

WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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Shirley Sidnam won the Popular Plant this month with her Renanthera King Crimson.

Message From the Show Marshal

Preparations are well underway for our Spring Show.

Once again there will be a working bee at Lee and Roy's to work on signs, ribbons for posy bowls and any other bits and pieces we need for the show. It will be held on Saturday 5th July at 1.00pm. Please come along and help if you can. We always have a good time.

There will be another working bee specifically to put up the large signs two weeks before the show. We'll give you details for that closer to the time.

Thank you,

AGM

Please think seriously of joining our committee. We need your help to keep our club running smoothly. New faces bring new ideas!

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday June 3rd 7.30pm
(7.00pm Early Forum for newer members).
Lions Whitehouse

Early Forum: Preparation for Winter and Show time.

AGM: New Executive members are always welcome. Put your hand up!

Guest Speaker: Burt Ong will talk on 'Passive Hydroponic Orchid Culture'.

Please bring a small plate for supper, on a disposable plate and cut any cakes at home to help out the kitchen staff.

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

Please wear your name badge on club night.



SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions are now overdue!

Please fill your form and return with your money to Jill at the next meeting. (Jill has extra forms if you have lost yours.)



Happy June birthday to....

Grahame Leafberg, Mary Jones, June Sutton, Anne Bernard, Gangli Zhou, Barry Wilkinson, Cliff Coles, Brigit Janssen, Michael Chamberlain.

FROM THE APRIL MEETING

President Lee welcomed members and visitor Lana to our meeting.

Apologies: Bernadette Edmiston, Don Blumhardt

Sick: Wolf is doing well.

Notices: The attendance book was passed around to be signed by members and visitors.

If you had bought a plant on Auction night and had forgotten to pay for it please do so tonight.

Many thanks to Linda and Melvin who have volunteered to be our Trophy Custodians. Ken has donated some cymbidiums and dendrobiums to club members.

Lee and Roy have registered a plant for Mary. It is Cattleya Bravo Mary (Dendi's Song x Quinquecolor)

Grahame Leafberg has also named Oncidium Golden Prince 'Wolf', for Wolf Grausch.

Orchid members from Tauranga coming May 18th. Morning tea at 6 Rata Rd, then going to 'Totara Waters'. Our club members have been invited to join them.


North Shore O/S Winter Show June 29th. AGM Orchid Council, Queen's Birthday weekend.

The library has the latest Orchid Digest (USA) and Australian Orchid Review. Dennis recommended members to check out 'What Orchid Is That' which is also in our library.

Burt and Evelyn bought a plant on Auction night. It was awarded an HCC at the NZOS meeting!

Visitor Lana brought along a magnificent cynoches to her first meeting with us. Lee thanked Anjo for conducting Early Forum.

Raffle results....

 Thanks to the club, Jim and Margaret, Ken Morse, Myra Humphrey, Walter and Faith and Wolf Grausch for donating prizes.

Winners were: Mary Jones, Jim Shaw, Ross Crabb, Pam Mason, Irene Levett, Anjo McKernan, Barry Baxter, Roy Neale, Shirley Sidnam and Grahame Leafberg.

Our raffle made \$76.00 which will be a great help towards our expenses.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Q. Can I cut the leaves off my cymbidium plants?

A. If you really want to - in Sept to early Oct to let the light into your plant, cut the leaves off from behind the bulb that flowered.

Katydid and Praying Mantis: Katydid's are one of the worst things to get into your shed. They love eating your flowers. Praying Mantis on the other hand do not damage plants and flowers. They eat bugs.

Soft cane dendrobiums: Spring flowering on mature growths. If you feed them in winter or give them too much water they will grow Keikeis and not flowers.

Mites: If you have mites use a miticide spray **not** an insecticide spray. Mites do not like high humidity. If only a few plants and not too many mites try Isopropyl alcohol, available from the Chemist. Use a small paint brush to apply the alcohol.

Chewed plants: Possibly a brown caterpillar moth coming in during the night. Earwigs and cockroaches will also have a chew. Try hanging mothballs in a stocking. Cover all openings to stop them getting in!

Mealey Bug: Use a paint brush and Isopropyl alcohol or meths or a systemic insecticide. They live in the bark. To help prevent infestation peel all dried sheaths off cattleya's or plants with similar types of sheaths. Neem granules sprinkled on top of the pot helps, (available from garden centres and Mitre 10.

