

# AUCKLAND ORCHID CLUB

## BULLETIN

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**Paph. Macabre exhibited by J & B Orchids won Grand Champion at our Spring Show. Congratulations Joe and Betty.**

### MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

Our Show was a great success, all the hard work has paid off and a lot of weary hard workers that were involved can feel very proud of their efforts.

Auckland Orchid Club members came along on set up day, some had even taken time off work to help - we give them an extra thank you. Those same members were there every day from 'go to whoa' helping out in any capacity and enjoying themselves thoroughly.

We had put out an SOS for runners on Friday morning and those of you who turned up made it so much easier to keep up the flow at judging time. Our most senior member at nearly 85 years old was there at 7.30am ready to run! Good one Joan!

It is difficult to name everyone, so thanks go to those who helped in the kitchen, flower power, trading table, setting up, eftpos duties, BBQ chefs, floor walkers, door and raffle duties, potting demos, computer operators or general 'gofers'. Pat yourselves on the back! ED

### NEXT MEETING

*Tuesday 6th September*

*7.30pm*

*Lions Whitehouse*

Prize Giving and orchid culture evening.

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

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

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



*Happy September birthday to...*

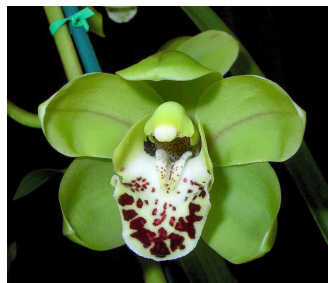
Margaret LeSueur and June Hogg



### *Raffle Results.....*

Winners for August were Antal Kalocsai, Margaret Shaw and Beryl Finlay.

The raffle made \$65.05.



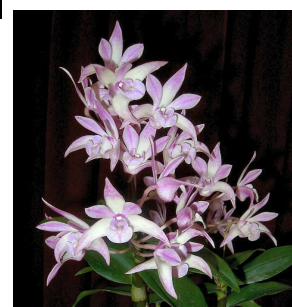
**Cym Gentle Touch 'Bon Bon'**

**First equal for popular vote for August.**

**Exhibited by Heather Cooke**

**Den Gillieston Wow 'Eva'**  
**First Equal for popular vote for August**

**Exhibited by Honey Denyer**



## FROM THE AUGUST MEETING

President Glenys welcomed the 44 members present. We welcomed back Katrina.

**Apologies:** Diana Elfleet, Linda Alexander, Marie Scotti, Helen Brown and Betty Major.

**Sick:** Jim Shaw is in hospital with a pinched nerve in his back.

Jean Treadwell is also in hospital after suffering a stroke.

Gary Cooke has a fractured hip as a result from a fall earlier in the year.

As we go to print we have an update on our sick friends. Jimmy is now at home and even managed to come to our show for a wee while. Jean is slowly progressing and Gary, was able to come to the show on crutches and keep us entertained!

It is interesting to note that this was the first meeting that Jimmy had missed in all the years he has been a member of the AOC!

**Notices:** The Year Books had arrived and we were asked to collect and sign for our copy.

Some of the newsletters had gone astray in the post. Help for the Show was requested.

Grahame Leafberg was presented with his Award Certificate for *Stanhopea wardii* 'Ruth' which received an AM.



### CULTURE CORNER

**Q.** One of our members had been given a rather large zygo plant and thought it looked a bit 'tatty'.

**A.** For a zygo it looked OK. It was spiking and happy – what ever you are doing to it , just keep doing it – it's just a bit untidy. Don't give it too much water at the moment. Keep it on the deck if you don't have a shade house but don't take it inside just yet as it is in bud and temperature changes could cause bud drop.

**Q.** Could anyone help Dennis with a name for his cymbidium?

**A.** Could be Pastel Princess.

Heather commented on a cymbidium plant that Lee had 'mothered' for her. This plant won the popular vote for the night. Who gets the accolade?

