

AUCKLAND ORCHID CLUB

BULLETIN

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Cynoches warszewiczii was 1st equal as plant of the month, grown by Mary Jones.



Laelia anceps was also 1st equal as plant of the month, grown by Irene Levett.

MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

At this same time every year I have to do what I call my 'pleading message'.

It's show time again and we need help!

Every year the same old (and I have to emphasize 'old', as every year we are feeling our age,) people turn up to help assemble the show and then carry on to work solidly for 4 long days to make sure it is as wonderful a show as we have had previously. We get tired, simply because we have not enough helpers. Set up day is Thursday 4th Aug from 8.00am.

If you have never helped in the past, please spare a few hours to give us a helping hand. Last year we had only 3 runners, I was one of them and I can tell you now that it was hard work with such a small number of volunteers. We need at least 8 runners, no experience necessary - Friday 5th August 7.30am.

Not all the jobs are strenuous. Help is needed in the kitchen, at the door taking money, floor walkers, flower power table (again no experience needed), BBQ, cooking sausages and generally to be there

when a job needs to be done. Phone Bev or any Show Committee or Executive member and put your name forward.

Flower Power needs orchid flowers, filler flowers and greenery. The kitchen needs food (ie) scones, sausage rolls, muffins etc.

It is a load of fun and someone has got to keep an eye on that phantom plastic orchid exhibitor to make sure that they are not 'at it again'!

Don't forget we have our photography section again. Photos must be taken by you and not copied from another source.

The trading table will be needing plants, last year we almost ran out! It is a great opportunity to sell off those excess plants and purchase a few new ones.

The show committee have worked very hard to get this show up and running, so please do your bit and support it. Bring along your 'rellies' and friends, I am sure that they will enjoy our wonderful orchids.

See you there. ED.

FROM THE JULY MEETING

President Glenys welcomed the 33 members who braved the wet, cold night to be at the meeting.

The Lions were playing at Eden Park the same night and we noticed a few rugby fans were missing from our gathering!

Apologies: Beryl Finlay, Leigh and Mike Leaity, Heather Duxfield, Bernadette Edmiston, Honey Denyer, Ken Morse, Grahame Leafberg, Lottie and Rai Hogan, Linda Alexander and Betty Major.

Notices: Keith Goodwin has a new list of Paphs. Bev asked members to distribute flyers for our show. Help needed at the Spring Show. **Workers** on Thursday, set up day to advise Bev if they were to be still there at dinner time.

Trophies are needed back urgently.

Those members booked on the Hamilton bus trip must pay tonight or at least give Gary positive confirmation that they are going.

Help was needed for putting on a display at NZOS winter show.



CULTURE QUESTIONS Roy Neale

Q. One of the leaves on my small Phally plant is going black and dying back, what do I do?

A. Could be caused by a drop in temperature. If the black piece is hard, don't worry too much about it. If it is black and wet, remove it.

Cinnamon.

Cinnamon was suggested for application to puncture wounds or cuts on plants as it is a natural antibiotic and fungicide. A very handy tip as we all have some in our pantry

Note: Dennis has set up a web site for those wanting information on our Spring Show. Please go to:
<http://springshow.notlong.com>

**DON'T FORGET TO SUPPORT
OUR SPRING SHOW!**

THANKS TO KIM AND WAREHOUSE STATIONERY FOR THE PRINTING OF OUR NEWSLETTER AND FOR DONATING RAFFLE BOOKS ETC FOR OUR SHOW.

SHOW DATES TO REMEMBER

Auckland Orchid Club	August 5-7
Spring Show	
Set up day Thursday 4th	
West Wave Centre – Henderson	
South Auckland	August 13th only
Community Hall East St, Papakura	
NZOS Spring Show	September 9-11
Mt Albert War Memorial Hall	
ANOS	Sept 17
Eden gardens	
Orchids 2005 Expo	Sept 1- 4
Waikato Events Centre Hamilton	
Hibiscus Coast	August 19-20
Whangaparaoa Library	
Taranaki	October 7-9
Howick Orchid Society	October 1
Fencible Rooms	
Sarc Show	November 6
Eden Gardens	

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday August 2nd 7.30pm

Lions Whitehouse

We will be utilizing our IT equipment and showing a DVD of the Dijon show, kindly lent to the club by Kim Young, following which Gary Cooke will provide the personal approach with a collection of his many photos taken on the trip with his new digital camera! (Heather will of course assist!)

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

Please bring a small plate for supper during the meeting.

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



Happy August birthday to.....

Joy Intveld, Audrey Pople, Helen Brown, Ken Morse, Ray Le Sueur and Leigh Leaity



Raffle results.....

Our guest speakers Bob and Shirley Wallace kindly donated raffle prizes.

Winners were Pam Hughes and Irene Levett.

The raffle made \$ 44.00 for the club. Our raffle is an important fund raiser for our club. Make sure you get a ticket or three at our meetings!



Merci Beaucoup!
18th World Orchid Conference

(Peter C Elfleet's Experiences)

Bonjour everyone,
John always gives you the standard tour talk at Auckland Airport. In a nut shell. 'Things will go wrong and it's character building!'
Our President gave you a great travel log of our tour around France and Switzerland. So I am going to play the 'Impressionist' and you are going to have to stand back and join the dots with your eyes like a Monet painting!
On arrival in France I saw snow for the first time close up since the winter of 1963. And ice! Not the sort that you find in your whisky on the rocks, but the type you slip on if you are not careful. Yes, in places it was bitterly cold, but there were compensations for this as there were less fellow tourists sightseeing.
Anyone who has traveled with me can pick me out of the crowd for the simple reason that I am armed with two cameras and anything that looks like a good picture is 'fair game'.
In France this was a hardship for me as there was so much to take in. Paintings, ceilings, statues, buildings, churches, power stations, forests, grape vines and rivers and mountains with lots of snow.
Things that are a 'must see' in Paris are the Louvre, Versailles, Museum D'Orsay and Moulin Rouge - just to name a few.
In every country I have ever visited I look for a river, and to me the Rhone was very impressive. We saw the source at Lake Geneva. The Rhone is deep and flows fast and it's green water swirls with turbulence and it looks clean too! The mouth of the Rhone is in Marseilles but unfortunately we did not get to see it.
Being a person who works in the Electrical Industry, I was pleased to see in Lyon the statue of Andre Ampere, famous for the unit of electrical current and yes, we did see a couple of the 'N' word power stations on our travels as well as a windmill generator.

