

WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB

BULLETIN

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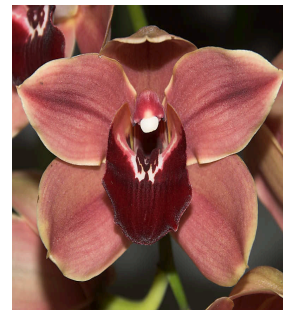
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There were three winners for the popular plant vote last month. Above left: Rlc Ezo Robin's Magic from Barry Baxter. Centre: Masd Tuakau Goldstrike from Glenys MacRae. Above right: Cym Vibrant Tango 'Thermo Man' from Leroy Orchids. Congratulations to you all!



WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB SPRING SHOW



KELSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE
Thursday 19th August-set up, 8am-12pm
Staging 12pm-6pm.

Friday 20th August Judging 8am-12pm
Open to the Public 1pm-4pm

Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd 9am-4pm
Adults \$5 - Seniors \$3

**We need every flowering orchid plant you have.
There is no theme to this show so your display
will be your own choice.**

There will be a lovely orchid display worth \$250.00 to be won. Fill in the form when you pay your entry and a winner will be drawn at the closure of the show. As always we shall be needing every bit of help from members for setting up the show. Runners will be required for Friday morning judging. Baking for the morning, afternoon tea and lunches each day. Flowers and filler flowers for the Flower Power table.

This is our Club's show and as members I am sure you will be able to help in some way, be it large or small. Thanks to those of you who are taking time off work to help out. You do it every year and we are very grateful for your dedication.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday July 6th 2010. 7.30pm

Lions Whitehouse

Our guest speaker will be Karen Lowther.

Topic: Developing a display at the Chelsea Flower Show - from set up to conclusion.

Karen is the Director of Eden Gardens, Mt Eden and a senior judge of Horticulture, well known for her work at the Ellerslie Flower Show.

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



Happy July birthday to.....

Heather Cooke



Raffle results.....

Bev Meredith was our prize winner this month.

Thanks to those who supported our raffle.

FROM THE JUNE MEETING

President Dennis (hobbling on crutches) welcomed 40 members and 3 visitors to our meeting. A special welcome was extended to Norma Manuel, one of our Honourary members.

Apologies: Ray and Lottie Hogan, Reg Watson, Miriam and Assid Corban, Beryl Calder, Anjo McKernan, Diana and Peter Elfleet and Peter C Elfleet.

Notices: Waikato Orchid Society are holding their 50th Birthday Show and are inviting former members and friends to attend their celebrations on July 4th. Please contact Ray Albiston (07) 856 1116.

'Big Pots' on Wairau Road are offering 20% discount to orchid club members.

WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB AGM

Our AGM commenced with the Minutes of the last AGM being read.

Dennis then read his Presidents Report.

Election of Officers for our Executive Committee was held with the following results:

President: Dennis Chuah.

Vice President: Position vacant.

Treasurer: Lee Neale.

Secretary: Pauline Weeks.

Trustees: Dennis Chuah and Lee Neale.

Chairperson Publications: Mary Jones.

Committee: Lee Neale and Pauline Weeks.

Chairperson Social: Roy Neale.

Committee: June Sutton, Joy Intveld, Jill Mickleburgh and Margaret Shaw

Chairperson Library: Irene Levet.

Chairperson Membership: Jim Shaw.

Chairperson Programme: Position Vacant.

Chairperson Trading Table: Anjo McKernan

Committee: Heather Cooke and Ken Morse.

Auditor: Alan Levet.

Executive Committee: Hugh Fraser, Barry Baxter, Ken Morse, Heather Cooke, Bev Meredith.

Thank you Ross Crabb and Melvin Alexander who agreed to be co-opted back On to the executive. Sincere apologies for the omission on the night.

Welcome to Hugh and Barry who are on our executive for the first time. Thank you for offering your services to our club.

GUEST SPEAKER - Chris Whitby

Chris gave us a very interesting and informative talk on the increasingly popular catasetum orchids which are found in South America.

The most important thing to remember about catasetum's is that they must be completely dried off for the winter months, using June 1st as a guide line to stop watering. No water for 4 months! By doing this all the leaves will drop and the roots will also dry up and have to be removed in the spring when they are repotted. (This is like thunia when they are dormant). The bulbs will produce new growths in the spring. Pull off the old roots but don't be tempted to start watering until the new roots are about 2 inches long. Repot into your chosen medium. Either sphagnum, perlite, bark. Small plants getting started seem to prefer sphagnum. Cynoches cultivation is very similar to catasetum. Some new crosses are becoming available later in the year. Watch this space!

Tip 1: In winter when the days are dreary and your plants need watering, try carefully watering just one side of the greenhouse and a few days later doing the other half. This allows the shed to dry out quicker.

Tip 2 : Try putting keikei paste on the nodules of your phalaenopsis spike to encourage a new growth.

7th NZ INTERNATIONAL ORCHID
CONFERENCE 2015

The OCNZ executive wish to hold the 7th NZIOC in the Auckland area in 2015.

A meeting to form a Steering Committee and to discuss issues about this proposal will be held on:

Saturday 10th July 2010 at 1.30pm.

