

WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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Congratulations
to Ross and
Susan Tucker,
Grand
Champion
winners at our
Spring Show

You'll get more details in future Bulletins, but for now note down the date and join us for a day in the country.

Thank you

Glenys MacRae

MESSAGE FROM THE SHOW MARSHAL

We had an attractive and enjoyable Spring Show. Congratulations to all the prize winners and especially to the Tucker's who won Grand Champion and Alf Day who won Reserve Grand Champion.

I would like to thank the following; Show Committee and Executive Committee members for all the effort they put in before, during and after to make the show a success; to the club members who helped during the show and contributed in some way; to everyone who entered plants and a big thank you to all the societies, individuals and traders who put on displays. These displays helped make our show.

The majority of feedback I've had to date is that people were happy with the new format. Once the show balance sheet is in we'll decide whether we continue with this format or not.

The winner of the \$250 plant draw was Cherie Hewittson from Glen Eden and Mr Jones from Henderson won the Weekend Gardener subscription so the locals cleaned up there!

There are lots of orchid shows coming up during September so please support the other societies where you can.

Our Ribbon Show will be held on Saturday 17th March at a new venue.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday September 6th 2011, 7.30pm

Lions Whitehouse

New members night. Discussion on various genera by some of our experienced orchid growers.

Plants on display, trading table and library will be operating this month.

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

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

Raffle Results...



Thanks to the Club, Kristin Henty and Lex and Julie Sharp for donating raffle prizes.

Winners were: Wolf Grausch, Hugh Frazer and Beryl Calder.

The raffle made \$75.90, which will help our Club funds.

Thanks to those who always support our club night raffles.



OCNZ RAFFLE BOOKS

All ticket butts from the OCNZ raffle must be returned on club night together with the money from the sales. We get half of all money raised, so we hope you have sold all of your tickets!



FROM THE AUGUST MEETING

Apologies: Gary and Heather Cooke, Joan Wood, Pam Hughes, Glenys MacRae, Barry Baxter and Peter Elfleet Snr, President Dennis welcomed 43 members and 2 visitors.

Sick List: Heather Cooke.

Notices:

We have raffle books to sell for OCNZ. Please take as many books as you can. The club gets 50% of the book takings for our funds.

Members were encouraged to take Spring Show flyers and distribute them. The small signs with new dates added should go up next weekend. Help was still needed for putting up the large Show Signage.

We still need help during the Show from members.

Food for the kitchen, flower power needs greenery and general help is needed to allow those who need breaks from their duties during the day. Runners for judging please.

Next month bring your fertiliser samples to the meeting and Roy will test them with his 'magic wand' to make sure you are using the right strength of fertiliser.

Beryl Calder was presented with two awards from OCNZ. Well done Beryl!

Ken Morse brought along grapefruit from his trees for anyone who wished to take some home. Thanks Ken for your generous offer.

Bernadette has brought along Weekend Garden magazines for anyone to take home.

The Bus trip to Whangarei is on October 8th leaving at 8.00am. \$40 for accommodation and \$50 for the bus per person. We will be going to the Whangarei Show and visiting various gardens as time permits. World Cup Rugby games could be viewed at the Motel. If we don't get support from our club members, unfortunately it will not go ahead.

Happy September Birthday to.....

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



We remember, with love....

HEATHER RAY COOKE

22 July 1933 - 20 August 2011

Little did I think when I talked her into becoming an Orchid Judge, did I realise just how far she would proceed in the orchid world.

Heather became a tireless worker for the Auckland, (now Waitakere Orchid Club) serving countless years on the Executive and Show Committees, and as Vice President then President of the Waitakere Orchid Club. She was also our Show Trading Table lady.

Becoming the Deputy Registrar of New Zealand Orchid Society, ably assisted by her soul mate Gary, they belonged to several Orchid Clubs.

Together they travelled the world going to World Orchid Conferences, Shows and Tours, bringing home precious plants - having tussles with MAF and making orchid friends around NZ, (all with a tale to tell!).

When asked to write about Heather on behalf of the club, I looked back 40 years - from seeing her chasing the kids around the garden. So many stories to tell and relate.....

From my heart,

Diana Elfleet

CHARLOTTE (LOTTIE) HOGAN



It is with great sadness that we farewell Lottie.

Lottie had a great love of growing plants. She helped grow vegetables for the War Effort, worked in a flower Nursery and managed to persuade her father to allow her some land on the family farm to grow strawberries (32,000 of them). She grew and managed the entire garden by herself! It was Lottie's idea that she and Rai should grow orchids, and so began their great passion, resulting in the wonderful plants we have seen on club night and at our shows.

Lottie and Ray enjoyed travelling, particularly to Vancouver Island to visit friends.

I will always remember Lottie arriving at our shows and at Xmas with her trusty container filled with piping hot sausage rolls, always with a big smile and hugs all around.

Lottie celebrated her 90th birthday with family and friends just a few short days before she died. Our love goes to Ray and their daughters Leslie and Christine, six grandchildren and three (and a half) great grandchildren.

With Luv,

Mary Jones

GUEST SPEAKER - Lex Sharp

We welcomed Lex and Julie Sharp from Warkworth to our meeting.

Lex told us they had been growing orchids for about 26 years, starting out with cymbidiums and now they have about 800 plants of various genera, housed in several areas according to their cultural needs.

They use mostly No3 and 4 bark with shell mixed in. The shell is washed 3 times to leech out any salt that may be still present. He also uses 3FB bark for his massies with some shell added to it for drainage.

Nutricote Total with NPK of 13-7-8 is a favourite fertiliser and advises that it needs a bit of heat to make it work well.

