

# AUCKLAND ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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Mary Jones won plant of the month at the April meeting with *L pumila* ('L & R' x 'Black Diamond'). This plant was awarded with an AM at our recent Ribbon Show.

## MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

April was a busy month for all of us at the Auckland Orchid Club, starting off with the Ribbon Show on April 1st. I think I can safely say that this was our most successful Ribbon Show ever. We had a great 'turn out' of members and their families and a lovely display of orchids. We had changed our BBQ from the evening to the middle of the day and I don't think it will ever be going back to the evening. The weather was superb and we all sat outside at tables and enjoyed a most wonderful meal. The kitchen girls really excelled. Our sincere thanks to them all.

Once again, Linda's stall was extremely popular

and added a very healthy \$217.90 to the club coffers. Thank you Linda and her helpers.

April 7th saw a number of members heading off to Te Puke to the Bay of Plenty Orchid Show. I think this is a highlight for members and Gary and Heather do a great job in organizing a wonderful day for us all. We stopped at Ngatea for morning tea on the way down and arrived in Te Puke at noon to visit the show and trading tables. On the way home we called in at the Te Puna vireya nurseries and added more weight to the bus with extra purchases. Thanks again Gary and Heather

Now that the weather is starting to cool, remember that some of your orchids require less water. Anzac Day is a good date to start looking at this as well as removing the extra shade that has been on the green house over the summer. Clean up under the benches as slugs and snails love a nice hiding place. Don't forget that the club has snail bait for sale on the trading table.

Hope you all had a lovely Easter and that it won't be reflecting on the hips!

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**NEXT MEETING**  
**Tuesday May 2nd 2006**  
**7.30pm**  
**Lions Whitehouse**

Our guest Speaker will be Barbara Johnson from Whangarei who will be speaking on cattleya's. She will also have plants for sale.

The trading table, plants on display and library will all be operating.

Please bring a small plate for supper during the evening.

Help will be needed to vacuum the hall after the meeting.



## FROM THE APRIL MEETING

President Glenys welcomed the 45 members and friends present.

**Apologies:** Lucille Rowe, Jean Treadwell, Diana Elfleet, Assid Corban. Allan and Susan Tantau.

**Notices:** Jim Shaw is collecting subscriptions. Keith Goodwin has his April price list available. Thank you from Pam and Bruce Hughes for the kind thoughts after Pam's mum had passed away. Ken Morse was presented with his certificate for an HCC awarded to Masd. Tuakau 'Gold Strike'. Congratulations Ken.

Lee spoke to us about the auditing of the club books and gave us guidelines when selling plants on the trading table.

Thanks were given to the Show Committee for the great job they did at the Ribbon Show and BBQ.

The NZOS is holding a one day show at the Auckland Horticultural Centre, 990 Great North Rd, Western Springs, Sunday April 30th. Plants to be staged 9.00–10.00 am and the show opens from noon until 3.00pm.

### AUCTION NIGHT

How did you like the new hall décor? We were not expecting all the mess that greeted us! However, we did manage to cope with it and enjoyed our evening regardless.

April was our auction night. We had a good number of quality plants to sell and even though you were all a bit slow to start bidding Roy did manage to get the evening flowing and the plants were soon finding new homes. I managed to bring home a few more than I intended, but hey, it's a fun night and we were all winners at the end of the day.

As this goes to print I have not got the dollar amount taken for club funds from donated plants but I do recall it was quite a healthy number.

### Happy April birthday to.....

Bernadette Edmiston, Pauline Weeks, Susan Tantau, Wendy Denham and Matt Carter



### Raffle Results....

Honey Denyer, Peter Elfleet (x2) and Lottie Hogan.

The raffle takings were \$77.00.

Thanks to those who donated prizes.



**Pauline Weeks, Joy Inveld, Betty Major, Bev Meredith, Dennis Chuah, Glenys MacRae and Peter Elfleet. Happy shoppers at the show in Te Puke**

### RIBBON SHOW RESULTS

#### **CYMBIDIUM**

Class 2: Grahame Leafberg

#### **ODONTOGLOSSUM ALLIANCE**

Class 4: Leroy Orchids

#### **MASDEVALLIA**

Class 12: Peter Elfleet

#### **PHALAENOPSIS**

Class 14: Michelle Tung

#### **PAPHIOPEDILUM**

Class 18: Ken Morse

#### **CATTLEYA or allied genera**

Class 24: Mary Jones

#### **DENDROBIUM**

Class 25: Mary Jones

#### **NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE**

Class 20: Heather and Gary Cooke

#### **NOVICE—PHALAENOPSIS**

Class 37: Irene Levett

**GRAND CHAMPION OPEN: Ken Morse**  
**GRAND CHAMPION NOVICE: Irene Levett**

## PLANTS ON DISPLAY

### DENDROBIUM

*Den bigibbum* Var *compactum*

- Mary Jones

### DRACULA

*Drac bella*

- Burt and Evelyn Ong

### LAELIA

*L pumila* 'Alexis Maree'

