

# AUCKLAND ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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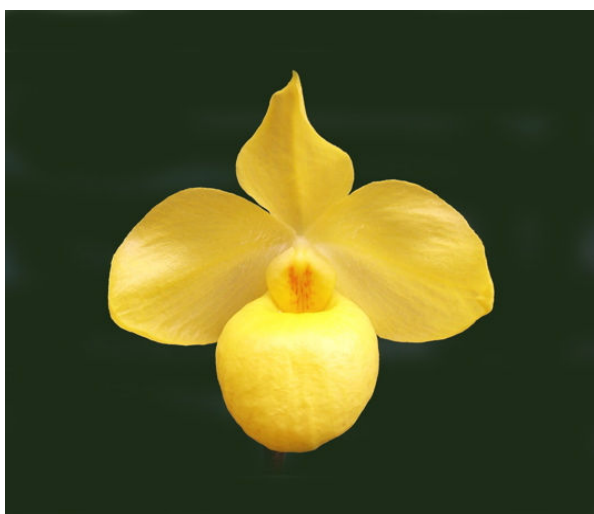
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**Kim's absolutely gorgeous Paph armeniacum  
Popular vote winner for November.**

## MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

On Saturday 30th of October the AOC celebrated their 21st birthday with a dinner at Valentines restaurant in Henderson. Forty three members enjoyed a lovely meal and great company.

We had a number of foundation members present and our very first President, Assid Corban spoke of 'how it all came about' and what a friendly club it is.. He also had the original book where members signed in at meetings. This book was scanned by many members and it brought back lots of memories.

All past and present Presidents attended with the exception of Roy Neale who was in hospital receiving a new hip and the late Ian Finlay who the club misses greatly.

Our thanks go to Linda and Marie who organised the night for us.

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Tuesday December 7th**  
**7.00pm**  
**Lions Whitehouse**

**Please note the starting time this month.**

This is our Xmas meeting where we all bring finger food and enjoy a pleasant meal together. Drinks and desert are supplied by the club.

Please bring your partner or a friend.

If you forgot last month to bring something for the raffle and the continuous raffle table please do so this month. .Plants on display and the library only will be operating. No trading table.

## **PLEASE NOTE**

This will be the last newsletter for 2004.

There is **NO** meeting in January. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday February 1st 2005.**



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

## **Happy December birthday to....**

Faith and Wolf Grausch, Talia Brown, Don Hodge, Graham Marshall, Colin English and Antal Kaloscai.



## **Happy January birthday to.....**

Lee and Roy Neale, Diana Elfleet, Mavis Doyle, Peter C Elfleet, Betty Major, Patrick Stepancic, Brian Main, Jean Treadwell, Kim Young, Dennis Chuah, Marie Scotti and Nina Shvachko





***Past and present!***

Past Presidents Assid Corban, Heather Cooke, Peter C Elfleet. Past and current Vice President Diana Elfleet and present President Glenys MacRae,

Absent: Roy Neale  
Deceased: Ian Finlay

**FROM THE NOVEMBER MEETING**

President Glenys welcomed the 49 members present.

**Apologies:** Roy Neale, Don Hodge, Allan Tantau, Gwen Bennett, Michelle and Mark Strachan, Lucille Rowe and Assid Corban.

**Notices:** Auckland Rose Society show and display at the Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Latest Plant price list from Keith Goodwin was available.

A leaflet on some Floral Tours.

Advertisement for Ellerslie Flower Show 23-28 November.

Helen Brown was asked if she would consider being trophy custodian again this year. She kindly agreed

**HOW WE CAME ABOUT**

Assid Corban was Mayor at the time and viewed the old Plessey Building which the Council had purchased as an ideal venue for an orchid show. He approached NZOS to see if they were interested and as they declined it was decided to form a club out West by sounding out friends.

NZOS, formed in 1948 was a club for the whole of NZ the Auckland club was named as such to cater for those wishing to be known as an 'Auckland' club. Twenty people were needed to incorporate a club, these numbers were easily found. Miriam Corban read out the members present at the inaugural

Meeting of the Auckland Orchid Club.

The first meeting was held in the Henderson Council Chambers on November 24th 1982 and it was decided that the club would meet on the first Tuesday of the month. The first AGM had an attendance of 65!

The very first show was 'Orchid Safari' and at the end of the first 12 months there was \$5000 in the 'kitty' as a result of the show.

Executive meetings could turn into rather 'tipsy affairs' as they were held in the Mayor's office where there was a well furnished bar!

**Comment:** Oh for the good old days!!!



**Patiently waiting to start dinner.  
Where is the food?**



***Raffle winners.....***

Marie Scotti, Bernadette Edmiston, Rai and Lottie Hogan and Mary Jones.

***Raffle donations...***

Thanks to Ron Maunder and Grahame Leafberg.

The raffle made \$64.

Plants on Display for September was won by Heather and Gary Cooke, and for October, Honey Denyer.

**THANKS TO WAREHOUSE STATIONERY  
ST LUKES FOR THE PRINTING OF OUR  
NEWSLETTER.**

**MAKE SURE YOU BUY YOUR STATIONERY  
REQUIREMENTS FROM WAREHOUSE  
STATIONERY.**



**More hungry members, Kim's on a diet!**

**GUEST SPEAKER**

***Ron Maunder***

Ron started growing cymbidiums while living in Australia, and on his return to Tauranga he decided to try masdevallias as Tauranga's climate seemed to be ideal for them. His idea was to commercially grow masdevallias for the export cut flower market, and thus started to build up a collection of plants he obtained from George Fuller in New Plymouth and Russell Hutton in Tuakau.