## SEPTEMBER.....

September is an important month on the orchid calendar. It reminds us that spring is here and those orchids need to be fed again after their winter rest.

Clean up your plants and the shade house floors and begin your feeding programme. Make sure that your plants have been watered first as applying fertiliser to dry pots causes root burn which subsequently will lead to your plant dying.

Once started, continue regular feeding. Be on the lookout for slugs and snails also.

## AUGUST GUEST SPEAKERS

We have a number of members to thank for putting together the programme for our August meeting.

Dennis was first on the list demonstrating to club members our latest acquisition, Wild Cat. This is a programme for the computer to help with the naming and registrations of all orchid crosses. Dennis showed us how easy it was to quickly find the information once the question was asked. A great asset to the club!

Heather had used her new digital camera (or was it Gary) and was able to share with us their trip to the World Orchid Conference in France. This was a most interesting and amusing relaxed section of the evening which I am sure all that had attended enjoyed.

Kim had lent us her DVD of the same show and many of us wished we could have been there to see it all for ourselves. It was amazing! Those that attended must surely feel that the expense was well worth while.

The effort and planning of such a big event makes the mind boggle. The setting up section was most interesting and then following through to the finished product. All I can say is WOW!

**Thanks to Kim And Warehouse Stationery  
St Lukes for the printing of our newsletter.**

**Please visit Warehouse Stationery for all  
your stationery requirements.**

**AUCKLAND ORCHID CLUB SPRING  
SHOW RESULTS 2005**

**CORBAN CUP .... For Grand champion**

Paph Macabre  
J & B Orchids

**BILL van der LINDEN MEMORIAL**

**TROPHY....for reserve champion.**

Cym Hot Port 'Ruby Anniversary'  
J & B Orchids

**MALLANA CUP...for best standard cymbidium.**

Cym Hot Port 'Ruby Anniversary'  
J & B Orchids

**LARSEN TROPHY....for best export cymbidium.**

Cym Pure Love 'Herbie'  
Leroy Orchids

**FINLAY TRAY....for best intermediate cymbidium.**

Cym Del's Delight 'Andrea'  
Ross Tucker

**LINWOOD JUG....for best flowering intermediate  
or miniature cymbidium NZ raised and hybridised.**

Cym Brooke Street x Dr Baker  
Ross Tucker

**GRONWELL and DAWE CUP...for best first  
flowering cymbidium.**

Cym Szabo 'The Mouth' x Yowie Flame 'Tikitere'  
J & B Orchids

**FRANK GRONWALL TRAY....for best first flow-  
ering standard cymbidium NZ raised and hybridised.**

Cym Sleeping Giant 'Bold Gold' x Hot Port 'Big  
One'

J & B Orchids

**HARDY and FORQUETTE TROPHY....for best  
species.**

*Aer lutea alba x rhodosticta*  
Bev Meredith

**CATTLEYA CUP...for best cattleya.**

Ota Jane Fumiye 'Hawaii'  
Ross Tucker

**REHIA TROPHY....for best phalaenopsis.**

Dtps Etherege Princess 'Raleigh'  
Brian Main

**GERRY HOLLOWAY MEMORIAL CUP.....**

*for best pink phalaenopsis*

Dtps Etherege Princess 'Raleigh'  
Brian Main

**DEL CHANDLER CUP....for best odontoglossum  
alliance.**

Colm Wildcat 'Doris'  
Ross Tucker

**N & R ARMSTRONG CUP....for best mini cat-  
tleya.**

C Susie's Valentine 'Rachel'  
Dot Batey

**JOHN HUGHES CUP....for best commercial dis-  
play.**

Chris Whitby

**ELFLEET VASE....for best cymbidium exhibited by  
a novice grower.**

Cym Rothesay 'Minstral'  
Marie Scotti

**CALDER CUP....for best miniature or intermediate  
cymbidium exhibited by a novice grower.**

Cym Sarah Jean  
Marie Scotti

**AAAK & BA CORBAN BOWL...for best any other  
genera exhibited by a novice grower.**

*Haemaria discolor* 'Dawsoniana'  
Betty Everson

**MORRIN CUP....for best coloured cymbidium ex-  
hibited by a novice grower.**

Cym Sarah Jean  
Marie Scotti

**E & D CAMPBELL CUP.... For best culture and  
presentation of any plant of any other genera, ex-  
cluding cymbidiums.**

