

WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

Happy New Year everyone, may you all have a wonderful stress free year and find lots of time to spend with your orchids.

Mine are at last in their new home and I am sure they were smiling the very first day they went in there. This will be an interesting year for me as I am now growing in a shade house with a plastic roof and no longer have a glass house so my plants will have to adapt to their new conditions. My plants have been in temporary conditions all through last winter and even though I did lose a few they held up fairly well. They will need lots of TLC to get them back in shape!

We have a great year planned for Waitakere Orchid Club. Our first Show is our very popular **Ribbon Show** which will be held on **Sunday February 15th**. Mark the calendar, especially new members as this show is designed for you. It's a great day where we, the members have fun judging our own show!

Our Xmas party was a great night and I am sure all who attended enjoyed the evening. We received apologies from: Ross and Sue Crabb.

We heard that Betty Ashby and Betty Vance were unwell and sent our best wishes.

Leroy Orchids won plants on display for November and December.



The grand prize for the year was won by one of our newer members, Kristen Henty. She had only entered 1 plant and was lucky to have her name drawn and now has a subscription to The Australian Orchid Review magazine for a year. Congratulations Kristen!



Our Hampers were won by: Ken Morse, Alan Tantau and Irene Levet. Well done!

The raffle made a wonderful \$228.20 to add to the coffers.

President Roy thanked members and friends from other societies for their support at the Auckland Flower Show.

Our first meeting of 2009 will be held on **Tuesday February 3rd**, at the Lions Whitehouse, starting at 7.30 pm. Plants on display, trading table and library will all be operating. Please bring a plate for supper.

A very kind person has donated her orchid collection to our club. All members attending the February meeting shall become the new owners of these plants. If you are not able to attend the meeting, arrange with a friend to pick up a plant for you. Plants include mini cats, cattleya's, vanda's and many others. They are all growing well and many of them have been imported from Australia.

April 7th is our Auction night so get those plants looking great, we don't sell inferior plants at this auction!

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PLANTS ON DISPLAY

BIFRENARIA

Bif *harrisoniae*

- Burt and Evelyn Ong

CATTLEYA

C *Milleri* x *aurantiaca* #

- Ken Morse

CYMBIDIUM

Cym Peewee

- Ron Reeves

DENDROBIUM

Den Amano

Den Pukekura

- Diana and Peter Elfleet

Den Gerald McCraith

- Leroy Orchids

DISA

Disa Foam (First flowering seedling)

- Dennis Chuah

ENCYCLIA

Enc *cochleata* var *gigantea*

- Dennis Chuah

LIPARIS

Lip *coelogyoides*

- Dennis Chuah

MASDEVALLIA

Masd Angel Blush

Masd Tasmanian Devil x

Southern Sun (2 plants)

Masd Angelita x Copper Marguerite

Masd Rein Wine x *triangularis*

(seedling)

Masd *veitchiana* x *odontocera*

- Diana and Peter Elfleet

Masd display

- Ken Morse

Masd Rubicon 'S'

Masd *coccinea* 'LRE'

- Dennis Chuah

Masd Falcata #

Masd *coccinea*

- Ron Reeves

ODONTIODA

Oda Cronulla

- Leroy Orchids

PAPHIOPEDALUM

Paph Onyx x *sukhakulii* 'Ann' AM/ANOS Reg 1976

Now known as Paph Cinder Cone #

- Burt and Evelyn Ong

SARCOCHILUS

Sarco Arcadia 'Pink Glow'

- Ken Morse

Sarco Melba

- Burt and Evelyn Ong



Happy February
Birthday....
Leng Dam

We were very sorry to hear that a long standing member of our club has lost a long battle with cancer. Sheila Peet died on January 26th 2009. Our thoughts are with her family.

Te Puke Show

Dates are different to those shown in the Year Book.

Te Puke Memorial Hall, Friday April 3rd and Saturday April 4th
10.30 a m to 4.00pm

RIBBON SHOW

Mark this date on your calendar straight away as it is not very far away! **Sunday February 15th, Hobsonville Hall.**

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.

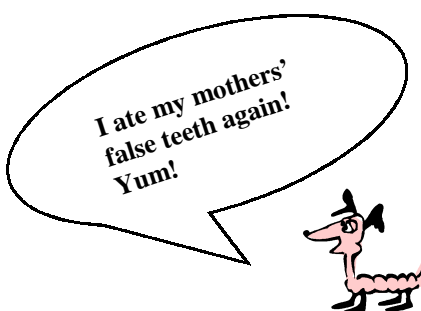
Please don't forget to bring every plant with a flower on it for the show!



from behind the shade house.....



Mike Mason was in such a hurry to get to our Xmas meeting he filled his car with petrol instead of diesel!



Heather, for goodness sake either feed the dog or keep the teeth in your mouth!