

AUCKLAND ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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Ribbon Show Grand Champion 2005

Catasetum Orchidglade 'Davie Ranches'
AM/AOS
Exhibited by Mary Jones

MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

The Ribbon Show was a great success with a wonderful variety of genera on display. I was so thrilled to be the winner of the Grand Champion with my catasetum as usually this plant never flowers at any show time! Since then all my other catasetum's have sent up beautiful blooms just to 'rub it in!' We always call our Ribbon Show our fun show and it certainly lived up to it's name. As you are all aware, we, the members judge the plants, guided by a qualified judge who tells us where we are going wrong and explains all facets of judging to us which helps us to understand how the experts do it at Spring Show time.

Of course a fun show is meant to be just that and thanks to one of our members, we all had a good laugh. That person who shall remain nameless placed an imitation paph (and it was a good imitation!), on the show bench, named it Paph Fakeianum and won first prize! It had to eventually be pointed out that it was indeed a Fakeianum! Watch out next year as I heard the culprit is plotting his/her next move!!

The trading table and produce table did well. Linda once again had been busy with the jam pan and some jars were still warm from her last batch just cooked the night before. Thanks Linda for a great effort.

The girls in the kitchen never stopped all day and went on to serve up a wonderful evening meal with Pete the head chef on BBQ duties.

It was a lovely evening shared with members and friends-but where were the rest of you club members? You missed a great night. Thanks show committee for a lovely day.

ED.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday June 7th

7.30pm

Lions Whitehouse

This will be our AGM. We need a new Treasurer and someone to take care of the library on club night. Give this some serious thought as all those people that are already helping out cannot fit in any more jobs into their busy lives, some of them have been doing their Executive volunteer work for years, we do need help!

Lee will be giving us a Power Point presentation on the Leroy trip to the Santa Barbara Show and also their Grand Canyon holiday.

Supper will be served during the meeting.

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

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



FROM THE MAY MEETING

President Glenys welcomed the 55 members and friends who attended the meeting. Irene came as a visitor and we hoped she enjoyed the evening.

Apologies: Katrina Williams.

Notices: Glenys congratulated Leigh Leaity on becoming Registrar for the NZOS judging panel and also Heather Cooke as Assistant Registrar.

Gary is organising a bus trip to Hamilton in September to the big show. He needs to know as soon as possible who will be going, please phone Gary on 834 6110.

Marie our Treasurer has a receipt for your subscription. If any one should need one please ask Marie on club night.

There is a Sub Tropical plant sale on at the ASB Stadium in June.

The President thanked the Show committee for a successful Ribbon Show.



Bernadette Edmiston won plant of the month for May with this magnificent *Lycaste skinneri* 'Auburn' x Henty 'Nikana'

GUEST SPEAKER
Russell Hutton

We just love having Russell at our meetings. At the start we all dive into his plants that he has brought along and by the time the meeting has begun – the housekeeping budget for the week has been totally blown!

My new treasures are right at home in my glasshouse and doing well!

We were given a quiz by Russell and I must admit it was most interesting to hear all the answers and to find out that we are doing quite well in looking at how our plants are growing, the type of roots they have, foliage, and generally 'tuning in' to their needs. Newer members would have found that they had learnt a lot from his talk.

Russell has been growing species for about 35 years and admits that observation of his plants is a basis for the success of his growing them well. Most of us seem to grow epiphytic and lithophytic orchids rather than terrestrial types. Perhaps we should all have a try at some terrestrials in the future. One or two of our members are doing well with some of these species and I am sure they would help out with advice.

I am sure we all enjoyed this light hearted and friendly talk.

Thanks Russell.

TO THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT YET PAID THEIR SUBSCRIPTIONS, THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER.



