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Congratulations to Honey Denyer for winning the popular vote two months in a row! Honey's Den *infundibulum* was a gorgeous specimen plant covered in flowers.

MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

You will all notice that the top of the newsletter shows the name and address of our new secretary! We would like to thank Pauline for coming to the rescue and 'putting her hand up' for this job. I know you will find it rewarding Pauline. Also with her 'hand up' was Irene who volunteered for the library position. Thank you Irene for helping out. It is great to have the support of our members. Our retiring Secretary is now on her big OE with her husband, traveling to South Africa and then a few months in Australia. We hope to see them safely home again sometime next year.

I can't believe this is the last newsletter for the year - where has the time gone? I don't know about the rest of you, but I am certainly running out of days to finish all the jobs I had planned on doing this year. Oh well, I guess they will be added to next years 'things to do' list! ED

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday December 6th
7.00pm
Lions Whitehouse

Please note the **earlier starting time**. This is our Xmas meeting, more details will be further on in the newsletter.

The library and plants on display will be operating. The trading table will not be operating.

PLEASE NOTE.

This will be your last Bulletin for 2005.

There is **NO** meeting in January. Our first meeting in 2006 will be Tuesday February 7th.

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



Happy December birthday to.....

Faith & Wolf Grausch, Talia Brown, Don Hodge, Grahame Marshall, Colin English, and Antal Kaloscai



Happy January birthday to.....

Lee & Roy Neale, Diana Elfleet, Mavis Doyle, Peter C Elfleet, Betty Major, Patrick Stepancic, Brian Main, Jean Treadwell, Kim Young and Dennis Chuah.



PLEASE BRING A FRIEND OR PARTNER TO OUR XMAS MEETING, I AM SURE THEY WILL ENJOY OUR CELEBRATIONS!

FROM THE NOVEMBER MEETING

President Glenys welcomed the 44 members present.

Apologies: Bernadette Edmiston, Mavis Doyle, Rai & Lottie Hogan, Reg Watson, Christine Culpin, Mike & Leigh Leaity, Heather Duxfield, Beryl Finlay, Linda & Colin English.

Sick: Gary Cooke had his operation today. Jean Treadwell has been transferred to Glenburn Rest-home in New Lynn. Bernadette's husband David is very ill at present. Our thoughts go to all those members not feeling too well at the moment.

Notices:

Glenys welcomed Pauline as our new Secretary and Irene as library monitor.

The AHC has sent us a list of all their coming shows. Members were asked to bring goodies for the next meeting. Xmas hamper donations, wrapped gifts for the progressive raffle and finger food for the dinner.



CULTURE QUESTIONS

Melvin, Dennis and Grahame brought along fertiliser samples for Roy to test for strength.

Q. Is it too late to spray for scale?

A. It's never too late. Use *Confidor*. *Spectrum* has the same active ingredients as *Lorsban* and is available at Mitre 10 at a lower cost.



Raffle results....

Winners were Evelyn Ong, June Hogg, Jimmy Shaw, Joy Intvelt and Mary Jones.

Thanks to Honey and Bev for raffle donations.

The raffle made \$50.00

Thanks to Warehouse Stationery and Kim for sponsoring the printing of our newsletter.

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**XMAS
MEETING
December 6th 2005**



Our Xmas meeting is one of the highlights of the year. Please bring along a friend or partner to help us celebrate.

We always start at 7.00pm for this meeting so please don't be late!

Don't have dinner before you come as we have a party with finger food. Please bring food to suit the occasion but not requiring a knife and fork to eat it with!

The club provides strawberries and ice cream for desert and also drinks.

We also ask you to bring along some festive goodies to make up 3 Xmas hampers which are then raffled on the night. (I must apologize for not reminding you of this last month).

We have a progressive raffle running during the night so we ask you all to bring a suitable small wrapped gift to go towards this.

Come along and enjoy the night-it's a lot of fun!

HOW 'PLANTS ON DISPLAY' WORKS

Dennis Chuah won plants on display for last month.

At the Xmas meeting all those members who have displayed a plant during the year has their name put in a draw. Each month a name is drawn from the previous month's display and that person has an extra chance as their name is entered again. If you win several times a year you of course have a better chance to win the final draw and a great prize. Last year I was the lucky winner and have been enjoying my prize of a years subscription to the Weekend Gardener magazine.

NOVEMBER PANEL
DISCUSSION

Our meeting this month was designed to get club members to discuss their expectations of the Auckland Orchid Club and it's future.

Plants on Display

A question from the floor.

Why do we not have the owner of the plant speak on it's culture? This would encourage those of us that are a bit shy to get used to speaking to a large group of people, but if they were terrified by the prospect then a judge could perhaps help out and act as a guide. (I noticed a few people slide down in their chairs!!!)

Touching the plants on display is a big NO - NO, it was brought to our attention that there are a few members that don't bring plants in for this reason.

Ribbon Show

Why do we hold the Ribbon Show in March/April?

This is because it allows members to display their genera that are flowering during the warmer months of the year.

It is a fun show, judged by members and is designed to be a social event to get members to know each other a little better as on club night it is always busy and there is very little time to socialize

Members were asked if they were keen to hold the Ribbon Show BBQ at lunchtime instead of the evening. A show of hands suggested it was a popular decision and members agreed to support it.

A suggestion that we hold a car boot sale at the Ribbon Show instead of a trading table was also a very popular suggestion. The Show Committee will discuss all of these ideas at their next meeting.

