

WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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Ken Morse tied with Dennis for 1st place in 'plants on display' at the November meeting with this fantastic display of 18 masdevallia plants. Congratulations Ken and Dennis.

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday December 1st 7.00pm
Lions Whitehouse

Please note the earlier starting time.

This is our Xmas party night. Please bring a plate of 'finger food' and a small gift to put on the raffle table. Details were in your last month's newsletter so please re-check.

The club will supply liquid refreshments and strawberries and ice cream for desert.

Please bring along your partners to our Xmas meeting - they will be most welcome.

The trading table will not be operating, but we will still be having plants on display.

Please also note: There will be no club night in January 2010. Our first meeting of the year will be **Tuesday February 2nd.**

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



MESSAGE OF THE MONTH



I cannot believe that Christmas is on a few short weeks away! How on earth are we going to get everything organised as well as looking after the orchids and vege gardens?

I guess this panic happens every year and we all seem to get through it.

It's a busy time with repotting, feeding and watering - not forgetting that the slugs and snails have woken up and are looking for tasty orchid morsels to eat. Scale and all those other nasty pests are also around.

Heather reminded us to look out for mouse infestation. It seems Gary has a few pet ones in the orchid and brom houses! They ate the de-flasked seedlings, the fertiliser and the rat bait! Beware also of bronze beetle. Heather caught them eating the orchid flowers at night.

Want to borrow my cats Gary?

ED.



Raffle results.....

Thanks to the club, Pamela Mason, Ken Morse and Beryl Calder for donating raffle prizes.

Winners were: Jim Shaw, Heather Cooke, Glenys MacRae, June Sutton and Beryl Calder. Congratulations!

The raffle made \$83.00. Thanks to all members who support our raffle.

This will be your final newsletter for 2009. I will send a very short reminder to you all in late January 2010. ED.

FROM THE NOVEMBER MEETING

President Dennis welcomed 49 members and visitors, Miriam, John and Suriyawat.

Apologies: Patrick Stepanic and Betty Major.

Notices: Taranaki Summer Show Friday 15th - Sunday 17th January 2010. Registration \$60.00 ea for the weekend and Saturday night dinner included. Dennis has registration forms available which include the weekend programme.

Accommodation is at your own expense.

There were several fliers with coming events advertised available to view during the meeting.

Wolf commented that some of the flasks he had recently purchased were contaminated with fungus. Check your recently de - flasked seedlings!

Dudley Eyes, a very long standing member of our club has resigned as he is now in a rest home. His new address is : Glenburn Rest Home, Astley Ave, New Lynn. He would love to have visitors.

Also now residing in Powley House, Blockhouse Bay, is Lucille Rowe, another long time member. Lucille would also welcome visitors.

Happy December birthday to.....

Faith and Wolf Grausch, Graham Marshall, Eric Billington, and Kui Lin-Wang.



Happy January birthday to..... Lee and Roy Neale, Diana Elfleet, Peter C Elfleet, Betty Major, Patrick Stepanic, Kim Young, Dennis Chuah, Maine Wichman and Hugh Fraser.



William and Man Lo won the lucky draw for plants on display in October. Congratulations!

Dennis Chuah tied for 1st place with *Encyl pentotis* at our November meeting in 'plants on display'.

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Executive Committee and Show Committee would like to wish all our members and their families a very safe and happy Xmas. We look forward to seeing you all again at our first meeting for 2010 on Tuesday February 2nd.



GUEST SPEAKER - Eric Scanlen

We were very fortunate to have Eric at our meeting to present his fabulous programme in 3D on NZ native orchids.

I don't think we realize that many of our native orchids are so small that we could walk right past them and not know they are there. Without Eric and his fellow native orchid enthusiasts we would be missing out on such a vast world of orchids in miniature.

His photography was incredible, experience and dedication to get the 'perfect shot' certainly paid off as the shots were exquisite.

I am sure all who attended our meeting and saw this presentation would have thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Thanks so much Eric for sharing your magic wonderland with us.



A captive audience with 3D glasses!



PLANTS ON DISPLAY

CATTLEYA

C Lucy Ingram #
- William and Man Lo

DENDROBIUM

Den Pukekura
Den Red Emperor 'Prince' #
- William and Man Lo
Den Unknown
- Melvin Alexander
Den Lori's Star
- Bev Meredith

DORITONOPSIS

Dtps Leopard Prince x Dou-dii Rose
- Dennis Chuah

EARINA

Earina *mucronata*
- Ray and Lottie Hogan

ENCYCLIA

Encyl *pentotis*
- Dennis Chuah

LAELIOCATTLEYA

Lc Seagulls 'Fancy'
- Ken Morse

MASDEVALLIA

Masd *macrura*
- William and Man Lo
Masd Curley George
- Dennis Chuah

Masdevallia display of 18 plants. Thank you Ken for a wonderful display.

- Ken Morse

PAPHIOPEDILUM

Paph (Cocoa Cherry x Red Maude) x Mod Maude #
Paph Marilyn Levy #
Paph *bellatulum* x Arthur Kaplan
- Chris Whitby

PHALAENOPSIS

Phal Unknown
Phal Yellow Rose x Golden Sun x Taisuco
Kaaladian
- Bev Meredith
Phal Haur Jin Diamond 'Maple Bridge' x Shan-Lin's Maki Stuart 'La Flora' (3 sibling plants).
- Mary Jones

PLECTORRHIZA

Plrhz *tridentata* var *derheide*
- Dennis Chuah

RESTREPIA

Rstp *elegans*
- Dennis Chuah

SARCOCHILUS

Sarc Melody
- Ken Morse

Sarc Star Struck
- Heather and Gary Cooke
Sarc Fitzgeraldii
- Ray and Lottie Hogan
Sarc Hot Ice
- Pauline Weeks

SOPHROLAELIOCATTLEYA

Slc Hazel Boyd 'Apricot Glow'
- William and Man Lo
Slc Sierra Doll x Dal's Tradition. Now registered as Dendi's Sierra
- Leroy Orchids

TOLUMNIA

Tolu (Love That red x Deborah Le Monde) x Puff #
- Chris Whitby

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

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

The plant commentary this month was conducted by Lee Neale and Mary Jones.



from behind the shadehouse.....



June and Gordon Sutton are enjoying 3 weeks in Christchurch to welcome their new granddaughter. June will miss our Xmas meeting and Joy will miss her in the kitchen to help with supper.

Joy needs 3 volunteers on club night to help with the food. Please report to the kitchen door. If you haven't been involved during the year with club chores-please help the kitchen staff out as your committee will be very busy on club night.

Masd *coccinea* x Carousel, one of the masdevallia's Ken had in his magnificent display on club night was given an AM award at the North Shore Show.....and that's not all....it was Champion of the show! Well done Ken!



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SHOW

Sunday March 21st 2010

Hobsonville Hall

Don't forget to mark the calendar.