

AUCKLAND ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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Cym Flying Fish x Flaming Love grown by Leroy Orchids paired with another plant won a trophy at the recent NZOS Winter Show

MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

As I sit writing this message, I am wondering how on earth I am going to get everything I need to do to be ready for our Spring Show done on time - the other half of me says 'it will all happen' - and it does!

I am also hoping that all those volunteers we asked for turn up to lend a helping hand for a few hours and that you support your clubs' biggest event of the year.

A number of our members who work full - time have taken leave from their jobs to help out and we thank them very much-not only for this year but for every other year when they have done the same.

Thank you to all who plan to come along and enjoy the show and the camaraderie which goes hand in hand during this event.

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NEXT MEETING
Tuesday September 4th
7.30pm
Lions Whitehouse

Russell Hutton will be our guest speaker and shall have plants for sale. We always enjoy Russell's visits as he has so much knowledge concerning orchids which he willingly shares with us. Please bring along a small plate for supper during the meeting.

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

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



Happy September birthday to....
Margaret LeSueur and June Hogg.



Raffle Winners...

Bernadette Edmiston, Roy Neale and Pauline Weeks.

Thanks to Grahame Leafberg, Betty Ashby and our club for donating prizes. The club made \$62.00 which will be added to our funds to help in the running of the club.



**Please return all
Orchid Council raffle
books and money to
Lee at the September
Orchid Club meeting.**

FROM THE AUGUST MEETING

President Roy welcomed 39 members and friends to our meeting. It was an awful night, cold, wet and windy - and I think you were all very brave and dedicated to leave your lovely warm homes!

Apologies: Beryl Calder, Peter C Elfleet, Wolf and Faith Grausch, Betty Major, Jean Treadwell and Lottie Hogan.

Sick: Diana Elfleet.

Notices: Subscriptions are at the moment \$17 for single and \$22 for a family (2 adults per household). There has been some confusion over half memberships which were available over 15 years ago and have been discontinued for several years. The club pays a capitation fee to the Orchid Council of New Zealand on each member who names the Auckland Orchid Club as its parent club. This fee will eventually rise to \$10 per member, therefore the issue of subs must be addressed as we cannot run a club on 'fresh air'. Postage has also increased which adds to the club running costs and it is obvious that subs must rise in the future.

We are changing the club night raffle. The club will purchase an orchid plant to the value of \$15-\$20 from a grower or anyone who has a nice plant to sell as a raffle prize. Donations of plants will also be gladly accepted. We hope this will encourage more ticket sales.

Fliers are available for the Spring Show OCNZ raffle books. Please take one or more to sell as the club receives 20% of the takings.

South Auckland Show is on the 18th August.

We need volunteers to man the door at the Spring Show as Margaret and Jim Shaw will be unavailable. Margaret is to go into hospital for a hip operation.

Chris

Whitby Questioned Rule 17 in the Spring Show schedule. Roy explained the ruling. *You do not have to have all your display plants judged-however, any plants on display that you do wish to have judged must be recorded on a list ready for the judges.*

Roy asked for volunteers to help put up the big signs for the show.

Rai Hogan has a large staghorn fern to donate to the club for funds.

Tickets and sales sheets for sellers at the show are available from Heather.

GUEST SPEAKER-August Meeting

Our speaker this month was Glen Poffley from the Howick Orchid Society accompanied by his lovely wife Manee. Glen's talk was on his recent trip to Thailand (Manee's birthplace) to attend a very large horticultural show in honour of the King's 60th year of reign - orchids were of course included in this spectacle.

Glen introduced us all to the wonders of Thailand - scenery, culture, customs, architecture and animal antics were some of the topics covered in an extremely interesting and well balanced talk for orchid lovers and others. In fact Glen came over as a wonderful ambassador for Thailand.

From our point of view this was an exceptional presentation, the photography was magnificent both of the orchids and the broader spectrum.

Thank you Glen for the effort you put into this presentation and the pleasure it brought us all.

Lee and Roy Neale.



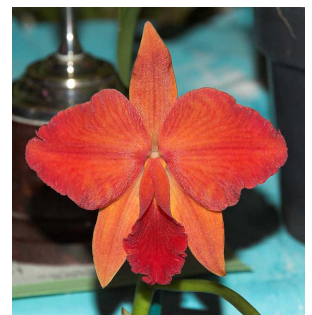
Pot CRB's Supreme

Well Done!



Slc Jewel Chest
'Winter Joy'

These magnificent blooms were exhibited by Beryl Calder at the recent NZOS Winter show. All were prize winners.



Sc Hazel Boyd

Thanks to Dennis Chuah for the superb photographs in this month's newsletter.

To View in colour go to our website
[Http://aoc.inetgardens.com](http://aoc.inetgardens.com)

PLANTS ON DISPLAY

CYMBIDIUM

Cym Star Bright 'Capella'

- Melvin Alexander

Cym Regal Fire x (Dolly x Bewitched Baker)

Cym Kimberley Oasis

Both first flowering and an Oz imports!

