

# WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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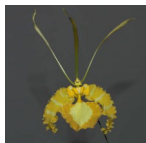
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**William & Man, Leroy Orchids, & Shirley tied for 1st place for the Popular Plant Vote this month!**

## CLUB PLANTS

At the March meeting we will have club plants for sale, so start saving and buy some of these gems next month. All plants will be \$5.00 each, they are well established-however this winter they would appreciate a bit of winter comfort, try to keep above 10 deg C, this may mean keeping them inside your house from May until September.

Den Hawaii Spectacular (Big Alex x *spectabile*) has unusual twisted red flowers. The club bought this flask from Roy Tokunaga, these will give us something new and exciting and are the plants that many of you helped deflask in May last year.

Ctt. Aussie Sunset 'Cosmic Fire' x Rchg Love Blush-basically grow as a cattleya, very interesting colours expected in orange to apricot tones probably with splash petals. June won this flask in a raffle at the Taranaki Summer Show last year, Fred Clarke was the hybridizer. June has donated most of the flask to the club, many thanks June, these plants will be fun to grow.

Epi Pacific Ember x *magnoliae*. We already had these for sale but a few more have reached saleable size.

Rth. CharmedLife-another of the cattleya family, yellow with deep maroon lip. This is the flask that our bus driver, Bruce, won in the raffle at Taranaki and donated to those on the bus trip.


Collect your memento on club night, there is no charge for these plants but they are only available to those who travelled with us.

Lee.

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Tuesday March 4th 7.30pm**  
**(7.00pm Early Forum for newer**  
**members).**  
**Lions Whitehouse**

Early Forum subject is 'Pests and Diseases'

Guest Speaker Georgina Jameson accompanied by her partner Peter Bartsch from Calgary, Canada, will be speaking on 'Growing Popular Orchid Varieties Indoors' and also growing Cypripediums.

Please bring a small plate for supper, which will be held during the meeting. 



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

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

### **FROM THE FEBRUARY MEETING**

**Apologies:** Chris Whitby, Ross Crabb.

**Sick:** Averil Baxter who has had a nasty bite from a white tail spider.

President Lee welcomed 41 members and visitors, Dale Harvey and Barbara Cawte.

**Notices:** Eden Gardens Extravaganza. Floral Art etc Feb 20th -23rd.

Club plants will be on sale at next month's meeting. These are from the flasks that June and the bus driver won when we went to New Plymouth last January.

Ribbon Show and BBQ lunch February 22nd. Pay Glenys and book your meal.

Gwen Wilkinson sent photos of her Gloriosa lily. She had won the bulbs in one of our raffles.

Robert asked advice on his catasetum. He was told to pot it on and give it lots of water and food.

We saw progress with the very sick phally which Melvin has been nursing back to health for some months. It is now in flower!

Bev showed us some pots which can be bought from Bark and Soils in Spedding Rd, off Trig Rd, at a very good price.



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

**Winners this month were**

**Glenys MacRae, Shirley Sidnam, Roy Neale and Mike Chamberlain.**

**Thanks to the club, Ken Morse, Dennis Chuah and Grahame Leafberg for donating raffle prizes.**

**Our raffle made \$70, which will help with club expenses.**



**Wolf, Ross and Pauline cutting up our Xmas dinner meat at the December meeting.**

### **GUEST SPEAKER - Dale Harvey**

Our guest speaker tonight was Dale Harvey, a well known gardening figure with a vast horticultural knowledge. His topic for the evening was 'Celestial Gardening'. His reasoning was very easy to follow and held us transfixed. Firstly he made us appreciate that there are visible forces around us affecting us all the time – gravity, other solar systems, radio waves etc, but the moon is one of our most important and yet we do not, on the whole, consider the force of the moon until we see the effect of the recent king tides due to the pull of the moon. Plants need the moon and the sun to make them grow and the cycle of the moon affects plants in many ways.

The new moon is the beginning of the cycle and is a time for preparation of the garden. Cut vegetation at this stage if you do not want re-growth. Plant seeds at the New Moon.

