

WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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Popular plant from our last meeting was *Catasetum pileatum* beautifully grown by Beryl Calder. Congratulations!

MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

As we head into April our thoughts must go towards the winter comfort of our orchids. Those of us without a warm glasshouse need to find a warm spot for some of our plants.

We tend to use Anzac day as a guideline to start the process of 'tucking them in' somewhere cosy for winter. This is also the time to remove the extra shading we put on early summer, and reduce watering for some plants.

My Phallies come indoors with a few of my other babies who don't like the cold and frosts - this includes myself!
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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday April 2nd

7.30pm (7.00pm Early Forum for newer members).


Lions Whitehouse

Auction Night.

Early Forum: Grahame Leafberg will talk on sarcochilus.

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 night.

APRIL AUCTION NIGHT

Auction night is an exciting evening for our club members. We invite you to bring plants to the meeting to be sold. The money received from these plants is solely yours. If you are selling 5 or more plants we ask you to donate 1 plant per 5 to the club to be auctioned.

We insist that all plants be growing securely in their pot (not just repotted).

Sellers are to list their plants on the auction form and hand it to Lee on the night. Sellers are responsible for collecting their money from those who bought their plants.

FROM THE MARCH MEETING

Apologies; Chris Whitby, Ken Morse, Linda Alexander.

Sick: Irene Levett.

President Lee welcomed 31 members to the meeting.

Thanks were given to Beryl Calder for the cattleya talk for Early Forum members.

Next month Grahame will speak on sarcochilus for beginners.

We discussed a new format for plants on display. We shall give this a trial period to see how it works out.

Walter was thanked for the plums he donated for jam at the Ribbon Show.

Photographic competition entries for the 7th NZ National Orchid Expo must be sent on disk or an actual photo sent.

Lee commented on our Ribbon Show. The exhibits, food and people were a credit to us all!

Expo in New Plymouth: Our club display design was discussed. We need 10 litre empty paint pails.

Ken and Bryan are running the trading table at the Expo. Members can sell plants. Ken will have plant tickets.

Beryl Calder was presented with an award certificate for C Marie's Magic 'Jordan' AM/OCNZ.

Roy discussed a social occasion for the club. Maybe a bus trip to another club.

Next month (April) auction night. We were encouraged to share some of our special plants with our orchid friends.

We were very pleased to have nice new tables available for our club night. We had a very long wait for them due to our request not being passed to the correct person!

NOTE: As we go to print we no longer need 10 litre buckets. We have been given sufficient for our needs. Thank you.

GUEST SPEAKER LAST MONTH

Dennis Chuah

Dennis gave us a wonderful talk on 'Forgotten Orchids'.

Those who attend his lecture in New Plymouth are in for a special treat.

For those members who use xtra as their internet service provider....

It seems that xtra consistently rejects emails from Dennis. If you have not received your newsletter by email please contact Telecom. (Ring the number 123) and ask them to white list his email address. This way they are guaranteed not to block his emails and will receive the newsletter.

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Raffle results....

Thanks to the club, Jim and Margaret Shaw and Dennis Chuah for donating prizes.

Winners this month were: Mary Jones, Bev Meredith, Robert Wickham and Michael Sue.

The raffle made \$76 which will be added to the club coffers.



Happy April birthday to....

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

PLANTS ON DISPLAY

Aerangis

Aer unknown – Bev Meredith

Brassocattleya

Bct. Little Marmaid ‘Janet’

(AM/OCNZ pending)

– Leroy Orchids

Catasetum

Ctsm. *pileatum*

– Beryl Calder

Cattleya

C. Mari’s Magic ‘Purple Flares’

– Leroy Orchids

C. forbesii

– Bev Meredith

C. loddigesii var. *coerulea*

– Dennis Chuah

Cattlianthe

Ctt. Blue Stage # (Ctt. Sierra Skies x

C. walkeriana)

– Leroy Orchids

Coelogyne

Coel. tumida - Dennis Chuah

Dendrobium

Den. *rigidifolium* x Wilcos Best !

– Leroy Orchids

Doritaenopsis

Dtps. Chian Xen Pearl ‘HJ’*

– William and Man Lo

Isochilus

Iso. *aurantiacus*

– Barry Baxter

Masdevallia

Masd. Lyn Sherlock ‘Superba’ AM/OCNZ *

- William and Man Lo

Miltonia

Milt. Goodale Moir

– Leroy Orchids

Oncidium

Onc. Rosy Sunset (was a Miltonidium)

– Bev Meredith

Phalaenopsis

Phal. Katie Morris x Red Rose

Phal. Hsinying Leopard

Phal. Hsinying Yuhihime x Hsinying Hakucho*

- William and Man Lo

Prosthechea

Psh. *brassavolae*

– Leroy Orchids

Rhyncattleanthe

Rth. Lee’s Ruby – 4 plants

Rth. Brassy Gold # (Ctt. Chocolate Drop x Rth Love Sound)

- Leroy Orchids

Rhyncholaeliocattleya

Rlc. Sarah Sellers # (*C. forbesii* x Rlc. Waikiki Gold)

– William and Man Lo

Scaphosepalum

Sppm. *antenniferum*

– Dennis Chuah

Stenoglottis

Sngl. Durban

– Barry Baxter

Vanda

V. Fuch’s Delight ‘Toots’

– Dennis Chuah

! = unable to confirm name on Orchid-Wiz

= Name Change, cross now registered, please update your label

* = Spelling Correction needed on label.

Names written in *italics* depicts it is a *species*.

The plant commentary was conducted by Lee Neale and Beryl Calder.

Plants on display from last month was won by Ken Morse.

SHOW DATES TO REMEMBER

NZOS Autumn Show - May 5th (1day Show)
Roy Tokunaga will be Guest Speaker.

NZOS Winter Show - July 13 - 14

Waitakere Orchid Club - August 23 –24

South Auckland Orchid Society—September 21-22

Howick Orchid Society - October 5th (1 day show)

7th New Zealand Orchid Expo - New Plymouth
October 30th –November 3rd