

WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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WOC BUS TRIP - Hamilton and Tauranga

Saturday morning 6 Rata Rd resembled Countdown's carpark as 31 Waitakere Orchid Club members and friends headed to our bus. Destination Hamilton/Tauranga.

After a Pit Stop along the way we arrived at Hamilton Gardens for lunch and a wander through the vast gardens on this beautiful Autumn day.

We then headed further south visiting like minded orchid members and their homes and gardens.

We were amazed at the presentation of these gardens and orchid houses. Some were very large areas surrounded by farmland and others were small compact growing areas with delightful hidden treasures.

For our newer members experiencing their first orchid trip away from home, it was great for them to see orchids growing in different environments to their own and collecting a few more plants and cuttings along the way.

We would like to sincerely thank Mike and Meg Timm, Maurice and Janice Bycroft, Diane Hintz, Elizabeth Bailey and Barry and Libby Curtis - members of Waikato and Tauranga Orchid Societies, for allowing us to wander through their orchid houses and to purchase a plant or two where they were on offer.

Thanks also to the hospitality of Tauranga Orchid Society members who guided us through the Te Puna Quarry and served us a magnificent lunch.

A **BIG** thank you to Lee and Roy for organizing our trip and taking care of us.
ED.

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday May 5th 7.30pm
(7.00pm Early Forum for newer members)
Lions Whitehouse

Early Forum: Pests and diseases.

Speaker: Dennis Chuah

Please bring a small plate for supper, on a disposable plate. Cut any cakes etc at home. This enables the kitchen staff to be able to enjoy our meetings and not be stuck in the kitchen.

Help will be needed to vacuum the hall after the meeting. There are Two vacuum cleaners available!

Please wear your name badge on club night.



Happy May birthday to....

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

FROM THE APRIL MEETING

President Lee welcomed 35 members to our meeting.

Apologies: Don Blumhardt, Glenys MacRae, Melvin and Linda Alexander, Sally Oberto, Pamela Mason and Doreen Humphries.

Notices: Please put your name and email address down on the sheet provided if you wish to have updates on the 2016 Show. We need to have your ideas for our club display.

Are you prepared to have out of town visitors to your gardens and orchids? Your name would go into the OCNZ Year Book.

Library has new orchid magazines. Please use this library as it has wonderful helpful books to browse.

Lee explained who your parent club is on our membership renewal form. She also explained Affiliation Fees and how it all works. You collect your Year Book from your parent club when it arrives.

Bay of Plenty show is on April 10th & 11th. Walter is looking for a ride if anyone is going.

There is no Show Committee meeting this month.

Irene Levet is hosting Ramble Day on April 16th, 10.00am, 8 Westvale Ave, Ranui.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions are now due

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

AUCTION NIGHT



Auction night is always a fun night. The Auctioneers have a wonderful time flogging off all sorts of orchids for members who have brought their plants along to be sold for the best possible price.

As for the scribes, (this year, Lee, Pauline, Anne and yours truly), we are turning grey by the minute as we try to write who bought, who sold and for how much - at the same time writing the name of the plant and separate lists for the buyers.! Sounds complicated. Not really - it's great fun!

After all plants had been sold we had a mad scramble with buyers paying up for their goods and sellers looking for their money.

Thanks to Roy and Dennis for being the auctioneers.

It's a crazy night but we all love it!

ED.



Ready, steady and waiting for the plant auction to start.



THANKS

Thank you to the members who stepped up at the last minute to organize supper on club night. We did appreciate your efforts. Great teamwork!



RAMBLE DAY – At Irene's

Our ramble for April took 10 of us to Irene's home where a tour in the garden in sunshine showed a lovely patch of blood lilies, carpet roses and a bush of catnip especially for her unusually colored cat.

The orchids in the shade house were in lovely condition but unfortunately none were wanting to show off their flowers for us.

After a lovely morning tea, a very lively discussion was held on different fertilizers after Doreen started us off by telling us about her hydroponic veges and her plan to grow some orchids in this manner.

