (almost) as important as facing up spikes with early staking and flattening flowers so they present well.

Things have been a bit early over here in Mountain Creek. My bigibbums are well into their flowering and some of the Catts that are solid autumn flowerers are open and at their best right now. Flower count is down a bit but I have been mounting a lot of my orchids in the garden so this might have something to do with it. The Vandas that are well established in the garden have been in constant flower so maybe I just have to wait for a season or two while the newly mounted plants put out new roots and fatten up their canes.

Enough about me though. We are well into the year now and with all our plants coming on song, we should have pretty full benches at our meeting and plenty in flower for the show later this month.

Our Growing Competition is well underway with prizes out for the 1st round and a fresh lot of plants for the latest round. Catasetums have been the new flavour on the Coast for a while now with some gun growers benching some stunning intergenerics at the Shows. Having one of these for the latest round of the Growing Competition is an excellent choice.

ROGER LODSMAN
MOS Editor

JUDGING RESULTS – February 2024 MEETING

CATTLEYA

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| 1 | Cattleya Mark Jones ‘Mac’ | C & J |
| 2 | Cattleya Caudebec Candy | C & J |
| 3 | Cattleya Mari’s Song | Kathy H |

POPULAR VOTE

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|---------------------------|-------|
| Cattleya Mark Jones ‘Mac’ | C & J |
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DENDROBIUM

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| 1 | Dendrobium Black Mountain | Kathy H |
| 2 | Dendrobium Jade Classic | Kathy H |
| 3 | Dendrobium Udom Rainbows | Kathy H |

POPULAR VOTE

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| Dendrobium Black Mountain | Kathy H |
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VANDA

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| 1 | Vanda Brighton’s Gold ‘Korat’ | John S |
| 2 | Vanda Brighton’s Gold ‘Korat’ | John S |
| 3 | Vanda Panni Gold x miniata | Kathy H |

POPULAR VOTE

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| Perreiraara Bangkok Sunset |
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ONCIDIUM

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|---|---|---------|
| 1 | Miltonidium Goodale Moir ‘Golden Afternoon’ | Kathy H |
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POPULAR VOTE

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| Miltonidium Goodale Moir | Kathy H |
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ANY OTHER GENERA

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| 1 | Catasetum Dentigrianum | Joe M |
| 2 | Bulbophyllum Wilmar Candy Stripes | Duncan M |
| 3 | Bulbophyllum Wilmar Sheer Magic | Suncan M |

POPULAR VOTE

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| Catasetum Dentigrianum | Joe M |
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SPECIES

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| 1 | Paphiopedilum godefroyae | John S |
| 2 | Dendrobium monophyllum | Joe M |
| 3 | Paphiopedilum concolor | John S |

POPULAR VOTE

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| Dendrobium monophyllum | Joe M |
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NOVICE

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| 1 | Gombrassiltonia Hilo Ablaze ‘Hilo Gold’ | Teddy G |
| 2 | Dendrobium christyanum | Gerry |
| 3 | Dendrobium Black Mountain | Gerry |

POPULAR VOTE

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| Gombrassiltonia Hilo Ablaze ‘Hilo Gold’ | Teddy G |
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FOLIAGE

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| 1 | Caladium | C & J |
| 2 | Caladium | Mitzi |
| 3 | Caladium | C & J |

POPULAR VOTE

UNREGISTERED HYBRIDS ARE **BOLDED**

NAME CHANGES ARE **ORANGE** (please update your tags)

THE BENCHES



A fine selection of Slipper species



Caladium season



A couple of stunning 'chids placed here



Species orchids have so much to offer



Vandaceous heaven



The Dens standing tall (and short) here

CATTLEYA



Cattleya Mark Jones 'Mac'



Cattleya Caudebec Candy



Cattleya Mari's Song



C. Pumpkin Festival



Cattlianthe Towering Inferno 'Geoff'

DENDROBIUM



Dendrobium Udom Rainbows



Dendrobium Black Mountain



Dendrobium Jade Classic

VANDA



Perreiraara Bangkok Sunsetv



Vanda Brighton's Gold 'Korat'



Vanda Brighton's Gold 'Korat'



Vanda Panni Gold x miniata



A cute Vanda intergeneric

ONCIDIUM



Miltonidium Goodale Moir 'Golden Afternoon'



A nice evening with good friends, surrounded by orchids



John talks us through the night's winners

SPECIES



Dendrobium monophyllum



Paphiopedilum godefroyae



Paphiopedilum concolor



Caladium, but a little bit different

OTHER GENERA



Bulbophyllum Wilmar Candy Stripes



Bulbophyllum Wilmar Sheer Magic



Catasetum Dentigrianum

NOVICE



Gombrassiltonia Hilo Ablaze 'Hilo Gold'



Dendrobium christyanum



Dendrobium Black Mountain

Caladium City

