

WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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Beryl Calder and Ken Morse tied for first place for our plants on display this month. Beryl with her (C Cherry Chip x Sc Lana Coryell) and Ken with his Paph haynaldianum. Congratulations!

MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

Our first meeting of the year was rather unusual compared with any other. The club had been given a very nice orchid collection by a woman we will just name as Janet to protect her privacy. Janet's late husband had been a keen orchid grower and although they were not club members they attended shows around Auckland and overseas.

Many of their plants had been purchased as flasks in Australia.

Janet has been caring for the plants for over a year now but was finding them increasingly more difficult to maintain on her own. Her request was that they be given to people who would enjoy them and cherish them. As a result, our first meeting was finding homes for these orchids. We did it on a draw system and each person chose a plant as their name was drawn. We all went home with new treasures to be especially named 'Janet'. These plants will be cared for by you all and hopefully brought to club meetings as they flower.

We send out thanks to Janet and assure her that her plants have gone to good homes.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday March 3rd 7.30pm
Lions Whitehouse

Our guest speaker will be George Fuller from New Plymouth. George recently turned 80 and had decided to give up on the speaker's circuit. However, our offer was too good to refuse as he started his orchid career 'in the west' and he felt making this his final event would round off this stage of his life.

We have invited other clubs to share this very auspicious occasion and hope many visitors will attend to honour one of NZ's greatest orchid growers.

George is an extremely entertaining and knowledgeable speaker and we look forward to his talk.

Could you please bring a plate for supper to ensure our anticipated guests are catered for.

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

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



FROM THE FEBRUARY MEETING

President Roy welcomed 48 members and friends to our first meeting of 2009.

Apologies: Betty Major, Patrick Stepancic, Diana and Peter C Elfleet, Pamela and Mike Mason.

We had received a thanks from Betty Vance for the card we sent when she was unwell.

Roy spoke of Sheila Peet sadly passing away. Sheila had been a member of our club for many years and will be missed.

The Editor's apologies for not reminding members to bring plants on display in December and as a result of this, Jim Shaw brought along a photo of his lovely orchid to show us!

We were reminded to pay for our Ribbon Show tickets and members were encouraged to attend the show on February 15th.

Rai Hogan has donated some Orchid magazines and they will be available to take home . Thanks Rai.

Australian Cymbidium Orchid Conference, Springvale Town Hall (30 mins north of Melbourne) 5th & 6th Sept.

The 18th Australian Orchid Conference and Show is at Maribyrnong (30 mins south of Melbourne) 10th –13th Sept

Culture Notes:

Cattleya Anjo gave advise on repotting cattleya's. Make sure that they have been well watered before repotting. Remove from old pot and discard old growths, leaving at least 4 growths-make sure they have good roots. Don't put them in a huge pot as they like to be snug. Use shallow or squat pots. To get the roots in hold the pot with one hand and slowly rotate to be sure not to break any roots on the way into the pot. Use your preferred potting medium making sure that it will drain well. Don't water for about 10 days. Newly potted cattleya's don't like to wobble in the pot so stabilize with pebbles or similar.



Lee and Dennis

Joe and Betty Vance have given us some *Trichoceros parviflorus* (Bee Orchid) seedlings. Lee and Dennis demonstrated rafting them on small branches with sphagnum moss. They were then given to members to take home and grow on.



Raffle results.....
Banjo McKernan won our raffle this month.
Raffle takings were \$72.00. Thank you members for supporting our raffle.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please find enclosed your Annual Subscription form.

For members who belong to more than one orchid society please decide which you consider as your main club and fill in this club as your 'Parent Club'. If WOC is your only club then we are your parent club. The OCNZ only requires capitation fees to be paid once per person and it is your 'Parent Club' which pays these. This gives them voting rights on your behalf.



Peter C Elfleet won 'Best Any Other Genera' at the Ribbon Show with Sobralia Songbird.

Happy March birthday to....
Evelyn Ong, Linda Alexander and Annette Billington.



Could you all please start saving patè dishes, containers from meals on wheels, little pots from (KFC) coleslaw and similar for Flower Power to use on the posy table. Thanks

DRY BLOOD TIME!
February is dry blood month for cymbidium seedlings. Soak the blood in a large container for 2 or 3 days and discard the blood package and use only the liquid left behind. The blood liquid is a booster. This encourages initiation of growths at the right time to develop before winter. It takes 6 weeks for the blood to activate and put up a new growth. Next year it will 'take off' and produce a spike.
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.

CLUB NIGHT ACTIVITIES

1. Notices: If you have any items you want announced at the meeting, please if possible, phone the President and advise him prior to the meeting.

2. Plants on display: Please bring your flowering plants to the meeting. Fill in a display form with legible writing. We will check registrations and notify you of any name change requirements. The winning plant has the honour of it's photo being in the next month's Bulletin. Make sure you vote for the plant you would like to take home.

3. Lucky Draw: Growers who bring in even one plant get their name in the draw the following month and the winner of the draw has their name recorded a second time so they get two chances to win the overall lucky draw prize at the Xmas meeting. Bringing at least one plant to every meeting gives you the maximum chance of winning this prize, which is usually a 12 month subscription to a magazine.

