

AUCKLAND ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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Slc Angel's Fantasy 'Tropic Dawn' won plant of the month. This was exhibited by Faith and Wolf Grausch.

MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

I am sure that all who attended our Ribbon Show had a great day. The weather decided to play games with us, but on the whole it was not too bad and the rain held off.

We had a lovely display of orchids and lot's of help from those that attended. Where were the rest of you?

The lunch time BBQ was attended by 56 members including fellow visiting club members. The food was great! I don't think anyone went away hungry. Thank you kitchen ladies and the BBQ chefs for a wonderful meal.

During the course of the day Ross Tucker was awarded an AM for his Slc Bright Angel x C Caudbec. Congratulations Ross.

The results of the Ribbon Show are to be found on page 3. ED

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday May 1st

7.30pm

Lions Whitehouse

This is our Club Auction night. Please bring your plants along in good condition and for every 5 plants we expect you to donate 1 plant which will also be auctioned and the money raised will be added to club funds to help with the running costs of the club.

Plants on display and the library will be operating, but **not** the club trading table.

Please bring a plate for supper which will be served during the evening.

Volunteers will be needed to help vacuum the hall after the meeting.



Happy May birthday to....

Pauline Weeks, Bernadette Edmiston and Susan Tantau.



Raffle results.....

The raffle made \$74.50 for the club. Donations to the raffle were made by Jim and Margaret Shaw, Heather and Gary Cooke, Ken Morse and Mike and Leigh Leaity. Thank you very much.

Lucky winners were Irene Levett, Anjo McKernan, Bert Ong and Lee's friend Maggie.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR SUBS?

If not, please pay Jim Shaw at the next meeting.

FROM THE APRIL MEETING

President Glenys welcomed 40 members to our April meeting. She also welcomed Joh Remiens from Massey who was attending for the first time as a visitor. We hope he enjoyed our meeting.

Apologies: Bernadette Edmiston, Beryl Calder, Pamela Mason, Peter Elfleet, Linda and Melvin Alexander and Jean Treadwell.

Congratulations were extended to Peter and Diana Elfleet on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary which they celebrated with family on March 23rd.

Ross Crabb was presented with a certificate for Cym Del's Delight 'Lional' This orchid was voted Cym of the year by the OCNZ. Well done Ross!

Unfortunately we had to cancel our bus trip to Te Puke through lack of support. We heard from members who attended that it was a lovely show with lots of traders and many familiar faces.

Grahame Leafberg is going to bring along some seedling Cattleyas for us to purchase (one per person) and we are going to have a competition for the first to flower them!

Roy Tokunaga from H & R Orchids in Hawaii will be visiting in September and will be bringing flasks of mini cattleyas and dendrobiums to sell. He will be talking at NZOS You must register by the end of August, \$15.00 for the weekend.

Assid Corban had some clay pots that were looking for a home.

Joy Wray is taking a tour to the Tokyo Dome early next year. Lee has the details if anyone is interested.



CULTURE TIPS

Grahame warned members to be on the look out for snails and slugs-there are lots of baby ones about! Lay the baits carefully.

Anzac Day will be over by the time you receive this newsletter. This is a guide for removing extra shade that had been added for summer and to reduce watering of some species.

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President Glenys and Secretary Pauline at our ribbon Show

AUCKLAND ORCHID CLUB
RIBBON SHOW RESULTS 2007



Wolf and Grahame all lined up ready for the BBQ lunch at our Ribbon Show. Guess who were first in line?

A personal wine-tasting being carried out by Grahame. Thirsty work these Orchid Shows!



GUEST SPEAKER APRIL MEETING
Antal Kolocsai

We had our very own Antal talk to us on his succulents and *lithops*. I have always been fascinated by these extraordinary little plants and was looking forward to hearing all about them.

Antal has a wonderful collection of these mesembryanthemaceae of which there are approx 1700 species. They are unique little plants and are usually very tiny. About 5000 endemic species grow in the coastal deserts of South Africa. The Atlantic Ocean creates fog and mist which give moisture but it is still a very dry area which only receives about 100mm of rain annually. In their natural habitat only the tops of the plants can be seen above the sandy, rocky terrain.

We have to adjust conditions to grow them successfully. I was surprised to hear that they do their growing in our winter. Watering is crucial just a wee bit every 2 weeks. They can be grown on a windowsill but care must be taken so they don't burn and they must have air movement.

The accompanying Power Point show was magnificent. The size and colours of the flowers were incredible. Antal showed us how easy it was to propagate these mesembs by seed. They apparently will germinate in about 3 days – given the right conditions.

