

WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB

BULLETIN

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**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
AUGUST 31st.**

**THERE IS NO MEETING IN SEPTEMBER DUE TO MEMBERS
TRAVELLING TO THE PALMERSTON NORTH SHOW**

MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

By the time you have received this newsletter. The show will have been over and we will be then focusing on the Palmerston North Orchid Expo.

I must admit I did feel really bad as I was driving to pick the grandchildren up from school and saw to my horror, Melvin, Linda and Lee struggling to put up a huge Show sign in the Peninsula. I know that some of our members have genuine reasons why they could not have helped but surely there are some of you who could have helped just to steady the darn things while our solitary man hammered the pegs in! These three put up 10 signs that afternoon - they deserve a medal, and the rest of us should think hard when asked to help next year! (Thanks to the two guys who had offered their help on Saturday, but the weather meant haste was required).



NEXT MEETING

Tuesday August 31st 2010

Lions Whitehouse

Our new members evening where we officially welcome them to our world of orchids. Please come along and offer your encouragement and expertise.

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

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

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

Happy September Birthday to....

Jill Mickleburgh, Geraldine Wood,
Walter Krawchenko, Anjo
McKernan and Averil Baxter.



Raffle Results...

Prizes went to Pauline Weeks and
Anjo McKernan.



Thanks to Melvin and Linda
Alexander and the club for donating
raffle prizes.

Club funds have been boosted by
\$83.

FROM THE AUGUST 3rd MEETING

Apologies: Diana and Peter Elfleet, Peter C Elfleet, Pam and Bruce Hughes, Linda Alexander, Norma Manuel and Bev Meredith.

Notices:

Year books are available if you haven't collected yours yet.

September 18th the CSA will be having Norita Hasegawa as guest speaker on Paphs. Please phone Dennis for details. Ph 416. 7873, or come to the NZOS Show at 5.00pm.

At our October meeting we shall be having David Menzies from Scotland as our guest speaker. This will be a great night. Don't miss it.

We have just hosted Bay of Islands Orchid Society. How do you feel about a trip up there for a weekend?

ORCHID SHOW DATES

Hibiscus Coast	August 27-28	Orewa
Orchid Expo	September 9-12	Palmerston North
NZOS Spring Show	September 17-19	Mt Albert Howick
	October 9th	Howick

6th NZ INTERNATIONAL ORCHID

EXTRAVAGANZA: 9th -12th

SEPTEMBER 2010

We need your Show Plants on Sat 4th and Sun 5th September, as set up commences down there on the 6th!

We need all the plants we can get for our WOC display in Palmerston North.

If you can bring your plants to Lee and Roy's place, 6 Rata Rd Whenuapai they will have swing tags and show entry cards for you to fill in. They will also have boxes available for you to pack your plants into, if you require them. These will then be inserted into sturdy wooden boxes for transportation. These boxes will be used to build our display.

If you have plants, but are unable to deliver them yourself, please phone Roy (4166737), so that he can arrange collection for you.

Every plant counts to make our display memorable.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Philip and Gangli Zhou

Chinese Cymbidiums

Philip, with help from his father and Dennis presented us with an extremely interesting talk on the history and culture of Chinese cymbidiums.

For Gangli and Philip it is a passion and the detail we saw and heard tonight was amazing.

These orchids were discovered over 2000 years ago and artworks from very early times also tell the story of orchids.

Philip told us of a visit to a show in China where a plant was surrounded by guards and the orchid plant encased in a large glass dome. The plant was worth NZ\$3.000.000!

These cymbids are just so different from the ones we are so familiar with and I am sure it will be interesting to watch their progress over the next few years.

In China they are judged differently, taking in the leaves and containers as well as the flower shapes etc - plus the criteria we use here.

They tend to grow them in very tall slim ceramic pots with holes on the sides. The medium used to pot them is normally large bark and pumice at the bottom and graduating the bark size smaller towards the top. The bulbs like to be slightly covered with bark.

They prefer more shade than we use for our cymbidiums. Some can even withstand snow for short periods.

Their perfume has been given different chinese names for the different strengths.

These little charmers are certainly different to cymbidiums as we know them and I am sure they are going to gain popularity.

Thank you Philip and Gangli for a wonderful evening.

PLANTS ON DISPLAY

CALANTHE

Cal vestita

- Ron Reeves

CYMBIDIUM

Cym goeringii - a lovely collection of these

- Philip and Gangli Zhou

Cym dayanum #

- Ron Reeves

Cym Ruby Valley 'Clare'

- Melvin Alexander

Cym Last Tango

- Leroy Orchids 'Geyserland'

DENDROBIUM

Den Tweetie

Den Candice x Lusty

- William and Man Lo

Den nobile type (no name)

- Melvin Alexander

Den Riversun x Averil's Gold #

- William and Man Lo

Den Riversun x Averil's Gold

- Barry Baxter

DOCKRILLIA

Doc Schoens Delight x Conuolgens (unable to confirm either name)

- William and Man Lo

EPIDENDRUM

Epi Seto Raspberry x Pacific Glory (unable to confirm name)

- Leroy Orchids

LAELIOCATTLEYA

Lc Angel Love 'Pinky'

- William and Man Lo

C Little Bit x (C Helene Garcia x L rupestris)

Leroy Orchids

MASDEVALLIA

Masd imposter

Masd melanopus

Masd Lemon Meringue

Masd Marguerite

- Dennis Chuah

ODONTIODA

Oda Niamay x Oratia Parade

- Wolf and Faith Grausch

OSMOGLOSSUM

Osm pulchellum

- Barry Baxter

PAPHIOPEDILUM

Paph Pavatree

Paph Rosy Dawn

- Ken Morse

PHALAENOPSIS

Phal Golden Taipei

Phal Unknown. (Tny Timmy as suggested on club night is not a registered name)

- Barry Baxter

WILSONARA

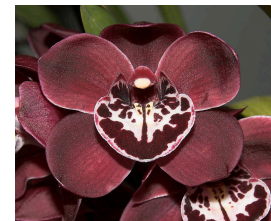
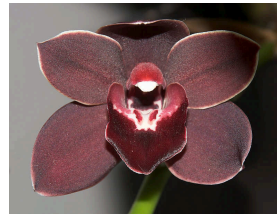
Wils Hilda Plumtree

- William and Man Lo

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

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

The plant commentary was conducted by Heather Cooke and Mary Jones.



Leroy Orchids with *Cym Last Tango 'Geyserland'* and Melvin Alexander with *Cym Ruby Valley 'Clare'* were first equal in the Popular Plant display this month. Congratulations !



from behind the shadehouse.....



Chris Whitby had the dubious honour of having a birthday which fell on club night. His wife sent him to the meeting with a cheesecake, candles and a birthday hat. We ate the yummy cheesecake for supper - but where were the candles and hat Chris?



Pauline had a lucky night at our last meeting. She actually drew all the lucky raffle numbers - but had the other tickets redrawn. Time to buy a lotto ticket Pauline!



Jill and her sister are off to the UK shortly for a few weeks to visit family. Hope you both have a wonderful holiday!