- Mary Jones

### MASDEVALLIA

*Masd Stenorhynchos* 'Select' (2nd flowering this year)

- Ken Morse

### ONCIDIUM

Onc Unknown

- Kim Young

### SOPHROCATTLEYA

Sc Beaufort x S Arizona #

Now known as SC Jeannie Wolf Registered 1992

- Grahame Leafberg

### SOPHROLAELIOCATTLEYA

Slc May Hawkins 'Stewart'

Slc May Hawkins 'Lindsay'

Slc May Hawkins 'Melissa'

Slc May Hawkins 'Melissa'

- Kim Young

Slc Bright Angel 'Patsy'

- Grahame Leafberg

Those members with a # beside their plant name, please change your label.

A plant name written in *italics* depicts it is a *species*.

Plants on display from last month was won by Wolf Grausch



### **A MESSAGE FROM DENNIS...**

Back issues of the **AOC Bulletin** dated from June 2004 are available on our website and best of all—they are all in colour!

**[Http://aoc.intergardens.com](http://aoc.intergardens.com)**

Don't forget to pay your yearly subscription. It is also important to name your parent club. I think Jimmy will be awake in time for the next meeting! ZZZZZZZZZ!



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

Amid the mess we held to hold our meeting in last month, one AOC member was very comfortable in his very own director's chair! The rest of us 'made do'!



I have some very old friends living in Te Puke. It just so happened that Beth was celebrating her 70th and daughter Suzanne was putting on a surprise party that day. I was kidnapped for an hour to attend the party, it made my day just that much more special.

The girls that worked so hard in the kitchen at the Ribbon Show asked me to thank all those members that donated food for the BBQ. It was a real banquet.



**Thanks to Kim and Warehouse Stationery for the printing of our newsletter. Please support Warehouse Stationery for all your stationery needs.**

**This will be Kim's last meeting with us as he is off to Oz to grow heliconia's and paphiopedilums. We will all miss you Kim, thanks for your support over many years.**



**Jimmy and Margaret worn out from a busy day at the show. Watch this space next month!**

**ORCHID COUNCIL OF**  
**NEW ZEALAND**

**NATIONAL JUDGING SEMINAR**  
**and**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Auckland Orchid Club will be hosting the AGM of the Orchid Council of New Zealand this year over Queen's Birthday weekend.

The AGM will be held in the Sunderland Lounge in the Hobsonville Air Base on Sunday morning 4th June.

In conjunction with the AGM the Council will be holding a National Judging Seminar. For the Judging Seminar, obviously we will need flowering plants which we hope members will be able to supply.

The set up for these plants will be Friday night 2nd June.

I do not have a programme for the seminar, but I have always found these weekends very interesting.

The judges are put through various exercises, group discussions and listen to lectures on many different subjects. This year one of the lecturers will be Mike Harrison from Australia, no doubt discussing Australian native orchids.

If you wish to attend the AGM on Sunday morning there will be no charge, however you must let Lee or Roy know in advance, so as your name can be included on the 'guest' list to allow access to the Air Base.

The cost for full registration is \$65.00. This includes morning and afternoon teas, lunches both days and a dinner at the Wings Restaurant, Hobson Motor Inn on Saturday night.

If you are not a full registrant but would like to attend the dinner on Saturday night, this will be \$35.00.

To attend the proceedings on Saturday and/or Sunday the cost will be \$12.50 per day which includes morning and afternoon teas plus lunch.

As I mentioned on Club night "If there is anyone interested in billeting people over this weekend I would appreciate a call just in case we have any surprises closer to the time".

If a club member wishes to have a stall at the venue over the weekend could you please register your interest by phoning Lee at 416 6737.

Finally, are you prepared to have your nursery open on the Monday for people to visit on their way home from the seminar?

Thanks,

Roy Neale

Programme Chairman

**.....this was sent to me, I would like to share it with you....**

**ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER?**

Are you an active member  
the kind that would be missed  
or are you just contented  
that your name is on the list?  
Do you attend the activities  
and mingle with the flock  
or do you just stay away  
and criticise and knock?

Do you take an active part  
and help the work along,  
or are you just satisfied to be  
the kind who just belong?

Do you offer your help  
to your club's executive commit.  
Or leave the work to just a few  
and talk about a 'clique'?  
Come often to activities with  
enthusiasm and heart,  
do not be just a member;  
but take an active part?

Then think this over member  
for you know right from wrong  
Are you just an active member  
OR DO YOU JUST BELONG?