Scale: Scale is actually a house with bugs living under it and they lay eggs under there as well. The bugs suck the plant. Ants farm them. The scale has two generations a year. Feb and Oct they are at their worst. The scale will get under leaves, sheaths and into the heart of the plant as well. Use a systemic spray with an oil base.

Make sure you are protected while using any sprays.

Plants On Display - Lucky draw

February - Pauline Weeks
March - Ken Morse
April - Shirley Sidnam

PLANTS ON DISPLAY

Brassia

Brs. Santa Ynez
- Shirley Sidnam

Bulbophyllum

Bulb. Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'
- Barry Baxter

Bulb. *guttulatum*

- Dennis Chuah

Brassocatanthe

Bct. Little Mermaid 'Janet'

- Leroy Orchids

Cattleya

C. *brevipedunculata*

- Grahame Leafberg

C. City Life 'Easter Charm' HCC/NZOS

- Burt and Evelyn Ong

C. Mona Pink 'Hiromi' AM/OCNZ

C. Stephen Oliver Fouraker 'Addison'*

C. un-named

- Bev Meredith

C. Harrisoniae x C. Orpettii

- Wolf Grausch

C City Life

- Leroy Orchids

C. C.G. Roebling # (was Lc. Roebling)

- Linda Alexander

Cattlianthe

Ctt. Portia 'Coerulea'

- Wendy Gilligan

Coelogyn

Coel. *tomentosa*

- Dennis Chuah

Cynoches

Cyc. Swan Cascade

- Svetlana Parsons

Dendrobium

Den. Kuniko 'William'

Den. Paradise Lorna x *glomeratum*

- William and Man Lo

Den. Ramona Wilson # = (*nagasaki* x moniliforme)

- Shirley Sidnam

Den. *chrysanthum*

- Bryan Sharpe

Den. Shawnie # = (Kauldorumii x speciosums)

- Wolf Grausch

Dracula

Drac. *chimaera*

- William and Man Lo

Epidendrum

Epi. *peperomia* # (was *Neolehmannia porpax*)

- Barry Baxter

Gomesa

Gom. *flexuosa* # (was *Onc flexuosum*)

- Barry Baxter

Laelia

L. *albida* var. *rosea*

- Ron Reeves

Lycaste

Lyc. *bradeorum*

- Pauline Weeks

Masdevallia

Masd. Redwing

- William and Man Lo

Masd. x *flacata*

- Ron Reeves

Masd. Sugar Baby

Masd. Magic Circle?

- Ken Morse

Oncidesa

Oncsa. Sugar Babies *

- Brigit Janssen

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- Barry Baxter

Oncsa. Easy Gold x Gom. Sunshade

- Burt and Evelyn Ong

Paphiopedilum

Paph. *henryanum*

- Burt and Evelyn Ong

Phalaenopsis

Phal. Louisiana Pixie

- Bev Meredith

Phal. *tetraspis*

Phal. *violacea*

- Ron Reeves

Phal. Yu Pin Golden Wing

Phal. Yu Pin Burgundy

- Don Hodge

Renanthera

Ren King Crimson

- Shirley Sidnam

Rhyncholaeliocattleya

Rlc. Lisa Taylor Gallis

- Dennis Chuah

Rlc. Little Toshie 'H & R'

- Leroy Orchids

Rlc. Lo's Magic Love 'Dandy'

- William and Man Lo

Sarconopsis

Srnps. Barry Collins 'Pink Sheen'

- Wolf Grausch

Stenoglottis

Sngl. *longifolia* (x 2)

- Ron Reeves

Sngl. *longifolia*

- Ray Hogan

Zygopetalum

Zygo. Titanic 'Susan' (x 2)

- Lito Teope

A fantastic display of plants! Well done Lito and Svetlana who exhibited their plant at our club meeting for the first time.

? = Unable to confirm name on OrchidWiz.

= Name change, cross now registered, please update your label.

* = Spelling correction needed on label.

Plants written in *italics* depicts it is a *species*.

The plant commentary was conducted by Grahame, Ken and Burt.

There will be club plants for sale at the next meeting.
\$5.00 each.

STOP PRESS!

As we go to print we have news that Bryan and Chrissie Sharpe have a new Grandson.

Jack Bryan Alan arrived on May 24th.
Congratulations!