Thanks Antal for the wonderful talk. I will look after my 'new babies' with great care and hope they survive! ED.

OPEN

- Best Cymbidium** Cym Pure Love 'Herbie'
Leroy Orchids
- Best Phaleanopsis** Phal Unknown
Glenn & Manee Poffley
- Best Masdevallia** Masd Tasmanian Devil x Southern Sun
Diana & Peter Elfleet
- Best Cattleya Alliance** Sc Lana Coryell 'Wattle Downs'
Grahame Leafberg
- Best Dendrobium** Den Anne's Rainbow Surprise 'Keri Keri'
HCC/OCNZ
Leroy Orchids
- Best Species** Den *cuthbertsonii*
Bert & Evelyn Ong
- Best Hybrid** Z Blue Eyes 'Purple Thunder'
Ken Morse

Best Odontoglossum Alliance

- Odm harryanum
- Leroy Orchids
- Paph lowii
- Ken Morse

Best Paphiopedilum

NOVICE

- Best Hybrid** Phal Unknown
Jill Mickleburgh
- Best Species** Odm *bictoniense* 'Cavol x Self'
William & Man Lo

GRAND CHAMPION OPEN

- Phal Unknown
- Z Glenn & Manee Poffley

GRAND CHAMPION NOVICE

- Odm *bictoniense* 'Cavol x Self'
- William & Man Lo



Novice Winners

William & Man LO

Well Done!

PLANTS ON DISPLAY

BIFRENARIA

Bif *tetragona* #

- Anjo McKernon

BRASSOCATTLEYA

Bc Jackson Majewski 'Kahukura' AD/OCNZ

- Anjo McKernan

CATASETUM

Ctsm *fimbriatum*

- Mary Jones

CATTLEYA

C Claesiana x C General Patton #

- Honey Denyer

Blc Dal's Joy x Sc Lana Coryell

- Wolf and Faith Grausch

C Unknown

- Bev Meredith

DENDROBIUM

Den Aussie's Tapestry HCC/OCNZ

- Grahame Leafberg

GONGORA

Gongora *galeata* #

- Bev Meredith

LAELIA

L Sierra # (unable to confirm on Wildcatt. Most likely an Slc or Lc with a second name attached)

- William and Man Lo

L *pumila*

- Leroy Orchids

MASDEVALLIA

Masd Shirley's First 'Tessa' #

- William and Man Lo

MILTONIA

Milt Unknown

- Anjo McKernan

Milt Moirmoir#

- William and Man Lo

ODONTOGLOSSUM

Odm Moselle x Sunmar

- Leroy Orchids

ONCIDIUM

Onc Sugar Baby

- Leroy Orchids

Onc Unknown

- Bev Meredith

PAPHIOPEDILUM

Paph *lowii* #

- Ken Morse

PHALAENOPSIS

Phal Hsinying Lip # (first flowering seedling)

- Dennis Chuah

SOPHROLAELIOCATTLEYA

Slc Angel's Fantasy 'Tropic Dawn'

- Wolf and Faith Grausch

Plants on display for last month-was won by Peter C Elfleet.

Slc Mem Frank Gronwall #

- Anjo McKernon

Slc Natalie Canipelli x C *bicolor* 'Green Magic' #

- Bev Meredith

ZYGOPETALUM

Z Blue eyes 'Purple Thunder'

- Ken Morse

Z Unknown

- William and Man Lo

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

Names written in *italics* depicts it is a *species*.



from behind the shade house.....



Joy is heading for Rarotonga for her youngest daughter's wedding. Hope you have the bikini packed Joy!

Pam has recently celebrated one of those Birthdays with an '0' on the end. Her daughters and grand daughters took her out for a day of 'pampering', including lunch and the movies.



John told me a scary story about his broken leg in Katmandu. Evidently Annette was given a shopping list from the Doctor at the hospital to buy the plaster and bandages, once she returned with the goods he then set the leg in a cast. When this was done they were told to purchase some crutches from the garage down the road! The X Ray was a rather 'dodgy' deal as well. Thank goodness he refused the surgery that was offered. This was later done in Bangkok when they eventually managed to get a flight out of Katmandu. I am pleased to report that he is able to walk and hasn't lost his sense of humour, although it must have been sorely tested during the initial stages of his injury.

START THINKING ABOUT ...
how you can help make our club a better one.

In June we have our election of Officers and we are still needing a Vice President and a President. Your Executive Committee has remained unchanged for several years and some of us are getting rather busy with other volunteer work. Don't you think it is time you put something back into this great little club? Don't leave it to the same, willing people – put your hand up!