

# WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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Leroy Orchids won 'Popular Plant' at our August Club meeting with Epc. Rene Marques 'Flame Thrower'. Congratulations!

## MESSAGE FROM THE SHOW MARSHAL

The Spring Show set up day is Thursday 28th August. I will be opening the hall at 8.00am. We will need lots of helpers to unload planks and tiered stands first thing in the morning.

### **The other areas we need help with are:**

Set up -Thursday morning (28th August)  
Runners for judging -Thursday afternoon (28th August)

Floor Walkers, Raffle Table, Flower Power, Kitchen, Information Desk - Friday and Saturday (29th & 30th August)

Show Break Down - Saturday afternoon.

Please let me know if you can assist. Even a couple of hours is a great help.

We will also need donations of food for the kitchen.

Flower Power. (Conifer, camellia leaves, ladder fern, flax and similar foliage as well as filler flowers).

Most importantly, we need **your flowering plants** for the show.

For those who are interested, we will be going to Genghis Khan on Lincoln Road for dinner on Saturday evening at the end of the show. Meeting there at 6pm. See you at the Show. **Glenys**

## NEXT MEETING Tuesday September 2nd 7.30pm Lions Whitehouse

**New members evening:** Introducing our new members to our present club members and explaining how our club operates and what we have to offer our new friends regarding culture advice for their orchids.

Please bring a small plate for supper, on a disposable plate and cut any cakes at home to help out the kitchen staff.

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

Please wear your name badge on club night.



## **WAKE UP TIME FOR SLUMBERING ORCHIDS.**

Springtime is upon us! Now is the time to start feeding your orchids regularly.

Bring a sample of your orchid feed mix in a small bottle to our next meeting and Roy will check it with his test meter to make sure you are giving your plants the correct strength of feed.

## FROM THE AUGUST MEETING

President Lee welcomed our members and visitor, Michelle Tung.

**Apologies:** Bernadette Edmiston, Linda Alexander, Jim Shaw, Bryan Sharpe, Pam Mason, Don Blumhardt. Faith Grausch and Anjo McKernan.

**Sick:** Irene Levet, Wolf Grausch.

**Notices:** Please bring back sold Orchid Council raffle books together with the money. Lee and Roy have some Waitara No3. bark. See Roy if you are needing some.

Whangarei Show 22nd-23rd August.

Help needed for our show. Please see Glenys to arrange times to help.

Don't forget to pick up your Year Book.

Thanks to Ross for donating several cymbidiums to our raffle table last month.

We thought we would trial a day meeting. See further on in the newsletter.

This is the last night for you to take home pre loved books from our library.

Don't forget to return your checked out library books.

Dennis talked briefly on two books which were written on how to grow orchids with our local growing conditions.

Lee thanked Barry Wilkinson for helping Margaret on the raffle table.

Lee commented during the plant commentary how her dad had registered Cymbidium Little Kiwi 'E'.

Melvin had a masdevallia which had several black spots on it's leaves and was looking for advice as to how to fix it.

Several members offered opinions and most suggested he use a fungicide.



### **Raffle results...**

**Winners were:** Kim, Dara, Myra x 2, Grahame and Don.

Thanks to the Club, Grahame Leafberg, Ross Crabb and Ken Morse for donating raffle prizes.

Our raffle made \$87.00 which will be a great help towards our expenses.

## from behind the shadehouse.....



Great news to hear that Jim Shaw is now at home from hospital under the care of nurse Margaret! So pleased you are feeling better Jim.



One of our members has won an overseas trip for two - so she and a friend are off on a wonderful holiday to 'Gay Paree!'



Congratulations to Burt and Evelyn Ong who have recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary.

### **Happy September birthday to....**



Geraldine Wood, Walter Krawchenko, Averil Baxter, Jill Mickleburgh and Doreen Humphries.



### WOC CLUB TRIAL - DAY GROUP

We have noticed that as the years go by we are all getting a wee bit older and find that night driving and the winter weather becomes quite a challenge when trying to get to our Tuesday night meetings. Our enthusiasm for orchids has not diminished which makes it even more frustrating knowing if we don't attend we might 'miss out on something'!