*Soph coccinea*  
Grahame Leafberg

**JOYCE UNDERWOOD TROPHY....for best mas-  
devallia.**

Masd Tuakau Goldstrike  
Ken Morse

**BERYL BROWNLEES MEMORIAL CUP....for  
best intermediate or miniature specimen cymbidium.**

Cym Bulbarrow 'Friar Tuck'  
Julie Duff

**JOAN WOOD TROPHY....for most floral art  
points.**

Faith Grausch

**STAN PYE TROPHY....for best miniature pha-  
laenopsis.**

Phal Zuma's Pixie 'KJ'  
Brian Main

**WOC TROPHY....for novice points prize...**

Maarten van Greest

Congratulations to all prize winners and a big thank  
you to all those who entered their plants in the show.

We cannot have a show without plants!

**QUESTION**

**Did you lose a small dendrobium plant at the  
Spring Show?**

**If so please ring Lee and Roy 416 6737, they have  
one that isn't theirs!**



## PLANTS ON DISPLAY

### CYMBIDIUM

Cym Gentle Touch 'Bon Bon'  
- Heather and Gary Cooke

### DENDROBIUM

Den Warrambool  
Den Kevin Mitchel  
Den Gillieston Wow 'Eva'  
- Les and Honey Denyer  
Den Richard's Glory  
- Grahame Leafberg

### SOPHROLAELIOCATTLEYA

Was Lc Glowing Embers x Soph Grandiflora, now registered as...

Slc Kaka #

- Les and Honey Denyer

Plants on display from last month was won by Mary Jones

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

The plant commentary was conducted by Roy Neale.



**Kim Young and Mary Jones taking a break from the Flower Power table at our Spring Show.**

### **Had an email from Dennis.....**

Quote.

'Did you know that the rose flavoured jelly I brought along last evening was a traditional Malaysian dessert called 'Agar Agar'?..

It is made from edible seaweed, the seaweed is a native to Malaysia.

This extract is also used to create the culture medium to grow orchid seeds — as in Agar!'

Note: Genuine rose coloured edible orchids in the future maybe..... mmmmm!

## BUS TRIP TO HAMILTON

The Bus will be leaving the 'Falls' car park in Henderson at 7.30am Saturday September 3rd **'on the dot!'**

It will stop at the top of Royal View road for a 'pick up' at approximately 7.45am. Anyone wishing to get on there please phone Mary to arrange car parking. Ph 834 6989.

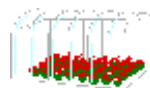
One other stop will be at Greenlane. Those wishing to get on at this location please phone Gary for details. Ph 834 6110

We should arrive back at Henderson at about 5.30pm or somewhere near that time.

Auckland Orchid Club would like to welcome Bert and Evalyn Ong to our club. We hope you will enjoy being with us and get to know us as we are not 'a bad bunch!'



*from behind the shade house....*



'Behind the shade house' took on a new meaning at our Spring Show. The girls on the door were being asked where the toilets were as the ones we normally use were being upgraded. With big smiles on their faces they would tell each inquiring person that they were 'behind the shade house'!! They were at the other end of the hall and indeed were - behind the shade house!



A sight I am pleased was missed by my neighbours.

Yours truly cleaning the garage spouting and falling off the last rung of the ladder to land in the - you guessed it - the muck out of the guttering!



A quiet time behind the eftpos machine at our show. There was Kim, feet up reading the latest Harry Potter book!



Heard that Faye Eyes has had a spell in hospital and is now resting at home.

Dudley and Faye will celebrate 53 years of marriage on August 30th. Congratulations from us all.