## WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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Paph (Hsinying Rujo xMacabre)'Shellnick HCC/ NZOS, from Chris Whitby and Alcra Marfitch 'Howard's Dream'AM/AOS, from Bryan Sharpe. Popular vote first equal. Congratulations!

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE SHOW MARSHAL**

**Show Working Bee** - it's got around to that time of the year again! The working bee will be held on **Sunday 21st July, 2.00pm** at Lee and Roy's. We need you to help assemble small signs, make ribbons for flower power and laminate various bits and pieces for the show.

There will be another working bee on **Saturday 10th August** to put up the large signs. We need two teams of men for this. Please let Roy know if you can help.

We will need helpers during the show in the following areas:

Thursday - set up, runners.

**Friday** - kitchen, raffle table, trading table, flower power, floor walkers.

**Saturday** - Same as Friday and break down of the show.

I will take names at the August meeting.

The club will be putting on a display at the NZOS winter Show. Set up is Friday July 12th. Please let us know if you have show quality

- plants we can use.
- Thank you

Glenys.

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#### <u>NEXT MEETING</u> <u>Tuesday July 2nd7.30pm</u> (7.00pm Early Forum for newer <u>members).</u> <u>Lions Whitehouse</u>

Roy Neale will conduct Early Forum. His talk will be on Cymbidiums.

Our main speaker will be Phil Funnell who will speak on 'Weird and Wacky 'orchids.

Please bring a small plate for supper, which will be held during the meeting. Help will be needed to vacuum the hall after the meeting.

Please wear your name badge on club q

#### Raffle results....

Winners this month were Glenys Mac-Rae and Barry Wilkinson.

Thanks to the club and Leroy Orchids for raffle donations.

The club made \$67 which will help pay our expenses.

### <u>Waitakere Orchid Club:</u> <u>President's Report 4<sup>th</sup> June 2013</u>

I am pleased to present my first President's Report to the members of the Waitakere Orchid Club Inc. We have had, overall, a very successful year, a tribute to you all.

Committee members labour behind the scenes to ensure we have guest speakers, raffles, culture spots and all the other activities which go on at our monthly meetings. Starting in February this year, we initiated an early forum for newer members, where a particular genera is discussed; this has proved a popular introduction.

During the year we have had 3 guest speakers from other clubs, Grahame Hill from Taranaki, Keith Smart from Waikato, and Roy Walker from Wellington. There was also the added bonus of 2 overseas speakers attending other local clubs where interested members were welcome to attend and thus able to catch up on information from outside our shores, Scott Barrie from Australia and Roy Tokunaga from Hawaii were both excellent and informative speakers – our knowledge bases have had plenty of opportunity for extension.

A large part of our club's activity is the preparation and running of the shows, where we can 'strut our stuff', acquire new plants and make new friends, but mostly so as we can all get some form of enjoyment and knowledge from our chosen hobby. Our successful Spring Show and Ribbon Show both draw a lot of interest and support from members of other clubs and in return we support their shows with displays and plant entries. This year our club display won a 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the NZOS Winter Show and South Auckland

Charity Show as well as 1<sup>st</sup> Place at Howick – a great achievement. Besides these shows our members have exhibited and won places at Bay of Islands, Bay of Plenty, Cymbidium Society of America (NZ Branch), Hibiscus Coast, North Shore, NZOS Spring Show, Tauranga and Taranaki Shows. In fact one of the highlights of the year was the 3 day Bus Trip the club organised to the Taranaki Summer Show.

Unfortunately the club has also suffered losses over the year with the deaths of two members, Reg Watson and David Forsythe, and the resignation of several other members. On the brighter side we have also welcomed new members, keeping our membership at a relatively stable level.

On a personal note I would like to thank all members who have supported me and ultimately the club over the past 12 months, those who hold positions and those who just get in and help when needed, without the support of you all the WOC would not flourish.

I look forward to another year of orchiding achievement and enjoyment.

Lee Neale.

President Waitakere Orchid Club.

#### SHOW DATES TO REMEMBER

NZOS Winter Show - July 13th - 14th Hibiscus Coast - July 27th (at Warkworth). CSA - August 17th. Waitakere Orchid Club - August 23 –24 Hibiscus Coast - September 6th - 7th. NZOS Spring Show—September 14th—15th. Tauranga Orchid Society - September 20th –22nd.

South Auckland Orchid Society - September 2011–2210. 22.

**South Auckland Orchid Society** - Sept 21st–22nd **Whangarei Orchid Society** - Open to public September 27 & 28.

Howick Orchid Society - October 5 (1 day show) Bay of Islands Orchid Society - Open to Public 11 & 12 October.

#### FROM THE JUNE MEETING

**Apologies:** Ray Hogan, John Stewart, Shirley Sidnam, Bev Meredith, Pamela Mason and June Sutton.

Sick: Miriam Corban and Bernadette Edmiston.

#### Notices:

President Lee welcomed members.

Lee thanked Chris for his phally talk to Early Forum members. She also encouraged members to check out the phally books we had selected from the library.