- Leroy Orchids

DENDROBIUM

Den Angel Flower

- Dennis Chuah

Den Maharani

- Ken Morse

Den Yachiyo 'Grahame' CCC/OCNZ

- Grahame Leafberg

DINEMA

Dinema *polybulbon*

- Grahame Leafberg

HAEMARIA

Haem *discolor*

- Dennis Chuah

LAELIA

L anceps

- Glenys MacRae

MASDEVALLIA

Masd Tuakau Candy

Masd *tovarensis* #

- William and Man Lo

Masd Copper Angel

- Dennis Chuah

Masd *tovarensis*

- Irene Levett

Masd *caloptera* #

- Ken Morse

Masd *nidifica* #

- Rai and Lottie Hogan

MAXILLARIA

Max *sophronites*

- William and Man Lo

MILTONIOPSIS

Milt Leo Holvin 'Midnight' x Melissa Baker
'Independence Day'

- Bev Meredith

NEOLHAMANNIA

Neo *porpax*

- Rai and Lottie Hogan

ONCIDIUM

Onc *cheirophorum*

- Irene Levett

PAPHIOPEDALUM

Paph Hellos 'Valerie Jenkin' #

Paph Phips

Paph Ruby Leopard x Marie Joyes #

Paph Eden's Delight x (Raisin Jack x Acmondontum)

Cont.

- William and Man Lo

SOPHRONITIS

Soph *coccinea* 'Grahame'

- William and Man Lo

Soph *rosea* (2 Plants)

Soph *coccinea* 'Bright Eyes'

- Grahame Leafberg

SOPHRONITELLA

Sophronitella *violacea*

- Grahame Leafberg

ZYGOPETALUM

Z Artur Elle x Ben Wighton

- Ken Morse

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

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

CULTURE CORNER

Last month during the plant commentary we incorporated culture in the discussion of the plants. This covered many/most genera that were on display.

At our next meeting (Sept 4th) we will be concentrating on Australian Dendrobiums, the plants that Wolf Grausch grows so well. Please bring along as many of these little beauties as you can and besides discussing their culture we will run a little competition 'to beat Wolf'. For the one that comes closest to his, Wolf will donate a prize.

Grahame Leafberg conducted the plant commentary.

Plants on Display from last month was won by Diana and Peter Elfleet Snr.



Thank you to those members who brought along their plants.



from behind the shade house....

Have you seen that spooky Yellow Pages advertisement on TV with all the black fingers running in all directions? Little wonder they are scurrying away as in the first seconds of that advertisement Kim's family Chihuahua is barking at them! See if you can spot him next time it is aired!



Margaret Shaw is at home now recovering from a hip replacement operation. All went well and we look forward to seeing her soon. Number two hip is now on the waiting list!

FERTILIZER TRIALS N. SYMES – 20 JUNE 2007

NAME	COST	SIZE	NPK RATIO	RECOMMENDED MIX	C/F	COLOUR	MIX TO MAKE 10 Lt @ 8 C/F	COST Per 10Lt	PACK MAKES
Miracle Grow	\$8.35	500g	15-13-12	1.25 MI/Lt	14	Blue	8g per 10 lt	\$0.11	715 Lt Dry
Yates Thrive A/P	\$9.20	500g	27-55-9	8g/4.5Lt	10	Yellow	15g per 10 lt	\$0.26	352 Lt
Phostrogen A/ P	\$15.54	1.25Kg	14-10-27	2.5g/5Lt	6	Clear	6g per 10 lt	\$0.09	2250 Lt
Wonder Grow	\$8.37	250g	18-8-15	1g/Lt	11	Green	8g per	\$0.24	345 Lt
Peters 20-20-20	\$17.56	2.2 Kg	20-20-20	15g/3.8Lt	22	Blue	13g per 10Lt	\$0.12	1700 Lt
Yates Orchid Food	\$8.58	500g	21-8-13	5g/2Lt	23	Clear	8g per 10 Lt	\$0.14	600 Lt
Orchid Tucker	\$10.00	500g	14-3-9	5g/5Lt	12	Clear	7g per 10 Lt	\$0.12	750 Lt
Thrive Orchid Concentrate	\$12.80	500MI	10-4-12	5MI/2Lt	11	Clear	18MI per 10 Lt	\$0.46	277 Lt liquid
Brigitta Orchid Food	\$11.42	500MI	9-6-13	5MI/Lt	8	Orange	50MI per 10 Lt	\$1.14	100 Lt
Bio Gold	\$14.87	500MI	10-4-6	5MI/Lt	22	Brown	18MI per 10 Lt	\$0.52	277 Lt
Warkins Bounty	\$15.37	1.1Lt	10-3-7	5MI/Lt	11	Brown	36MI per 10 Lt	\$0.50	305 Lt
Nitrosol Original	\$9.76	500MI	8-3-6	5MI/Lt	19	Brown	20MI per 10 lt	\$0.38	250 Lt
Bio Feed Organic	\$13.95	2Lt	N/A	50MI/Lt	8	Black	500 ml per 10 lt	\$3.50	40 Lt

N=Nitrogen P=Phosphorus K=Potassium C/F=Conductivity Factor

For the hobby grower, looking at the C/F level you can see that Phostrogen A/P, Brigitta Orchid Food and Bio Feed Organic are the safest ones to use on your orchids.

Recommended strength on the label (C/F of 8 or less) - the others all need to be diluted further.

We recommend you keep this page handy in your potting shed for future reference.

The Auckland Orchid club wishes to thank Nick Symes for sharing his test results with us.

I am sure that we will find them very helpful.