



**NEXT MEETING**  
**Tuesday April 5th**  
**7.30pm**  
**Lions Whitehouse**

April is our auction month. Bring along your **quality plants** to sell. We don't want rubbish! All money from the plants you sell goes home with you. If you are selling 6 or more plants we would like you to donate at least one plant to the club, the club then makes a little bit of a profit as well!  
It is a great night – loads of fun!

Supper will be served during the evening so please bring a small plate.

The trading table and produce table will NOT be operating, however plants on display and the library shall be.

Volunteers will needed to vacuum the hall after the meeting.



***Happy April birthday to.....***

Florent Vadam, Ernie Denham. Jim Gilchrist, Pam Hughes, Margaret Shaw, Irene Levet, Pete Meredith, Kim Robilliard and a special one with an 'O' on the end for Margaret Stansfield.



***Raffle winners.....***

Bev Meredith, Mike Leaity, and Ken Morse.

***Raffle donations....***

Thanks to Grahame Leafberg, Chris Whitby and our guest speaker Wally Lomas.

The club made \$75 from the raffle.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS**

**We had a great response last month with members paying their subs promptly. There are still quite a number of you that have yet to pay. Please pay Jim Shaw this month or post your cheque to him. The address is on your green form.**

**FROM THE MARCH MEETING**

Our president Glenys was away at the World Orchid Conference in France so Vice President Diana was delegated to chair the meeting. Poor Diana got tummy bug so we were pleased to have a past President, Roy Neale to help out!

**Apologies:** Glenys MacRae, Heather and Gary Cooke. Peter C Elfleet, Michele and Mark Strachan, Kim Young (all in France).

**Sick:** Diana Elfleet.

**Notices:** David Menzies (an ex pat Kiwi) is being brought out from Scotland by the Orchid Council to give an informative talk on orchids. The meeting will be held at the St Johns Hall, Panmure on Wednesday April 27th for further information please phone Roy Neale 416 6737.

NZOS will be holding their one day Autumn Show on May 1st at The Springs, in Western Springs.

**CULURE QUESTIONS**



**Q.** The tips of the old growths of my cattleya have gone black. What has happened?

**A.** It could be fertiliser burn or just old age!

**Q.** I have black tips on my phrags.

**A.** Repot it into fresh sphagnum moss. It may be a root rot problem. Phrags should always be kept wet.

**AWARD CERTIFICATES PRESENTED**

Grahame Leafberg was presented with his certificates for .....

Sartylis Janine Black 'Tinonee' AM  
Den Yondi Tina 'Yellow Bird' AM

Lee and Roy Neale of Leroy Orchids received certificates for....

Leroys Beauty 'Cora Lillian' AM  
Leroys Mountain 'Leya' HCC  
Leroys Puppy 'Red Star' HCC  
Leroys Envy 'Envious' HCC  
Leroys Beauty 'Upurua' HCC

Congratulations from us all!



***Stanhopea wardii***

Grahame Leafberg brought this sensational Stanhopea along last month.

The Orchid Council judges that were present at the meeting granted *Stanhopea wardii* an Award of Merit. (AM).

**PLANTS ON DISPLAY**

**BRASSOLAEIOCATTLEYA**

Blc Toshie Aoki 'Robin' #

- Bev Meredith

**CATTLEYA**

C Little Angel x Mary Turner

- Ken Morse

**CATYCLIA**

Catyclia Meadow Frost #(Registered 1988 F Fordyce)

Was Enc *mariae* x C Angel Walker

- Bev Meredith

**DENDROBIUM**

Den Val Peck x Aussie Merit

- Wolf & Faith Grausch

**ENCYCLIA**

Enc *cochleata*

- Leroy Orchids

Unknown hybrid

- Ken Morse

**EPIDENDRUM**

Epi *dalstromii* x *Nanodes medusae*

- Mary Jones

**GOMESA**

Gomesa *crispa*

- Wolf & Faith Grausch

**MILTONIA**

Milt Mary Moir

- Lucille Rowe

**MASDEVALLIA**

Masd Red Wings

- Leroy Orchids

Masd Copper Angel

- Ken Morse

**NEOLEHMANNIA**

Neolehmanna Porpax 'St. Nancy'

