

WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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Voted most popular plant for May was C (Slc) Pole-Star 'April Jewel' owned by Beryl Calder. This plant was also awarded a CCC by NZOS judges during club night.
Congratulations Beryl!

MESSAGE FROM THE SHOW MARSHAL

The Spring Show is roughly 3 months away now. As well as taking good care of your plants please put some thought into how you can assist at the show. Last month's Bulletin listed the areas we need your help with. I will be collecting names at the August meeting.

The show schedule can be downloaded from our website.

[http:// aoc.inetgardens.com](http://aoc.inetgardens.com)

Hard copies of the schedule will be posted out with the next Bulletin for those who don't receive it by email.

There will be a working bee at Roy and Lee's on Saturday June 25th, after lunch to prepare signs etc for the show. We always have a good time so please come

along and join in the fun.

The OCNZ needs plants for judging at the OCNZ AGM. If you have good flowering plants that you could supply for the display please contact Roy and Lee urgently. They need the plants by 1st of June.

Thank you.

Glenys

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday June 7th 2011, 7.30pm

Lions Whitehouse

This is our AGM night. We also have Fred Clark from USA as guest speaker. Fred will be speaking on his latest cattleya breeding program. He will be bringing flasks so don't forget your money.

Please consider giving your club some of your time and join our committee. In doing so you will be helping those long standing committee members who have given so much of their time over the years and therefore relieving the pressure that has occurred through the lack of member participation. To be able to vote in our elections you must be a financial member.

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

Please bring a small plate for supper which will be served during the evening.

Help will be needed to vacuum the floor after the meeting.

FROM THE MAY MEETING

President Dennis welcomed 36 members to our meeting.

Apologies: Allan Darlow, Joan Wood.

Notices: Orchid Council AGM Queen's Birthday weekend in New Plymouth.

Dennis asked those members having trouble receiving their newsletter via email to please let him know.

Members were reminded that our Spring Show this year will be a 2 day show. We are needing members to help. Closer to the time we will be taking names for those who are willing to help.

The show committee has revised the show schedule and are pleased to announce that it is a much easier one to follow.

We have a new venue for the Ribbon Show on Saturday March 17th 2012. It will be held in Waimarie Rd, Whenuapai. More details nearer the show date.

NZOS are having their Winter Show on July 22nd and 23rd. More details at the next meeting.

Our club plants which were deflasked last year are for sale tonight at \$5 per plant.

Newsletters

Last month several members did not receive their newsletters. One arrived 2 weeks late!



If you have not got your newsletter 4 days before the meeting, please phone me on 834 6989 and I will make sure you receive one.

Mary.

SUBS ARE NOW DUE.

You will have received your form for renewal of subs either by email or post. Please pay on club night or post to Jim Shaw.



Happy June birthday to...

Gary Cooke, Mary Jones, Grahame Leafberg, June Sutton, Peter Elfleet Snr, Gangli Zhou, Jennifer McGreal and Robert Wilkinson.

Raffle Results...



Thanks to the Club, Jim and Margaret Shaw and Grahame Leafberg who donated raffle prizes.

Winners this month were Mary Jones, Faith Grausch and Robert Wickham.

Our raffle takings for the night were \$72.00, which will go towards rent etc.

QUESTION TIME

Q. What do I do with my lycaste now that the weather is becoming cooler?



A. Move it to a warmer position and water lightly over winter.

Q. How do I control botritis?

A. More air movement when watering-use fans. (2). Over 93% humidity will cause botritis. (3). Make sure pots are dry by nightfall. (4). Spray with a fungicide.

GUEST SPEAKER - Lorna Sinton

Lorna gave us a wonderful talk on 'Angraecoids'. Some of us have one or two in our collection and by the end of her talk I think a few more members were keen to have some as well.

Some are perennials, others are lithophytes or monopodial and belong to the Vanda tribe of orchids.

They are night fragrant and can be pollinated by either moths, crickets or, believe it or not... a songbird!

They are happy in a shade house in summer but do need some comfort during the winter months. Lorna lives in Kerikeri where temperatures differ to our area so we must adjust to our own conditions.

After listening to her talk I am sure that all of us should have a try at these 'babies'. Her power point presentation was enjoyed by us all.

PLANTS ON DISPLAY

CATTLEYA

C (Slc) Pole - Star 'April Jewel' CCC/NZOS
- Beryl Calder

C (Slc) Memoria Frank Gronwall *
- Wolf and Faith Grausch

C (Sl) Orpetti
- Grahame Leafberg

C (Lc) Aloha Case
- Leroy Orchids

CATLIANTHE

Ctt (Slc) Ruby Embers (x2)
- Wolf and Faith Grausch

Ctt (C) Mrs J.W. Whitely
- Grahame Leafberg

DENDROBIUM

Den Colonial Surprise x Lone Star (unable to confirm name)

- Melvin Alexander

DRACULA

Drac *vampira* 'Bella Lugosi' FCC/AOS

- Dennis Chuah

Drac *chiroptera* #

- Barry Baxter

LYCASTE

Lyc *bradeorum*

- Pauline Weeks

MASDEVALLIA

Masd Avalon x Pellegrini (unable to confirm name)

- Ken Morse

MAXILLARIA

Max *picta*

- Dennis Chuah

ONCIDIUM

Onc Sun Shade x Dark Sun (x 2)

- Beryl Calder

Onc Golden Prince

- Grahame Leafberg

ODONTOGLOSSUM

Odm Name Unknown

- Joy Intveld

PROSTHECHEA

Psh (Enc) *prismatocarpa*

- Dennis Chuah

STENOGLOTTIS

Sngl Neptune

Sngl *longifolia*

- Dennis Chuah

RHYNCATTLEANTHE

Ctt Chocolate Drop x Rth Marhta Clarke
Rlc (Blc) Tainan Gold x Rth (Pot) Golden Love

- Leroy Orchids

RHYNCOLAEILOCATTLEYA

C Rivermont Imperial x Rlc Amy Crispin *

- Ken Morse

Rlc (Blc) EZO Robin's Magic

- Barry Baxter

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

Those with a * please correct your spelling.

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

The plant commentary was conducted by Lorna Sinton and Mary Jones.

Plants on Display from April was won by Grahame Leafberg.

from behind the shade house....



And the mother of the groom is our own Lee Neale! Dan and Idil were married on April 29th. A great day was enjoyed by all. I believe even Roy brushed up quite handsome!



Congratulations to Fanie and Barbara Johnson who recently celebrated 50 years of marriage. Here's to may more!

Our sympathy is extended to Avril and Barry Baxter and family following the recent death of Avril's father



For those members who have not yet paid their subscriptions, this will be your final newsletter.