

WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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**Popular plant
vote this month
was won by
Grahame
Leafberg with
his basket of
orchids. Well
done Grahame!**

MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

By the time you receive this newsletter, ANZAC day would have passed and day by day the temperatures are beginning to drop, particularly at night.

This is the time to take the extra shading off the greenhouse and move frost tender orchids to a more comfortable position.

Watering for some plants must be reduced.

When watering from now and through the winter, choose your watering times carefully. Water in the mornings, being careful that leaves remain dry. Water sitting in the centre of plants or on leaves could cause rot. If its a dull, dreary, wet day - don't water, nor if a frost is due that night.

My Phallies and a few other special plants spend winter in the my office as it gets the sun nearly all day. It gets a bit crowded over the winter, but at least I

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday

May 1st, Lions Whitehouse

'My view of Singapore'. Dennis Chuah

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

Plants on display and library will be operating this month.

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

FROM THE SHOW MARSHAL WOC Spring Show August 23rd, 24th 25th

Everything is ticking over nicely. The Show Committe are busy working with the finer details. All we need is support from club members.

Mark your diary with the above dates.

Glenys MacRae.

CLUB PLANTS

We have a final release of Cattleya Classic seedlings.

The last of these club plants will be available to purchase at the May meeting at \$5 each.

The cross is *C walkeriana* x *violacea* and will be mauve/purple tones.

FROM THE APRIL MEETING

President Dennis welcomed 40 members and 4 visitors to our meeting.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Irene Levet, Ross Crabb, Diana and Peter C Elfleet, Hugh Fraser, Beryl Calder, Reg Watson and Chris Whitby.

Notices: The NZOS Autumn Show will be held on May 6th at the Mt Albert War Memorial Hall. Phil Spence from Australia will be guest speaker.

His first talk will be on May 5th. At the 6pm 'Meet and Greet,' which will be held in the Senior Citizen's Hall, (next to the Memorial Hall). The second talk will be at the actual show.

He will talk on Papua New Guinea species and Dendrobiums. There will be flasks for sale. To order flasks please contact Joe Vance, (09) 236 0225.

There was a list of flasks on the table during our meeting for perusal.

Our Plant Auction then followed the General Meeting.

Raffle winners this month were:

Thanks to the Club, June Sutton, Joy Intveld and Bryan Sharpe for raffle donations.

Lucky winners this month were:
Pamela Mason, Walter Krawchenko, Robert Wickham, Ray Hogan, Anjo McKernan, Mary Jones and William Lo,

Happy May Birthday to.....

Bernadette Edmiston, Susan Tantau, Pauline Weeks, Theo Verryt, Reg Watson, Betty Vance, Gwen Wilkinson, Ron Andrewartha and Karen Toews

AUCTION NIGHT

Everyone loves Auction night!

The plants are there - teasing our senses and we can only hope to win the 'beauty' if someone else doesn't out bid us!

Glenys, Lee, Pauline and I were all ready with pens poised trying to write the details of each purchase and identify each plant name written by the sellers. This is a challenge of its own - as apart from a very few, most members imagine we can read all foreign languages including 'squiggle'. We, the scribes have another challenge - whilst doing all this we are also keeping an eye out for a bargain as well!

Thank goodness for a cuppa at half time!

We managed to sell all but a couple of plants which had not reached their reserve.

Then the real fun started.

Buyers were proffering money to us - (which was very kind of them) - only to be told they had to find their seller and settle their own debts!

After many speedy transactions all were happy.

Thanks to those who donated plants to

from behind the shade house....

Heard there was a new baby in the Tantau household. Susan has a 9 week old Bishon Frise cross puppy called Milly.

Happy Puddles Susan!

Did you notice the two walking wounded committee members at the last meeting?

Lee had a 'nose job' and Mary a 'knee job'? Nothing stops us from attending

PLANTS ON DISPLAY

CATTLEYA

C Dream Catcher '#165-7'

- Dennis Chuah

C Mona Pink 'Hiromi'

- Bryan Sharpe

C Precious Jewel x Angel Flare

C Petite Purple # = (Orpetti x Mini Purple)

- Grahame Leafberg

CATTLIANTHE

Ctt Ruby Embers x C Angels Fantasy 'Flame'

- Bryan Sharpe

COELOGYNE

Coel *toментosa* # (was *massangeana*)

- Ray Hogan

DENDROBIUM

Den *subclausum* var *pandanicola*

- Don Hodge

Den *bracteosum* 'White'

Den *bracteosum* 'Pink'

- Dennis Chuah

Den Un-named

- Bev Meredith

DRACULA

Drac *cordobae* *

-William and Man Lo

MASDEVALLIA

Masd Maryann *

- William and Man Lo

MILTONIDIUM (Was Vuylstekeara)

Mtdm Reward

Mtdm Memoria Mary Kavanaugh

- Grahame Leafberg

NEOLEHMANNIA

Nha porpax 'Stnacy' (This plant is now known as *Epidendrum peperomia*)#

- Ray Hogan

PAPHIOPEDILUM

Paph Utgard

- William and Man Lo

PHRAGMIPEDIUM

Phrag Appalachian Sunset *

- William and Man Lo

PLEUROTHALLIS

Pths *sanderiana* *

- William and Man Lo

RHYNTONLEYA

Rly Jane Fumiye 'Hawaii'

- Dennis Chuah

STANHOPEA

Stan *connata* *

- Ray Hogan

Waitakere Orchid Club.....

Would like to welcome Kate McGaughan and Alyis Logan as new members to our club this month.

Plants on display from last month was won by

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

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

The plant commentary was conducted by Glenys Mac Rae and Anjo McKerna

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household) \$22.00