

WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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Sc Sierra Doll x Dal's Tradition. This plant is a first flowering seedling and our winner of the popular vote at the April meeting. Congratulations Leroy Orchids!

MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

Our Auction

Our club has been running an autumn auction for the last few years. The question is 'Why do we have an auction?' Answer this question and compare your answer with what happens each auction night. In your opinion did we achieve what was expected?

In 1997 when Lee and I attended a club meeting in America, they had an auction night and we were impressed with the quality and rarity of plants available and wondered how it would be received here. My reason for holding an auction is to provide an opportunity for newer members who have difficulty sourcing plants, the chance to acquire good, well established plants. I don't expect the plants to be sold any cheaper than market value. If a member buys a couple of plants each April, they could in a few years have a very nice collection.

I know we have one club member - Ken Morse, who each year when repotting, sets aside a piece of any good plants especially for the auction. These pieces are then established by April. Plants like these can be bought with confidence as most members should be able to grow them on without too many difficulties.

Maybe some other members could put aside plants this spring ready for the autumn auction.

Roy Neale

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday May 5th

7.30pm

Lions Whitehouse

We are very fortunate to have Dr Keith Hammett as our guest speaker this month. His talk will be on 'The Art of Flowers.' Keith will also have plants and sweet pea seeds for sale.

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

Please bring a small plate for supper during the evening.

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



Happy May birthday to... Bernadette Edmiston, Susan Tantau, Pauline Weeks, Meryl Brown and Theo Verryt.



Raffle Results.....

Thanks to Margaret and Jim Shaw and the club for donations to the raffle.

I was so busy with auction payments that I missed the winner's names! Whoever you were, congratulations!

The raffle added another \$82.00 to club funds.



FROM THE APRIL MEETING

President Roy welcomed 38 members and 1 visitor to our April meeting.

Apologies: Peter C Elfleet, Glenys MacRae, Bernadette Edmiston, Betty Major, Allan And Susan Tantau, Assid Corban, Pam and Bruce Hughes and Barry Baxter.

Notices:

The Orchid Council of NZ is holding it's AGM and Show in Palmerston North on June 13th-14th 2009. Registration is \$80.00 for the weekend. The club has delegates attending and will be putting up a display. Plants will needed for the display. Please contact Lee and Roy if you are interested in attending or have plants that can be used.

The club need 2 more trophies for our Spring Show. One for dendrobiums and one for paphiopedilums. If you would like to donate one of these trophies please let Roy know.

Our AGM is coming up in June. We need more members on the executive. The existing members are working very hard and need some assistance.

NZOS Autumn Show May 3rd. Mt Albert War Memorial Hall. Catered lunch available \$25.00. Contact Leigh Leighty for details.



CULTURE

Dennis had interesting survey results on day time/night time cooling of plants to initiate flowering. Go to <http://jxb.oxfordjournals.org> for full details of this survey.

Cattleya watering at this time of the year? Perhaps once a week in the morning. If using plastic pots lift the pots and if it is very light it probably needs water.

All of our plants need careful watering during the winter, so the above advice covers most genera.

Anzac day is now behind us and as we use this day as a guide line to our orchid plants comfort for winter, it is therefore time to reduce watering to some of our species, remove extra shade cloth which has been on throughout summer and provide more warmth for our warmer growing species.

ELCTION OF OFFICERS.....is fast approaching with the AGM in June.

This is an advanced notice to give you time to consider taking on one of these positions. A run – down of what these positions entail ends in this issue of your newsletter. (See last month's newsletter for details of other positions).

Roy will be standing down as President, and some 'new blood' on the executive is always welcome.

Social Committee:

Headed by Social Chairperson, meets sporadically.

1. Is responsible for preparing and serving supper on meeting nights and catering at show time.
2. Organising bus trips and other social activities for club members
3. Welfare of club members. (ie) cards for sickness etc.

Library Chairperson:

Responsible for our book collection. Makes sure that a variety of books are available for members on club night for reference or to take home. Records borrowing details.

