

WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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Popular plant from our April meeting. *Den glomeratum* beautifully grown by William and Man Lo. Congratulations!

MESSAGE FROM THE SHOW MARSHAL

It is four months to our spring show which will be held at the Kelston Community Centre 29th & 30th August with set up on the 28th August.

We are expecting another big show this year and I'm pleased to announce **it will be free entry to all** again thanks to a generous grant from the Henderson-Massey Community Board of the Auckland Council to cover the hall hire fee.

Take good care of your plants over this time keeping them free from insects and protecting them from the elements. We want to see your flowers at the show even the unnamed plants. This year we have introduced a new class specifically for unnamed plants. Often people have beautiful flowering plants but because they haven't got a name are reluctant to enter them in shows. Well we want to give those plants a chance to shine so give them as much attention as your other show plants and let's have a good competition in class 87.

Thank you
Glenys

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday May 6th 7.30pm
(7.00pm Early Forum for newer members).
Lions Whitehouse

Early Forum: Anjo will be talking on growing media.

Our main meeting will be a panel of members advising on control of bugs and beasties. Bring your questions along and the 'buggers' will be able to help you!

Please bring a small plate for supper, on a disposable plate and cut any cakes at home to help out the kitchen staff.

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

Please wear your name badge on club night.



Thank you Yanos for vacuuming the floor after our meeting over the last few months.



Happy May birthday to....

Bernadette Edmiston, Susan Tantau,
Pauline Weeks, Theo Verryt, Betty Vance
and Gwen Wilkinson.

FROM THE APRIL MEETING

President Lee welcomed 42 members and 1 visitor to our meeting.

Apologies: Melvin and Linda Alexander, Glenys MacRae, Bernadette Edmiston, Don Blumhardt and Don Hodge.

Sick: Wolf is doing well.

Notices: The attendance book was passed around to be signed by members and visitors.

Ross Tucker has Waitara bark for sale. Joe and Betty Vance also have quality bark for sale.

Pacific Growers (now IP Landscape) have moved to Wakefield Place, Mt Wellington.

Roy asked if anyone had suggestions for a bus trip. Please let him know your ideas.

AUCTION NIGHT

Auction night is the craziest club night of the year. I say this with 'tongue in cheek' as it is such a lot of fun!

Firstly we have the writers. This year Lee, Pauline Jill and myself. (Glenys got out of the job this year as she was away). We have to record all the buyers and sellers names and their plant names - quite an easy task if only the auctioneer had given us time to learn shorthand!

Every year we explain to the members how it works and every year they forget!

Fay came along with Vincent. (We love seeing you Fay) - and watching you bid against Vincent!

Then there is Roy, the auctioneer with his trusty helpers. The bidding goes well but sometimes slow to get moving, eventually reaching top dollar for the seller.

The chaos starts when everyone is waving money in our faces at the end of the evening, totally forgetting the carefully explained rules.

Roll on April 2015!

Mary.

ANZAC DAY REMINDERS

Around about this time every year we like to remind you to remove the extra shade cloth which you used to block strong summer light from burning sensitive foliage. It also helped to keep the plants cooler.

Now that autumn has arrived we need as much light as we can get to keep the plants growing happily over winter.

If you don't have heating, make sure your warmer growing species are comfortable.

I bring my phallies inside and any other plants I think need more comfort. My office resembles a conservatory for a few months, but at least they don't freeze to death!

Water carefully over the winter. Do this in the morning on fine days. Don't water on a miserable wet day. Make sure all leaves have dried out before nightfall and avoid water getting into the centre of leaves and flowers. If you are in doubt about the weather - don't water. Wait for a nice fine day.

Bugs still attack over winter – so be vigilant.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions are now due.

Please fill your form and return with your money to Jill at the next meeting. (Jill has extra forms if you have lost yours.)

To help her out, put the correct amount and form in an envelope with your name on it. (The poor lady gets bombarded with people needing change!)



Raffle results....

Thanks to the club, Jim and Margaret, Ken Morse, Barry Baxter and Walter for donating prizes.

