

AUCKLAND ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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Plant of the month for December, *Aeranthes arachnites*.
Displayed by Lottie and Rai Hogan

MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

I hope you all have had a lovely Xmas holiday break, the weather I will not even mention!

I have had some lovely orchids in flower over Xmas. I do enjoy having a mixed genera collection as I can always find a spike appearing when I least expect it. At present I have at least 10 different species in flower.

I am looking forward to our April auction meeting as this is where I may be able to add more genera to my collection. New members must not miss this meeting as we offer our special plants for auction so as to encourage you all to try something new. Cultural advice is also given so mark the calendar now - Tuesday April 5th.

Here's to you all – a very happy year of orchid growing and new friendships.

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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday February 1st 2005

Lions Whitehouse

Our guest speaker is none other than the indomitable Gary Cooke who will be talking on Bromeliads and their compatibility with orchids.

The trading table, produce table, plants on display and the library will all be operating.

Please bring a small plate for supper during the meeting.

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



Happy February birthday to.....
Sheila Peet, Honey Denyer, Francis Ng and Liliane Vadam.

Our Xmas progressive raffle made an incredible \$233.10
Thanks to all members who supported the club raffles throughout the year.
Without your generosity we would find it difficult to pay for our hall hire and other club expenses.

AUCKLAND ORCHID CLUB RIBBON
SHOW.

SATURDAY APRIL 9TH

FROM THE DECEMBER MEETING

President Glenys MacRae welcomed 56 members and friends to our Xmas meeting.

Apologies: Miriam and Assid Corban, Allan And Susan Tantau, Betty Major and Bev Holdsworth.

New member: Katrina Williams was welcomed to the club. Katrina grows cymbidiums and a few dendrobiums. (That will all change in a few months Katrina!).

Notices: Thanks go to Lorraine and Arthur Rakich for supplying the strawberries for the Xmas party. Congratulations went to Beryl Finlay for attaining accreditation from the Orchid Council and NZOS as an orchid judge.



CULTURE CORNER

Q. Dendrochilum tips are going a straw colour, what's happening?

A. It needs comfort in the winter, move it to a warmer place around April.

Q. Are there different kinds of scale?

A. Yes, lots of sorts! A good spray to use is *Lorsban* but you must spray in February and October to rid the scale. Be very careful handling the spray.

Q. A leaf was shown with chlorotic markings.

A. It could be virus or sometimes *magamp fertiliser* will cause it.

Q. Watering in summer?

A. Generally lots of water and air movement for all species. Humid weather can cause botritis so be aware of weather conditions and water accordingly.



Raffle results.....

The three Xmas hampers were won by Michele Strachan, Peter Elfleet Snr and June Sutton.

Plants on display lucky draw for the year.... Mary Jones

PS I am really enjoying my prize of a years subscription to the Weekend Gardener magazine. Thanks AOC.

Thanks to Kim and Warehouse Stationery for the printing of our Bulletin.

A big thank you to Kim for our wonderful December colour edition, unfortunately it is too expensive to have every month, but we did enjoy our Xmas treat!



from behind the shadehouse...

Pauline (Dennis' wife and non orchid grower) admired the pansies on the plants on display table! They are Miltoniopsis Pauline, (but they are known as pansy orchids).



Marie had to go home early from the Xmas meeting and retrieve a rubber from young daughter's nostril!

Heather Cooke had to go into hospital to have a stent inserted into the artery to her heart. She commented that it was her 21st Wedding Anniversary and the Dr informed her that it was the best present she could have received as it probably saved her life!



PLANTS ON DISPLAY

AERANTHES

Aer arachnitis #

- R & C Hogan

CYMBIDIUM

Cym Kuranda

- Grahame Leafberg

Cym *tigrinum*

- Peter C Elfleet

Cym Flaming Love

- Leroy Orchids

DENDROBIUM

Den Golden Blossom 'Yellow Heart' #

- R & C Hogan

MASDEVALLIA

Masd Marguerite 'Geyser Gold'

Masd *datura* x Angelite

Masd Tuakau Candy

Masd Sunset Jaguar

- Peter C Elfleet

MILTONIOPSIS

Milt Leo Holevin 'Midnight' x Mellisa Baker

'Independence Day'

Milt Imke Staat

- Mary Jones

Milt Croute HCC/OCNZ

Milt Arthur Cobble Dick # Reg 1997

- Peter C Elfleet

ONCIDIUM

Onc *leucochilum* #

- L & M Denyer

Cont.

PAPHIOPEDILUM

Paph Vintner's Treasure x *ciliolare*
Paph Holdenii (*callosum* x *maudiae*)
- Kim Robilliard

PERISTERCHILUS

Prchs Olive Grace
- Grahame Leafberg

PLECTOCHILUS

Sarco Melba x Plectorrhiza *tridentata* #
- Grahame Leafberg

PROMENAEA

Prom Samsu # (Reg Grahame Leafberg 1997)
- C & R Hogan

WILSONARA

Odcdm Solana x Oda Echanson 'Orange'
- Glenys MacRae

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

KEEP AN EYE OPEN.....

Ken Gwatkins, an orchid grower in Christchurch has recently had 2 trays containing approximately 30-40 cypripediums of about 3 years in growth size stolen from his green house.

These plants are all species (*kantukiense flavum* var *alba*, *reubense* and *reginae*).

If these are offered to you for sale please contact your club President.



Joy Intveld , Heather Cooke and Bev Meredith
at our 21st Birthday dinner.

**VALE
Ray Dix**

It is with regret that we announce the death of Ray Dix December 8th 2004.

Although Ray was not a financial member of our club he was a very staunch supporter.

Ray will leave an immense void in the orchid world as his orchiding activities were far reaching. He was a particular supporter of the CSA, NZOS and South Auckland clubs, an orchid judge and a staunch supporter of the judging systems.

Ray's passion was as a breeder, particularly of red cymbidiums which he advertised widely via his car number plate 'REDCYMS'.

Ray's journalistic skills were of world wide renown along with his unique sense of humour. Photography, guest speaking assignments and articles in various orchid journals all added to Ray's universal CV.

To measure our loss is impossible - we will miss you Ray.....

THANK YOU

The Auckland Orchid Club would like to thank Ross and Sue Crabb for donating a wonderful screen for using with our recently acquired computer and Power Point program.

The Philosophy of Housecleaning....

I don't Spring clean because I love all the seasons and don't want the others to get jealous!

I don't clean windows because I love birds and don't want one to fly into a clean one and get hurt!

I don't iron because I choose to believe them when they say 'Permanent Press'!

Thanks to Margaret Shaw .

