

AUCKLAND ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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I wish we could have printed our newsletter in colour as Lc Maria Ozello had most gorgeous red petals with an almost black lip. Beryl Calder won plant of the month with this beautiful specimen.

MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

Daylight saving is over and it is a reminder that autumn is here - although temperatures are still high. I think the orchids can get as confused as we can with changes in light and temperature from day to day so keep a careful look out for unusual happenings in the shade house.

Anzac Day is usually a guide line for removing extra shading and reducing water from those plants that prefer less water, or in some cases none in the winter. At last Auckland has had some decent rain and my tanks were filled to capacity in 2 hours with a heavy downpour. I use tank water for all my watering and I am sure the orchids appreciate it. The level was getting lower and lower and I really wasn't keen to start on town supply, so for now I am very happy!

I am also looking forward to the Ribbon Show on April 14th. It's a great day, especially for new members. Try to attend - I am sure you will have a great time. ED

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday April 3rd

7.30pm

Lions Whitehouse

Our guest speaker is Antal Kalocsai. Antal has been a member of our club for a few years and as well as enjoying growing orchids he also is a keen grower of succulents. He has kindly offered to be our speaker for April.

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

The library, trading table and plants on display will all be operating.

Volunteers will be needed to help vacuum the hall after the meeting.



Happy April birthday to.....

Pam Hughes, Irene Levet, Jim Gilchrist and Florent Vadam.



Raffle results.....

Winners were Ross Crabb, June Sutton and Mary Jones.

Thanks to Dennis Chuah for donating a raffle prize.

The club has added another \$78.00 to it's funds.



Correction: Last month we printed the wrong raffle takings. The correct sum was \$84.00 not \$48.00.

It is Membership Renewal time....
Please fill out the enclosed form and either bring it to the meeting, together with your money or post it to Jim Shaw.

FROM THE MARCH MEETING

President Glenys welcomed 45 members and friends to our meeting.

Glenys welcomed Sheryl Smith who has just joined our club. Welcome Sheryl, we hope you enjoy being part of our group and learn how to take care of your plants with our help. Sheryl grows cymbidiums. Lovely to see Pamela Mason attending. Roy dragged in her husband Mike as he was going to wait in the car for her! Hope you also enjoyed the meeting Mike.

Apologies: Betty Ashby, Jean Treadwell, Peter C Elfleet, Assid Corban and Bruce Hughes.

Notices: There are a few brochures available for the Hazmobile.

The Cymbidium conference in Australia has not been cancelled - it has been moved to Ararat. Dates to be notified later.

Seats still available on the Bus Trip to Te Puke. \$30 for members and \$36 for non members. Ph Gary 834 6110. (This has since been cancelled. See details further on in the newsletter) ED

Tickets for the BBQ are \$6.00 each and Ribbon Show \$3.00. Please pay Lee.

Joy needs 6 extra helpers for kitchen duties at the Ribbon Show. Please phone her at 837 0899 if you are available to assist.

Grahame Leafberg was presented with 3 Award Certificates:

Sarco Bessie 'Zoe' HCC/OCNZ

Cym Red Piper 'Eclipse' AM/OCNZ

Den Tess 'Memoria Kath' AM/OCNZ

Congratulations Grahame. To get presented with 1 certificate is considered a great success, but 3 is absolutely marvelous. Well done!



CULTURE QUESTIONS

Q. A friend of mine has a paph that has just finished flowering. What does she do with it now?

A. Cut the stalk back and repot it back into the same sized pot as the roots will be busy growing. Use a fine bark (about No 9). To stop them from rotting before flowering, be careful not to leave water in the leaf axis as they are coming into spike now and this is where the flower spike emerges.

Q. What do I use to get rid of scale on sarcs and cymbidiums?

A. *Orthene, Conquerer Oil, Maldison, or Confidor* (in an aerosol can). Make sure that you do under the leaves.

As you know, Dennis has created a website for our club. It was a surprise to find I had received an email from someone in France who had seen a picture on our website of one of my catasetums.



He was a hobbyist grower and was keen to get hold of this particular catasetum. I contacted Diana and she looked up the cross and I then replied with the information. Isn't it great that we can help fellow orchid enthusiasts via email. I might add that the original email was written in French and it was many years since I had done School Certificate French, I did managed to work out what he was asking. He replied with thanks, this time in English! Thanks Dennis. ED

Check out the website:
[Http://aoc.inetgardens.com](http://aoc.inetgardens.com)



RIBBON SHOW - APRIL 14TH - HOBSONVILLE HALL

The Show Schedule has been included with your newsletter. Please note the times for bringing along your plants.

We need lots of help and judges for the show. This is our fun show and you, the members judge the plants. Come along new members and have loads of fun.

We need help in the kitchen and donations of goods for the Bric-a-brac table. Jams, books, plants, baking, anything that will bring in a little money for club funds.

The BBQ at lunch time is a highlight. We ask that those attending the BBQ to bring a salad or desert. The club supplies meat and refreshments.