Winners were: Bryan Sharpe, Anjo McKernan, Robert Wickham, Jim Shaw, Myra Humphrey and Man Lo.

Our raffle made \$102.00 which will be a great help towards our expenses.

PLANTS ON DISPLAY

Aliceara

Alcra. Rocket (was a Beallara)
– Grahame Leafberg

Brassia

Brs. Mem. Fritz Boedeker ‘Witch Doctor’
– Bev Meredith

Catasetum

Ctsm. Davie Ranches!
– Pauline Weeks

Cattleya

C. Hawaiian Snow Candy
- Wendy Gilligan
C. Classic
C. Circle of Life x Ryo Iwata

-Leroy Orchids
C. (Jinn x *milleri*) x California Apricot
C. Minibeau x 2 cute first flowerings
-Dennis Chuah
C. Mahalo Jack ‘Graham’
-Bev Meredith

Ceratostylis

Css. *retisquama*
-Dennis Chuah

Cymbidium

Cym. Sue ‘Aalsmeer’ x Peter Pan
Cym. Lovebird ‘Priscilla’
-Shirley Sidnam

Dendrobium

Den. *glomeratum*
-William and Man Lo
Den. Valley Isle
– Shirley Sidnam

Epidendrum

Epi. Pacific Kiwi
-Barry Baxter

Epicatanthe

Ett. Volcano Trick ‘Orange Fire’
-Dennis Chuah

Guarianthe

Gur. *gowringiana*
-Ron Reeves

Kefersteinia

Kefst. *tolimensis*
-Ron Reeves

Masdevallia

Masd. Sugar Baby
Masd. Pixie Magic # = (Pixie Leopard x Magic Dragon)
– Ken Morse

Miltonia

Milt. Eljaha *
-Ross Crabb
Milt. Moirnoir *
Milt. Eljaha
Milt. *moreliana* ‘Geyserland’ HCC/OCNZ # (was
spectabilis var *mooreliana*)
-Grahame Leafberg

Oncidium

Onc. Sharry Baby ‘Sweet Fragrance’
-Pauline Weeks

Paphiopedilum

Paph. Hsinying Macbeth x *charlesworthii* ‘Album’

-Barry Baxter
Paph. Fair Maud *
-Shirley Sidnam

Phalaenopsis

Phal. Yupin Burgundy ‘5049’
Phal. Name Unknown
Phal. Fire Cracker ‘Blue’ – Ross Crabb

Phragmipedium

Phrag. *bessae*
– Shirley Sidnam

Prosthechea

Psh. *vitellina*
-Shirley Sidnam

Psychopsis

Pyp. *papillio* ‘Yellow Butterfly’
– Shirley Sidnam

Rhyncholaeliocattleya

Rlc. Mt Anderson
-Barry Baxter

Rhyncattleanthe

Rth. Lee’s Ruby
– Shirley Sidnam

Stenoglottis

Sngl. Neptune
-Barry Baxter

Trichoceros

Tc. *antennifer* # (was *parviflorus*)
-Ron Reeves

? = Unable to confirm name on OrchidWiz.

= Name change, cross now registered, please update
your label.

* = Spelling correction needed on label.

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

The plant commentary was conducted by Anjo,
Grahame and Dennis.

WELCOME

Waitakere Orchid Club would like to welcome
Doreen Humphries as a new member. It is
lovely to have you with us and no doubt we
will see your collection steadily grow.

NZOS Autumn Show.

Kevin and Helen Western will be guests of the NZOS for
their Show and Seminar.

Saturday 3rd May - Meet and Greet from 6pm, talk 7pm.

An ‘Update on *Sarcochilus*’ and if time ‘Modern Miniature
Cymbidiums’

Sunday 4th May - Show Set up 8 - 9am

Judging - 9 - 10am

Open to Public - 10.30am - 4pm

Talk at 1.30pm ‘Looking at the Past and Future of *Sarcochilus*’
and if time ‘Improvements in orchid Culture’ -
members and visitors welcome.