

AUCKLAND ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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Milt Newton Falls 'Waterfall' was the winning plant of the month, exhibited by Bert and Evelyn Ong.

MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

It was great to see Grahame Leafberg arriving on club night with a tray of seedling mini cattleyas. Slc Bright Angel 'Patsy' 4N x *Soph brevi peduneulata*.

These seedlings were to be sold (one per member) and all who purchased them are now having a competition to see who can flower them first and we shall compare culture from time to time when each of us is asked to bring their competition plant to a meeting.

This is going to be an exciting exercise and I hope all who purchased a plant will enjoy taking part.

Different growing conditions, temperature, watering, feeding, light and air movement will certainly be noticed when the plants are re-called.

Good luck to all who are taking part and a very big thank you to Grahame for having such wonderful club spirit - something this great little club of ours has loads of!

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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday June 5th

7.30pm

Lions Whitehouse

Annual General Meeting. We hope to see everyone there!

Leigh Leaity will talk on judging to help us all to better understand the judging process.

The trading table, plants on display and the library will all be operating.

Please bring a small plate for supper during the meeting.

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



Happy June birthday to....

Grahame Leafberg, Mary Jones, June Sutton, Beryl Finlay, Peter Elfleet Snr, Linda English and also Gary Cooke who is celebrating a birthday with an '0' on the end!



The raffle made \$58.00 for the club. I am sorry, I was so busy with the Auction payouts that I didn't hear who won the raffles. Congratulations to the winners.

PLEASE NOTE...

If you have not paid your subs you are not eligible to vote in the coming elections on AGM night. You are also not eligible to stand for any office.

For those of you that have not paid their subs, this will be your last newsletter.

FROM THE MAY MEETING

President Glenys welcomed 38 members and visitor-Mary Ann to our meeting.

Apologies: Reg Watson, Betty Major, Patrick Stepancic, Diana Elfleet, Linda and Melvin Alexander, Joy Intvelt, Susan and Allan Tantau, Assid Corban and Jean Treadwell.

Notices: We were sorry to hear that Joan Wood had resigned after many years with our club. Joan has spent time on the Executive and was a tireless worker during her time with the Auckland Orchid Club. At 86 she now finds it difficult to attend meetings. Tudor Orchids and Sunvale Orchids both had lists of plants available.

Members were reminded to register for Roy Tokunaga of H & R Orchids in Hawaii. Those wishing to attend must register with NZOS by the end of August.

DAVID BANKS SPEAKING TOUR IN NEW ZEALAND

We are very lucky to have the opportunity of hosting David Banks at our club. The Orchid Council of NZ has organised and sponsored this tour with David himself requesting the opportunity to speak at an Auckland club.

David is an exceptionally knowledgeable orchid enthusiast and photographer with a gift for entertaining public speaking. David has also been involved with publishing many orchid books and is currently the editor of the Australian Orchid Review.

To accommodate David's itinerary we have had to move our usual monthly meeting night to:

MONDAY 2nd JULY, 7.30pm and the venue has also been changed to the Lincoln Road Bible Chapel, 68 Lincoln Road, Henderson.

This is a wonderful venue with seating for approx 400 people and plenty of free parking behind the chapel and across the road. We will not be running a raffle on the night but would appreciate a 'gold coin donation' on admission to enable us to make a worthy donation for the usage of this venue, as well as that, we will have to pay for our usual venue.

The topic for the evening will be advised at a later date but we are sure David will also be available to answer a multitude of your questions relating to orchid growing.

The Auckland Orchid Club cordially invites club members from other clubs and interested visitors to attend this meeting - it will be a night to remember from the orchid world!