Thanks very much Irene for hosting our Ramble Day.

Anne Bernard

PLANTS ON DISPLAY - 07.04.15

(!)= Not registered name on OrchidWiz.

Spelling = * Name Change = #

Cattleya

- C. Dream Catcher
- C. Brandy Wine x *sincorana*
- C. Angel Fantasie? x Red Elf
- Wolf and Faith Grausch
- C. Rosemary Upton x Betty Webb
- Grahame Leafberg
- C. Lulu x Summerland Girl
- C. Stippled Sunset
- Leroy Orchids
- C. *intermedia* x *gloedeniana* # (Was *macrobulbosa*)
- Dennis Chuah

Coelogyne

- Coel. *mooreana*
- Shirley Sidnam

Gomonia

- Gmn. Bluntiosum x Gom. Golden Drops
- Grahame Leafberg

Laeliocattleya

- Lc. Alexandr Zub # = (C. Caudebec x Lc Angel Heart)
- Wolf and Faith Grausch

Masdevallia

- Masd. Don's Dream 'Magenta'
- Barry Baxter

Miltonia

- Milt. Moirmoir *
- Milt Eljahaar
- Grahame Leafberg

Oncidesa

- Oncsa. Gold Medallion
- Barry Baxter

Oncidium

- Onc. Sugar Babies
- Lito Teope

Paphiopedilum

- Paph. Utgard
- Paph. Magic Lantern
- Paph. *sukhakulii*
- William and Man Lo

Phalaenopsis

- Phal. *lueddemanniana* *
- Shirley Sidnam
- Phal. Pink Glow
- Lito Teope

Phragmipedium

- Phrag. *besseae* 'Willie'
- Shirley Sidnam

Prosthechea

- Psh. *prismatocarpa*
- Dennis Chuah

Stenoglottis

- Sngl. Neptune
- Barry Baxter
- Sngl. Neptune
- Dennis Chuah

Lito Teope won the Popular Vote for April With his stunning Phalaenopsis Pink Glow



ANZAC DAY

Now that ANZAC Day has passed, extra shading should be removed from your growing area and watering reduced for those species needing a dry spell over the winter months.

Warmer species should be given extra comfort.

My home looks like the botanical gardens at present and my orchids are smiling!

Warczewiczella

- W. *amazonica* x *lobata*
- Leroy Orchids

Orchid names written in *italics* and in lower case depicts it is a *species*.

The plant commentary was conducted by Dennis.

We discussed **Lito's** Phalaenopsis and Oncidium.

Grahame's Miltonia - a magnificent specimen growing reasonably cool with lots of water during summer and in a shady spot with good air movement.

Shirley's Phragmipedium - South American slipper orchid grown from a flask she brought into NZ. She also had a Coelogyne which grows in the shade house.

William and Man brought in a Paphiopedilum species from Thailand which was flowered 4 years from flask.

Dennis showed his Stenoglottis orchid which dies down in winter. It is grown in potting mix and pumice.

from behind the shade house...

Behind the Tauranga bus trip!

Someone lost the bus keys.
Someone forgot their breakfast.
Someone lost their camera.
And someone tried to bribe the Editor not to bleat!

Some of your committee members have been wandering.
Glenys has been to Madrid, Valencia, Paris, Rome and Dubai.
Lee and Roy to Melbourne.
Anne is doing a road trip around the lower North Island and I have done a very busy South Island tour.

Back on the job now. All feeling tired but happy!



Raffle results....

Thanks to the Club, Leroy Orchids and Anjo for donating raffle prizes.

Winners were: Irene McGregor and Jimmy who then donated his prize to be auctioned, resulting in an extra \$16.00 going into club funds. Thanks Jimmy.

Our raffle made \$83.00 which will be a great help towards our expenses.



Ramble Day for May will be held at Lana Parson's home.

88 Harmel Rd, Glendene, on **Thursday**
May 14th at 10.00am.