

AUCKLAND ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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Grahame Leafberg won Plants on Display for October. This plant has since been awarded a AM/OCNZ, and won Grand Champion at the North Shore O/S Show. The Plant is now called Den Tess Mem Kath AM/OCNZ. Well done Grahame!

MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

I was told the other day how many weeks we had to go before it was Xmas. Panic almost set in as we all have this date as a 'must be done before' date, be it weeding, shopping, losing 5 kilos or having the shade house looking great and all the repotting finished. How could another year fly by so quickly?

I thought retirement meant everything got done in loads of time and the rest of the time you sat in the sun with a cup of coffee and the newspaper, how wrong was I? Never mind, just keep plodding along and it eventually all seems to 'happen'.

Give some thought to attending the Taranaki Spring Show On Jan 13th & 14th. Some of our members go each year and it is a wonderful weekend.

For more information contact Hazel Fawcett at tootapps@clear.net.nz

See you at the next meeting. ED

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday November 7th
7.30pm
Lions Whitehouse

Chris Whitby will be talking to us this month.

Please bring a gold coin donation for our Xmas Hamper raffle.

Plants on display, trading table and library will all be operating.

Please bring a small plate for supper during the meeting

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



Happy November birthday to.....
Dudley Eyes, Jimmy Shaw, Lucille Rowe, Allan Tantau, David Forsyth



Raffle results.....

Winners this month were:

Honey Denyer, Dennis Chuah, Mary Jones, Diana Elfleet, Joy Intveld and Leigh Leaty.

Thanks to ... Ron Maunder, Grahame Leafberg and Ken Morse for raffle donations.
The raffle boosted club funds by \$76.00.

Please note:
Our Ribbon Show date has been changed.
The new date is April 14th 2007. More details later.

FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING

President Glenys welcomed 50 members and friends to our meeting and Prize Giving .

Apologies: Helen Brown, Betty Major, Peter C Elfleet, Jean Treadwell, Susan and Alan Tantau and Miriam Corban.

Notices: The Club had a very successful display at 'Just Gardening' Kumeu . We also did well at the Howick Show. Leroy Orchids gained a first, Bev and Ken a second and Wolf won a trophy.

Leigh Leaity offered to give us a talk on show criteria sometime before the next show season.

The Year Books were available for those members who had not already collected their copy.

Members were asked for a gold coin donation this month and next for our Xmas hamper raffles.

Grahame Leafberg was presented with an CCC/OCNZ award for Den Yachiyo 'Grahame'.

Ron Maunder has donated 5 plants for our raffle.

It was noted that Joan Parker an Orchid Judge and long standing member of NZOS had recently passed away.



QUESTION TIME

Q. My Cym seedling looks large enough to flower, but hasn't. Why?

A. The new growth probably came at the wrong time last year.

Comment: You should never grow cymbidiums in too much shade—they need lots of light especially in the growing season.

Quote: Yellow leaves- plenty of flowers

Green leaves - plenty of growths and too much nitrogen in autumn.

Q. My standard cymbidium is very late in flowering.

A. This could all be due to it's breeding or even the seasonal changes. They need a 10° C change in temperature to initiate spikes. This is difficult to achieve in Auckland especially if plants are all cramped in the shade house.

Q. I have blotchy leaves on my Den *speciosum*?

A. Cold is a possibility.

Q. I want to divide my Masd Susan but it won't stop flowering!

A. Just do it! Cut the flowers off first and if the roots are weak wrap them in sphagnum and wait for the roots to recover.



CULTURE **Ken Morse**

Ken gave us a brief talk on the not so well known **Den Cassiope**. (Cassiope is made from 50% *nobile* and 50% *moniforme*)

This orchid flowers on bare canes from about July until October similar to the way den *nobile* does.

Ken grows his in No3 bark in plastic pots with very good drainage. Watering is done once a week in winter and every day during summer. Don't dry them off in winter.

They produce kei kei's readily, so there are always new plants to be gained this way.

They are grown cool and will even be happy grown outside in Auckland.

Slugs just love the buds!

ED Ken grows magnificent orchids and now that he has retired will be growing even more prize winners as shown above. He won Grand Champion at our Ribbon Show this year with a lovely Paph.

