

# AUCKLAND ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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**Ross Crabb won plant of the month with *Neofenetia falcata*. A well deserved win Ross, your plant looked stunning!**

### MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

The President, Treasurer and Editor are all very busy at present as we are 'on the move'. Lee and Roy are doing major renovations to their new home before moving in and at the same time tending what still seems to be hundreds of orchid plants at their present property – their days are very full and busy!

As for myself, I have decided to downsize my grounds and have purchased a home in Te Atatu Peninsula. My new home has not even a hint of a tree or flower so I shall have a clean slate to work on. I have lived in my present home for over 42 years and so you can imagine the emotional as well as physical tug there is on the old heartstrings!

I am trying to tell myself that by this time next year all will be going well and stress levels will be back to normal and I know Lee and Roy are thinking the same.

In the meantime my orchids are being very carefully scrutinized and those that have not performed are going on permanent holiday to the tip. The next thing is to see how I can squeeze as many favorites as I can into a much smaller shade house! It is all rather exciting though!!! ED

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Tuesday March 4th 2008**  
**7.30 pm**  
**Lions Whitehouse**

Our guest speaker will be our own Peter C Elfleet talking on his specialty.

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.

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



**Happy March birthday to.....**

Linda Alexander and Evelyn Ong.



The raffle made \$64.00 which will boost club funds.  
The lucky winner was Pauline Weeks.

NEXT MEETING.....

Lee will be bringing along the mini cattleya's (Slc Fire Magic 'Nora') she de flasked a few months ago and potted on last month. This was the flask the club bought from Roy Tokunaga. They will be for sale to club members only. Who knows-you may well be purchasing a future Grand Champion!

**Don't forget your money!**

## FROM THE FEBRUARY MEETING

President Roy welcomed 35 members and a special welcome to Joan Wood who missed us so much she has decided to rejoin our club!

**Apologies:** Linda and Melvin Alexander, Merilyne Brown, Betty Major, Assid Corban, Susan Tantau, Jean Treadwell, Peter C Elfleet and Gary Cooke.

**Sick:** Miriam Corban and Alan Tantau

**Notices:** An OCNZ HCC Award Certificate for Cym Elsie Maude Wilson 'Gram' was presented to Ken Morse who was present to receive it.

Beryl Calder brought along a beautiful Potinara (Slc Yae Yamamoto x Lc Rising Sun) x Blc Bryce Canyon 'Splendiferous' for award judging.. It was awarded an AM by OCNZ judges.

Sunvale Nurseries in Gisbourne have sent a price list for their sale of orchids.

The executive have unanimously agreed to put a remit forward at the next AGM for a name change for our club-removing 'Auckland' from the name. All members are asked to think about this and perhaps suggest a new name. We shall be voting on this at our AGM in June.

**Competition plant:** We bought a Slc Bright Angel 'Patsy' x Soph *breviypedunculata*

From Grahame last year to see who flowered it first. Pauline Weeks brought hers along in flower. Well done! Bev Meredith flowered her one during the Xmas break.



### CULTURE TIPS

Lee potted on our little mini cattleyas that will be for sale at the next meeting.

She used 6 parts of No.2 bark and 1 part of 7mm pumice. The pumice had been washed and the fines taken out and the bark was soaked for 24 hours before using. They were then transferred into a slightly larger pot.

They are looking great! Wonderful roots! Don't miss out obtaining one next month!!!

**Dry blood time!** February is dry blood month for cymbidium **seedlings**. Soak the blood in a large container for 4 days and discard the blood package and use only the liquid left behind. This encourages initiation of growths at the right time.

Gary has prepared packages of dried blood for sale at \$4.

Don't put the blood powder on the plants as it encourages pollen cap mite.

## Culture cont.

Ross Crabb had a magnificent pot of *Neofinetia falcata* which had countless flowers and the most powerful perfume. He said he had taken it out of bark and moved it into straight pumice and it just 'took off'!

(I did the very same to mine the next day! ED)

I would also have to mention Ken Morse's paphs. They were looking very healthy and well cared for and covered in flowers. Well done Ken!



Also doing very well is Jean Treadwell a member of our club now residing in Arran Court Rest Home. Jean suffered a stroke 2½ years ago and still enjoys reading her newsletter and also takes an interest in her orchids thanks to Irene who keeps her up to date with our news. Keep up the good work Jean!



Group of orchid enthusiasts ready to start the night walk through Pukekura Park in New Plymouth. There were many AOC members among them. Great fun and great company!

## Orchids in the Waitakere's

### Guest Speaker -Noel Townsley

Noel began growing orchids as a teenager and soon branched out into what was to become a passion – NZ native orchids.

Some of our NZ natives are unique to us and others are also found in Australia. The seeds can be blown across the Tasman and colonies are established and flourish.

Noel's best advice is 'if you see natives growing in the bush-leave them where they are as they don't transplant well and need unique eco climates to thrive'. Some will only grow around the base of kauri trees. Best to leave them, but take note on where they are. Some years they flourish and others they will almost totally disappear from the same spot. NZ has 43 native species. Epiphytes (7) and terrestrials (36).

The Waitakere Ranges has a total of 260K's of walking tracks over 16.000 hectares of bush.

Noel has promised to take us through sometime between July and November. I have my hand up already!. Wonderful talk Noel, many thanks.

