

# WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

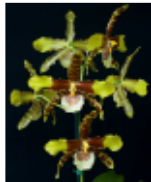
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President Dennis Chuah won  
Grand Champion of our  
Ribbon Show with

## MESSAGE FROM THE SHOW MARSHAL

Our Ribbon Show at Whenuapai Hall went very well. I was happy with the new venue and hope we will use it again. Thank you everyone for attending, helping and entering plants. Well done to the prize winners and congratulations to Dennis Chuah for winning Grand Champion.

It was lovely to see members from other societies attend the show and lunch. We look forward to seeing you at future shows. I hope everyone got time to mix and mingle as this show is a good opportunity to chat and get to know people better.

We had a marvelous array of food for

great job on the BBQ. Thank you very much Pete.

On a not so happy note, Margaret Shaw took a nasty tumble, hitting her head. We hope the head is feeling better this week Margaret.

Our next show will be the Spring Show at Kelston Community Centre on 23rd - 25th August, so take good care of your plants and please be thinking about how you can assist at the show.

Thank you.

Glenys MacRae

**P.S.** Linda would like to thank those who supported her jam and bric-a-brac stall at the Ribbon Show. She made over \$100.00. She still has marmalade and baskets, which will be sold on Auction night.

## NEXT MEETING

Tuesday

April 3rd 2012, 7.30pm

Lions Whitehouse

Auction night. Bring your money along and purchase some new plants for your orchid collection. More information further on in the newsletter.

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

Plants on display and library will be operating this month.

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

FROM THE MARCH MEETING

**All members stood for a minute in silence acknowledging the passing of Peter Elfleet Snr.**

**Apologies:** Bernadette Edmiston, Peter C and Diana Elfleet, Reg Watson and Ross Crabb.

President Dennis welcomed 39 members and 4 visitors.

**Notices:** Award Certificates were presented to Beryl Calder for Lyc Wyld Unicorn 'Manee' and Lyc *lasioglossa* 'Nick'. Ken Morse also received an Award Certificate for Masd Heathii 'Moosy'. Congratulations to you both.

Kate, a visitor to our club, from Christchurch asked for advice about housing her plants as she has them all outside at present. A number of

Congratulations to Lee and Roy Neale who have just gained OCNZ Judging Accreditation. Well done!

Congratulations also to Alan Tantau who has become President of the Auckland Rose Society.

***Raffle winners this month were:***

Thanks to the Club, the lady from Jim and Margaret's villiage and club members for donating prizes.

**Winners were:** Barry Wilkinson, Joy Intveld (x2), Ray Hogan, Beryl Calder, Michael Sue, Robert Wickham and Jim Shaw.

The raffle made \$92.00

APRIL CLUB MEETING

We hope you are all getting your plants ready for our plant auction this month.

Plants must be growing securely in the pot (not just repotted).

The money raised by each grower is theirs alone. Members who are selling more than 5 plants we ask that 1 plant per 5 is donated to the club to be autioned, with money going to the club's

**GUEST SPEAKER - Grahame Leafberg**

Grahame gave us a wonderful Power Point presentation and talk on sarcochilus and their breeding. He commented that it was getting harder to breed with them as they are now into their 3rd and 4th generation. Especially difficult ones are the twig epiphytes. From what we saw on the screen he seemed to be managing very well indeed!

Culture:

He uses No 3 bark, with various additives including coconut fibre No 3 chip and No 3 pumice.

Don't let your sarcs dry out. The leaves are a good indication as to their watering needs. He's watering every second day now but only about once a week in winter

Repot after flowering and don't divide your plants at this time of the year.

Watch for slugs and snails.

***from behind the shade house....***

Jim and Margaret Shaw have appeared in a 'flyer' for Greenview Park Village.

Jim playing pool, bowls and on the treadmill, while Margaret sipped a 'cuppa'. I believe the bowls and pool bit - but the treadmill Jim?

When Margaret Shaw fell over at the show, she asked me if she would get into print, with her two stitches to the head! She was also rather worried she would miss out on the yummy

***Happy April Birthday to.....***

Pam Hughes, Margaret Shaw, Irene Levet, Yanos Capo, Beryl Calder and Peter Toews

## PLANTS ON DISPLAY

### ASCOCENDA

Ascda (Yip Sum Wah x Gua Chia Long) x  
V Kultana Gold  
- William and Man Lo



### AERANTHES

Aerth *caudata* \*  
- Ron Reeves

### CATTLEYA

C Dream Catcher

- Leroy Orchids

C *crispata*

- Bryan Sharpe

C *xanthina* (was a laelia)

- Wolf and Faith Grausch

### CATTLEYTONIA

Ctna Happy Face 'H & R'

- Dennis Chuah

### COELOGYNE

Coel *tomentosa* (was *massangeana*)

- Ken Morse

### DENDROBIUM

Den *chrysanthum*

- Pauline Weeks

Den *cuthbertsonii* 'New Guinea Primrose'

- William and Man Lo

Den *oligophyllum*

Den Frosty Dawn 'Wings of Gold'

- Dennis Chuah

Den Royal Wings # (Silver Wings x Roy  
Tokunaga)

