

AUCKLAND ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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**July Popular
plant**

**Dendrobium
Hilda Poxon**

**Exhibited by
Dennis Chuah**

MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

As I sit here writing the editorial it is raining and cold and miserable and I am wondering how my orchids are feeling.

With our show only a matter of weeks away this sort of weather is not really very welcome. It is a crucial time when watering and I think the best rule is if in doubt don't water as so much damage can be done by watering in adverse conditions. Water sitting on leaves or in the axils can totally ruin your plant and the damp could cause botritis and encourage mould as well. We need your plants and flowers for the show so please be aware of the weather conditions. Leaks in the glasshouse roofing can cause damage, especially if a favourite plant is directly below the leak. Fix the leak or move the plant.

Frost is another problem to overcome. Use frost cloth and keep the fans and heaters going especially if you know that there will be a frost.

Check for bugs and stake spikes ready for the show
ED

NEXT MEETING

*Tuesday August 1st 2006
Lions Whitehouse
7.30pm*

At the time of printing the newsletter we are unsure of who our guest speaker will be.

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

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

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



Happy August Birthday to

Joy Intvelt, Audrey Pople, Helen Brown, Ken Morse, Ray LeSueur, Leigh Leaity and Bert Ong.



Raffle Results...

Winners for July were Ron Reeves, Wolf Grausch, Jim Shaw and Peter Elfleet. Thanks to Wolf and Faith for raffle donations. The raffle added another \$40.50 to club funds

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Please remember to bring your Spring Show Trophies that you won last year to the August meeting.

If you are unable to attend the meeting and still have a trophy, please phone either Bev at 412 2991 or Glenys at 835 1216

FROM THE JULY METING

Vice President Diana welcomed 38 members and friends to our meeting. We were pleased to welcome John and Elly who were visiting from Australia. They found our meeting details on our website. Diana also welcomed Betty Ashby who has now joined our club. We hope you enjoy being with us Betty. Allan Levet was also visiting. Allan is our club auditor and spoke to us on our 'books' explaining the finer details on how we were managing our club uinds. Allan does our auditing free of charge for which we are very grateful.

Apologies: Glenys MacRae, Lottie and Rai Hogan, Helen Brown, Betty Major, Grahame Leafberg, Mike and Leigh Leaity, Gary Cooke, Mavis Doyle, June Hogg and Jean Treadwell.

Sick: Pam and Bruce Hughes.

Notices: There is still some slug bait available on the trading table.

Help was asked for, and plants were needed for the NZOS display at their Winter Show.

Trophies must be back next month.

Mary read out two very humorous and interesting emails from Kim in Australia. We hope to have more from Kim next month.



CULTURE QUESTIONS

Only water plants when the temperatures are up, keep plants dry if there is going to be a frost and if in doubt about weather conditions-don't water at all!

- Q.** Why are my cymbidium spikes not opening?
A. It is too cold and there is not enough sunshine.

A message from Glenys.....

To everyone at the Auckland Orchid Club.

Thank you for your kind words and support at my mother's recent death.

Your cards were much appreciated and it was wonderful that many of you could attend the service.



**I know they aren't orchids.....
These adorable babies were delivered by Heather Cooke with Chief Medical Officer Gary giving instructions from his bed!
(I want to know who boiled the water? ED)**

AUCKLAND ORCHID CLUB AGM 2006

Results are as follows:

President: Glenys MacRae
Vice President: Diana Elfleet
Secretary: Pauline Weeks
Treasurer: Lee Neale

Publications Mary Jones
Committee: Lee and Roy Neale

Library: Irene Levet
Programme : Vacant
Membership: Jim Shaw

Trading Table: Ken Morse and Bert Ong

Social: Joy Intvelt
Committee: June Sutton, Linda Alexander and Margaret Shaw (Raffles)

Executive Committee: Peter C Elfleet, Heather Cooke, Roy Neale, Bev Meredith and Dennis Chuah.

General Business:
Dennis thanked Roy for his hard work as Programme Officer over the last three years.

It is hereby noted that the positions of Programme Officer and another Vice President are unfilled. If you think you would like to help out please contact Glenys.