PLANTS ON DISPLAY

CATTLEYA

C Pole-Star 'April Jewel' #

C Little Angel x Mary Turner Whitney

- Ken Morse

C Kew

C Keith Killoh

- Beryl Calder

CAELOGYNE

Coel *massangeana*

- C & R Hogan

COLMANARA

Colm Wildcat

- Leroy Orchids

DENDROBIUM

Den Rosella x Sunglow

- Grahame Leafberg

Den *crepidiferum*

- Diana & Peter Elfleet

Den *moschatum* #

Den *topaziacum* #

- Ron Reeves

DORITIS

Dor *pulcherrima* #

- Ron Reeves

ENCYCLIA

Enc *brassavolae* #

- Ken Morse

LAELIOCATTLEYA

L *longipes* x C *harrisonae*

- Mary Jones

Lc Maria Ozella (likes to be hung up high)

- Beryl Calder

MASDEVALLIA

Masd Angel Tang #

- William & Man Lo

MILTONIA

Milt Moirmoir #

- Dennis Chuah

NEOFINETIA

Neof *falcata*

- Grahame Leafberg

NEOLEHMANNIA

Neolehmannia *porpax*

- C & R Hogan

ODONTOGLOSSUM

Odm *bictoniense* 'Cavol' x self

- William & Man Lo

ODONTOCIDIUM

Odcdm Crowborough 'Plush' x Odm *harryanum* #

- Leroy Orchids

ODONTIODA

Oda Unknown

- Leroy Orchids

Some of you will notice you have a # beside your plant name.

You will also have received your name ticket from last month with your newsletter.

Diana goes to a great deal of trouble to check the correct spelling of every plant that has been displayed on club night and it is quite a time consuming feat.

She is not amused when the same plant that she has corrected last year comes back again this year with an incorrect name.

Please correct your labels!

Oda Heatonensis 'Plush'

- William & Man Lo

Oda Charlesworthii

- Ron Reeves

ONCIDIUM

Onc *evcavatum*

Onc *onustum* #

- Ron Reeves

PAPHIOPEDILUM

Paph *primulinum* #

Paph *primulinum* 'Aurium' #

- Ron Reeves

SOPHROLAELIA

Sl Ironclad

- Mary Jones

Sl Pole-Star 'April Jewel'

- Beryl Calder

SOPHROLAELIOCATTLEYA

Slc Bright Angel 'Nellie'

Sl Orpetii x C *walkeriana* #

(Reg 1995 as Slc Mahalo Jack)

Slc Shona V

Slc Jewel Chest 'Kumeu'

- Beryl Calder

Slc Mahalo Jack x Bright Angel (first flowering) #

(Reg 1999 Slc Memoria Ken Martin)

- Grahame Leafberg

Slc Rajah's Ruby x Precious Stones #

(Reg 1996 Slc Ruby Embers)

Slc Medley x C *walkeriana* 'Bette'

Slc Medley #

- Wolf & Faith Grausch

SPATHLOGLOTTIS

Spa *affinis*

- Peter C Elfleet

VANDA

V Kaseme Delight 'Lloyd' x Gordon Dillon 4N #

- Grahame Leafberg

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

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

Diana and Wolf conducted the plant commentary.

The lucky draw for Plants on Display last month was won by Grahame Leafberg.



PLEASE NOTE...

Due to lack of support, the Bus Trip to Te Puke has been cancelled.

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Please let me know if you have changed your address.

OPEN DISCUSSION

We had a very interesting evening on our Club Night.

We got down to the 'nitty gritty' of where the club was heading and asked members for their thoughts on all sorts of topics. The Executive are grateful for your comments.

We discussed the positions that were still vacant on the Executive. Heather commented that it was not a hard job. Lee was enjoying doing the Treasurer's job. Everyone seemed happy with the format of the newsletter. We still need a Programme officer and a person willing to be President. Roy has volunteered to be the Greeter at each meeting.

Thoughts on a beginners class were discussed and it was decided that it would not be possible to carry this out as we really did not have the room available or anyone to conduct it as committee were all involved in other duties.

Autumn auction was discussed. All seemed keen to have one. The Executive will try and fit one in this year or if unable, maybe next year. A \$5 bid being the agreed starting point for each plant.

A problem has come up for the Ribbon Show next year 2008. We may have to change our day to a Sunday. A show of hands indicated that we were quite happy about the change.

It was also agreed that we should all wear our name badges to our meetings.



from behind the shade house.....

Jimmy and Margaret have gone back to school! They have been taking computer lessons. No fighting over the keyboard you two!



Lee became the gorgeous 'Mother of the Groom' this month. Timothy and Lisa enjoyed a perfect day and orchids were the flower of choice. Even Roy looked pretty snazzy!



Heard that June was having a holiday shortly. Hope you have a great time!



**SPRING SHOW 2007
CHANGE OF VENUE**

Due to alterations to the West Wave Centre we are holding our Spring show at:

**KELSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE
Cnr Awaroa & Great Nth Road**

(Top of the hill from Waikumete Cemetery)

AUGUST 24TH-26TH