

# AUCKLAND ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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**Ken Morse was the winner of the plants on display with his beautifully grown Paph sukakulii.**

## MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

I think we can safely say that for our club at least, that the fear of having more frosts has passed. We are getting more sunshine and it is time to haul out the extra shade cloth and put it over your glasshouse/shade house.

Plants are romping away with the warmer weather so feed them up and look out for all those slugs and snails. Clean up the floor of the glasshouse and shade house, that is where the bugs like to hide!

With daylight saving you can even sneak out after dinner and spend time with your plants.

Make an effort to visit the Ellerslie Flower Show between 14th and 18th November as Lee, Roy, Beryl and Dennis are putting up an orchid display there. This is a huge undertaking on their part so it up to us as members to support their efforts. I have heard some of the plans and I, for one, will not be missing it! See you there!

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## NEXT MEETING Tuesday November 6th 7.30pm Lions Whitehouse

Our guest speaker this month is Grahame Leafberg Who will be giving a slide show along with a culture discussion.

We would like to ask members for a gold coin donation this month and next month to go towards those yummy hampers we had for the Xmas raffle last year. The winners from last year are very keen to win again this time!

Please bring a small plate for supper which will be held during the evening.

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

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



**Happy November birthday to.....**

Dudley Eyes, Don Hodge, Graham Marshall and Antal Kalocsai



## Raffle results...

Winners this month were Jim Shaw Joh Remiens, Ross Crabb and Pauline Weeks. Thanks to the Club, June Sutton and Ken Morse for donating prizes. We made \$58.10 for club funds.



Our club applied to the Community Post and we were fortunate to be granted 300 post paid envelopes for the mailing of our newsletter. This is going to be a great help as postage is getting to be very expensive.

Thanks to NZ Post from us all.

## FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING

President Roy welcomed a very small group of 39 Auckland Orchid Club members and visitors to our Prize Giving evening.

**Apologies:** Jill Mickleberg, Pam and Bruce Hughes, Patrick Stepanic, Heather and Gary Cooke, Betty Ashby, Reg Watson and Jean Treadwell.

**Notices:** Roy and Dennis have arranged for 100 beautiful flowering disa plants to be sent up from New Plymouth for our stand at the Ellerslie Flower Show.

We are looking for sponsors for our 25th Birthday Show next year.

Those members with access to the internet are now able to download the NZ Internet Orchid Review at no charge to look, and for a small fee to print off. Contact Nick Miller [ncmiller@orcon.net.nz](mailto:ncmiller@orcon.net.nz)

There is a flyer available with information on a Waitakere Ranges garden ramble.

Any unsold tickets for the OCNZ raffle were asked to be returned.

Glenys, Ken and Ann, Heather and Gary put on a Table Top display at the Howick show and won 1st prize. Roy thanked Glen and Manee for their hospitality at the Howick Show.

The bus trip on October 20th is to go ahead. Cost is



### **AUCKLAND ORCHID CLUB PRIZE GIVING**

Lee presented the Power Point program that Dennis had set up for the presentation of prizes showing each plant at the same time as President Roy gave the relevant trophy to each of the trophy winners.

This was a wonderful way of refreshing our memory as to the winning plants.

### **SHOW COMMITTEE ELECTIONS**

Elections for next year's show committee were held after the prize giving.

**Show Marshal:** Bev Meredith

**Committee:** Glenys MacRae, Linda and Melvin Alexander, Diana and Peter C Elfleet, Ross Crabb, Dennis Chuah, Lee and Roy Neale, Joy Intveld, June Sutton and Merylyne Brown.

Ken Morse spoke of how impressed he was with the venue of the show this year. Parking was not a problem and a show of hands from members agreed with Ken. The show committee will discuss this matter during their meeting.

## DEFLASKING - the Neale way....

During the evening Lee showed us her way of de flasking. She had a flask purchased for the club of Roy Tokunaga's mini cattleyas of which she had removed the lid 24 hours previously.

Water which had just the chill taken off was put into the flask and gently shaken to loosen the agar off the roots of the plants. They were then rinsed in fresh water and each plant was inspected and any dead foliage or roots were removed with tweezers before drying on folded newspaper for at least ½ an hour. This enables the plants to 'firm up'.

Bark used in the potting mix had been soaked for 2 days and the dregs scooped off, leaving the quality No 2 bark ready to be used.

The potting medium was made up of: 6 parts No2 bark, 1 part pumice, 1 part palm fibre.(bricks of this available at plant centres).

Plant in trays and don't water for 24 hours. Fertilise with *phostrogen* in a very weak solution and water with this each day if needed.

