

# WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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## MESSAGE FROM THE SHOW MARSHAL

The Ribbon Show was another enjoyable day. Great to see our newer members getting involved - I hope you enjoyed judging and made some new friends. It is always lovely to see our friends from other orchid societies join us for the day and we look forward to seeing them again at our next show.

Congratulations to Anne Bernard for taking out Best Novice and Grand Champion with *Dendrobium bigibum*. It was wonderful to see a competitive novice section this year. These ladies are going to give the rest of us a run for our money in future shows!

Congratulations to all the other prize winners and thank you everyone for entering your plants.

As always a big thank you to the ladies in the kitchen and our BBQ chefs. We had a good array of food and I'm sure everyone found something they liked. I know someone (he knows who he is) thoroughly enjoyed his trifle!

Thank you

Glenys.

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Tuesday April 7th 7.30pm**  
**(7.00pm Early Forum for newer members)**  
**Lions Whitehouse**

Auction night.

Please bring a small plate for supper, on a disposable plate. Cut any cakes etc at home. This enables the kitchen staff to be able to enjoy our meetings and not be stuck in the kitchen.

Help will be needed to vacuum the hall after the meeting. There are Two vacuum cleaners available!

Please wear your name badge on club night.



## **APRIL IS AUCTION NIGHT**

New members please don't miss this meeting. We have a wonderful time and it is a great opportunity for you to gather up a few more quality plants.

**Sellers:** You may sell a maximum of **5 plants** plus **1** to go to the club. We insist on good quality plants growing firmly in the pot or on rafts and bug free. You must list your plants on the auction form and hand it to Lee on the night. Sellers are responsible for collecting money for their plants at the end of the evening.

**Buyers: We are not a bank!** Bring small notes and small change. Don't forget to pay for your plant at the end of the meeting. We will give you a purchaser list.



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

Krishna and Lyn Chetty, Margaret Shaw, ,  
Beryl Calder, Irene Levett, Yanos Capov and Myra  
Humphrey,

### FROM THE MARCH MEETING

President Lee welcomed 43 members and visitors, Margaret Lomas and Chris Hubbert.

**Apologies:** Toby Marris, Dara McNaught, Don Blumhardt, Bev Meredith, Barry Baxter and Ross Thompson.

**Notices:** Robert was thanked for hosting Ramble Day. This month we will be at Anne Bernard's home 17 Te Atatu Rd, Thurs. 12th March at 10.00am.

Faith has some lovely pickle jars needing a good home. See her about these during the meeting.

Glenys talked about the Ribbon Show, we need every orchid you have in flower. Tags for sale plants are available. Get them tonight.

The Bus Trip to Tauranga has some vacant seats. See Roy and pay him any remaining money you may owe for the trip.

He also gave directions to get to the auction day at Beryl's home on Saturday 14th March.

AHC March 29th are holding an affiliates afternoon. Guest speaker from Independent Living Service. Bring a plate.

Carlos Lehnebach, Botanical Curator Te Papa will be speaking at Baptist Church Monday March 16th at 7.30pm.

Club meeting next month is our plant auction night.

We are trying out a new club night format tonight.

Jill has brought in an enormous box of plums. Members invited to take some home.

### 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!)**

### GUEST SPEAKER - Margaret Lomas

Margaret is the President of the Whangarei Orchid Society and is also head of the Committee of Awards for OCNZ. She arrived in Auckland on the bus with a large plastic wheelie bin packed with plants, pots, sprays, bark, and all the requirements needed for repotting phalaenopsis orchids.

She always uses gloves to protect her hands Waitara No 3 bark is her favourite potting medium. Plants can be repotted all year around but try to avoid doing it while the plant is in flower.

Tidy up the plants before you pot them on. Trim old roots and leaves. Margaret uses cinnamon to seal the fresh cuts as it is a great healing agent.

If roots are growing up as well as down repot as many roots as possible. Plant in the centre of the pot.

Be careful when choosing pot sizes, making sure they have good drainage. Too big a pot will keep the plant too wet.

If you have a spent spike and want to try and re flower it, cut the spike off at the 2nd node. This new spike will not be as good as one that will develop naturally from the base of the plant.

