

WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

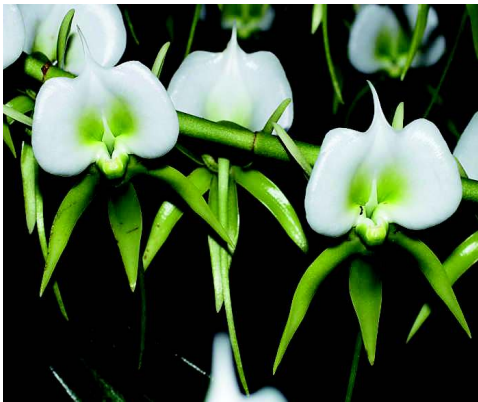
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Popular vote from last month was this beautifully grown *Angraecum eburneum* displayed by visitors from the Howick Orchid Society, Francis Hearich & Roslyn MacKay.

MESSAGE FROM THE SHOW MARSHAL

Two months to go to Show Time! You should have received or downloaded your show schedule by now. Let us know on club night if you are having any problems accessing your schedule.

The main change in the schedule is that we have made it easier to follow. In the past there may have been more than one class you could have entered your plant in. This year there will only be one class per plant.

If you won trophies at last year's show, now

is the time to polish them and return them to me. I will be collecting them at the July and August club meetings.

The club will be putting on a display at the NZOS Winter Show. Set up day is Thursday 21st July.

We need plants and helpers. Please let us know on club night if you can help with either of these.

Thank You.

Glenys.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday July 5th 2011, 7.30pm
Lions Whitehouse

We are going to get you all to bring in a basket of orchids and we are then going to discuss them as to how they are displayed.

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

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

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

FROM THE JUNE MEETING

Apologies: Ken Morse, Allan Darlow, Bev Meredith.

President Dennis welcomed 44 members and 9 visitors.

AGM WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB 2011

President Dennis Chuah read his 2010 president's report, which was accepted and seconded.

Treasurer Lee presented her 2010 report which was also accepted and seconded.

The election of officers then followed. The results were:-

President: Dennis Chuah

Vice President: Lee Neale

Treasurer: Lee Neale

Secretary: Pauline Weeks

Committee: Ross Crabb, Mary Jones, Heather Cooke, Hugh Fraser, Roy Neale, Jill Mickleburgh, Ken Morse, Bev Meredith Melvin Alexander, Glenys MacRae, Barry Baxter.

Chairman Library: Irene Levet.

Chairman Publications: Mary Jones with Lee Neale and Pauline Weeks.

Chairman Social: Roy Neale with Joy Intveld June Sutton, Jill Mickleburgh, Margaret Shaw and Sue Crabb.

Chairman Trading Table: Anjo McKernan with Heather Cooke and Ken Morse.

Chairman Program: Vacant

Chairman Membership: Jim Shaw

Auditor: Allan Levet

Trustees for Term Deposit: Lee Neale and Dennis Chuah



Happy July Birthday to....
Heather Cooke.

Raffle Results...

Thanks to the Club, Leroy Orchids and Anjo McKernan for donating raffle prizes.

Winners were: Lottie Hogan, Peter Jenner, Ray Hogan and Pamela Mason.

Our raffle takings for the night were \$90.00, which will go towards rent etc.



Basket displays needed for July meeting

In the past the Floral Art classes at our Spring Show were well patronised making quite a difference to the 'Wow' factor of the show - especially for the public. Over the last few years there has been a steady decline in the number of entries and the number of exhibitors. This has happened, not just at our show, but in shows in general all around the country.

The Show Committee has discussed ways of trying to attract the artistic side of displaying plants. For the July meeting we would like you to bring 'Plants in a Basket'. We don't want to lead you in any particular direction, so use your imagination. All we ask is that you remember we are trying to replace the Floral Art classes at our show.

The program for the night will involve us all and the judging of the baskets. From the resulting discussion it is hoped the Show Committee can come up with guide lines for the future in case they ever want to have something like this as a class in the show.

If you can't do a basket yourself, please bring along any flowering plants or baskets you may have and we will combine what is available on the night - come and participate and let's see what we can achieve!

Roy Neale

QUESTION TIME



Q. Am I growing my cattleya right? It grows indoors as I have no shade house and I have stopped feeding it for the winter.

A. Repot it into No 4 bark. The bark looks too wet at present and there are some dead roots which need removing. Make sure the pot has dried out before re watering. It needs more light - move it to an area where it can get morning sunlight for at least 2 hours. Water less in winter and feed lightly.

PLANTS ON DISPLAY

ANGRAECUM

Angcm *eburneum*

- Francis Hearich & Roslyn MacKay (HOS members)

BRASSIA

B Sported Star Shore (unable to confirm name)

- William and Man Lo

BULBOPHYLLUM

Bulb Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'

- Shirley Sidnam (NZOS member)

Bulb (Cirr) Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry' *

- William and Man Lo

CALANTHE

Cal *vestita* (x 2)

- Dennis Chuah

CATTLEYA

C Little Leopard # = (C *amethystoglossa* x *aclandiae*)

C *trianaei*

- Beryl Calder

C Jewel Chest # = (C Precious Jewel x Chester)

- Wolf and Faith Grausch

C Lulu Land *

- Leroy Orchids

C(Slc) Fire Magic 'Nora'

C (Slc) Fire Magic 'Solar Flare'

