

WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB

BULLETIN

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Popular plant winner from the October meeting was Den *thyrsiflorum* exhibited by Leroy Orchids. Congratulations!

MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

As the days get warmer and Summer arrives, our plants will need a bit more attention. We must keep them watered well in the very dry weather and keep the air flowing through the glasshouse or shadehouse. More shade cloth can be used over both of these to make your plants more comfortable and protected from sun burn. Keep feeding, and pay attention to the 'greebies' that are looking for a choice piece of orchid to chew!

If you are going away for the holidays, get a friend to keep an eye on your plants - you can return the favour when they are away.

To those members who have been unwell this year, we hope that next year is a much better one for you, and that you can begin to enjoy your orchids again. We look forward to seeing you again soon.

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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday December 7th 2010, 7.00pm

Lions Whitehouse

Xmas party. See details further on in your newsletter.

Plants on display and library will be operating this month.

This month will be our final meeting for 2010. We **don't** have a meeting in January so Tuesday February 1st will be our first meeting in 2011.

Happy December Birthday to....

Faith and Wolf Grausch, Don Hodge, Graham Marshall, Eric Billington, Annette Scott and Fanie Johnson.



Happy January Birthday to....

Roy and Lee Neale, Diana Elfleet, Peter C Elfleet, Betty Major, Patrick Stepancic, Kim Young, Dennis Chuah, Mahine Winchman and Hugh Fraser.



Raffle Results...

Thanks to Ray and Lottie Hogan and the Club for donating raffle prizes.

Prize winners this month were: Hugh Fraser, Barry Wilkinson, Jill Mickleburgh, Erina Andrewartha, Lottie Hogan, Joy Intveld and one of our new members whose name I could not catch! (Sorry!)

Club funds have been boosted by \$85.00



FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING

President Dennis welcomed members and visitors to our meeting.

Apologies: Irene Levet, Pam Hughes, Reg Watson, Assid and Miriam Corban.

Notices: Dennis has received a very nice letter from Graham Jackson who was Show Secretary of the Palmerston North Show, thanking our members for volunteering their time. This letter was much appreciated by all those who helped out at the Show.

Our guest speaker Karen Lowther treated us to another entertaining talk, accompanied by a power point presentation of her experiences in Japan trying to set up a huge garden exhibit with a non english speaking Japanese crew. Bribery seemed to be the winning factor to keep them all working! All Black jerseys and hats, pineapple lumps, chocolate fish, NZ Beer and a good old Kiwi BBQ did the trick (and also helped her win a Gold medal for her fabulous garden design).

Ten out of ten for your courage and tenacity Karen - goes to prove 'Girls Can Do Anything'!

Thanks for a wonderful evening.

RIBBON SHOW 2011

Sunday February 27th-Hobsonville Hall

Set up 8.00am. Staging of plants 8.30am-10.00am. Judging 10.30am. Prize Giving and BBQ 12 noon. Open to the public 1.00pm-2.30pm.

Tickets are \$6.00 and will be available at our February meeting.

Those attending are asked to bring a salad or dessert. Club provides meat and soft drinks.

Club trading table, bric-a-brac table and raffle will all be operating.

Judging of the show is done by members!

This is our 'Fun Show'. New members are encouraged to come along and get to know us!



XMAS PARTY NIGHT



Tuesday December 7th - 7.00pm
(Please note the earlier starting time)

Please bring your partner and experience a WOC Xmas party!

We would like you to bring a plate of 'finger food' (we don't want anything that needs a knife and fork to eat it!). If you are bringing anything that needs heating please bring it **already heated** as there are no facilities to reheat food at the hall. Be very careful not to burn yourself while transporting it.

The Club will supply dessert and refreshments.

Don't forget your wrapped gift to the value of \$5 - \$10 which will be for the continuous raffle. We also will be having our popular Xmas Hamper raffles, usually 3 hampers full of goodies - so make sure you have money to buy lots of tickets!

Study up the newsletters for the year as I will be giving you a quiz on the contents.

All cheats will be put into the 'time out' corner! ED

Please note.....

This will be your final newsletter for 2010.

A very short newsletter will be mailed to you during January.



It would be very helpful to new members if we wore our name badges at club meetings!

