

AUCKLAND ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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Grand Champion 2003
Auckland Orchid Club Spring Show.
Won by Leroy Orchids

MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

From your Show Marshal

Hi, Its me again and it is also Show Time again! This is our 21st Birthday show, so let's make it a real beaut! Your Show Committee hope to make it a spectacular event - one that will be talked about for ages.

We need help to do this.

- 1. On Saturday 14th Aug we need a couple of willing bodies for erecting the show signs.**
- 2. Thursday 26th Aug - early morning at the hall (last year was absolutely fantastic!) - to set up the show.**
- 3. Once the show is set up - bring on the dancing girls! (ie your plants).**
- 4. Runners, recorders and writers during judging, Friday 27th, 8.00am to 12 pm.**
- 5. Most important of all - food.**
- 6. At all times while the show is open extra help will be needed.**

8. Greenery and 'filler flowers' for the Flower Power table and help making the posy bowls. You don't have to be a florist- we will show you what to do!

9. During show hours we would like help on the sausage sizzle .(This is a good job, you never get hungry!)

If you think you can help out in any of these departments let me or any of the show committee know. Any help is really appreciated, and we have loads of fun.

This is your show, make it a good one!

Bev Meredith
Show Marshal

While we are still talking 'Show Business'- we really need all of last year's trophy winners to return their cups to us as soon as possible. Your editor was remiss last month and forgot to remind you! Helen Brown is trophy custodian and her phone number is 834 3386

Happy August birthday to...

Audrey Pople, Joy Intveld, Helen Brown, Ray Le Sueur, Leigh Leaity, Russell Becroft and Liz Boerdyk.



Raffle Winners: Jean Treadwell, Bernadette Edmiston, And Jimmy Shaw.

Raffle donations: Bev Meredith and Margaret Stansfield. Thank you.

The raffle made \$57.00.

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday August 3rd
7.30pm
Lions Whitehouse

Our guest speaker will be Graham Andrews from Pacific Growers. He will tell us all we need to know about fungicides, pesticides, miticides and insecticides

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

Please bring a small plate for supper after the meeting.



FROM THE JULY MEETING

Past President Heather was standing in for our new President Glenys who was in Fiji enjoying a well earned rest.

Heather welcomed the small group of 34 members and friends who came out on not a very nice evening, weather – wise.

Apologies: Glenys MacRae, Honey Denyer, Don Hodge, Bruce Hughes and Joan Wood.

Sick: Lee Neale, Pauline Weeks, Patrick Stepanic, Beryl Finlay, Leigh and Mike Leaity, Heather Duxfield and Peter Elfleet Snr.

Notices: Heather thanked Dennis for setting up a web site for the club

Bev Holdsworth has made some wonderful flyers for our Spring Show.

We would appreciate any empty 10 ltr paint buckets to be used at the Spring Show.

Trophies were requested to be returned to the next meeting or sooner.

Auckland Orchid Club was to put on a display at the NZOS show.

Keith Goodwin has sent a new price list for Paphs and Ewan Perrott also had a list for pleiones.

Linda Alexander had a large box of export quality jars of face cream that had been donated to members via a contact of hers. (Please take note of the younger looking skin, each of us will be displaying at the next meeting!).

OCNZ has sent us raffle books to sell and Roy encouraged us each to take at least one book home to sell. The money is to be used to help run the 2005 show in Hamilton with our club getting 20% of our takings from selling the tickets to help get us as a club to the show.

The Year Books were handed out.

PLANTS ON DISPLAY

DOCKRILLIA

Docrillia Bronze Belle ‘Grahame’

- Grahame Leafberg

DINEMA

Dinema *polybulbon*

- Grahame Leafberg

CYMBIDIUM

Cym Flaming Love

- Leroy Orchids

Cym Frank Slattery

- Melvin Alexander

PAPHIOPEDILUM

Paph *insigne*

Paph *venustum*

Paph Debbie Robinson (*hainanensis x wardii*)

Paph Unknown complex hybrid (Kim calls it ‘Big Yellow Bugga’!).

- Kim Robilliard

PHALAENOPSIS

Phal New Eagle ‘Pinlons Cindarella’ (First flowering)

- Linda English . (I think this is the first plant Linda has displayed. Well done, keep them coming! ED)

Kim Robilliard did the plant commentary.

We found after the meeting that no one had voted for the plant of the month so those members that did bring their plants along are all voted winners!

SHOW DATES TO REMEMBER

South Auckland Orchid Society

Senior Citizens Hall, Papakura

August 21 –22 (set up Friday 20th)

Contact Dot Batey 266 8470

Auckland Orchid Club

21st Birthday Show

West Wave Centre (formerly Big Top)

August 27th –29th (set up Thursday 26th)

NZOS Mt Albert War Memorial Hall

September 10th –12th (set up Thursday 9th)

ANOS Eden Gardens

September 25th-26th (set up Friday 24th)

Howick Orchid Society

October 2nd

Sarcochilus Show Eden Gardens

November 7th (set up Saturday 6th)

GUEST SPEAKER

Wolf Grausch

We were very pleased to have Wolf as our guest speaker this month. It is always interesting to hear how our fellow members grow their favourite species.

Wolf also must have been very proud to have one of his lovely sarcochilus plants on the front cover of the Year Book. Something we all dream about!

We were taken through the history of many of the species crosses, arriving at the end of the journey with a beautiful specimen as shown on the Year Book. The breeding of sarcochilus is obviously a passion and his enthusiasm came through very strongly during his talk.

Wolf assured us that sarcs are very easy to grow. They are grown cool, but not cold, with lots of fresh air and new bark each year.

They should be fed all year around apart from what is generally the rest period, January to March. Potting is done during these months.

Feed with a potash rich fertiliser and more nitrogen during the growing season.

It was interesting to learn that some sarcochilus are lithophytes and others, epiphytes.

Wolf encouraged us to attend the Sarcochilus show at Eden Gardens in November. Details are on the previous page.

Thank you Wolf for the interesting and informative talk.

Dennis Chuah has been very busy setting up a web page for the Auckland Orchid Club on the internet.

For those of you who have computers and are on line, please check it out. It will be updated by Dennis each month.

The address is:

[Http://www.geocities.com/auckland_orchid](http://www.geocities.com/auckland_orchid)

The Auckland Orchid Club put on a display at the recent NZOS Winter Show. We got a third placing for the display and many of our members plants won trophies and prizes. Thanks to all the helpers putting up and dismantling the display. Also the members who gave us high quality plants to use in the display



from behind the shade house.....

Poor Lottie is at home nursing the orchids while Rai is in Canada for three months. I hope it is warmer in Canada then it is here at the moment!



The Cooke household is a maternity wing at the moment. Latest count was 8 poodle puppies. I did hear that the mummy dogs sneak in to cuddle up at night in bed between Gary and Heather - puppies included!



Pam and Bruce Hughes have been struggling to keep our late John's orchids going. They have asked advice and followed it all carefully. Imagine how they felt when one of those carefully nurtured plants won not one, but two trophies at the NZOS Winter Show.

Well done Pam and Bruce! Keep up the good work!

Our President is back from sunny Fiji and will be at the next meeting all nicely tanned!



THANKS TO.....

The girls in the kitchen who did a great job preparing and serving our Pot Luck Dinner last month. They worked hard all evening so that the rest of us could enjoy a wonderful meal.

Thanks also to the members and friends who brought along the yummy food.

The evening was a very relaxed one and I can assure you that all of us that attended had a wonderful night out.

Don't forget to support our Spring Show.

The Show Committee have worked very hard all year to bring this show together. Your support is the reward for all their hard work.