

# AUCKLAND ORCHID CLUB

## BULLETIN

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April plant of the month which came first equal, *Miltonia Moir Moir* won by Grahame Leafberg. A beautiful specimen extremely well grown.



Ken Morse's *Onc Jean Dupont* came first equal as April plant of the month. The flowers had a lovely shape and colour. Well grown.

### MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

As the cooler days and nights approach, move those orchids that have been 'summering' to a sheltered spot as frosts will not be too far away. Reduce watering for those species needing to have less water until the spring and clean up the floor of the greenhouse and shade house.

Try and finish off repotting before the weather gets too damp.

Cymbidiums should be showing spikes by now. Be careful when putting in a stake so as not to break the spikes. Keep your pots in the same position so that the spikes don't get contorted through moving them around. Snail bait should also be laid as snails love to chew on a young fresh orchid spike!

Don't forget to pay your subs as they are now overdue!

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### NEXT MEETING Tuesday May 3rd 2005 Lions Whitehouse

Russell Hutton will be our guest speaker this month. Russell has the largest collection of species orchids in (I think I can safely say) Australasia. He will be giving us a few tips on growing species and will also be bringing plants for sale.

Plants on display, trading table, produce table and library will all be operating.

Supper will be served during the meeting, please bring a small plate.



Help will be needed to vacuum the hall after the meeting

### FROM THE APRIL MEETING

President Glenys welcomed the 45 members present and commented on the spectacular orchid show they saw in France.

**Apologies:** Margaret Stansfield, Allan Tantau, Heather and Gary Cooke, Ernie, Wendy and Sebastian Denhan.

**Sick:** Diana Elfleet.

**Notices:** Leaflets were available for: The 5th NZ Orchid Conference in Hamilton in September, Keith Goodwin Paphs, Flora Tours and Community Planting Day.

The Auction went off really well. The club made \$115 from donated plants. I am sure everyone went home very happy with their purchases.



#### **Raffle Results**

Thanks to Jean Treadwell and Joy Inveld for raffle donations.

Winners were:

Glenys MacRae, Bev Meredith and June Hogg.

Plants on Display for February: Leroy Orchids  
And for March: Linda Alexander  
The raffle made \$76.00

**Due to other commitments our Treasurer will be unable to continue to do this job next term. If you feel you could help out please phone Glenys or any other executive member.**

### PLANTS ON DISPLAY

#### DENDROBIUM

Den Aussie Ember

- Ken Morse

Den Aussie's Tapestry

- Grahame Leafberg

#### DORITONOPSIS

Dtps Purple Gem

- Chris Whitby

#### EPIDENDRUM

Epi *prismatocarpum* x sibling

- Pauline Weeks

#### GOMESA

Gom *crispa*

- Glenys MacRae

Gom *crispa*

- Dennis Chuah

Gom *recurva*

- Leroy Orchids

#### LAELIA

*L dayana*

- L & M Denyer

#### LAELIOCATTLEYA

*L pumila* x *C warneri* (reg 1902 Hybrida)

x *Lc Cheergirl* (reg 1988)

This was a very confusing one for Diana to sort out as we thought it was a potinara. A potinara is a crossing between cattleya, sophonitis, laelia and bras-savola

The actual plant name is:

*Lc Hybrida* x *Lc Cheergirl* #

- Bev Meredith

#### MILTONIA

Milt Moir Moir

- Grahame Leafberg

#### ODONTOBRASSIA

Odbrs Peggy Mobley

- Pauline Weeks

#### ONCIDIUM

Onc Jean Dupont

- Ken Morse

#### PAPHIOPEDILUM

Paph *superbiens*

- Chris Whitby

#### PHALAENOPSIS

Phal *violacea*

Phal *lindenii* 'Candy'

Phal Penang Ruby x *violacea* #

Phal *venosa*

Phal Su-An Cricket x Penag Jewel #

- Chris Whitby

#### SACCOLABIOPSIS

Saccolabiopsis *armittii*

- Grahame Leafberg

#### VUYLSTEKEARA

Vuyl Edna 'Stampalands'

- Ken Morse

#### ZYGOPETALUM

Z Blue Eyes 'Purple Thunder'

- Ken Morse

Those with a # beside their plant name please correct your label.

Plant names written in *italics* depicts it is a *species*.

#### OVERSEAS SPEAKER

David Menzies will be speaking about orchids at the Glasgow Botanic Gardens.

Wednesday April 27th, 7.00pm.

St John's Ambulance Training Centre, 8 Harrison Rd (off Ellerslie-Panmure highway).

For further information please phone Roy Neale, 416 6737.

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## WORLD ORCHID CONFERENCE

### DIJON

#### Glenys MacRae (part 1 Paris)

Armed with a fistful of Euros and enough French to order a café au lait, 31 orchid fanciers set off for a two week tour of France; final destination Dijon to visit Florissimo, the venue of the 18th World Orchid Conference.

After very long flights we arrived in Paris on the 26th February. Snow still lay on the ground in places but the cold temperatures did not stop us exploring the famous sights of this city.

I teamed up with Win Sharrock and her sisters Ann and Gay that first afternoon. We made our way to the Paris Opera where we eventually found, with the help of several Parisian's, the bus stop for the sight-seeing bus where a two day pass allows passengers to get on and off at the various points of interest around the city. A visit to the Eiffel Tower was a 'must do' as 20 years ago when I was last in Paris, I only got a photograph. While we were up the tower it came over bitterly cold and a few snowflakes fell. It was at the Eiffel Tower that we were to see the first of many beautiful old carousels that are very popular around France. We also managed to fit in a cruise on the Seine that afternoon which we enjoyed very much.

Over the next two days in Paris the group visited Versailles, the magnificent Chateau built by Louis XIV, and the Louvre to see just a fraction of the priceless works of art and antiques on display. Naturally viewing the Mona Lisa was compulsory and for those of you that have read the De Vinci Code I did look at 'The Madonna on the Rocks', and yes, it is a dark painting!

During our free time some of us made the trek up to Sacre-Coeur which stands majestically on top of the Montmartre Hill. Sacre-Coeur is a church with an impressive interior decorated

with sculpture, paintings and extremely elaborate mosaics. Just like the carousels, Sacre-Coeur was to be the first of many magnificent churches, cathedrals and abbeys we would visit on our tour. In fact we visited so many cathedrals it was inevitable that someone in our party would be elevated to sainthood! Somewhere along the way, possibly Aix-en-Provence Gary Cooke became Saint Gary of TAT Peninsula who blessed us with fine weather. Only two rain-showers were encountered during the tour and to be fair, St Gary was having a rest at the time! (part 2 next month).



#### *Happy May birthday to.....*

Bernadette Edmiston, Susan Tantau, Pauline Weeks, Trudy Franklin and Matt Carter.



*from behind the shade house.....*



Lee and Roy had a great time at the Santa Barbara show. To get there they had to drive 'on the wrong side of the road'. She said the Phallies were superb.

Later they went to the Grand Canyon where Roy suffered altitude sickness so they made a quick exit to the low lands. His dreams of climbing Mt Cook are dashed!



Gary and Heather have become a disaster area so better keep your distance! Heather had a nasty fall and Gary was feeling a bit jealous so he did the same resulting in a cut face and a broken wrist!



better!

Diana on the other hand, started this new attention trait by falling down the back steps. She was looking a bit like a rainbow and has a nasty graze on her knee. Pleased to say she's looking



Our President was 'capped' last week. She now holds a Graduate Diploma in Rural Studies. Five long years of correspondence study is now over and her evenings and weekends are free to look after her orchids. Well done Glenys!