

WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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Popular plant vote this month went to Barry Baxter with C. Orglade's Grand. Congratulations!

MESSAGE FROM THE SHOW MARSHAL

Please note down Saturday 7th March in your 2015 diary. This is the date of our ribbon Show which will be held at the Whenuapai hall, 43 Waimarei Road, Whenuapai.

Set Up: 8.00am

Staging plants: 8.30am -9.30am

Judging by members: 10.00am

Open to Public: 1.00pm -3.00pm

This is a social day for members, although we will admit public into the show for a couple of hours during the afternoon. This is a fun show which is judged by the club and I would encourage new members to come along even if you haven't got plants to enter as it's a great way to get to know people and learn a little about judging orchids.

As in previous years we will have a BBQ lunch, the cost being \$6.00 each which also covers admission to the show. The club provides the meat and we ask that you bring a salad or dessert.

I will be taking names and money at the February and March meetings. We need to know final numbers By Wednesday 3rd march for catering purposes.

The club trading table and produce/bric-a-brac table will be running.

I will give you more details in December and February.

Thanks
Glenys.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday December 2nd, 7.00pm

Please note the starting time

Lions Whitehouse

We are having a Malaysian catered meal. The cost is \$15 per person and we need to know **by 8pm Sunday 30th November at the latest** for catering purposes. The club will supply Strawberries and Ice Cream and non alcoholic drinks. Please phone **Roy Neale 416 6737** with your names or email: **leeandroy@ihug.co.nz** If you do not wish to have the meal, have your dinner before you come to the meeting.

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

Please wear your name badge.



Happy January birthday to.... Lee and Roy Neale, Diana and Peter Elfleet, (Diana is having her 80th!), Patrick Stepancic, Kim Young, Dennis Chuah Hugh Fraser, Barbara Cawte, Harry Kiss and Ross Thompson.



PLEASE NOTE.....

This will be your last newsletter for 2014. Waitakere Orchid Club does not hold a meeting in January.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday February 3rd 2015. You will receive a brief newsletter late January.

FROM THE NOVEMBER MEETING

Past President Dennis welcomed 42 members and 1 visitor, (who joined our club during the evening).

Apologies: Anne Bernard, Lee and Roy Neale, Ken and Corozan Sims, Linda Alexander and Wendy Gilligan. Wolf is still doing OK.

Notices: Dennis invited Grahame Hill to tell us about the Taranaki Summer Show to be held in New Plymouth in January 2015. Bill Liddy will be guest speaker at the dinner. For more information contact Dennis or Lee and Roy.

Dennis explained the Iwitahi weekend in early December where volunteers spend the weekend tending the native orchids. Iwitahi is situated on the Napier – Taupo Highway.

Information leaflets were available for Eden Gardens and Greenhithe Garden Tour.



PROPOSED BUS TRIP

Roy is organizing a weekend away in March 2015. We will be staying overnight in Tauranga. Lots of gardens and orchid related visits are on the agenda. Have a think about it and let Roy know if you are interested.



RAMBLE DAY AT JILL'S

The first impression on arriving at Jill's superbly landscaped 5 acre garden at Waimauku is of the lushly flowering apple with masses of pink blooms that stands near the picture windows. The lawn slopes down to a stream that runs across the property and is home to several peking ducks, willows, irises and various bog plants, and is complete with wooden bridges, flowering cherries and a viewing platform. The 9 guests promptly accepted Jill's offer of a guided wander.

We started with the orchid houses, one a shade house, the other a glasshouse. Poring over the benches and rafts - an ideal time for questions and comments. Beryl reminded us that we should be watering dendrobiums by now. There was a collection of cymbidiums outside and wandering over the property Jill has dendrobiums and cymbidiums growing under the trees.

The impending downpour sent us scurrying indoors .

Over tea and cake there was a lively discussion, questions, and comments about orchid growing - with some very intent listeners.

The orchid rambles are a wonderful opportunity for new members to learn in a relaxed, generous environment.

Dara McNaught



WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB WELCOMES.....

Sally Oberto who is Pam Mason's daughter. Sally already owns her first orchid - a sarcochilus which she bought on club night to start her collection! She and mum Pam will attend meetings together.



Raffle results....

Winners were: Myra, Jimmy, Irene McGregor and Grahame Hill.

Thanks to the club, Grahame Leafberg, Leigh and Mike Leaty and Bryan Sharpe for donating prizes.

Our raffle made \$106.00 which will be a great help towards our expenses.

GUEST SPEAKER—Leigh Leaty

Leigh gave us a wonderful Power Point presentation and talk on sarcochilus, (Aussie natives) and a favourite orchid for all of us. She explained that they were epiphytes and lithophytes, enjoying growing on rocks and trees, therefore giving us the option of rafting onto slabs, rocks or in pots with No.3 bark and lots of drainage.