Lee considers day 10 as the 'critical day'-they either live or die!

After a month she increases the fertiliser strength and as they grow they are 'potted on'. A heat board offers some comfort during colder weather.

Labeling of each plant is a must.

Thanks Lee for a very down to earth approach. I am sure most of us are terrified of attempting de-flasking, but you made it look so easy! Maybe a few more members will now have a go and enjoy the pleasure of watching their 'babies' progress and the expectation of maybe a future Grand Champion.

### OCNZ Raffle Results

1st Prize ticket No 1335

K Cann - Bay of Islands Orchid Society.

2nd Prize ticket No 9370

B Schollum -Tauranga

3rd Prize ticket No 1869

H&G Cooke -Auckland Orchid Club

Thanks to all members who contributed to this successful venture.

Congratulations to all the winners.

### **Darwin Exhibition at the Auckland Museum.....**

This will be running until Jan 13th 2008.

AOC members have been invited to attend at a discounted fee of \$12 for senior citizens. Orchids are a feature.

We have some free passes so phone Roy if you are interested..

If attending this exhibition take this newsletter with you to qualify for discount rates.

## PLANTS ON DISPLAY

### ACORIDIUM

*Acoridium tenellum*

- Grahame Leafberg

### CALANTHE

Cal *chiseki* x (Kirishaima x Jebine) #

- Grahame Leafberg

### CATTLEYA

*C intermedia* var *alba*

*C mossiae* x Picasso (Reg Stewart 1982)

Now C High Pass

- Leroy Orchids

### COCHLEANTHES

*Cochleanthes discolor*

-Leroy Orchids

### CYMBIDIUM

Cym Egtptian Princess 'Orange Crush'

- David Forsyth

### DENDROBIUM

Den King of Hearts 'Tracy' x Vivid Windsor  
'Downs'

- Grahame Leafberg

Den Unknown

- Pauline Weeks

Den Lynette Banks x Fiestafal

Den Ellen

- Ken Morse

### DENDROCHILUM

*Dendrochilum glumaceum*

- Ken Morse

### DRYADELLA

*Dryadella zebrina*

- Burt and Evelyn Ong

### LAELIA

L Coastal Breeze

- Grahame Leafberg

### LEPTOTES

Leptotes *bicolor* ('L&R' x 'Top o the Line')

- Mary Jones

### LYCASTE

Lyc (*lasioglossa* x Keolena) x Keolena Jessie

Lyc *virginalis* x Auburn Ditching x Henty #

Lyc Species Unknown

- Beryl Calder

### MADEVALLIA

Masd Sunny Angel x Southern Sun

Masd Southern Sun x Firebrand 'Red Spire'

- William and Man Lo

### MILTONIA

Milt Martin Orenstein

- Burt and Evelyn Ong

### ODONTIODA

Oda Trixmahnee #

- William and Man Lo

Oda Aloette x Shelley Ann

- Leroy Orchids

### ODONTOGLOSSUM

Odm Royston (seven spikes!)

- Leroy Orchids

### OERSTEDDELLA

Orstd *centradenia*

- William and Man Lo

### PAPHIOPEDILUM

Paph *venustum* #

- William and Man Lo

Paph Deperle x *stonei*

- Burt and Evelyn Ong

Paph *sukhakulii* #

- Ken Morse

### PHALAENOPSIS

Phal Mini Mark 'Taipei Girl'

- Leroy Orchids

### SARCOCHILUS

Sarco Aussie Dawn x Velvet 'Cool Dude'

Sarco Heidi x *spathulatus*

- Grahame Leafberg

### SOPHROCATTLEYA

Sc *orpetii* x Soph Arizona

- Burt and Evelyn Ong

### SOPHROLAELIA

Sl Isobelle Stone #

- Glenys MacRae

### SOPHROLAELIOCATTLEYA

Sl Orpetii x Slc Minx # (Reg 2002 ID James)

Now named Slc Four Seasons

- Burt and Evelyn Ong

Slc Mem Frank Gronwall #

Slc Red Jewel

- Bev Meredith

### SPHYRARHYNCHUS

Sphyrarhynchus Schliebenii #

- Burt and Evelyn Ong

### ZYGOPETALUM

Z Mem Grace Drewery x Artur Elle#

Reg 2004 Ross Tucker

Now Z Kiwi Black

- Leroy Orchids

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

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

The plant commentary was conducted by Roy and Burt.

Thanks to all members who brought in plants we had a wonderful display of quality plants. Well done!

You will notice there is no 'behind the shade house' this month.

If you don't 'dob' your fellow members in to me there can be no exciting gossip to relate!