## PLANTS ON DISPLAY

### CATTLEYA

- C Cherry Chip x Sc Lana Coryell  
- Beryl Calder  
C Little Angel x Mary Turner Whitney  
Burt and Evelyn Ong  
C Unknown  
- Pamela Mason

### CHRONDRORHYNCHA

Chdrh *discolor*

- Dennis Chuah

### DENDROBIUM

- Den *cuthbertsonii*  
Den *bigibbum* #  
Den My Song Purple (unable to confirm name)  
- William and Man Lo  
Den *glomeratum* (formerly *crepidiferum*)  
Den *bracteosum* (out of flask 06.10.07 ! One of Roy Tokunaga's)  
- Leroy Orchids

### DISA

- Disa Issy Klein  
Disa Watsonii 'Caesar'  
- Dennis Chuah  
Disa Watsonii 'Caesar' #  
- William and Man Lo

### ENCYCLIA

- Enc *cochleata*  
Enc No Name Charlie!  
- Leroy Orchids

### EARINA

- Earina *mucronata* #  
- Rai and Lottie Hogan

### LAELIA

- L *purpurata* var Elias  
- William and Man Lo

### LAELIOCATTLEYA

- Lc Mari's Song #  
- Bev Meredith

### MASDEVALLIA

- Masd Tuakau Goldstrike 'Always'  
- Ken Morse

### NEOFINETIA

- Neof *falcata*  
- Burt and Evelyn Ong  
Neof *falcata*  
- Ross Crabb

### NAGELIELLA

- Nageliella *purpurea*  
- Rai and Lottie Hogan

### ODONTOGLOSSUM

- Odm Mount Diablo  
- Leroy Orchids

### PAPHIOPEDILUM

- Paph *lowii*  
Paph *haynaldianum*  
- Ken Morse

### PHALAENOPSIS

- Phal Leopard Prince  
- Anjo McKernan  
Phal Golden Peoker 'BL' x Ming Shin Stripe  
(unable to confirm name)  
Phal Golden Peoker "BL" x Goldberry 'Better Yet'  
Phal Dou-dii Girl x Black Prince  
- William and Man Lo  
Phal Mini Mark 'Taipei Girl'  
- Bev Meredith  
Phal Chingruey's Sika Deer x Chingruey's Pride  
(2 seedlings)  
- Dennis Chuah

### PLEUROTHALLIS

- Pleu *sonderana*  
- Rai and Lottie Hogan

### POTINARA

- (Slc Yae Yamamoto x Lc Rising Sun) x Blc Bryce Canyon 'Splendiferous' AM/AOS #

### PROMENEA

- Prom *stepeloides* (bred for circ. Patterns-4 plants)  
- Wolf and Faith Grausch

### RENANTHERA

- Renanthera Tom Thumb 'L&R'  
- Bert and Evelyn Ong

### SARTYLIS

- Sartylis Blue Knot  
- Burt and Evelyn Ong

### SOBRALIA

- Sob Yellow Kiss  
Sob Song Bird 'High Note'  
- Peter C Elfleet

### SOPHROLAELIOCATTLEYA

- Slc Mem Dorothy Worden #  
Slc Angel's Fantasy 'Eve' #  
- Beryl Calder  
Slc Bright Hawaii #  
- William and Man Lo  
Slc Bright Angel 'Patsy' x Soph *breviypedunculata*  
(first flowering) #  
- Pauline Weeks

### VANDA

- V Josephine van Brero x *limbata* #  
- Burt and Evelyn Ong

### VUYLSTEKEARA

- Vuyl Cambria 'Noyo'  
- Leroy Orchids

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

**What a wonderful display of orchids! Thank you for bringing them in to show us.**

**Did you realize that there were more plants attending the meeting than members?**

**Roy conducted the plant commentary.**



**Auckland Orchid Club  
Ribbon Show  
Sunday March 30th  
2008**

Mark this date on your calendar straight away as it is not very far away!

Our Ribbon Show is our fun show. For newer members, this is indeed a lot of fun. We, the members, judge the show under the guidance of our qualified judges. This is your opportunity to see how judging is conducted and what we need to look for in a flower or spike.

It is a very relaxed day and you have plenty of time to get to know your fellow club members and catch up again with old friends.

The lunchtime BBQ is a resounding success and we ask all attending to bring either a salad or a dessert. The meat and beverages are supplied by the club.

You may sell plants at the show and members are encouraged to bring other goods for the 'bric a brac' table.

The cost for the day will be \$6.00. You will be able to collect your ticket and pay Lee on club night.

Bev will need to know as soon as possible who will be attending as she has to order the meat.

The show committee urges you to make an effort to come along and relax and have a great time.



This is Beryl Calder's magnificent cattleya which was awarded an AM at our last meeting. Congratulations Beryl!

**HELP!**

For several years I have been storing all the bits and pieces for the Floral Art table that we hold at our Spring Show in my garage. As you read earlier in the newsletter, I am going to a much smaller property and I can not take it with me.

Some one must have a corner they can squeeze it into!

It does not have to be a committee member - just a helpful person. I know there is someone out there! ED

PS The President can't take it as they are moving too!



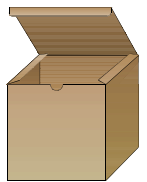
*from behind the shade house.....*

A number of our Auckland Orchid club members are heading off to Japan for the Tokyo Show – although by the time you read this they will be home again. One of those members will be keen to come home as her first grandbaby is due a few days after arriving home!



Irene has had a wonderful trip to South Africa to catch up with family.

I am now experiencing the stress of selling my home. I have the tidiest house in the street and have learned that people want to view it at exactly the time I have my dinner ready to eat. They also want to buy my plants, but not my house or sometimes both at bargain prices! My lawns and edges are immaculate and leaves dare not land on the grass! It is so much easier to buy a house than to sell one!!!!



**Are you interested?**



If you would like a bus trip to Te Puke for their show on April 12th We would like to know as soon as possible. These trips take a bit of organising so please have your minds made up by the next meeting.