Publications:

Records meeting details and compiles monthly newsletter. Is responsible for printing and distribution of newsletter. Co-ordinates articles, photographs and notices with the help of a small committee.

Show Committee Chairperson (Show Marshal):

Meets 3rd Tuesday of the month with show committee to discuss and co-ordinate smooth running of our shows and displays at other shows.

The Show Marshal keeps the executive informed on committee decisions and recommendations.

ATTENTION MEMBERS

REMIT TO BE PRESENTED AT OUR AGM JUNE 2009

CONSTITUTION READS:

Clause 34:

Clause 34 states in the event of dissolution of the society, residue funds “ *shall be given to some other Club or Society having similar objects, or shall be held in trust by a trustee or trustees for a similar purpose*”

REMIT.

To comply with the charities act 2005, this clause to be altered to: “*shall be given to some other Charitable Society having similar objects*”.

PLANTS ON DISPLAY

ANGRAECUM

Angem sororium
- Anjo McKernan

BRASSOLAELOCATTLEYA

Blc Unknown
- William and Man Lo

CHILOSCHISTA

Unknown
- Anjo McKernan

CATTLEYTONIA

Ctna Rosy Jewel 'Ewa' AM/AOS
- Bev Meredith

DENDROCHILUM

Ddc Unknown
- Denis Chuah

DENDROBIUM

Den *kauldoromii* x *speciosum* 'Bloodnose' #
(now known as Den Shawnie Reg 1997)

- Wolf and Faith Grausch
Den My Song 'Purple'
- William and Man Lo

GOMESA

Gom *recurva* #
- William and Man Lo

LAELIA

L *pumila*
- Anjo McKernan

MASDAVALLIA

Masd *falcata* 'Gold Sun'
- William and Man Lo

Masd *falcata*
- Dennis Chuah

MILTONIA

Milt *spectabilis* var *moreliana* 'Geyserland' 4N
Milt *spectabilis* var *moreliana* x Odm Sheraton
- Grahame Leafberg

ODONTOGLOSSUM

Odm *bictoniense* 'Carol Selfed'
- William and Man Lo

ODONTIODA

Oda Honiton Lace 'Starlet'
- William and Man Lo

PHALAEENOPSIS

Phal *bellina*
- Bert and Evelyn Ong

PAPHIOPEDILUM

Paph Temptations
Paph *victoria - mariae* 'Ruby & Bev' #
- Bert and Evelyn Ong
Paph *dianthum* #
- Ken Morse

PHRAGMIPEDIUM

Phrag *caricinum* x *schlimii* #

- Bert and Evelyn Ong
(Now known as Phrag Stenophyllum)

This plant was registered in **1876** - definitely time to change the label!

SPOHROCATTLEYA

Sc Lana Coryell 'Pearl'
- Beryl Calder

Sc Lana Coryell x Maris Song (1st flowering)#
(Now registered as Sc Dendi's Song)

Sc Sierra Doll x Dal's Tradition (1st flowering)
- Leroy Orchids

SOPHROLALIOCATTLEYA

Slc Mem Frank Gronwell
- Wolf and Faith Grausch

Slc Bright Angel x Soph *brevipedunculata*
(competition plant)

- Leroy Orchids
Slc Mem Ken Martin #

- Anjo McKernan
Slc Party Rose

- William and Man Lo
Slc Mahalo Jack x Lc Bright Angel 'Patsy' 4N

- Bert and Evelyn Ong
Slc Unknown (donated by Janet Clay)
- Mary Jones

THWAITESARA

Thw Dal's Joy x Sc Lana Coryell
- Leroy Orchids

VANDA

V Unknown (ticket is in the pot somewhere!)
- Anjo McKernan

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

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

Thank you to those members who brought in plants for display. We had a very busy night and most of us had brought in plants for the auction as well. Showing your support for our club is most appreciated.

DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR SUBSCRIPTION FEES.

JIM SHAW WILL BE AVAILABLE ON CLUB NIGHT TO ACCEPT YOUR PAYMENT.