

AUCKLAND ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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Winner of the plant of the month for August
L jonhgheana
Mary Jones

MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

Quote: Help! Our editor took a well deserved break in Australia, so please don't be too critical of this month's Bulletin, the 'stand in' team is nowhere near as proficient. **Unquote.**

I'm back now and they are way too modest, all the work was done for me and I too have to make an apology as I was thrown in at the deep end with baby sitting as soon as I came home, and with little ones around my feet it was nigh on impossible to even open the computer. Here we are, maybe a day or too late getting the Bulletin into your letter boxes and I am sure that we are forgiven!

It is Labour Weekend as I write this, and it is also a reminder to put on more shade cloth and step up the watering and feeding. As many plants are now in active growth, repotting can be done. Watch for those bugs, I found a cockroach – like insect that had nipped off some of my masdevalia spikes — caught him in the act! ED.

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday November 2nd
7.30pm
Lions Whitehouse

Our guest speaker this month will be Ron Maunder from Tauranga. Ron will be talking on masdevallias and will also have plants for sale. For those new members, masdevallias are very easy to grow, so take the opportunity to buy a quality plant or two (or three) from Ron!

The trading table, produce table, library and plants on display will all be operating. A message for new members, bring along any plant you have in flower for plants on display.

Please bring a small plate for supper. Volunteers will be needed to help vacuum the hall after the meeting.



Happy November birthday to...

Dudley Eyes, Jimmy Shaw, Lucille Rowe, Allan Tantau, Bev Meredith and Tony Park



Raffle winners....

Irene Levet, Mike Leaity, Bev Meredith and Roy Neale.

The raffle took \$47 thanks to all of you who bought tickets and the generous prizes were donated by Heather Cooke and Ken Morse.

Thanks to Warehouse Stationery for the printing of this newsletter. Please make sure you buy your supplies from any branch of Warehouse Stationery.

FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING

The monthly meeting for October was attended by 53 members and in the absence of our President, was presided over by our Vice President Diana Elfleet.

Apologies: Glenys MacRae, Mary Jones, Miriam and Assid Corban and Margaret Stansfield.

Sick: Peter Elfleet Jnr, Michelle Strachan - Elfleet, Patrick Stepanicic and Florent Vadam.

We were advised that Gwen Bennett was now residing in Selwyn Villiage and was'nt able to attend the meeting, she would appreciate visits from members.

Notices: Our executive has decided to arrange a 21st Birthday celebratory dinner at Valentines Restaurant Henderson on Saturday October 30th at 7.45pm. The price is \$24.90 per person and our Treasurer would like final numbers and a deposit of \$5.00 by the 25th of October. Please phone Linda on 833 1443. (As we go to print, this deadline would have since passed).

There will be no executive meeting on Monday October 25th as it is Labour Day.

The Taranki Orchid Society summer show will be held from the 14 –16th January 2005.

To register costs \$40 which includes Saturday lunch and dinner and a guided tour of Pukekura Park by night – a sight not to be missed! If anyone is interested, registration forms will be available next club night.

The first part of the meeting was involved in the election of the Show Committee.
Results as follows.

Show Marshal: Bev Meredith – nominated by Heather Cooke, seconded Lee Neale.

Show Secretary: Linda Alexander – nominated by Bev Meredith, seconded Brian Main.

Show Committee members: Diana Elfleet, Peter Elfleet Jnr, Roy Neale, June Sutton, Joy Intveld, Dennis Chuah, Bev Holdsworth, Lee Neale, Heather Cooke, and Melvin Alexander.

Roy with his 'magic wand' tested fertiliser strength for 3 members who had brought along their 'samples'. It was reassuring for these members to learn that their fertiliser strength was at a safe level for their plants.

Roy will bring his meter again next month if any other members want their solutions tested.



CULTURE QUESTIONS

Q. Can the liquid produced by worm farms be used for fertilsing orchids?

A. Worm 'pee' has been sold commercially, but the strength for use on orchids is unknown.

Leroy orchids once again offered to co-ordinate an order of bark from Waitara, please collect your order as soon as possible after notification of it's arrival.



Jimmy and Margaret Shaw, our door keepers at the Spring Show 2004.

Please bring donations for our Monster Xmas Raffle.

Jimmy and Margaret would appreciate anything in the festive line, (ie) choc-cies, mince pies, tinned fruit etc.

Also a small gift, wrapped to go on the continuous raffle table for the Xmas meeting.