Food and Wine
Wine was consumed with lunch and dinner, and lunch was never hurried and could take a couple of hours.
Dinner was usually quartre (katr) which means

for four .Michelle Mark, Glenys and myself. 'Must tries' Beef Bourguignon, Roast Duck and Onion soup! Excellent food was found at Brasserie Georges in Lyon with excellent service, seating around 300. It was very popular and had a great atmosphere. We were lucky arriving at 7.00pm as by the time we left the place was full.

Breakfast was usually a collection of bread rolls. Most of us got into the habit of 'borrowing' the odd roll. This was particularly useful before lunch and dinner excursions as you could crumb them and drop the crumbs along the passage ways to find your way back to your rooms after a meal!!!! **Warning!** Watch out for the local drinks Pastis, Kir & Cassis. The wines tend to make you lose focus and as for the snails - well, you squash those!

The orchids were good, but not much different from the genera that we grow here in New Zealand. There were some stunning Phrag hybrids in one of the displays. A calanthe *sieboldii* was the Grand Champion of the WOC show. I won't mention the plant prices other than to say that by NZ standards they were high! This is not taking the currency exchange rate into account either.

Leaving Dijon early by TGV train was great! This train travels faster than an airliner taking off with electric drives to boot! The trip could be described as quick, quiet and very smooth.

Classic tour disasters: Herb gardens in Marseilles - herbs mostly asleep for the winter!
The luggage uphill dash and haul at Aix de Providence - self portage 50 metres! The bus could not get down the narrow street to the hotel

Tour highlights: Seeing the mountains surrounding the city of Grenoble fade into darkness' to be replaced by the City lights while at dinner. Snow in Monaco - a very rare event.

A surprise trip to Cannes for lunch.
You also made lots of friends on the tour and when things go wrong, you help each other out-it's not so bad then.

All in all 30 rolls of film later, or in some cases several silicon le frites later, (that's digital camera food), we had an excellent tour. Thanks John! I went away an orchid grower and I came back as a 'would be artist'. I have reformed now that I am home. I don't have wine with every meal. Oh, where is that bottle of Beaujolais?

PLANTS ON DISPLAY

COCHLEANTHES

Cochleanthes discolor #

Pauline Weeks

CYCNOCHES

Cyc warszewiczii

- Mary Jones

CYMBIDIUM

Cym Unknown

- Patrick Stepancic

DENDROBIUM

Den *schneiderae* var Major

- Pauline Weeks

LAELIA

L anceps

- Glenys MacRae

L anceps

- Irene Levet

MAXILLARIA

Max *grandiflora* #

- Bev Meredith

ONCIDIUM

Onc Twinkle 'Fragrance Fantasy'

- Leroy Orchids

PAPHIOPEDILUM

Paph Peter Pernar x Maynimi

Paph Silver Fleurt x Almaud (now registered as ...

Paph Bill Pamill

- Mary Jones

ZYGOPETALUM

Z mackayi

- Leroy Orchids

Those members with a # beside their plant name, please correct your label. Plant names written in *italics* depicts it is a *species*.

The plant commentary was conducted by Glenys MacRae and Diana Elfleet.

Plants on Display for June was won by Jean Treadwell

Support your Show!

**Friday August 5th from
1.00pm
And all day Saturday 6th
and Sunday 7 th.**

GUEST SPEAKER FOR JULY

Bob Wallace accompanied by his wife Shirley traveled down from Kerikeri to fill our guest speaker slot at the July meeting.

Bob has been growing orchids for nearly 50 years and has been an orchid club member for around 40 years.

Bob entertained us with some of his orchiding stories and provided us with many titbits of orchid growing information.

His story about nematodes reinforced to us all the need to keep our plants off the ground to prevent infestation. He brought samples of damage caused by nematodes which were of great interest to those of us that had never heard of nematodes but were aware of the damage marks demonstrated.

Thanks Bob for your information and entertainment and thanks must go also to Shirley for your donation of dried posies for the raffle prize and to sell at our show for club funds.

VISITS TO GROWERS OUT WEST.....

On Sunday August 14th, 1.30pm to 3.30pm, 3 growers have invited NZOS and AOC members to visit their greenhouses and view their growing conditions.

Beryl and Ron Calder, Cedar Lodge, Old Railway Rd Kumeu

Leigh and Mike Leaity, 5 Rosella Grove, Wai-mauku

Lee and Roy Neale, 174 Brigham Creek Rd, Hobsonville.

Call at your leisure during these hours, stop for a cuppa and a chat if you wish and make it an enjoyable afternoon outing.

You may even find a new plant to add to your



From behind the shade house.....



Kim and Ken Young have become grandparents for the first time. Their son and his wife have produced Liam Stewart Young, who arrived on May 2nd, which also happened to be the same day as his new Uncle's Graduation day! I can see quite a few trips to Melbourne for Kim and Ken in the future!



Our other Kim skipped off to Rarotonga last month, just in time to miss all our lousy weather we all suffered here that particular week!