

AUCKLAND ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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Bert and Evelyn Ong won plant of the month with their Paph *insigne*. Would you believe that this plant grows outside? Well done !

MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

Last month we had to have our meeting at a different venue and on a different night. This can cause a lot of problems as halls are very hard to get at short notice. Thanks to Melvin and Linda, they kindly arranged to share their church facilities with us and made us all feel very welcome indeed. Their son Nathan and friend operated the computer and sound equipment.

We had a great evening with David Banks and his family and I am sure that all who attended enjoyed it as much as I did. David's slides were magnificent and his easy-going manner made it a very relaxed meeting. The second part of his talk with unusual plants was a bonus, as we learnt a great deal about plants that are sometimes very hard to come across - let alone own.

Lee presented gifts from the Auckland Orchid Club to David and his family after his talk.

Thank you members and friends for attending the meeting on a different night this month, we appreciate your support on such an occasion. ED



Ross Crabb also won plant of the month with Cym Magic Thumb 'Waikanae Jade'.

For the first time ever we had a 3 - way tie for plants on display. Wolf and Faith were also winners with Sarco Velvet. Sorry, we don't have a photo of your winner Wolf and Faith! We did however, have a photo of Wolf in the April newsletter if that is any consolation!

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 7th August 7.30pm

Lions Whitehouse

Our guest speaker is Glen Poffley who will be speaking on his Chiangmai Trip.

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

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

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



FROM THE JULY MEETING

Our new President Roy Neale, battling a very heavy cold, conducted our July meeting. Roy welcomed our members and visitors from other clubs who had braved a very cold evening to attend our meeting.

Apologies: Pam and Bruce Hughes, Honey Denyer, Betty Major, Jean Treadwell.

Roy Introduced our guest Speaker David Banks from Australia.

REMINDER



Auckland Orchid Club Spring Show trophies must be returned at the August meeting or as soon as possible. We need them for the Spring Show and we would like them sparkling

clean!

Please phone Glenys at (09) 835 1216



Happy August Birthday to.....

Joy Intveld, Audrey Pople, Ken Morse, Roy Le Sueur, Leigh Leaity

RAFFLE BOOKS

So far, I have had a very limited response to my request to help sell raffle books at a stall type venue.

Next meeting night I would like you all to consider taking a book each and hopefully selling tickets to family, work colleagues and friends outside the orchid club.

Tickets are \$1.00 each and the prizes we can all use, so they should be easy to sell.

Remember the club makes 20% on all tickets sold, so it is a way of keeping club funds buoyant. The remaining 80% is our means of supporting the OCNZ and in particular the next International Show in 2010 in Palmerston North.

PLEASE COLLECT YOUR BOOK OF 10 TICKETS ON TUESDAY 7TH AUGUST.

Lee Neale

YEARBOOK

This year's yearbook will be available for collection on our meeting night to those of you who have nominated the AOC as your 'Parent Club'. Capitation fees are paid on your behalf to the OCNZ which entitles you to this book. If you are unable to attend our club night could you please arrange someone to collect your book or phone Roy to arrange delivery. Ph (09) 416 6737

LEROY ORCHIDS ARE HAVING A SALE OF ORCHID PLANTS ON SATURDAY JULY 28TH AND SUNDAY JULY 29TH FROM 8.00 AM TO 4.00 PM, 174 BRIGHAM CREEK RD, HOBSONVILLE.

CONGRATULATIONS

DENNIS CHUAH

We are very proud and pleased to be able to report that at the recent AGM of the Orchid Council of NZ, our Vice President, Dennis Chuah was elected to an executive position on the Orchid Council.

Dennis has been an enthusiastic and hard working member of our club and we are sure he has a lot to offer this national establishment.

As the AOC was the only club to nominate Dennis we feel this is a great achievement for us all

AOC SPRING SHOW

As you should all be aware by now, arrangements are well underway to hold our annual show at a new venue.

The Kelston Community Centre is a large, well - lit complex which we feel will be ideal for exhibiting our prize blooms and for accommodating a good selection of vendors.

It is exciting to be able to try something new and our show theme depicts this - 'Something Different'. Why don't **YOU** try something different, and enter in the new class 73, Individual Display- 'Table Top', it can be a small coffee table or a larger table if you desire, you don't need many plants for this type of display, and you can borrow, and use, plants from friends if you wish for your display.

Each year at this time I have to ask for volunteers to help with the show set-up, runners for the Friday morning judging, baking, helping in the kitchen, on the door, on Flower Power table, trading table, manning the eftpos machine, the BBQ and numerous other jobs. A small number help each year and we cannot be spread around all of these jobs, so let's see some new faces this year – give those other tireless workers a helping hand!

Thursday August 23rd –set up, Friday 24th, Saturday 25th, Sunday 26th.

PLANTS ON DISPLAY

CALANTHE

Cal Pink Glory (first flowering seedling re-make)
- Peter C Elfleet

CYMBIDIUM

Cym Cherry Cola
- Ken Morse
Cym Magic Thumb 'Waikanae Jade'
Cym Mini Dream
- Ross Crabb
Cym Alota Love 'White Rabbitt'
- Jim Shaw
Cym Eastern Venus
- Grahame Leafberg

Cym Dolores Hoyt x Tom Thumb
- Leroy Orchids

DENDROBIUM

Den Jonathan's Glory x Zip
Den Tweed (2nd flowering this season)
- Ken Morse
Den *amphigenyum* (first flowering)
Den *obtusipetalum* x *guerreroi* (4 first flowering
seedlings– own cross)

Den *cuthbertsonii*

- Diana and Peter Elfleet

Den *tetragonum*

Den Golden Fleck x *teretifolium*

- Grahame Leafberg

Den Vivid x Bellinger River

Den Rutherford Sunspot x Aussie Quest

Den Ellewong x Den Vivid (2 Plants)

- Wolf and Faith Grausch

Den Kuniko (has nectar)

- Dennis Chuah

LIPARIS

Lip *reflexa* (magnifying glass needed here!)

- Dennis Chuah

LAELIOCATTLEYA

Lc Mem Frank Gronwall

- Wolf and Faith Grausch

MASDEVALLIA

Masd Tasmanian Devil x Southern Sun

- Ross Crabb

Masd *coccinea* 'Ruth'

- Leroy Orchids

PAPHIOPEDILUM

Paph Joanne VanBergen #

- Linda Alexander

Paph *insigne*

- Burt and Evelyn Ong

SARCOCHILUS

Sarco Velvet

- Wolf and Faith Grausch

SOPHRONITIS

Soph Orbitor#

Soph *cernua*

- Grahame Leafberg

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

Plants on display last month was won by Melvin Alexander.



from behind the shade house.....



Word gets around! Bert and Evelyn Ong were invited to take their magnificent Paph *insigne* to the Hamilton Orchid Society Show – where they won Grand Champion!

Joan McClintock sends her regards from Ahi-para Northland. Joan was a member of AOC for many years and is hoping to return to Auckland in the near future.



We all know that sometimes we must be patient and wait for our orchids to flower for the first time. I waited 10 years to flower a cattleya and thought that I was clever – but Brian Main wins 'hands down' - it took him **20 years** to flower this Phal *gigantea* (yellow form)! Wow! Brian, How many more of these seedlings need to flower ? You are indeed a patient man!!!!



A number of AOC members traveled to Wanganui to the show. This picture was taken by Dennis. Looks as if he climbed a mountain to get the perfect shot! He does these things now and again! I heard he had scaled some mighty big rocky islands in New Plymouth while attending their Summer Show!