Bio Boost (Processed human waste, which caused a few giggles!) - in pellet form, available from Horticulture at Westgate. He calls it 'miracle stuff' with a NPK of 6-2-4.

Mmmmmmm!!!! 🤔

Lex tries to always use rainwater for his plants but adds that you must test the rainwater from time to time as it can harbour unwanted bacteria sometimes. A solution available from the hardware store can be used in the tank to kill off any 'nasties'.

Very little spray is used in their houses. *Eco oil* (2 and 1/2 ml per ltr) is good for getting rid of scale.

We would like to thank Lex and Julie for their very informative talk.

I am sure some of us will have a go at the 'Miracle Stuff'!



The popular plant this month was Odcdm Volcano Hula Halau 'Volcano Queen', from Leroy Orchids. Congratulations

PLANTS ON DISPLAY

CATTLEANTHE

C Annabarina 'Lowanice' x Ctt Katy True 'Coberg Sunset'

- Dennis Chuah

CATTLEYA

C Dream Catcher '5' and '1'

- Dennis Chuah

COELOGYNE

Coel *cristata*

- Mary Jones

CYMBIDIUM

Cym Street Hawke 'Mem Tom Monk' B/CSA

- Ken Morse

DENDROBIUM

Den Jiggi

- Pauline Weeks

MASDEVALLIA

Masd Pixie Leopard x Magic Dragon

Masd Tuakau Goldstrike 'Always'

Masd Eunice # = (Cuzco Gold x *peristera*)

- Ken Morse

ODONTOCIDIDIUM

Odcdm Volcano Hula Halau 'Volcano Queen'

- Leroy Orchids

ONCIDIUM

Onc Gold Dust

- Leroy Orchids

ONCOSTELE

Ons (Oda) Daydream 'Roy' and 'Lee' both

HCC/OCNZ

- Leroy Orchids

PESTEA

Pes *wallisii*

- Dennis Chuah

PLEUROTHALLIS

Pths *truncata*

- Dennis Chuah

WILSONARA

Wils Bardot

- Leroy Orchids

Those members with a # beside their plant name, please correct your label. Those with a * please correct your spelling. Plant names written in *italics* depicts it is a *species*.

WHANGAREI BUS TRIP UPDATE

Club night 6th Sept is the last chance you have to confirm your seat on the bus.

We need a minimum of 35 to make the trip viable.

WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB SPRING SHOW RESULTS 2011

CORBAN CUP...For Grand Champion.

Cym Hypno Beauty

- Tuckers Nursery

BILL van der LINDEN MEMORIAL

TROPHY...For Reseve Champion.

Wils Bardot 'Charles' AM NZOS-OCNZ

- Alf Day

MALLANA CUP... For best standard cymbidium.

Cym Hypno Beauty

-Tuckers Nursery

LARSEN TROPHY...for best export cymbidium.

Cym Mem. Ray Dix

- Villa Orchids

FINLAY TRAY...For best intermediate cymbidium.

Cym Street Hawk 'Mem Tom Monk'

- Ken Morse

LINWOOD JUG...For best first flowering minature cymbidium.

Cym mem. Joan Parker

- Tuckers Nursery

GRONWALL and DAWE CUP...

for best first flowering cymbidium.

Cym Beboop Delux

- Villa Orchids

FRANK GRONWALL TRAY...for best first

flowering intermediate cymbidium.

Cym Vienetta Blues x Hot Port

- Mick Hughes

HARDY and FORQUETTE TROPHY...For best species.

Paph *malipoense*

- Chris Whitby

CATTLEYA CUP...For best large cattleya.

Blc Mildred Hollingsworth 'Bronze Beauty'

- Beryl Calder

REHIA TROPHY...for best phalaenopsis.

Dtps Chian Xen Pearl

- Tuckers Nursery

GERRY HOLLOWAY MEMORIAL CUP...

For best pink phalaenopsis.

Dtps Xen Pearl

- Tuckers Nursery

DEL CHANDLER CUP...For best

odontoglossum alliance.

Wils Bardot 'Charles' AM NZOS-OCNZ

- Alf Day

CALDER CUP...Grand Champion Novice.

C Fire Magic

- Phil Funnell

N & R ARMSTRONG CUP... For best mini

cattleya.

Pot Roy's Magic

- M Timm

AAK & BA CORBAN BOWL...For best any other genera exhibited by a novice grower.

C Fire Magic

- Phil Funnell

MORRIN CUP...For best intermediate cymbidium.

Cym Pure Sarah 'Starburst'

- Theo Verryt

E & D CAMBELL CUP... Best specimen excluding cymbidium

Coel *cristata*

- Leroy Orchids

JOYCE UNDERWOOD TROPHY ..For best masdevallia.

Masd *tovarensis x nidifica*

- L & J Sharp

BERYL BROWNLEES MEMORIAL CUP...for best specimen cymbidium.

Cym Sarah Jean 'Lime Cascade'

- Theo Verryt

STAN PYE TROPHY...For best miniature

phalaenopsis.

Phal Little Mary

- F & B Johnson

WOC TROPHY... For novice points prize.

- Phil Funnell

LEROY ORCHIDS TROPHY...For best dendrobium.

Den Cheryl's Glory 'Annette' HCC/NZOS

- Leroy Orchids

MARY JONES TROPHY...For best paphiopedilum.

Paph *malipoense*

- Chris Whitby

MARGARET Le SUEUR MEMORIAL TROPHY...

For best paphiopedilum alliance species.

Paph *malipoense*

- Chris Whitby

MARGARET Le SUEUR MEMORIAL TROPHY...

For best dendrobium alliance species.

Den *cuthbertsonii* 'Red'

- K & R Orchids

JOHN HUGHES CUP...For best

commercial display.

- K & R Orchids