

WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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Grand Champion at our Ribbon Show.
Brs verrucossa var *gigantea*.

FROM THE SHOW MARSHAL

The day of our Ribbon Show was very hot and humid with misty rain, but it didn't stop us from having an enjoyable time.

We had a lovely display of orchids and it was great to see members from other societies joining in.

Thanks to our BBQ chefs, kitchen staff, and all the helpers.

The day ran very smoothly.

Ken moved the trading table outside under the tree so it wouldn't be too cramped. This seemed to work well so we will probably do the same next year.

Congratulations to all the winners and to Bruce and Leigh Westlake who won Grand Champion.

Our Spring Show will be held in the Kelston Community Centre, Aug 29th & 30th.

Thank You.

Glenys.

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday April 1st 7.30pm
(7.00pm Early Forum for newer
members).
Lions Whitehouse

No early Forum: Take time to inspect Auction Plants.

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.



AUCTION NIGHT

We ask you to bring orchid plants to the meeting to be auctioned. The money received for these plants is yours entirely. You may put a reserve price on if you wish.

Plants must be growing securely in their pots and we insist they are **healthy**. (No newly repots!).

Sellers are to list their plants on the auction form and hand it to Lee on the night.

If you are selling 5 plants or more we ask you to donate 1 plant per 5 to the club.

Sellers are responsible for collecting their money from those who bought their plants.

Sellers and buyers please ensure you all have **small notes and change**.

This is an opportunity for newer members to buy quality and interesting plants.

FROM THE MARCH MEETING

President Lee welcomed members and visitors to the meeting. She also thanked Barry for conducting Early Forum.

Apologies: Dara McNaught, Bev Meredith, Myra Humphrey, and Wendy Gilligan.

Sick: Wolf Grausch. (Faith said he is doing OK.)

Visitors: Georgina Jamieson and Peter Bartsch from Canada, Doreen Humphries and Krishna and Lin Chetty.

Notices:

It was great to see Irene and Melvin at the meeting after their time in hospital.

We had received a thank you note from the Leighty family regarding Heather's passing. Taranaki Orchid Society had also sent a letter thanking our club and members for attending Expo 2013.

Te Puke show 11th & 12th April.

Orchid Council AGM is in Taradale, 30-31 May -1st June. Phone Lee if you are interested in going.

We need a trophy custodian, This entails taking trophies to the engraver and putting them around at show time. See Glenys if you are able to help.

We notice that the kitchen girls miss part of our meeting. Please bring your supper on a disposable plate and slice cakes etc at home to help cut down on washing up. Volunteering to help them would be nice. ☺

Let Mary know if you have not received your newsletter by the Thursday before our meeting. Phone 834 6989.

Club plants are for sale, \$5 each.

Barry has made a wonderful booklet for our library. Check it out! Thanks Barry.

Roy brought his fertilizer tester if it was needed. Bring your fertilizer sample to the meeting to check if you are feeding your plants at the correct strength.



Mary, Faith and Lee relaxing at our Ribbon Show.

GUEST SPEAKERS - Peter and Georgina

Peter and Georgina have been growing orchids indoors in Calgary, Canada for 15 years. They belong to their local orchid club. Travelling to NZ frequently and for long periods of time, they found it unfair to ask friends to look after their plants for such a long period, so they sold them all!

They have bought land in Whakatane and now grow their orchids under the trees! They are growing dendrobs, disa and paphs with carnivorous plants to eat the bugs! All seem to be growing well.

We were shown pictures of Canadian native *cypridium* 'Montana' - a ground growing orchid which grows quite commonly on the sides of the roads. Snow insulates the bulbs in winter and they flower in the Spring. Squirrels sometimes dig them up for winter feed! Special varieties can be bought for around \$75 per bulb, (rather expensive squirrel food!)

They grew their plants in their basement under lights which were on 16 hrs a day with fans circulating the air. Heating was from the fluorescent and halogen lights. Watering was difficult as rainwater had to be used. (Their mains water contains a lot of calcium.) A fogger is also used.

Most hobby orchid growers just have a few orchids growing on their windowsills.

We must give them a medal for their dedication to 'orchid growing the hard way'. We can be thankful that our growing is a breeze compared to theirs!

Mary.


SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions are now due.

Please fill in the enclosed form and return with your money to Jill at the next meeting.

To help her out, put the correct amount and form in an envelope with your name on it. (The poor lady gets bombarded with people needing change!)

Raffle results....

 Thanks to the club, Ken Morse, Anne Bernard, Man Lo, Grahame Leafberg and Walter for donating prizes.

Winners this month were: June Sutton, Bryan Sharpe, Ray Hogan, Roy Neale, John Stewart, Don Hodge, Mary Jones and our visitor from Canada, Peter.

Our raffle made \$92.00 which will be a great help towards our expenses.

PLANTS ON DISPLAY

Acianthera (previously Pleurothallis)

Acia. *Sonderiana*

- Ray Hogan

Ascocenda

Asco. Unknown

- Grahame Leafberg

Cattleya

C. Lana Coryell 'Kamo' AM/OCNZ (2 plants)

C. Brandywine x Sincorana

- Wolf Grausch (kindly brought in by Faith)

C. Hsinying Fancy Gold

- Leroy Orchids

C. Medley 'Walkeriana'

- Pauline Weeks

C. Quinquecolor

C. *intermedia* x *gloedeniana* # (was *macrobulbosa*)

-Dennis Chuah

Dendrobium

Den. *Bigibbum* (suspected to be not true label)

- Anne Bernard

Den. Lori's Star

- Ray Hogan

Den. Mountain Magic x *glomeratum*

Den *tapiniense*

- Grahame Leafberg

Den. *tetragonum* *

- William and Man Lo

Domingoa (previously *Nageliella*)

Dga. *purpurea*

- William and Man Lo

Masdevallia

Masd. *stenorhynchos* 'Select'

Masd Sugar Baby

- Ken Morse

Oncidium

Onc. Ruth's Rainbow

- Barry Baxter

Paphiopedilum

Paph Frank Booth

Paph. Utgard

- William and Man Lo

Phalaenopsis

Phal. Sorrento

- Kim Young

Phal Lion Lin Orange '5206'

- Pauline Weeks

Prosthechea

Psh. *brassavolae* (was an Epidendrum)

- Shirley Sidnam

Rangaeris

Rgs. *amanuensis*

- William and Man Lo

Rhyncholaeliocattleya

Rlc. Elegant Dancer x Always Dream

- Leroy Orchids

Schoenorchis

Sns. *juncifolia*

- William and Man Lo

Stenoglottis

Sngl. Durban

- Barry Baxter

Zygopetalum

Zygo. Artur Elle *

- Burt and Evelyn Ong

? = 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*.

The plant commentary was conducted by our visitors from Canada, Georgina and Peter, assisted by Lee.



Barry Baxter won our popular Plant vote this month with Oncidium Ruth's Rainbow

WELCOME!

Waitakere Orchid Club would like to welcome three new members. Joselito (Lito) Teope and Krishna and Lin Chetty.

We hope you will enjoy your new hobby and at the same time, make lots of new friends. We are all here to help with any problems you may have regarding your plant culture - don't be too shy to ask!☺



Happy April birthday to....

Margaret Shaw, Irene Levet, Yanos Capo, Beryl Calder, Myra Humphries, and Krishna and Lin Chetty

LIBRARY BOOKS

Irene has noticed there are a lot of library books outstanding. Could you please bring them to the next meeting. Have a search around home and see if you have some tucked away that you have forgotten to return.