- C & R Hogan

Neolehmanna Porpax 'St. Nancy' # (sp)

- Linda Alexander

**ONCIDIUM**

Onc *longipes*

- Pauline Weeks

**ONCIDESA**

Gomesa *crispa* x Onc *flexuosum* # (sp)

- Kim Robilliard

Gomesa *crispa* x Onc *flexuosum* # (sp)

- Wolf & Faith Grausch

**ORNITHOPHORA**

Ornithophora *radicans* # (sp)

- Grahame Leafberg

**PARACHILUS**

Parachilus Velvet

- Kim Robilliard

**PHALAEENOPSIS**

Phal Taisuco Kaaladian (first flowering seedling)

- Mavis Doyle

Phal Unknown

- Linda Alexander

**SOPHROLAELIA**

Sl Polestar 'April Jewel'

- Mary Jones

Sl Polestar 'April Jewel'

- Ken Morse

**STANHOPEA**

Stan *wardii* (see picture above)

- Grahame Leafberg

**VUYLSTEKEARA**

Vuyl Cambria Plush

- Bev Meredith

The plant commentary was conducted by Chris Whitby and Leigh Leaity.

Those with a # beside their plant name please correct your label.

We are now going to explain when we have a name change (eg) See Catyclia on the list.

Those that just have a # means that the spelling of your plant name is incorrect.

Names written in *italics* and lower case depicts it is a

**Thanks..**

Sheila Peet would like to thank the club for their kind thoughts. Sheila lost a very much loved brother recently.



**RIBBON  
SHOW UPDATE  
Saturday April 23rd  
2005**

The show will be held in the Hobsonville Hall.  
 Staging of Plants 8.30am –9.45am  
 Judging 10.00am  
 Open to the Public 12.00pm-4.00pm

Bring along any orchid plant you have with a flower on it. We need all the plants we can get.

Judges will also be needed. I emphasized in the last Bulletin as to the fun we all have judging this show, so come on new members and have a go!

Heather has sales tickets for anyone needing them for trading table sales. Phone her on 834 6110 or get some from her at the next club meeting.

We will be having a produce and bric-a-brac table and will sell anything except your grandmother, so bring along some goodies, (jams, cakes etc) it all goes towards club funds!

We sell teas during the day and would appreciate scones, cakes etc to help out.

A BBQ will be held after the show. The club supplies the meat and refreshments, but we would like you to bring either a salad or desert to share with everybody.

Bev needs to know **NOW** who is coming so that she can order the meat. Please phone her as soon as possible to let her know how many of your family and friends are attending. **PH 412 2991**

Prize giving is held during the BBQ.

**The cost for the Show entry and BBQ is \$5.00 ea.**

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**GUEST SPEAKER**

Our guest speaker for the night was Wally Lomas from the Whangarei Orchid Society. Wally gave us a very interesting talk on how he grows his phalaenopsis orchids. He also had a great power point slide show to accompany his talk.

Multi flora (or branching) phallies are his favorites at the present time. He grows them in a glasshouse that is heated for 3 months over the colder days of winter. with propane gas.

He liquid feeds at every watering as phalaenopsis never stop growing and so can be fed all year round.

An open mix is used to grow them in as sphagnum moss 'did not work' for him because of his watering regime. The plants are grown on warm benches that are heated with a cable under sand. Minimum temperature is 15°C and goes up very high in summer.. Humidity must be kept up when this happens. Growing is done with low light at between 750-1000 foot candles.

Mealy bugs are a pest when they appear. Wally spot treats them with meths or sprays with *Rogor* or *At-tack*. Care must be taken when spraying so full safety gear is used.

Wally also encouraged us to attend the big show in Hamilton in September.



*from behind the shade house....*



Joan Wood has once again become the great grandmother of twins – boys this time. Must be something in the water!

What were Grahame and five judges doing in the ladies toilets at the last meeting?



Marie, our treasurer has been in hospital and is now at home recovering. Quality time with the orchids Marie?