- Bryan Sharpe

### DORITAENOPSIS

Dtps Hsinying Leopard

- William and Man Lo

### MASDEVALLIA

Masd Maryann

Masd Tuakau Goldstrike 'Always'

### HCC/OCNZ

- Ken Morse

Masd Don's Dream 'Magenta' AM/OCNZ

- William and Man Lo

### ONCIDIUM

Onc Un-named

- Ray Hogan

Onc *incurvum*

- Ron Reeves

### PHALEANOPSIS

Phal Hsinying Yuhihime\* x Hsinying  
Hakucho

Phal Hsinying Arcwind

Phal *leuddemanniana* \*

- William and Man Lo

### PROSTHECHEA

Psh *brassavolae* (was *encyclia*)

- Ken Morse

### RHYNCATTLEANTHE

Ctt Chocolate Drop x Rth Martha Clarke  
(4 seedlings)

- Leroy Orchids

Rth Koa 'China Doll'

Rth Koa 'Angel'

- Beryl Calder

### RHYNCHOLAELIA

Rl *digbyana*

- Dennis Chuah

### RHYNCHOSTELE

Rst *bictoniensis* var *album* (was Odm  
*bictoniense*)

- Ron Reeves

### STENOGLOTTIS

Sngl Durban

- Dennis Chuah

Sngl Neptune

Sngl Durban

- Bryan Sharpe

### STANHOPEA

Stan *inodora*

- Ron Reeves

Stan *wardii*

- Don Hodge

### TOLUMNIA

Tolu Susan Perriera x (Love That Red x  
Deborah le Monde)

Tolu Red Susan

- Dennis Chuah

William and Man Lo won the popular plant this month with their Ascda. (Name shown)

Plants on display from last month was won by Faith and Wolf Grausch

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*.

The plant commentary wqs conducted by Grahame Leafberg and Dennis Chuah

### **HINT**

Mealy bug control.  
*Confidor* as an aerosol works best as it has an oil base that enables it to penetrate the mealy bug's waxy exterior

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE  
Single membership \$17.00  
Family (max 2 adults per household)

### **VALE - Peter Elfleet (Senior)**

Mum and Dad got involved in orchids in the late 1970's. They joined North Shore Orchid Society and attended the First NZ Orchid Conference in 1980.

Dad and I worked together a lot building orchid benches, shade houses and glass houses.

Mum and Dad joined our club on the second meeting after it was formed and have been members ever since.

I remember Mum and Dad going to Palmers Garden Centre to get a pleione orchid plant and they came racing back saying 'Hey quick - Palmers is going out of being an agent for Edenlite glass houses. They have one going cheap! Several trips later it was shipped home in bits!

Dad liked his cymbidiums a lot, and made several trips to Alvin Bryants' Nursery in Sydney, bringing home lots of flasks. We also used to make crosses and Dad used to do a seed - pod run to Sydney every year. We would get them flasked up in Australia and eventually Alvin showed Dad how to do it and shared some flasking mix recipes based on Don Wimber's formula. The mix could pretty much germinate any orchid seed. Dad's formula produced the World's first second generation Phaiocalanthe which I registered as Phcal Andromeda in 1999. Dad met Don Winber at the 1990 13th World Orchid Conference and he swapped notes with Don.

Dad got the calling to be an Orchid Council judge in the mid 1980's, he judged at the 13th WOC, and the OCNZ awarded him with a 25 years Service Certificate last year. Finally, as many of you know and will no doubt miss his discussions on his real big passions - his family and Aircraft.

So, on the day we said goodbye to him we toasted Dad with his favourite Port Borne served on his 25 Year's Service tray from Air New Zealand and we took along a flowering dendrobium orchid whose seed Dad had flasked up - and we shared a lot of good family memories.

### **VALE - Gary Cooke**

I first met Gary in 1983.

Gary and his late wife Heather joined North Shore Orchid Society in 1982, also joining Auckland Orchid Club at their first meeting in 1983. Gary became Show Marshal for a number of years, also holding the position of Secretary for 3 years. Gary moved on to support the club in so many ways through his excellent computer skills and with the support of his wife during her term as President of Auckland Orchid Club.

Gary and Heather joined New Zealand Orchid Society in 1988 where he became Secretary and held the position for 14 years, after which the Society made him a Life Member.

Gary's passion was his computer work. He has produced numerous books in the form of hybrid lists on Masdevallias, alphabetical lists of all Genera Intergeneric combinations, including standard abbreviations of all generic names.

Gary has in the last 10 years produced many books containing all NZ judging systems awards, which have been circulated throughout all NZ judging groups. He progressed to producing them on CD. Gary also registered NZOS's judging awards on Orchidwiz. In the judging system we value his work and use his reference books as a tool for our future reference.

Gary was still involved, with his late wife Heather as combined Deputy Registrars of the NZOS Judging Committee. They represented NZ at a number of International Orchid Conferences over many years. Gary was an enthusiastic member of the orchid scene and was a very worthy recipient of the John Easton Award.

Joe Vance

### **FOOTNOTE:**

We at Waitakere Orchid Club will miss Gary sitting in the front row giving cheek to all and sundry. Our Shows will never be the same as he kept us all entertained with his rather dubious stories!