4. Trading Table: If you have plants or orchid related items you wish to sell, please attach a price ticket to the plant and **provide a complete list** to enable the trading table to mark off items sold. **No list-no sales goods accepted!** Remember to check out the trading table for new plants-you can buy a future champion here!

5. Donated Goods Table: This is run in conjunction with the trading table. If you have any items you wish to donate to sell for club funds please bring them along. For example, surplus fruit or veges, jam, garden plants etc.

6. Supper: Most clubs charge a meeting attendance fee or a supper charge, we just ask you to please bring a small 'plate' for supper.

7. Library: We have an extensive library which we would like you to use more. There is no charge borrow a book. Return it the following month. Check it out with the librarian.

8. Vacuuming the floor: After the meeting please consider taking a turn with this chore.

9. Make the most of your club: Attend meetings and functions, make new friends and learn as much as you can about these fabulous plants!



Ribbon Show Grand Champion RSc Sulley's Color. Exhibited by Ross and Susan Tucker.

WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB RIBBON SHOW RESULTS

Dendrobium

Den Impact R & C Hogan

Paphiopedilum

Paph Ameni White 'Rachel' Chris Hubbert

Cymbidium

Cym Peter Pan 'Greensleeves' Theo Verryt

Cattleya Alliance

Rsc Sulley's Color Ross & Susan Tucker

Masdevallia

Masd Teresa Gillbanks Margot Kay

Oncidium

Onc incurvum Ron Reeves

Phalaenopsis

Phal Leopard Prince William & Man Lo

Best any other

Sob Songbird Peter C Elfleet

GRAND CHAMPION

Rhynchosoprocattleya Sulley's Color
Exhibited by Ross and Susan Tucker.
Congratulations!



Above: William And Man Lo's Phalaenopsis, Margot Kay's Masdevallia and Chris Hubbert's Paphiopedilum – just some of the champions from the Ribbon Show.

PLANTS ON DISPLAY

ASPASIA

- Asp *lunata* #
- William and Man Lo

AERANTHES

- Aerth Margaret Westfall
- Anjo McKernan

BRASSIA

- Brs *bruceata*
- Pauline Weeks

BULBOPHYLLUM

- Bulb *picturatum*
- Rai and Lottie Hogan

CALLISTOGLOSSA

- Callistoglossa Pine rivers 'Pink' HCC/NZOS #

CATTLEYA

- C Mahalo Jack 'Parfait'
- Beryl Calder

DENDROBIUM

- Den *crepidiferum* now known as *glomeratum* #
Den Victoria Regina
- Ron Reeves

DORITAENOPSIS

- Phal Dou-dii Girl x Dor Black Prince #
- William and Man Lo

KEFERSTEINIA

- Kefersteinia *tolimensis* #
- Ron Reeves

LAELIOCATTLEYA

- Lc Interceps
Lc Callistaglossa alba #
- Wolf and Faith Grausch

MILTONIOPSIS

- Milt Goodnews Bay #
Milt Demi de Pass
- Anjo McKernan

ONCIDIUM

- Onc *excavatum* #
- Ron Reeves
Onc *sphacelatum* #
- William and Man Lo

PAPHIOPEDILUM

- Paph *haynaldianum*
- Ken Morse

PHALAEENOPSIS

- Phal Sogo John x Katie Morris
Phal Brother Lawrence x Sara Lee. Now known as
Phal Brother Dendi. Reg 2000 #
- William and Man Lo
Phal Ching Her Goddess x Brother Purple 'Brother'
- Dennis Chuah
Phal Cordova 'Maria Teresa' AM/ AOS
- Glenys MacRae

PHRAGMIPEDIUM

- Phrag *caudatum*
- Burt and Evelyn Ong

PLEUROTHALLIS

- Pths *tribuloides* #
- Rai and Lottie Hogan

POLYSTACHYA

- Group of 3 plants. Fragrant.
- Anjo McKernan

PROMENAEA

- Prom *crawshayana* #
- Ron Reeves

RENANTHERA

- Ren *monachica*
- Ron Reeves
Ren Tom Thumb
- Anjo McKernan

SOPHROCATTLEYA

- Sc Bright Angel 'Patsy' 4N x S *brevipendunculata*
(First flowering seedling-competition plant from
Grahame Leafberg)
- Dennis Chuah
Sc Jeannie Wolf

- Burt and Evelyn Ong
Sc Jewel Chest 'Ruby'

- Sc Lana Coryell x Bethune - now known as
(C Cherry Chip x Sc Lana Coryell)

- Sc Dendi's Fantasy Reg 2007
- Beryl Calder

- Sc Lana Coryell x Mari's Song
- Leroy Orchids

SOPHROLAELIOCATTLEYA

- Slc Sierra Doll x Sc Dal's Tradition
- Leroy Orchids

VASCOSTYLIS

- Vasco Pine River 'Pink' HCC/NZOS #
- Beryl Calder

VUYLSTEKEARA

- Vuyl Cambria 'Noyo'
- Leroy Orchids

WILSONARA

- Wils Jean Du Pont
- William and Man Lo

Burt Ong
conducted the
plant
commentary.

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

Thank you all members and friends who displayed plants and supported our Ribbon Show. We had a great day. Thanks also to the hard working kitchen staff, BBQ chef, trading table and goods table workers and all the others who helped set up and generally 'gave us a hand'.