Air movement is essential and if growing on rafts, give plenty of water in the summer and twice a week in winter. Allow potted plants to dry out before watering.

These orchids do not need to be in a glass house so are a very good starter orchid for new growers and prefer a north facing growing area.

Feed with a low nitrogen and high potassium fertilizer all year round. Repotting can be done anytime, but avoid the hottest and coldest times. Repot every 2 years.

Thank you Leigh for sharing your vast information with us.



from behind the shadehouse.....

Jill has a very large pond and stream running through her property. The pond plants were getting too large so she donned her gumboots and stepped into the creek – gave a huge tug at the weeds and came up with an eel. She got such a fright she fell into the water!



Lee and Roy spent 3 weeks in the South Island - even went to Stewart Island and the only time they experienced snow was on the Desert Road on the way home!

PLANTS ON DISPLAY 04.11.14

Angem. *germinyanum*

- Pauline Weeks

Brassia

Brs. David Sander

- Bev Meredith

Brs. Keiliana *

- John Stewart

Cattleya

C. Orglade's Grand *

- Barry Baxter

C. Lucky Chance

- Shirley Sidnam

C. *amethystoglossa* *

C. Alarcon x *intermedia*

- Anjo McKernan

Coelogyne

Coel. *lawrenceana*

- Dennis Chuah

Cymbidium

Cym. Tee Pee (first flowering)

- Grahame Leafberg

Cym. Ann Devlin

- Lito Teope

Cym. *devonianum* 'Shirley' (sibling cross)

- Shirley Sidnam

Dendrobium

Den. *fimbriatum* 'Oculatum'

Den. *densiflorum*

- Dennis Chuah

Den. *linguiforme* 'Buffy'

Den. Roy Tokunaga

Den. Kuniko *

Den. Utopia 'Colette'

- Shirley Sidnam

Den. *lichenastrum* var Prentica

- Pauline Weeks

Den. *Thyrsiflorum* *

- Barry Baxter

Den. Royal Wings

- William and Man Lo

Laeliocattleya

Lc. My Little Pumpkin

- Shirley Sidnam

Lpt. *bicolor*

- Mary Jones

Masdevallia

Masd. Peppermint Rock '5 Striper'

- Shirley Sidnam

Masd. Tuakau Candy

Masd. Falcata 'Sunset'

Masd. Aztec Gold

- Barry Baxter

Masd. Tuakau Goldstrike

Masd. Heathii

Masd. Lyn Sherlock 'Sunshine' HCC/OCNZ

Masd. *coccinea* 'Gerli' x Alyssa Maria 'Wendy' *

- Glenys MacRae

Masd. *coccinea* 'Cerise'

- Bryan Sharpe

Plants on display
last month was won
by Bev Meredith.

Cont.....

Masd. Lemon Meringue

Masd. Gold Purse

Masd. Bob Hoffman 'Lisa Jill' x Sun Dancer *

Masd. *igneae*

- Ken Morse

Masd. Giant Orange

Masd. Falcata 'Midas' *

Masd. Grace Aras 'Sunrise'

Masd. Rubicon x Caudata *

- Lito Teope

Oncidium

Onc. Bonne Nuit x Oda. Mont Mado = now, Onc. Papatoetoe Mountain #

- Bryan Sharpe

Rhynchovola

Rcv. David Sander #

Sarcochilus

Sarco. Hot Ice

Sarco. Sweetheart *

- Pauline Weeks

Sarco. Sonata 'Bryan' HCC/OCNZ

Sarco. Carnival 'The Clown' AM/OCNZ

Sarco. Sonata

- Grahame Leafberg

Sarco Melba (two plants)

Sarco. Melody 'Big CTR'

Sarco. Melba 'Snowflake'

- Faith and Wolf Grausch

Sarco Aussie Weinman x Snowhart

Sarco. Heather Leaity

Sarco. Dove (two plants)

Sarco. Karla

- Mike and Leigh Leaity

Sarco. Julie

Sarco. Sherlock's Otaki

Sarco. Yvette

Sarco. Karla Zoe 'Purple' x Fairy 'Scarlet'

Sarco. Fitzhart

- Mary Jones

Sarco. Melba 'Grahame' *

- Bryan Sharpe

Polystachya

- Shirley Sidnam

Pholidota

Pho. *chinensis*

- Dennis Chuah

Vanda

V. Dr Anek x V Katsuaka

- Anjo McKernan

Zygopetalum

Z. Kiwi Korke x Alan Tucker

- Lito Teope

Zygopabstia

Zba. Kiwi Jade x Prospect Hill #

- Bryan Sharpe

Spelling = * Please correct your label.

Name change = # Please correct your label.

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

The plant commentary was conducted by Mike and Leigh Leaity.