Exporting these days has become very expensive with little return so now he is concentrating on the pot plant trade.

Masdevallias come from areas in Central and South America. Places like Peru, Colombia and Equador have a number of colourful species – for example *uniflora*.

**Culture:** They are easy to grow in a shade house with lots of air movement . They do not require heating in the winter, although shelter from frosts is recommended.

The upper temperature they will withstand is 30C for short periods, so long as it is cool at night

They seem to grow happily in a small grade of bark and shredded sphagnum moss is becoming a popular potting medium. If you are growing them in sphagnum they will need to be repotted more often.

They can be repotted and divided at any time.

Pods ripen in 4-5 months and from de flask to flowering is about 2 years.

**Pests:** Aphids are the biggest problem.

**Feed:** At present Ron is using *Grow Me* (18:6:14) it is very similar to *Peters* and is available at *Veg Grow*.

Feeding is done about once a month at present.

**Comment:** Ron doesn't really know what causes black tips on the leaves.



**CULTURE CORNER**

Lee brought the fertiliser tester along to the meeting and checked some 'specimens' for members.

Mine was a bit weak and she advised me to strengthen it by half again.

Matt's was a bit too high, and needed to be diluted.

Melvin's was a 4 and quite good, but the interesting thing was that when he flushed the pots it was at a high 10! This means that he has a 'build up' and needs to thoroughly flush his pots with fresh water.

Kim has been experimenting with his fertiliser and was pleased to be told that his was too weak.

**AOC SHOW UPDATE**

**We have booked the Hobsonville Hall for April 9th 2005 for our Ribbon Show. This is our fun, one day show. We also have a BBQ afterwards so mark it on the calendar.**

**Our Spring Show is going to be earlier next year. August 4,5,6 and 7th.**



**Sue Crabb, Lee Neale and Ross Crabb study the attendance book from 'way back when'.....**



**Your Bulletin team wish you all a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.**

**Mary , Lee, Roy and Kim.**

## PLANTS ON DISPLAY

### PHRAGMIPEDIUM

Phrag Mem Dick Clements (first flowering seedling)  
- Peter C Elfleet

### ARPOPHILLUM

Arpophillum *gigantea*  
- H & G Cooke

### BRASSOCATTLEYA

C Salmon Narrows x Bc Mt Hood  
- Bev Meredith

### BRASSOLAELIOCATTLEYA

Blc Star Trek  
- Mary Jones

### CATTLEYA

C Picasso x Lynn Spencer  
- Bev Meredith

### CYMBIDIUM

Cym Cricket  
- Wolf & Faith Grausch  
Cym Cricket 'Cascade'  
- Matt Carter (first time display for Matt)  
Cym *pumilum* album  
Cym *pumilum*  
- Grahame Leafberg

### DENDROBIUM

Den *densiflorum* #  
Den Unknown PNG species (warm growing)  
Den Black Spider x Gouldii 'Black'  
- R & C Hogan

Den *kingianum* 'Red Dragon'  
- Grahame Leafberg

Den *thyrsiflorum* #  
Bev Meredith

Den *thyrsiflorum*  
- Mary Jones

### DOCKRILLIA

Dockrillia *schoenina*  
- Grahame Leafberg

### LAELIOCATTLEYA

L *millerii* x C *aurantiaca*  
- Jean Treadwell

### MASDEVALLIA

Masd Copper Froth  
Masd *coccinea*  
Masd Tuakau Goldstrike (nearly always in flower)  
- Ken Morse

Masd Marguerite x *strobilii*  
Masd Angelita x *eriangularis*  
- Diana and Peter Elfleet

Masd Solar Flare  
- Glenys MacRae

### PAPHIOPEDILUM

Paph *acmodontum* (two plants)  
Paph *bulenianum* Var 'amabile'  
Paph *armeniaceum*  
- Kim Robilliard

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### PLATYSTELE

Platystele *Ornata*  
- R & C Hogan

### SARCOCHILUS

Sarco *fitzgeraldi*  
Sarco Fitzheart

Sarco Judith  
- Irene Levet

Sarco *fitzgeraldi* 'Fifty Center' x *fitzgeraldi* 'Red'  
Sarco Melba' Bridal Veil'

- Bev Meredith

### SOPHROLAELIOCATTLEYA

Slc Hazel Boyd x Sl Chicanery  
Slc Hazel Boyd 'Frae'

- Heather and Gary Cooke

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

Miriam Corban conducted plants on display by lifting each plant and getting the owner to describe their plant.



*from behind the shade house.....*

It was lovely to see Mavis back again from her trip to the UK. I believe she had a wonderful holiday.



New member Florent Vadam arrived at the meeting with an injured shoulder. The damage was done while skiing at Wanaka, and now he has to have 2 months off work. Orchids are a much safer hobby Florent!

Patrick's back injury is progressing slowly, and he is still in a lot of pain. Hope that it gets better soon Patrick.



Congratulations to Bernadette Edmiston for receiving a special medal for 30 years service doing Meals On Wheels.



Glenys MacRae has just completed her final exams, a total of 5 years of exams and study, to receive a Graduate Diploma of Rural Studies. This is not easy to do while working full time, running a home and being President of our club as well!