Lions Whitehouse (our meeting venue)

Edmonton Road, Te Atatu South

All orchid members or interested persons from the greater Auckland Region are encouraged to attend.

SHOW DATES

NZOS Winter Show 16-18th July, Mt Albert War Memorial Hall.

CSA, Spring Show: 14th August.

Hibiscus Coast Orchid Society, Show, 27-28th August. Orewa

Howick Orchid Society. Show, 9th October.

6th NZ International Orchid Extravaganza

Open to the public Thursday 9th -Sunday 12th September. (See the web site: www.orchids.org.nz)

Late registrations are still available up until 31st July. If you are going to Palmerston North to attend this orchid spectacular consider registering for part of the week-mid week and weekend registrations are available, which includes lectures from overseas speakers.

Check out the web site for forms and information.

Our club display is progressing well in the planning stages. We will need your quality plants on Sunday 5th September as we will be setting up our display on Tuesday 7th September.



*Plants on Display for May
was won by Ken Morse.
Congratulations Ken!*



*The plant commentary last month
was conducted by Lee and Mary*

Bark Products (Waitara Bark)

There will be bark for sale at our show on set up day Thursday 19th Aug from 1pm-4pm and on Fri 20th Aug 1pm-4pm only. Show special price \$12.

Club Night Plant Sales

There will no longer be a 10% charge on plant sales. You may sell your plants yourself or let the trading table staff do it for you. We do ask though, if you are selling a large number of plants it would be nice if you could donate one or two to the raffle table.

TROPHIES

Would you please bring your Spring Show trophies to the meeting this month. They must be sparkling clean as Glenys is getting very tired of spending hours cleaning them for you. It is not a big 'ask'. You received them sparkling so please return the favour!

PLANTS ON DISPLAY

CATTLEYA

C Stephen Oliver Fouraker 'Addison' HCC/AOS
C Mrs J W Whitely (unable to confirm name).
- Bev Meredith

C Chocolate Drop #

- Wolf and Faith Grausch

C Trizac 'Birchlands'

- Linda Alexander

C Dream Catcher

- Dennis Chuah

CYMBIDIUM

Cym Vibrant Tango 'Thermo Man'

- Leroy Orchids

EPIDENDRUM

Epi *cilare*

- Melvin Alexander

LAELIOCATTLEYA

Lc Mini Purple 'Tamani' AM/AOS

- Wolf and Faith Grausch

Lc Unknown

- Pamela Mason

MASDEVALLIA

Masd Tuakau Goldstrike

- Glenys MacRae

Masd Dark Star

- Ken Morse

MAXILLARIA

Max *picta*

- Apologies, name lost!

ONCIDIUM

Onc Tsiku Margurite (15 mths from flask.
'Twinkle' is the mother).

- Leroy Orchids

RESTREPIA

Rstp *sanguinea*

- Dennis Chuah

RHYNCHOLAEIOCATTLEYA

Rlc Ezo Robin's Magic #

- Barry Baxter

PAPHIOPEDILUM

Paph Deception 11 (*niveum x delenati*)

- Chris Whitby

PHALAENOPSIS

Phal Unknown

- Barry Baxter

ZYGOPETALUM

- Z BG White x Kiwi Magic

- Ken Morse

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

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2010

It is with great pleasure and honour for me to present my first President's Report for this wonderful club. A President's job becomes easy when there is already a group of dedicated people in the executive and sub-committees who know what to do, does the job and works well together. I thank you.

I would also like to mention another group of people who work silently in the background to help keep this club ticking along. You know who you are, but I will pick a few examples. Reg, thank you for vacuuming the floor after meetings. Thank you to the social club for making the cups of tea. Thank you Pete for running the BBQ at our shows. Thank you to the members, non members and other clubs for setting up, running and supporting our shows. Please know that your work is not taken for granted and I would encourage others to help where possible.

I also thank you, members, for all the support and encouragement that you have provided me and to the club. Thank you for bringing in plants for display. This is one of the highlights that I look forward to when coming to meetings. Thank you for sharing food so every meeting we enjoy a good supper. Also a big thank you for people who have donated prizes for the raffle. Income from the raffle helps pay for the hall hire and keeps costs down.

At the risk of sounding cliché, 'in these economic times', the Hon Minister of Finance has to borrow 1 billion dollars a month, quoting him 'to keep this ship afloat'. I am pleased to say that 'our' Finance Minister has done a great job of keeping our finances healthy. Subscriptions have remained the same since I joined the club many years ago despite increasing costs.

Income from our shows, donations, raffles have helped as well as being prudent. Cost reduction in areas such as sending Bulletins out via email instead of posting, doing changes to our Billboard signs ourselves and giving out picture coasters as miniatures has saved close on \$1000 per year.

Last year we registered with the Charities Commission. We are a non-profit making entity, and with all finances in good order, we ought to break even year to year. It is my belief that the purpose of the club is to serve her members and this is where we have spent money on : For example, subsidised bus trip and Ribbon Show lunch. This year we will pay for accommodation at Palmerston North for members who are involved in putting up our display at the International Orchid Expo.

Our membership has remained stable despite the larger clubs around New Zealand dropping numbers each last year. It is my hope and aim that we continue to attract new people into this hobby and club.

Dennis Chuah.