PLANTS ON DISPLAY

AERIDES

Aer fieldingii

Ray and Lottie Hogan

Aer rubescens (Now classified as an *Ascocentrum*) #

- William and Man Lo

ANGRAECUM

Angcm viguieri

- Leroy Orchids

BRASSIA

Brs keiliana (Now classified as an *Ada*) #

- Bev Meredith

BULBOPHYLLUM

Bulb nitidum

- Dennis Chuah

CATTLEYA

C Lucy Ingram

- William and Man Lo

CATTLIANTHE

Ctt Aussie Sunset 'Cosmic Fire'

- Leroy Orchids

Ctt Aussie Sunset 'Cosmic Fire'

- Barry Baxter

DENDROBIUM

Den Lori's Star

- Ray and Lottie Hogan

Den fimbriatum var *occulatum* #

Den mohianum 'Tanna' #

Den cucullatum

Den crepidatum

- William and Man Lo

Den Tomoflake

- Linda Alexander

Den Kingstar x kingianum 'Wide Lip' #

Den Unknown

- Melvin Alexander

Den thyrsoflorum

- Leroy Orchids

DISA

Disa Tripetiloides var *alba*

- Dennis Chuah

EPIDENDRUM

Epi Seto Raspberry x Pacific Glory (3 seedlings). Note change of name.

Now known as *Epi Joseph Glow 'Seto Raspberry'*

Epi Suede Rose x (Pacific Princess x Elongatum (3 seedlings). (Can't confirm name)

- Leroy Orchids

Plants on Display from last month was won by Leroy Orchids.

MASDEVALLIA

Masd Falcon Sunrise 'Ruben'

Masd Tasmanian Devil x Southern Sun

- Heather and Gary Cooke

Masd Tuakau Candy

Masd Pepermint Rock (2 plants)

Masd coccinea

- Mary Jones

Masd Falcata 'Midas'

Masd macrura

- William and Man Lo

Masd coccinea 'Ruth'

- Barry Baxter

Masd Curly George

Masd coccinea 'M. Wayne Millar'

Masd Lyn Sherlock 'Teresa'

- Dennis Chuah

Masd Falcata 'Orange Giant'

Masd coccinea 'Red Glow'

Masd Fraseri 'Diane Wilson'

Masd Tuakau Goldstrike

- Glenys MacRae

MILTONIA

Milt Unknown

- Barry Baxter

ONCIDIUM

Onc eurycline

- Leroy Orchids

PHALAENOPSIS

Phal equestris

- Mary Jones

Phal No Name

- Ray and Lottie Hogan

PLECTORRHIZA

Plrhz tridentate 'van der Heide'

- William and Man Lo

SARCOCHILUS

Sarco fitzgeraldii (2 Plants)

- Ray and Lottie Hogan

Sarco Yvette # = (*Sarco Cherie* x *Fitzhart*)

- Mary Jones

TOLUMNIA

Tolu Unknown

- Dennis Chuah

WILSONARA

Wils Lyoth 'Ruby'

- William and Man Lo

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

The plant commentery was conducted by Heather Cooke and Wolf Gausch

TARANAKI SUMMER SHOW
Friday January 14th -Sunday 16th
2011

If you haven't yet experienced this Show try and make the effort to come along this year. It is a lovely relaxing weekend and Taranaki Orchid Society members are wonderful hosts.

You must register by December 31st 2010. \$70.00 per person for the weekend, includes a lovely dinner on Saturday night. Afterwards, a guided walk through illuminated Pukekura Park (weather permitting). Walking shoes and a torch are recommended for the Park walk.

Apart from the lovely show, there are various lectures available on Paphiopedilum, Odontoglossum, Disa and Masdevallia.

David Banks will also give a presentation. One of the popular highlights is the Car Boot Sale held on Saturday 11.30am - 3.00pm. If you wish to sell here it will cost you \$15.00 per boot.

Private gardens and orchid collections can be viewed on Sunday morning. Details of these are available at the show Information Desk.

Accommodation is at your expense and it is advised that you book this early as it is during the holiday season.

Dennis has full details Registration Forms, available on request or email Joy Wray at joywray@xtra.co.nz

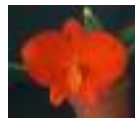


from behind the shadehouse.....

If you have any small jam jars, Linda would like them for the jam she makes for us for our Ribbon Show. Please bring them to the meeting. She would also like any spare fruit you have available nearer February.



Congratulations to Allan and Susan Tantau for their success at the Rose Show. They won numerous prizes including 'Queen of the Roses' which is equivalent to our orchid Grand Champion.



JIM JAMES

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death in Hamilton, of Jim James on 17th November 2010.

Jim was an icon of the orchid fraternity of NZ, well known for his extensive breeding prowess involving a range of genera. He registered 63 crosses between 1975 to the current listings.

Ian Dixon (Jim) James received a QSM for services to orchid growing. He was the author of 2 books on growing orchids in NZ conditions, excellent publications for all NZ orchid growers. Jim will be missed greatly and our sympathies go to his wife Rae.

PLANTS ON DISPLAY 2010

Every club night we have a wonderful display of orchids. We would like to thank those members who take the time to prepare and transport these to our meetings. We do appreciate your support. Without you there would be no display of plants at all. Good luck for the lucky draw at our December meeting.



Your President, Executive and Show Committee wish you a very safe and happy holiday season with your family and friends.

We look forward to seeing you all at our Xmas meeting and again in the new year at our first meeting on Tuesday February 1st.