**CULTURE
QUESTIONS**

Q. My cymbidiums have flower buds in the sheaths now - how do I now feed them?

A. Decrease the nitrogen and raise the potash level.

Q. How do you apply potash and where do you buy it?

A. It is available at garden centres and Veg Grow. You buy it by the bag. Apply it using 1 tablespoon to a 10 litre bucket of water.

Q. My plants are being overrun by the black and white bullseye scale, or is it an aphid?

A. Control by spraying in October and February. It is difficult to treat now as oil based sprays will damage the flowers that are emerging. Try Pyrethrum spray.

Sometimes it is quite easy to hose off, or if there is not too much of it on the plants wipe off with a cloth.

Happy June birthday to....



Gary Cooke, Grahame Leafberg, June Sutton, Beryl Finlay, Peter Elfleet Snr, Linda English and Mary Jones has one with an 'O' on the end!



WORLD ORCHID CONFERENCE

Part 2 –The Tour

Glenys MacRae

On the first of March we said au revoir to Paris to visit Beaune, Lyon, Avignon, Aix, Marseilles, Nice, Monaco, Grenoble, Geneva, Montreux and Dijon.

We traveled to Beaune (pronounced bone) via Boisse-Saint-Leger to visit Marcel Lecoufle Orchids. Marcel Lecoufle is one of the few commercial orchid growers in France. Many genera of orchids are grown here as well as air plants and bromeliads. The thing that struck us was the prices being asked for orchids. For example a small pot of dendrobium *kingianum*, 29 Euro, small cattleyas, 36 Euro and cymbidiums we would sell at our show for say \$20-\$25 were going for 59 Euro. Are we giving our plants away and is a review of our pricing in order?

During our tour through the towns and cities mentioned above we saw some gorgeous scenery such as snow dusted fields and trees, icicles hanging off buildings and the beautiful azure blue of the Mediterranean as well as some amazing sights such as the Roman Theatre in Lyon.

No trip to the French Riviera would be complete without a visit to the Principality of Monaco and the Monte Carlo casino. The three sisters and I paid the 10 Euro each to enter the gaming room where we absorbed the ambience while sipping champagne. Being the high rollers that we are, we blew 5 Euro each on the machines just to say that we had done it!

While in Nice an optional extra was arranged to visit Grasse, the capital of perfume. On the way we called into Confiserie de Gorges du Loup. A guided tour of this factory shows the traditional making of jellied fruits, jams, crystallised flowers, chocolates, sweets and candies. When we entered the showroom we all thought we had died and gone to heaven! This was a truly scrumptious place!

There were several perfumeries in Grasse producing the essences that go into perfume. They also produce their own range of products that we would not see other than in perhaps Paris.

The Perfumeur we visited was called Frogonard. It was a very interesting tour and boy, was their sales routine slick!

Trying the local cuisine and drink was a big part of the holiday for me, aided and abetted by Peter, Michelle and Mark. Some fantastic meals were eaten and some lovely wine drunk. Stand out meals for me were the traditional French meals in Beaune and at Brasserie Georges in Lyon, while not forgetting the thoroughly enjoyable evening at the Thai restaurant in Geneva. While dining out, some of us developed a liking for Pastise, a French aniseed based aperitif, to the extent that there was a rush on Pastise sales in Dijon!

Upon leaving Nice it was farewell to the Mediterranean and onto the alpine area of Grenoble before our two days in Switzerland. First impressions of Geneva were those of a regimented place with a fairly serious population – but the chocolate was divine! The day trip to Montreux was very picturesque. We had an interesting visit to Castle of Chillon, on the shores of Lake Geneva, whose history can go back to the 11th century and earlier. Montreux was a favourite place of poet Byron but for fans of Deep Purple and Freddy Mercury, you will also appreciate the significance of this place.

PS 10 Euro = NZ\$17.70

BUS TRIP TO HAMILTON
5TH NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE AND SHOW
Saturday September 3rd

Gary must know as soon as possible how many would like to go on this trip. At this stage a price is not available as when this newsletter went to print we had not had an Executive meeting to discuss the costing.