The Full Moon has an affect on water retention both for plants and for us. (If you are dieting don't weigh on a Full Moon as you could be substantially heavier), harvest fruit, take cuttings and transplant, repot your orchids as they will have less stress from drying out. From the day after the Full Moon for the next week is the best time to plant root crops, however, for carrots and parsnips sow seeds two days before the Full Moon to ensure long straight roots. Trampling wandering jew at the Full Moon really slows its growth as the damaged tissues lose water and take longer to re-establish.

Privet hedges and plants you want to slow the growth should be pruned the week prior to the New Moon.

I found Dale's talk very thought provoking and am going to observe some of the moon phases he has suggested and practice his schedule to see if I can get my garden and orchids even more in tune.

**Lee.**

**PLANTS ON DISPLAY**

(!) = Not a registered plant on OrchidWiz  
Spelling = \*      Name = #

**Aeranthes**

Aerth *grandiflora*  
- Grahame Leafberg

**Angraecum**

Angcm *magdalenae*  
- Burt and Evelyn Ong

**Brassocattleya**

Bct Little Mermaid 'Janet' AM/OCNZ  
- Leroy Orchids

**Cattleya**

C Moon Festival  
- Shirley Sidnam  
C Memoria Ken Martin# (= Mahalo Jack x Bright Angel)  
- Pauline Weeks  
C Janet x Tokyo Magic  
C Dendi's Song x Quinquecolor  
C Dendi's Emperor 'Leroy' AM/OCNZ  
C Mari's Magic x Dendi's Flarer  
C Memoria Robert Strait 'Island Delight'  
- Leroy Orchids  
C Mae Hawkins 'Melissa'  
- Barry Baxter

**Dendrobium**

Den *glomeratum* # (was *crepidiferum*)  
- Melvin Alexander  
Den Paradise Lorna x *glomeratum*  
Den Maiden's Blush  
- William and Man Lo  
Den White Grace 'Leroy' AM/OCNZ  
- Leroy Orchids

**Epidendrum**

Epi (Pacific Nest x Pacific Heat) x Pacific Glory  
Epi Pacific Seniorita x Pacific Sparkler  
- Leroy Orchids

**Encyclia**

E *plicata*  
- Ron Reeves

**Kefersteinia**

Kefst *tolimensis*  
- Ron Reeves

**Lycaste**

Lyc *Edinensis*  
- Bev Meredith

**Masdevallia**

Masd *coccinea* 'Small One'  
- Ken Morse

**Maxillaria**

Max *paranaensis*  
Max *acicularis*  
- Ron Reeves

**Miltonia**

Milt *Cogniauxiae*\*  
Milt Un-named  
- Bev Meredith

**Miltoniopsis**

Mps Robert Strauss  
- Shirley Sidnam

**Neofinetia**

Neof *falcata*  
- Grahame Leafberg

Neof *falcata*

- Shirley Sidnam

**Oncidium**

Onc Ruth's Rainbow # (= *sphactante x sotoanum*  
(prev *ornithorhyncum*))

- Grahame Leafberg

**Oncostele** (Previously Colmanara)

Ons Wildcat

Ons No Name

- Pauline Weeks

Ons Daydream 'Roy' HCC/OCNZ

- Leroy Orchids

**Ornithidium**

Otm *miniatum* # (was *Max sanguinolenta*)

- Ron Reeves

**Papiopedilum**

Paph *niveum*

- Ron Reeves

**Phalaenopsis**

Phal Chin Hua Fair 'Red Flash' AM/AOS

- William and Man Lo

Phal Un-named

- Bev Meredith

**Promenaea**

Prom *xanthine*

Prom *stapelioides*\* x 6

- Wolf Grausch

**Propetalum**

Pptm Kiwi Leopard\*

- William and Man Lo

**Psychopsis**

Pyp *papilio* 'Yellow Butterfly'

- Shirley Sidnam

**Rhyncholaeliocattleya**

C Katherine Clarkson x Rlc SunCoast 'Sunspots'

- Leroy Orchids

**Sobralia**

Sob Yellow Kiss

- Dennis Chuah

**Stanhopea**

Stan *tigrina*

- Ken Morse

**Warczewiczella**

W *discolour*

- Ron Reeves

What a great  
Variety, and names  
we have never heard  
of before!

*from behind the shadehouse....*

Roy has become a great grandfather.....  
Grahame has a new grandchild.....  
Mary has started to grow her hair after having chemo!