We are going to trial a day group to be held at one of our members homes. It will be very informal and relaxed. A cuppa will be offered and we can snoop around their growing area and see how their orchids are doing compared to ours. Bring a plant if you wish to discuss a special one - but please - not a box load!

We look forward to seeing you and will discuss culture and generally have a lovely social get together. Let's give it a go!

The first of these meetings is planned for **Thursday October 16th at 10.00am.**

I drew the short straw, so the first meeting will be at my home: **1 Gunner Drive, Te Atatu Peninsula.** There is not a lot of parking directly outside my place but plenty available on Harbour View Road, just through the roundabout. We will miss our members who are still working and know you are supporting this trial totally.

**Mary Jones**

**Plants on display 5.8.14**

Spelling = \*

Name Change = #

Please correct your label.

**Amesiella**Ame. *monticola* \*

- Burt and Evelyn Ong

**Aerangis**Aergs. *citrata*

- Burt and Evelyn Ong

**Angraecum**Angcm. *Veitchii*

- Ray Hogan

**Calanthe**Cal. *vestita*

- Jill Mickleburgh

**Cattleya**C. *acuensis* (was a *Sophranitis*)

- Burt and Evelyn Ong

**Ceratostylis**Css. *retisquama*

- Dennis Chuah

**Coelogyne**Coel. *prasina*

- Dennis Chuah

**Cymbidium**

Cym. Little Kiwi 'E'

- Glenys MacRae

Cym. Little Kiwi 'E'

- Ross Crabb

**Dendrobium**Den. *engae* x *Enobi* Purple

- Leroy Orchids

Den. *tetragonum*

- Grahame Leafberg

Den. *schoeninum* x *contextum*(Doc. *convoluta*)

- Pauline Weeks

**Epicattleya**

Epc. Rene Marques 'Flame Thrower'

- Leroy Orchids

**Laeliocattleya**

Lc. Santa Barbara Sunset 'Tuakau'

Lc. City Life 'Pink Girl'

- Leroy Orchids

**Masdevallia**

Masd. Red Wing

- Burt and Evelyn Ong

Masd. Dark Star

- Grahame Leafberg

Masd. Shirley's First 'Tessa'

- Shirley Sidnam

Masd. Kimballiana 'Yellow D.11'

Masd. Bob Hoffman x Sundancer

- Ken Morse

**Oncidium**

Onc. Twinkle 'Weston'

- Brigit Janssen

**Otoglossum**Oto. *globuliferum*

- Ross Crabb

**Paphiopedilum**Paph. *venustum*

- Burt and Evelyn Ong

**Phalaenopsis**

Phal. Party Cracker ?

- Jill Mickleburgh

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

The plant commentary was conducted by Lee Neale and Grahame Leafberg.

The lucky draw from last month was won by Barry Baxter.

**GUEST SPEAKERS - Burt and Evelyn Ong**  
**'Passive Hydroponics'(Part 2)**

This month Burt and Evelyn showed us how they have incorporated their orchids within their home. A Power Point presentation had us fascinated as to how they achieved this.

By attaching guttering to the wall of the selected room they place their brochure holder in the guttering. Water held at the bottom of these brochure holders is feeding the plant with a wick inserted in the liquid, making sure that the roots are not soaked, just getting small amounts of food and water. The water in these containers must be changed regularly. The laundry and even the bathroom are homes to their experiment.

Care is taken with air circulation using fans.

The outdoor covered patio was treated this winter to a heat board which encouraged all the neighbourhood nasties - rodents cockroaches etc who decided it was a very comfortable area to set up a new home! The heat board was soon removed!

Cork, punga, coconut fibre, or similar materials, with a small amount of bark and pumice for drainage is used when mounting the orchids.

Burt did remind anyone who might be using brochure holders that they do need to bung the holes at the bottom using aquarium glue only as other glues could be toxic to the plants.

**SHOW DATES TO REMEMBER**

NZOS Spring Show: September 5th-7th

Hibiscus Coast O/S Show: September 12th-13th

Tauranga O/S Show: September 12th-14th

Bay of Islands Show: September 19th-20th

North Shore Spring Show: September 27th-28th

South Auckland Charity Show: September 27th-28th

Waikato Spring Show: September 28th

Howick Spring Show: October 4th