Club Outings.

The Te Puke Show is a favorite venue for AOC members. We enjoy the Bus Trip and the visits to other plant nurseries on the way. For those members that had never been to Te Puke on one of our trips we encouraged them not to miss the next one!

A suggestion was also made to have a more localized trips to growers willing to open their shade houses to members.

The panel did support this - however, it is widely known that orchid enthusiasts are more than willing to share their growing secrets and will help out any new grower with culture hints without a bus load arriving on their doorstep!

A phone call and an arrangement made for a suitable time to have a private visit would work just as well.

(The poor grower would not have to spend a week making sure that there were any pots needing attending to and not sleeping at night worrying about 40 odd people traipsing through their shade houses!!)

We suggest that anyone willing to have visitors should have their names and addresses printed in the newsletter. Please let the Editor know.

Please consider visiting the Taranaki Show. It is too late now to organize a bus trip for 2006 but 2007 could be considered. However, if you wish to go as an individual you could probably still get accommodation for this coming show. This show is wonderful. It is only a little show but the weekend activities are 'something else'. A conducted tour around the illuminated Pukekura Park at night is a sight not to be missed. Don't forget the fabulous boot sale!

Needs of new members

The newest members were asked why they joined our club.

The main ones being to acquire new plants and to find out how to look after them, (eg potting, feeding and growing conditions.)

Support was promised by existing members.

It was suggested that someone phone any new members before the next meeting to encourage further attendance.

Also...

Could we have 2 auctions a year? No being the general answer.

Commission for trading table plants? 20% for the Spring Show and 10% for club night. If the boot sale

CHECK LIST FOR THE XMAS MEETING

Plate of finger food.

Donations for Xmas hamper.

Raffle prize for continuous raffle.

Plants on Display.

And of course, your presence!

**Your Bulletin crew wish you all a
safe and happy festive season.**



Mary, Lee, Roy and Kim

PLANTS ON DISPLAY

ANGRAECUM

Angem *diderii* #

- Bev Meredith

CATTLEYA

C guatemalensis #

- Ron Reeves

C intermedia aquinii #

- H & G Cooke

COCHLIODA

Cochlioda neozliana #

- Bev Meredith

CYMBIDIUM

Cym Pied Piper

- Grahame Leafberg

DENDROBIUM

Den Kingianum 'Purple Star' x (Aussie Merit x Red Baron)

Den *thrysiflorum*

- Leroy Orchids

Den Unknown

Den *infundibulum* #

- L & M Denyer

Den Christmas Chimes 'Asukai'

- Burt and Evelyn Ong

Den *densiflorum*

- Bev Meredith

Den *Pierardii* #

- Ron Reeves

Den Fuschia Belle (own cross)

- H & G Cooke

EPIDENDRUM

Epi Barden Drum Kitty No5

Epi Barden Drum Kitty 'Rose Glow' #

- Melvin Alexander

MASDEVALLIA

Masd *Fraseri* (2nd flowering this year)

Masd Tuakau Goldstrike 'Always' (flowers almost all year)

Masd *Heathii*

Masd *coccinea* #

- Ken Morse

Masd *coccinea*

- Burt & Evelyn Ong

Masd Tuakau Candy

Masd Kimballiana 'L&R Gold'

- D & P Elfleet

MILTONIA

Milt B 9006 (Anyone out there know this name? The plant was purchased from Montessa Orchids)

- Leroy Orchids

ODONTIODA

Oda Anneliese Rotheberger 'Alba' x Oda Parade

- Leroy Orchids

Plants on display was conducted by Diana and Peter C Elfleet.

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

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

ODONTOGLOSSUM

Odont Trixmanee x Strator

- Ken Morse

PAPHIOPEDILUM

Paph *lebaudy anum x stonei*

- Mary Jones

Paph *armeni acum* (First flowering)

- Peter C Elfleet

RENANTHERA

Ren *monachica*

- Ron Reeves

RHYNOCOSTYLIS

Rhy *gigantea* #

Burt & Evelyn Ong

RHINOCHILUS

Rhincs Dorothy

- Glenys MacRae

SARCOCHILUS

Sarco Unknown

- Pauline Weeks

SOPHROLAELIOCATTLEYA

Slc Hazel Boyd 'Tropical Fantasy'

- L & M Denyer

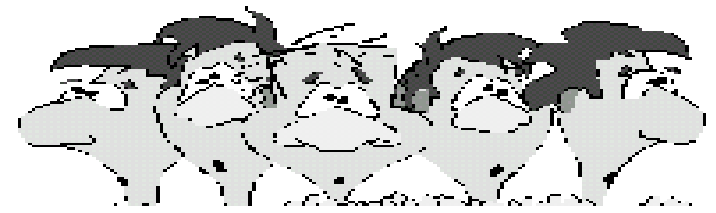
Slc California Apricot

- Wolf Grausch

WILSONARA

Wils Kendrick Williams 'Rossion' FCC AOS

- Leroy Orchids



from behind the shade house....

Lee has been in Chicago for a week attending a conference. What a long way for such a short time!



Kim has also been to Brisbane to check out a few things before he moves over yonder. We are going to miss you Kim!

Pam has had a family gathering and some well needed rest in Tauranga. Bruce stayed behind to look after the orchids.



Lucille has had a family wedding, her daughter recently got married on one of the few sunny days that Auckland has experienced of late.

Who was that outside at the end of the last meeting scratching the price tag off his newly acquired plant so wifey could not see it?