We usually try to subsidize the fare and I am sure this will happen again, so in the meantime let Gary know if you are interested so he knows which size bus to order.

Phone him on 834 6110

Thanks to Kim and Warehouse Stationery for the printing of this newsletter. Make sure you support Warehouse Stationery for stamps and supplies. Did you like the lovely colour pictures last month? He spoils us now and again, thanks Kim!

PLANTS ON DISPLAY

CATTLEYA

C bowringiana

- David Jacobson

C maxima

- Wolf and Faith Grausch

DENDROBIUM

Den crepidiferum (first flowing seedling)

- Diana Elfleet

Den subclausum var *pandanicola*

- Grahame Leafberg

Den Colonial Surprise

- Lucille Rowe

Den Anne's Rainbow Surprise 'III'

- Leroy Orchids

Den Prince Akihito x Buddy Shepler #

- C & R Hogan

LYCASTE

Lyc skinneri 'Auburn' x *Henty 'Nikana'*

- Bernadette Edmiston

MASDEVALLIA

Masd Heathii 'Bryan'

- Ken Morse

ODONTIODA

Oda Robesca x *Odm cripum*

- Leroy Orchids

ONCIDIUM

Onc Nonamyne 'Dural' x *Dark Sun* 'Golden Prince' #

- Grahame Leafberg

PAPHIOPEDILUM

Paph Supersuk x *Vinters Treasure* #

This was registered in 1987 and now has a new name which is....

Paph Starr Search

- Heather & Gary Cooke

PHALAENOPSIS

Phal Wikinoi Dream

- Ross Crabb

SOPROCATTLEYA

Sc Beaufort 'Elmwood'

- Grahame Leafberg

SOPROLAELIOCATTLEYA

Slc Angel's Fantasy 'Flame' AM/NZOS

- Grahame leafberg

ZYGOPETALUM

Z Kiwi Klassic

- Linda English

Those members with a # beside their plant name, please correct your label. Plants written in *italics* depicts it is a *species*.

The plant commentary was conducted by Leigh Leaity. It was a fantastic display of well grown plants.



from behind the shade house.....



David and Jessie Jacobson recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Congratulations to you both. It was lovely to see Jessie at the last meeting as her health is not the best some days.

The Show Marshall has had some major surgery to her left hand. There was a bit of a hic-up and she returned to hospital for another few days. Pete is looking forward to being her right hand man, (sorry – left hand man) for the next few weeks!



President Glenys has just become a home owner. She will be moving to Henderson in the next few weeks, and is busy sorting out the orchids ready for their new home!

RIBBON SHOW 2005 ROSETTE WINNERS

Open Class Champion:

Catasetum Orchidglade 'Davie Ranches' AM/AOS
Grower: Mary Jones

Best Cymbidium: *Cym Leroy's Beauty*; Leroy Orchids

Best Odontoglossum Alliance: *Onc incurvum*; Leroy Orchids

Best Masdevallia: *Masd Copper Angel* 'GF'; Leroy Orchids

Best Phalaenopsis: *Phal Wikinoi Dream*; Ross Crabb

Best Paphiopedilum: *Paph Transvaal*; Kim Robilliard

Best Cattleya Alliance: *Lc Portia* 'Appleton's Var'; Mary Jones

Best Dendrobium Alliance: *Den draconis*; Diana and Peter Elfleet

Best Species: *Cirropetulum Daisy Chain*; Rai and Lottie Hogan

Best Hybrid: *Catasetum Orchidglade* 'Davie Ranches' AM/AOS; Mary Jones

Novice Class Champion: *Epidendrum prismatocarpum*; **Grower:** Patrick Stepanic

Best Species: *Epidendrum prismatocarpum*; Patrick Stepanic

Grahame's oncidium would have been considered for an award, but unfortunately it had 7 flowers on the spike instead of the required minimum of 8. Buzzer!