

WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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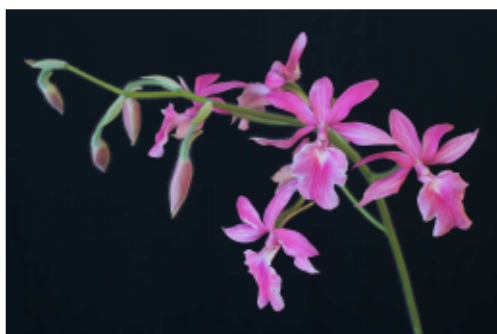
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Popular plant this month was won by Dennis Chuah with Calanthe Veitchii

MESSAGE FROM THE SHOW MARSHAL

By the time you read this it will be only three weeks to the Spring Show.

Thank you to those who have already put their names forward to help. If you can't remember what days and times you've offered help please check with me on club night. We still need more helpers. I will be taking names again at the club meeting.

We will need donations of baking for the kitchen and greenery for Flower Power please.

Don't forget the working bee! There will be a working bee at Roy & Lee's on **Saturday 11th August at 9.00am** to update and put up signs. We'll need some men for this, so please let us know if you can help, we would like two teams working on this.

Flyers will be available on club night for you to distribute, we have both large and small flyers.

Entry to the show is free to exhibitors, so come along and support your show.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday

August 7th, 7.30pm, Lions Whitehouse

Keith Smart from Waikato Orchid Society will speak to us on his 30 years of orchid growing.

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

Plants on display, trading table and library will be operating this month.

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

Proposed Bus Trip to Taranaki Summer Show January 11th -13th 2013

The Social committee is in the planning stage at present.

This is what we have so far:

The bus will leave at 9.00am on Friday 11th and depart New Plymouth Sunday 13th at 12.30pm.

An **approx** cost per financial member is \$200. Fred Clarke will be speaking at the show.

Hurry and get your names down!

HELP!

Joy will be needing help in the kitchen to make supper on club night while June is away getting over heart surgery.

Please lend a hand.

FROM THE JULY MEETING

Past President Dennis welcomed 33 members and 2 visitors to our meeting.

Apologies: Lee and Roy Neale, Don Hodge, June Sutton, Faith Grausch, Reg Watson and Ray Hogan.

Notices: Year Books are available. Those Waitakere Orchid Club members who had not already taken their copy were asked to do so.

Show help.

Glenys is still looking for helpers for our Spring Show.

Trophies must be returned (**sparkling clean**), by the next meeting.!

Scott Barrie will be at the North Shore Orchid Society meeting on the last Sunday of October, at 1.30pm. He will be talking on sarcochilus and will have flasks available for sale. All flasks must be pre ordered. If interested please contact Dennis.

We have been given a copy of Orchidwiz Express. This computer program is suitable for a hobbyist grower and will be auctioned with the proceeds going to our club. Interested parties should contact either Dennis or Lee.

Dennis asked if any of our newer members would be interested in a beginners class which would be held half an hour before our General meeting. There was a definite interest when asked for a show of hands.

Members were also asked if they would like a change of format for our Xmas meeting. All members present, excepting one, was in agreement.

The raffle would also be changing to perhaps 5 hampers and orchid plant prizes or something similar.

The executive will be working on members preferences and will report back when a

OCNZ Raffle

Ticket books for the Orchid Council raffle will be available at the meeting this month. We would like to sell as many tickets as possible, so please make sure you take some books to sell. The club makes 50% commission on all tickets sold.

Happy August birthday to..

Joy Intveld, Ken Morse, Leigh Leaity, Bert Ong, Chris Whitby, William Lo and Robert Wickham.

In case you thought I forgot birthday's last month - we have no members with a birthday in July! (so

Raffle winners this month were...

Mary Jones, Jim Shaw, Bryan Sharpe, Michael Sue, Bev Meredith and Barry Wilkinson.

Prizes were donated by the club, June Sutton, Ken Morse, Jill Mickleburgh and Dennis Chuah. Thank you.

All proceeds go towards club running

GUEST SPEAKER - Graeme Hill

Graeme and Nola started their early lives in Dunedin and Christchurch before moving to New Plymouth as Motel Managers.

During some time off from Motel duties Graeme wandered into the Taranaki Spring Show and from there got interested in orchids. Here he met George Fuller who had obtained disa seed from South Africa and the pair later became involved in propagating disa.

Graeme and Nola bought their own land and grew cymbidiums, vegetables and eventually concentrated on growing disa. They began hybridising and exporting flowers to Europe, Japan and USA. At the height of production they had 30,000 plants.

They flooded the beds for 5 minutes then drained the beds, using mains water as tank water tended to become contaminated with pollen from the pine plantations. Plants were grown in South Island sphagnum moss which was changed each year.

Graeme was President of the Taranaki Orchid Society from 1996-1999. Both Graeme and Nola are very active

PLANTS ON DISPLAY

BULBOPHYLLUM

Bulb Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry' #

- Barry Baxter

Bulb *nitidum*

- Dennis Chuah

CALANTHE

Cal Veitchii

- Dennis Chuah

CYMBIDIUM

Cym *goeringii* 'Da Fu Gui' x Pure Sarah

- Philip and Gangli Zhou

(Note the *goeringii* parent is green and Pure Sarah parent is white).

Cym *mastersii* x Mem. Merv Dunn

- Philip and Gangli Zhou

DENDROBIUM

Den Cassiope

- Glenys MacRae

Den Lori's Star

- Dennis Chuah

EPIDENDRUM

Epi *cilliare*

- Melvin Alexander

FREDCLARKARA

Fdk After Dark

- Barry Baxter

MASDEVALLIA

Masd Copper Angel 'Big N Bold'

- Ken Morse

MILTONIOPSIS

Mps Unknown

- Barry Baxter

ONCIDIUM

Onc *ornithorhynchum* 'Dave'

- Ken Morse

PAPHIOPEDILUM

Paph Krishna

- William and Man Lo

RESTREPIA

Rstp *filamentosa* #

- Bryan Sharpe

ZELENKOARA

Zka Mary Eliza # (old name was Howeara)

- Linda Alexander

Plants on display from last month was won by Ken Morse.

Those members with a # beside their plant name, please correct your label. Those with a * please correct your spelling.

Plant names written in *italics* depicts it is a *species*.

The plant commentary was conducted

CULTURE QUESTIONS

Q. My very sad *cuthersonii* has lost it's leaves. What's wrong?

A. Check it's roots, if not healthy repot into sphagnum moss and keep warm at this time of the year.

Could also be caused by mites, if this is so, apply a miticide.

Extra advice - but a new plant!

Q. One of my plants always gets aphids.

A. Spray with soapy water. Confidor (aerosol), or fly spray.

Q. I have Bulls Eye scale on new growths.

A. It's not a scale. Treat it as an aphid.

from behind the shadehouse.....

We send our love to David Forsyth who is not well at the moment. Speedy recovery David!

Flower Power have lost their conifer supply! If you have conifer growing could you please bring some to the show for us to use for the posy bowls.