PLANTS ON DISPLAY

BRASSOLAELOCATTLEYA

(Blc Llewellyn x Bc Makaha 'Gold Light') x Blc Chancemaker #

- Bev Meredith

BURRAGEARA

Burr Stefan Isler

- Anjo McKernan

DENDROBIUM

Den Unknown

- Bev Meredith

Den Duno Deerose x Aussie Victory 'Castle Creek' HCC #

- Grahame Leafberg

Den Kim Heinze

- Ken Morse

CYMBIDIUM

Cym *traceyanum*

- Grahame Leafberg

LAELIA

L *perrinii*

- Grahame Leafberg

MASDEVALLIA

Masd Karbouter

- Ken Morse

Masd Redwing

Masd Mazae x Vietchiana# (unable to confirm name)

- William and Man Lo

MILTONIOPSIS

Milt *spectabilis* var *mooreliana* 'Geyserland' 4N

- Grahame Leafberg

Milt Red Tide

- Anjo McKernan

Milt Newton Falls 'Waterfall'

- Bert and Evelyn Ong

MILTONIODA

Mtda Hawaiian Sunset

- Anjo McKernan

ODONTIODA

Oda Lovely Morning

- Honey and Les Denyer

ODONTOGLOSSUM

Odm *bictoniense*

- William and Man Lo

WILSONARA

Wils Hilda Plumtree 'Purple Wings' BN/13WOC

- Anjo McKernan

ZYGOPETALUM

Z Jumping Jack

- William and Man Lo

**Please, please,
please.**

**When filling out
your 'plant on display'
form - make sure we can read it!
Some of the writing is just impossible to read!**

Those with a # beside their plant name, please correct your label.

Plant names written in *italics* depicts it is a *species*.

AUCTION NIGHT

As always, auction night was a lot of fun. Admittedly, sometimes the poor auctioneer had trouble getting bids - (like getting the proverbial 'blood out of a stone'), but never-the-less we got there in the end and I am sure those who bought plants were pleased with their purchases.

Glenys, Lee and myself were busy with heads down recording the sales and this was a lot of fun, especially when we got horribly mixed up and had to ask for 'time out' - but we succeeded in the end!

An entertaining night was had by all.

Thanks to those who donated plants for the club. We made \$53.00

SPRING SHOW UPDATE

We are unable to hold our annual Spring Show at the Henderson West Wave venue this year due to major renovations being undertaken. As a result, we are on the move to the Kelston Community Centre, corner Great North Roads and Awaroa Ave, Kelston.

We need the support of all our members and the participation of all other clubs who normally support us to make this show a success.

It is a golden opportunity to try something different. There will be two halls operating. The show in one hall and a large sales area in the other - this is in line with some major overseas shows and is a very successful format for them.

We look forward to your involvement-have you considered doing an individual display? The Show Schedule has been altered this year to encourage small table top designs - we hope to see yours there!



Mick Hughes, Glenn Poffley and Beryl Calder at Our Ribbon Show 2007.



from behind the shade house...



Margaret Shaw remains a year younger. I forgot to put her April birthday greeting in the newsletter. Sorry Margaret!

Gary and Heather are off to Australia shortly to spend time with family. I have a wee feeling that there may be a birthday celebration happening as well. I also think that there may be some plant purchases taking place if you can spare the time Gary!



JUNE MEETING AGM

We are pleased to be able to report that so far the following members have allowed their names to go forward for positions on the Executive Committee at the forthcoming AGM. It is not a foregone conclusion that they will be elected, all nominations will be accepted on the night.

President : Roy Neale

Vice President : Dennis Chuah

Immediate Past President; Glenys MacRae

Secretary: Pauline Weeks

Treasurer: Lee Neale

Editor: Mary Jones

Social Committee: Joy Intveld

Programme Committee: NEEDED

You may note that these are all familiar faces, people who have been serving your club in the past, and often for many years. Could you consider adding your name to this list or supporting these people in their sub committees? As one person commented when asked if they would stand for re-election, 'I'll do it if no one else will do it, but I would like someone to work beside me this year with the view to taking over next year!'

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE READ YOUR NEWSLETTER THOROUGHLY AS THERE ARE IMPORTANT CHANGED DATES AND VENUES TO MARK ON THE CALENDAR!