An invitation from Howick Orchid Society was extended to members. Please join them on June 9th for a talk and slide show by Ross Bicknell on pleiones.

Lee asked members to consider alternative suggestions for our Xmas meeting, she will ask again next month after you have had time to think about it.

She also suggested a dinner out on the Saturday night after our show. There was a good response to this suggestion.

Club shirts were discussed. Orders will be taken next month for Polo shirts. Please bring \$30 when you order.

#### PLAYING WITH POLLEN!

Both Lee and Roy gave us a most ``interesting talk and demonstration on pol-lination.

Choosing the orchids for their characteristics, colour, size and expectation of the cross was explained to us.



We were told how to record the parents names, to label the flowers concerned, photograph and date the cross, then wait for results.

We were invited to try to do a pollen cross ourselves. Anne did a pretty good job. (I think she might go home and practice!).

#### WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB AGM

Lee presented the President's report. Ken delivered the Treasurers report. Glenys read the minutes of the last AGM.

All reports were accepted.

Election of officers followed with results being:

President: Lee Neale.

Vice President: Ken Morse.

Treasurer: Bryan Sharpe.

Secretary: Pauline Weeks.

**Trustees for Term Deposit:** Lee Neale and Bryan Sharpe.

Chairman Publications: Mary Jones.

**Committee:** Lee Neale and Pauline Weeks.

Chairman Social: Roy Neale.

**Committee:** Joy Intveld, June Sutton, Margaret Shaw.

Library: Irene Levet and Robert Wickham.

Membership: Jill Mickleburgh.

Programme: Dennis Chuah.

Auditor: Allan Levet.

**Executive Committee:** Ross Crabb, Melvin Alexander. Barry Baxter, Glenys MacRae, Hugh Fraser and Anne Bernard.

**General Business:** Update of signatories -Ken Morse to be removed and Bryan Sharpe put on.

Thanks were extended to Ken Morse for his work as Treasurer and to Bernadette Edmiston for being Librarian.



Roy gave us a few tips and 'tricks of the trade' on presentation of flowers while they are still developing on the spikes.

We found that with just a little bit of foresight we can present a plant for the show bench in a much superior way.

I am sure it will be a great help to us all. Thanks Roy.

#### PLANTS ON DISPLAY

#### Aliceara

Alcra. Marfitch 'Howard's Dream' AM/AOS (was a Beallara) – Bryan Sharpe **Bratonia** Brat. Dennis Kleinbach\* 'Crowhurst' AM/ AOS (was a Miltassia) – Bryan Sharpe Brat. Dennis Kleinbach\* 'Crowhurst' AM/ AOS - Don Hodge Calanthe Cal. Rozel - Chris Whitby Cal. vestita - 5 plants in a basket - Dennis Chuah Cattlianthe Ctt. Portia coerulea (was a cattleya)- Wendy Gilligan Ctt. Ruby Embers (was a sophrolaeliocattleya) - Wolf Grausch Dendrobium Den. glomeratum # (was crepidiferum) -Linda Alexander Dendrochillum Ddc. cobbianum - Dennis Chuah Masdevallia Masd. Fraseri 'Ken' Masd. Rubicon 'Cliffy' Masd. Susan-Ken Morse Oncidium Onc. sotoanum Onc. Anklet Onc Goldfinger Onc. Kendrick Williams 'Rosslow' Onc. Apperley Bridge x *crispum* Onc. Land Breeze - Leroy Orchids Onc – un-named – Bryan Sharpe Oncostele Ons. Wildcat (was a Colmanara) - Leroy Orchids Paphiopedilum Paph. Krishna-William and Man Lo Paph. Hsinying Rujo x Macabre (granted an HCC/NZOS at the meeting) – Chris Whitby **Phaleanopsis** Phal Dublin — Linda Alexander ? = unable to confirm name on OrchidWiz # = Name Change, cross now registered, please update your label \*= Spelling correction needed on label.

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

Our plant commentary was conducted by Lee Neale and Chris Whitby.

#### OCNZ RAFFLE



It's that time again when we help the club and OCNZ by selling raffle tickets. I will have them available at the next club meeting so please everyone who considers the WOC their parent club sell at least one book.

The funds evolved help the OCNZ pay for EXPO costs and help the club fund our display. We are very excited about our display and feel it will do the club proud, but it does take a bit of funding, so even if you can't be there, supply plants or do anything else your contribution by way of ticket sales will be greatly appreciated.

This year tickets are \$2 each but there are only 5 in a book. The raffle is limited to 6,000 tickets so your chance of winning a prize is greatly increased. There are still 3 prizes -1<sup>st</sup> \$1,500; 2<sup>nd</sup> \$1,000; 3<sup>rd</sup> \$500; grocery vouchers of the winner's choice.

Thanks Lee

# rom behind the shade house



We missed June at the last meeting. She and Gordon are cruising in Alaska.



Linda and Melvin Alexander have become proud grandparents for the first time and welcome granddaughter Lauren to their family.



Jim and Margaret Shaw are awaiting their first great grandchild.