

WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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Dennis Chuah won Grand Champion at our Ribbon Show with V Fuchs Delight 'Toots'.

FROM OUR SHOW MARSHAL

Once again our Ribbon Show was a great success. We had a fantastic display of flowers with a wide range of genera represented.

Melvin counted 137 entries, so thank you to everyone for making the effort to bring your plants along and to give people the opportunity to see flowers they may not have seen otherwise.

We had 56 for lunch. It was great to see members from other clubs join us for the day - please do come again. The weather was brilliant for a BBQ with our chefs doing a great job and our kitchen team ensuring our salad and dessert contributions were nicely laid out.

Both the plant trading table and the jam table were well supported and Jimmy and Margaret were pleased with the raffle ticket sales.

Thank you everyone for supporting the show and for your help on the day. We look forward to seeing you at our Spring Show 22nd-24th Aug, Kelston Community Centre.

Glenys

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday March 5th

7.30pm (7.00pm early Forum for newer members).

Lions Whitehouse

Our guest speaker will be Dennis Chuah. Plants on display, library and trading table will all be operating. Please bring a small plate for supper, which will be held during the meeting. Help will be needed to vacuum the hall after the meeting.



Please wear your name badge on club night.

DRY BLOOD TIME!

February is dry blood time for cymbidium **seedlings**. Soak the blood in a large container for two or three days and discard the blood package and use only the liquid left behind.

The blood liquid is the 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.

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

Hurry, as it is nearly March!

FROM THE FEBRUARY MEETING

President Lee welcomed 34 members to the first meeting of 2013.

Apologies: Ross Crabb and Aylis Logan.

Sick list: Anjo McKernan.

Glenys talked very briefly on the 7th NZ Orchid Expo in New Plymouth, Oct 30th to Nov 3rd. We need to register by March 31st.

We were also reminded about our Ribbon Show.

Lee also talked about the show and what we had arranged so far with accommodation etc. We need volunteers to help out. Please let Lee know if you are able to travel to the venue and help the club.

She also spoke on our January trip to New Plymouth. During the dinner two flasks were raffled. Our bus driver won the first and June Sutton the second! June has donated her flask to the club and the bus driver donated his to all the members on the bus trip.

We would like to thank them for their generosity.

Dennis spoke of the photographic competition for the Orchid Expo. Entries must be in by June. Information for this competition is in your **2011 Year Book**. If you get stuck contact Dennis. Ph 416 7873.

There was an informal discussion on our current venue.

Early Forum: Members were asked what they would like to have next month. Cattleys were decided upon.

Sarcochilus Culture — Wolf Grausch

Wolf kindly gave us an impromptu talk on what to do with our sarcochilus for this time of the year.

We need to repot them in No3 bark.

If the roots seem to have climbed up the stalk, cut the plant back and repot them.

Repot each year or at a pinch every 2 years.

Some newer species seem to like a bit more light.

Feed and water at this time of the year regularly. Water in the morning or if not possible, no later than 5pm. They like lots at the moment. (summer daylight saving time).

In the winter water only once a week.

Make sure they have plenty of air movement.



Raffle results....

Thanks to the club and Walter for donating prizes.

Winners this month were: Robert Wickham, Pauline Weeks, Dennis Chuah, Chris Whitby, Mary Jones and Joy Intveld.

The raffle made \$78 which will be added to the club coffers.



Happy March birthday to....

Linda Alexander, Evelyn Ong, Pamela Mason, Phillip Zhou and Ron Reeves.

THE 'FOLLOWING' STORY IS TRUE.....

Pauline and Dennis have a very steep driveway. On recycling day Pauline attached the bin to her tow bar to take it to the road frontage.

Had a chat to a neighbour - then onto the motorway at 100k's to go to work. She wondered why she got lots of toots and waves.

Trailing behind is the wheelie bin!

She gets off the motorway at Lincoln Rd and heads for home. Still lots of toots! A detour is needed so heads off the motorway. Alas! Road works! The wheelie bin falls over to display all the contents on the road. A kind old man stops to help Pauline telling her that wheelie bins are not supposed to be towed on the motorway. By this time she has already worked this out!!! We are watching the Side Swipe column in the Herald!

PLANTS ON DISPLAY

(!) = Not a Registered name on OrchidWiz

Spelling = *

Name Change = #

Aeranthes

Aerth. *grandiflora* – Grahame Leafberg

Brassia

Brs. *arcuigera* # (*was longissima*) - Bev Meredith

Brassocattleya

Bct. Little Marmaid ‘Janet’ AM/AOS – Leroy Orchids

Cattleya

C. Dream Catcher – Dennis Chuah

C. Dendi’s Song ‘Gamma’# (= C. Lana Coryell x Mari’s Song) – Pauline Weeks

C. Dendi’s Flare # (= C. Angel Flare x Lana Coryell) – Bev Meredith

Cymbidium

Cym. *ensifolium* 4 plants - Phillip and Gangli Zhou

Dendrobium

Den. Frosty Dawn – Dennis Chuah

Den. Aussie’s Tapestry HCC/OCNZ – Mary Jones

Den. Highland Rose # (= Flower Baby x glomeratum)

Den. Victoria Regina * - William and Man Lo

Den. *lawesii*

Den. Valley Isle

Den. *cuthbertsonii* – 3 plants – Shirley Sidnam

Dracula

Drac. *bella* – Grahame Leafberg

Epidendrum

Epi. Pacific Sunset ‘Fairy Clock’

Epi. Pacific Canary x Pacific Butterball

Epi. Pacific Whimsy

Epi. Rose Valley x Pacific Punchbowl

Epi. Snow Cocktail (!) x Pacific Sunset – Leroy Orchids

Laelia

L. Robling (!) – Linda Alexander

L. *purpurata var alba* ‘Elias’ *HCC/AOS - William and Man Lo

Masdevallia

Masd. *coccinea* ‘Small One’

Masd. Stella

Masd. Investergation (!) - Ken Morse

Miltoniopsis

Mps. Herralexandre – Shirley Sidnam

Meiracyllium

Mrdm. *trinastum* * – Grahame Leafberg

Oncidium

Onc. (was Wils.) Lyoth ‘Ruby’ AM/AOS * - William and Man Lo

Paphiopedilum

Paph. Black Velvet x Ruby Leopard – William and Man Lo

Paph. Deperle * - Linda Alexander

Phalaenopsis

Phal. Kahurangi – William and Man Lo

Prosthechea

Psh. *cochleata* – Dennis Chuah

Restrepia

Rstp. *gymnotrya* (!) – Ken Morse

Rhynchoaeliocattleya

Rlc. Sully’s Color x C. Hawaiian Snow Candy – Bev Meredith

Rlc. Memoria Rose Graham # (= C. Angel Eyes x

Rlc. Lisa Taylor Gallis) 2 seedlings – Wolf Grausch

Rhynchovola (was Brassavola)

Rcv. David Sander – Bev Meredith

Those members with a ! or * or # , please correct your label.

Names written in *italics* depicts it is a *species*.

The plant commentary was conducted by Glenys MacRae and Grahame Leafberg.

Grahame Leafberg won the popular plant with *Aeranthes grandiflora*. Unfortunately he went home before we could get a photo!

from behind the shade house



Pauline and Trevor Weeks have just become grandparents for the first time. They have welcomed Joshua Caleb to their family.



President Lee has also welcomed grandbaby#3. Maddison is a little sister to Emma and Alex.



Lee took a ‘roll on’ insect repellent to Taranaki. Roy thought it was deodorant and has been ‘vermin free’ ever since!