C Seagulls Apricot # = (C (slc) California Apricot x *coccinea*)

- Ross and Susan Tucker

CATTLEYTONIA

Ctna (Lctna) Happy Face

- William and Man Lo

CATTLIANTHE

Ctt Wendlandia x C *gigas* 'Bazin'

- Beryl Calder

Ctt (Slc) Ruby Embers

- Wolf and Faith Grausch

DENDROBIUM

Den Cassiope *

- Melvin Alexander

Den Ellewong x Vivid

Den Vivid x Bellinger River

- Wolf and Faith Grausch

Den Kuniko

Den Hilda Poxon

- William and Man Lo

Den Caren (unable to confirm name)

- Anjo McKernan

DENDROCHILLUM

Ddc *cobbianum*

- Ron Reeves

DORITAENOPSIS

Dtps Miss Saigon

- Anjo McKernan

ENCYCLIA

E *dichroma*

E (Epi) *tampense*

- Anjo McKernan

LAELIA

L *gouldiana*

- William and Man Lo

L *superbiens*

- Anjo McKernan

LAELIOCATANTHE

Lcn (Smbc) Splendid Drop

- Wolf and Faith Grausch

MASDEVALLIA

Masd Tuakau Goldstrike

- Glenys MacRae

ODONTIODA

Oda Shirbec (unable to confirm name)

- Wolf and Faith Grausch

ONCIDIUM

Onc Easy Gold x Sunshade 'Yellow' (unable to confirm 2nd name)

- William and Man Lo

Onc *ornithorhyncum* (now *sotoanum*)

- Ron Reeves

PAPHIOPEDILUM

Paph Grecian Maid*

- William and Man Lo

Paph *gratrixianum*

Paph *villosum*

- Ron Reeves

Paph *insigne*

- Pauline Weeks

Paph *insigne*

- Ray and Lottie Hogan

Paph *insigne*

-Linda Alexander

PROSTHECHEA

Psh (E) *calamaria*

- Anjo McKernan

RHYNCHOLAELOCATTLEYA

Rlc (Blc) Destiny x Rlc (Blc) Helen Morita

- Ross Crabb

RHYNCATTLEANTHE

Rth Burana Fire# = Rth Burana Beauty x c Fire Fantasy

C (Lc) Mari's Song x Rth (Blc) Yellow Imp

Rth (Blc) Purple Rainbow

- Ross and Susan Tucker

The plant commentary was conducted by Fred Clarke and Anjo McKernan.

Plants on Display from May was won by Barry Baxter.

Plants on display continued.....

STENOGLOTTIS

Sngl longifolia

- Ray and Lottie Hogan

We had so many plants this month it was a real squeeze to fit them all on the page Well done all those members who went to the trouble to bring plants in!

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*.

JUNE GUEST SPEAKER

Fred Clarke

Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids, California, was our guest speaker tonight. He was travelling in NZ with his assistant John Kidwell as a guest of the OCNZ and Taranaki Orchid Society. His topic 'Recent Breeding of Compact and Mini Cattleya' was by popular demand. Fred has been growing and breeding cattleya and other genera for 30 years but was rocketed to fame for his breeding of **Fredclarkeara After Dark** which produced some stunning black orchids with many FCC and AM awards by the American Orchid Society.

Fred categorizes cattleya in this manner:

Standard Cattleya. Plants greater than 30cm (12") tall.

Compact Cattleya. Plants 15-30cm (6"-12") tall.

Mini Cattleya. Plants less than 15cm (6") tall.

These categories apply regardless of flower size which can be a full round shape - the 'standard' shape, or 'novelty' type - flowers of any other shape. There are more colour forms in Mini and Compact Cattleya than in other forms, including his favourite 'butterscotch' type colours.

Mini and compact cattleyas have been bred using standard cattleyas and small growing members of the alliance mainly from the South American area where they tolerate greater ranges of heat and cold. We now have plants which can be grown in any area as long as you study the species in their background and choose those that suit your conditions.

Cultural tips:

Only repot when root growth is apparent.

Repot when plant is about to grow out of

the current pot.

Choose a pot which will accommodate 2 years of growth.

Fred uses a mix of 3 parts bark and 1 part perlite (pumice would also be OK) graduating the bark so that larger bark is used for the larger plants - mix must be free draining. Fred imports into USA, NZ 'Kiwi Bark' from Waitara for his plants.

Water plants when bark is nearly dry and use weak fertiliser with each watering. Ensure plenty of water is used at each watering to introduce fresh air/oxygen to the root area.

If grown in the house, place near a window where they will get at least 2 hours of morning sun but no direct midday sun.

The Power Point presentation of photos which accompanied this talk was marvellous as we were able to see the parents and progeny of many crosses while Fred pointed out particular traits that were carried from species in the background, and he gave us many hints on what to anticipate when making crosses ourselves.

Like all occasions worthy of a grand final celebration of fireworks, this was no different! As we were cleaning up the hall at the end of the meeting the word went around to evacuate the hall due to smoke discharging from the meter box. This rapidly turned into a fairly spectacular display of 'fireworks'.

Three fire engines and one ambulance attended our 111 call and Fred acknowledged that he'd never had a 'send off' after a talk, quite like this one!

We are looking forward to Fred's next visit, hopefully some of the plants we have bought from him in flask, will be flowering by then.

Thanks Fred for an inspiring evening.

Lee Neale.