PLANTS ON DISPLAY

CALANTHE

Cal vestita

-Ron Reeves

CYMBIDIUM

Cym Valley Legend x Tracey Reddaway

- Leroy Orchids

Cym Elegant Suzie 'Miriam'

- Melvin Alexander

DENDROBIUM

Den Paradise Lorna

- Ron Reeves

Den Hilda Poxon

Den Kuniko

- Dennis Chuah

PAPHIOPEDELUM

Paph villosum

- Ron Reeves

RODRIGUEZIA

Rdza secunda

- Mary Jones

There were very few plants on display this month, but what we did see were of a very high quality. Thanks to those who made the effort to bring their plants in.

SPRING SHOW UPDATE

HELP!

By the time you get the newsletter the Spring Show will be only a matter of a couple of weeks away. Help is needed from each one of you. I am sure that you wish to support your show and spare a few hours over the weekend to become part of a team and assist in either the kitchen, on the door, helping on the BBQ, Flower Power table, Trading Table, set up of the show, baking for morning and afternoon teas, runners for Friday morning, selling raffle tickets, being a 'floor walker' during the time the show is open to the public for advice etc and also dismantling the show at the end of the weekend.

As you can see there are a lot of things to be done and we do need more than just the 'handful' of members that show up year after year. These wonderful people work very hard and some even take time off work to help their club. It would be nice to think that others will also volunteer.

Give it a go! I am sure you will be surprised at how much you will enjoy yourselves.

Phone any committee member and offer your services.



Report on NZOS show Lee Neale



The AOC members did themselves proud recently at the NZOS show. Members rallied around to set up the display (seen above) and it was great to see the team effort involved. Those who worked there in on-going shifts will know how helpful your part was and along with those who exhibited and supplied props for the theme – well done, we won 2nd prize for the display.

Part of that was due to the individual prizes that were collected. Two first prizes, three second prizes and five third prizes made our prize tally look good, and it was amazing that every member who exhibited plants for judging, won at least one prize!

Congratulations must go to Mary Jones for winning a trophy for 'The Most Outstanding Paphiopedilum' - the trophy is in the form of a lovely wall picture which Mary will be proud to display for a year. A further team effort saw the display dismantled on Sunday with minimum effort.

There was further cause for celebration within the club with Leroy Orchids taking out the prize for 'Grand Champion of the Show' and two further trophies.

Overall the show was visually very attractive and a credit to all participants, flowering this season is very late and therefore there was not the selection of plants available for entry. This show marks the beginning of the orchid show season so we should have a lot more to enjoy in the next couple of months.

We need greenery and 'filler flowers' for the Flower Power table at the Spring Show - phone Mary if you can help out.

SHOW DATES TO REMEMBER

CSA August 5th
All enquiries to Chris Hubbert
Ph 300 6933 if you need to register

South Auckland Orchid Soc August 18th
Papakura Senior Citizens Hall , East Street

Auckland Orchid Club
August 24th set up
Open to the public Friday 25th
1.00pm to 4pm
Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th
9.00am to 4pm

ANOS Spring Show September 15th –16th
Massey Leisure Centre, Don Bucks Rd, Massey

NZOS Spring Show September 15th –17th
Mt Albert War Memorial Hall, Set up 14th

Hibiscus Coast September 29th-30th
Orewa Community Hall

Whangarei O/S September 29th –30th
Forum North, Whangarei

Howick O/S September 30th
Fencible Lounge 10am-4.00pm

Sth Auckland O/S Hospice Charity Show.
Auckland Regional Botanical Gardens
October 14th

ANOS Sarcophilus Show November 4th
Massey Leisure Centre, Don Bucks Rd, Massey

JOY WRAY **President of the Orchid Council of New Zealand**

Joy would like any member of our club to contact her if they would like to know more about the Orchid Council or any other matter concerning the orchid world. She would like to get to know as many of you as possible through email (see opposite page for address), or by 'snail mail', 7 Ash Place, New Plymouth.

Joy is a very dedicated lady and works very hard for us so please accept her gracious offer and drop a line, telling her a bit about yourself and your orchids.



From behind the shade house....

Roy has left the country to attend the orchid show at Port MacQuarie in Australia. Gary was feeling left out so at the last minute he decided to go as well.



Not only is Pauline our busy secretary, she has also been making a ball gown for her daughter's school ball, the result being a delighted daughter and a very relieved mother with a few extra grey hairs!

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