All in the family.
Peter Elfleet and Michelle Elfleet-Strachan at their stand at our Spring Show

PLANTS ON DISPLAY
(October meeting)

CYMBIDIUM

Cym Pure Love x Huckleberry Mountain (1st flowering)

- Leroy Orchids

Cym Black Pearl

- Ken Morse

Cym *lowianum*, var concolour

- H & G Cooke

Cym Khairpour x Last Tango

- Grahame Leafberg

Cym Coraki 'Margaret' x *devonianum*

- Wolf & Faith Grausch

DENDROBIUM

Den Lynette Banks

Den Ellen

- Ken Morse

Den *kingianum* 'Hobbs'

Den *kingianum* 'Gloucester Buckets' x 'Albert West'

Den *kingianum* 'Karl Marx' x 'Inferno'

Den Jaybird x *speciosum*

Den *kingianum* 'Peach' x 'Warm Red'

- Wolf & Faith Grausch

Den Unknown

- Pauline Weeks

Den *atroviolaceum* #

Den *chinsai* #

- R & C Hogan

DENDROCHILUM

Dendrochilum *glumaceum* #

- Jean Treadwell

DOCKRILLIA

Dockrillia *striolata*

- Grahame Leafberg

DRACULA

Drac *cochliops*

- Diana & Peter Elfleet

OERSTEDELLA

Oerstedella *centradenia* Dark x Self #

- R & C Hogan

MASDEVALLIA

Masd Peppermint Rock

- Bev Meredith

A Smorgsborg of masdevallias, too many names to write out!

- Ken Morse

MAXILLARIA

Max *variabilis* #

- R & C Hogan

ODONTIODA

Oda Shelley Anne Reg 1988 #

- Leroy Orchids

PAPHIOPEDILUM

Goultenianum x (*lyxel* x *sukhakulii*) #

- R & C Hogan

Paph Onyx

Paph *venustum*

Paph *acmodontum* x *primulinum*

Paph *haynaldianum*

Paph *amabile* x *wardii*

Paph Masako Chiba 'Papa Aroha' x *esquirolei*

- Kim Robilliard

Paph Magic Mood x F C Puddle

- Jean Treadwell

PHALAEENOPSIS

Phal Etheredge Pink x *equestris*

- Bev Meredith

Phal Deverteriana x *venosa* #

- Joy Intveld

SARCOCHILUS

Sarco First Light (4 plants)

Sarco Parachicus Selwyn 'Issys Rainbow' x *fitzgersldii* 'The Clown'

Sarco Emery Gem x *plectorrhiza tridentata*

- Wolf & Faith Grausch

SOPHROLAELIA

Sl Jinn

- Carol Boyle (first time display plant –well done!)

SOPHROLAELIOCATTLEYA

Slc Hazel Boyd 'Tropical Splendour'

- Honey Denyer

STARTYLIS

Startylis Jannine Banks 'Tinone' HCCAOC, AMNZOS, AMOCNZ

- Grahame Leafberg

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

Plants on display were ably assessed by Leigh Leaity and Grahame Leafberg.

Popular vote for the month was won by Honey Denyer for her Slc Hazel Boyd

YEAR BOOK

If you have not collected your year book yet, please do so at the next meeting – it could be your last chance to get one. Phone Roy on 416 6737



Pete Meredith and Melvin Alexander cooking sausages at our Spring Show.

Note that Melvin has the money bag securely around his middle. He's not going to let anyone run off with it this year!

PLANTS ON DISPLAY
(September meeting)

CYMBIDIUM

Cym Gentle Touch 'Bon Bon'
- Heather & Gary Cooke
Cym Ruby Pendant
- Marie Scotti
Cym Dolly Feather Hill 4N x *insigne* 'Alba'
Cym Kiwi Connection 'Joanne'
- Ross Crabb

DENDROBIUM

Den Candice x Aussie Sandy
- Grahame Leafberg

LAELIA

L *jonhgheana*
- Mary Jones

MASDEVALLIA

Masdev *veitchiana* 'Prince de Galle'
- Leroy Orchids

ODONTIODA

Oda Heatonensis 'Plush' #
- Glenys MacRae

ODONTOGLOSSUM

Odm Shelley 'Spring Dress' x Helen Stead 'Geyserland'
- Ross Crabb

ZYGOPETALUM

Z Warringa x John Banks
- Ken Morse

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PRIZE GIVING 2004

Our Vice President Diana Elfleet presided over this very important occasion. She presented trophies and accompanying celebratory tiles to the recipients of trophies at our Spring Show.

Our new computer and data show projector were put to good use as the photographs of the prize winning plants went 'up in lights' to refresh our memories.

Thanks must also go to the Show Marshal Bev for her assistance and the trophy custodian Helen for 'polishing the brass'.

Producing the slide show was challenging –I hope you all enjoyed the evening.

Lee.

PS I saw the effort that went into this slide show and had a private viewing. Top marks to you Lee!
ED.



from behind the shade house.....



One of our members had his plants on display described as a 'Smorgsborg of masdevallias' and yes Ken, they did look good enough to eat.

We have another pair of 'Golden Oldies'. Congratulations to Honey and Les Denyer on your 50th Wedding Anniversary, an amazing achievement.



The Editor had a lovely holiday in Queensland catching up on family and friends, and unfortunately having to say 'goodbye' to a very sick cousin. I was taken by an old school friend to an orchid grower just out of Brisbane to see about 500 vanda's growing outside with just a roof of shade cloth overhead. What a sight! They do their own hybridising and grow them in charcoal they make themselves and don't belong to any orchid club!

It was lovely to come home and see green grass and trees after looking at brown stuff that was once grass! I also saw Marjorie Johnston who was a member of our club for a number of years – she sends her love.

Congratulations to Assid Corban for his success in the recent Local Body Elections.



If any members are on line please give us your email address. Here are some that we have.....

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