PRIZE GIVING

Dennis gave us a wonderful Power Point presentation which complimented our Prize Giving. A tremendous amount of work goes into something like this and I think Dennis deserves a very firm 'pat on the back' for his effort.

Show Committee elections were conducted and we are very pleased to have Bev Meredith again as Show Marshal. The new committee consists of: Dennis Chuah, Glenys MacRae, Roy and Lee Neale, Melvin and Linda Alexander, Joy Intvelt, June Sutton, Diana and Peter C Elfleet.

We also warmly welcome Florent and Liliane Vadam, and Ross Crabb to the Show Committee.



from behind the shade house.....



Bernadette had 2 lovely spikes of Cym Hot Spring so decided to send them to her friend in Wai-kowaiti just north of Dunedin. Friend entered them in the local flower show and won first prize!

Sequel to the dog - chewed dentures. Another member asked how the dog got them out of her mouth – did she sleep with her mouth open?



PLANTS ON DISPLAY

COELOGYNE

Coel *punctulata*

- Ron Reeves

CYMBIDIUM

Cym Sims Vision 'Barcelona' (Oz import, 3yrs from flask)

- Leroy Orchids

Cym Bulbarrow 'Waikanae'

Cym Baroness Lucy x Last Tango

Cym Desert Gold 'November' x Ruby Eyes 'Red Baron'

- Ross Crabb

Cym Unknown

- Dennis Chuah

DENDROBIUM

Den Yondi x *kingianum*

- Heather & Gary Cooke

Den Tess Mem Kath AM/OCNZ

- Grahame Leafberg

Den Bardo Rose 'Alba'

- Ron Reeves

Den Elegant Heart x (Sand Gull x *speciosum*)

Den Lorikeet x Louises Rainbow

Den *delicatum* (belonged to Father)

Den *densiflorum*

- Leroy Orchids

Den Harold Hirsch x Louises Rainbow

Den Lynette Banks Fiestafal

Den Ellen

- Ken Morse

Den Grafton x Merellen #1

Den Pigeons Blood

Den Karl Marx x Inferno

Den Best Robust x Fluro King (3 plants)

Den Glauster Bucket x Albert West

Den Linda x Freckles HCC/AOS (2 plants)

Den Inchfay x Black Snake

Den Black Snake x Poozon (3 plants)

Den Poozon x Black Snake (2 plants)

- Wolf & Faith Grausch

DENDROCHILUM

Dendrochilum *glaumaceum*

- Ken Morse

EARINA

Earina *mucronata*

- Mary Jones

HABENARIA

Habenaria *praestans*

- Mike & Leigh Leaity

LAELIA

L *jongheana*

- Ron Reeves

L *flava*

- Leroy Orchids

MASDEVALLIA

Masd Rubicon 'Cliffy'

- Ken Morse

PTEROSTYLIS

Ptst Baptisii #

- Ron Reeves

PAPHIOPEDILUM

Paph *delanatii* #

- Bev Meredith

Paph *venustum*

Paph *wolterianum* #

- Ron Reeves

PLECTOCHILUS

Sarco Orange Star x *Plectorrhiza tridentata*

- Grahame Leafberg

PLECTORRHIZA

Plectorrhiza tridentata

- Grahame Leafberg

PLEIONE

Pln *formosana* (grown in same bowl as Father grew them)

- Leroy Orchids

PHALAENOPSIS

Phal Mem Regina Bussey

- Dennis Chuah

Phal *equestris* Var Rosea #

- Linda Alexander

SARCOCHILUS

Sarco Dorrigo Sunset

- Grahame Leafberg

Sarco *hartmannii*

- Mike & Leigh Leaity

SARCOMANTHUS

Sarcomanthus Rosey Posey

- Grahame Leafberg


SOPHRONITIS

Soph *coccinea* #

- Bev Meredith

Our club put on a display at the recent South Auckland O/S Charity Show.

Thank you to those members who offered their plants and congratulations to Ken, Glenys, Lee and Roy for their success in winning several placings..

 Grahame's Den Yachiyo 'Grahame' CCC/OCNZ was awarded on his birthday on June 6th. Makes this plant just that little bit more special doesn't it!

What a wonderful display of plants we had this month, thanks to all members who went to the trouble of packing and transporting their plants to the meeting. You will notice that some brought along several box loads. You all deserve a medal!

Plants on Display was conducted by Diana Elfleet and Brian Main.

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