Margaret had an artist's brush which she used to apply meths to any bugs on the plant or flower. She also recommended several other horticultural sprays.

**Hint:** If your plant has spongy leaves - check the roots.

Water early in the day and don't allow water to sit in the crown, this is a real phally killer!

A stressed plant can be taken out of the pot and sat on the bench, misting regularly. It may send out a kei kei.

Don't forget to use cinnamon on severed roots.

Date labels when repotting and if it is a special plant put a coloured label in the pot as well.

If growing them in an unheated area take them indoors for winter.

Thanks Margaret for a wonderful talk. We have all learned something new this month on phalaenopsis orchids and their needs.

**Mary Jones.**



### **RAMBLE DAY – At Anne's**

What a great turnout! Fourteen members wandered around Anne's fabulous garden. Her orchids were tucked in around her property, under the deck and in her home - all looking very happy to be where they were.

The garden was beautifully laid out with lots of surprises at every turn. Her love of all plants very obvious with roses, vireya's, dahlias and almost everything else you could think of growing very happily together.

We all enjoyed a great morning tea and chat on orchid culture and generally got to know each other a lot better.

Thanks Anne for allowing us to share your stunning garden.

**Mary.**

**PLANTS ON DISPLAY - 03.03.15**  
(!)= Not registered name on OrchidWiz.

Spelling = \* Name Change = #

**Catasetum**

Ctsm. *expansum*  
- Dennis Chuah

**Cattleya**

C. Dendi.s Song 'Gamma'

- Pauline Weeks

C. Angel Eyes x Lisa Taylor Gallis

C. Dal's Choice

- Wolf and Faith Grausch

C. *schilleriana*

- Burt and Evelyn Ong

C. Itsa Blue

C. Thrall

C. Brabantiae 'Banderantes' SM/JOGA

- Leroy Orchids

**Dendrobium**

Den. Maiden's Blush

- William and Man Lo

Den. Karen

- Lana Parsons

**Epicattleya**

Epi. Veitchii#

- Shirley Sidnam

**Laeliocattleya**

C. Bryce Canyon x Lc. Liptonii

- Leroy Orchids

**Lycaste**

Lyc. *aromatic*

- Dennis Chuah

Lyc. *cruenta*

- William and Man Lo

**Paphiopedilum**

Paph. Norito Hasegawa

Paph. Giant Knight# (2013)

Paph. Wossner Vietnam Love

Paph. Voodoo magic x Wood Wonder

Paph. *henryanum*

Paph Concolor

- Chris Whitby

**Phalaenopsis**

Phal. *bellina*

- Linda Alexander

Phal. *lueddemanniana* \*

- Shirley Sidnam

**Prosthechea**

Psh. *prismatocarpa* \*

- Anne Bernard

Psh. *vitellina* \*

- Shirley Sidnam

Psh. *cochleata*

- Dennis Chuah

**Rhyncholaeliocattleya**

Rlc. Memoria Rose Graham #

- Wolf and Faith Grausch

Rlc. Bryce Canyon x Lc. Liptonii #

- Leroy Orchids

February lucky  
plant draw was  
won by Toby Mar-

**Vanda**

V. Princess Mikasa 'Pink' #

- Burt and Evelyn Ong

**Zygopetalum**

Zygo. Artur Elle

- William and Man Lo

The plant commentary was conducted by Dennis Chuah. Chris talked about his beautiful paphs, Dennis commented on his spectacular catasetum and we were told that Linda and Melvin's rather large collection of phallies went on holiday with them to their caravan!

The popular vote this month was a 3 way tie!



Cattleya Itsa Blue

- Leroy Orchids

Right:  
Catasetum *expansum*

- Dennis Chuah



Paphiopedilum Voodoo Magic  
x Wood Wonder

- Chris Whitby



**Raffle results....**

Thanks to the Club, Chris Whitby and Bryan Sharpe for donating raffle prizes.

**Winners were:** Mary, Bryan, Bernadette and Faith.

Our raffle made \$96.00 which will be a great help towards our expenses.



Ramble Day for April will be held at Irene Levet's home,  
8 Westvale Ave. Ranui on April 16th at 10.00am.