

WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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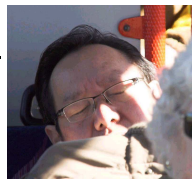
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Still room for more orchids?

Guess who is needing a nap?



MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

On Saturday 24th October 43 club members went off on an adventure! We left Lee and Roy's at 8.00am, picking up a few more members at the Whitehouse and headed to the Orchid Fair at Tuakau. I noted that everyone getting on the bus seemed to have empty cartons. Were they all moving house? Wrong! We have done this all before and I can honestly say on all the bus trips I have ever been on with our club I have never seen so many orchid plants filling those boxes to overflowing by the time we reached home!

The weather was absolutely perfect, a beautiful Spring day. K& R Orchids hosted the Fair and very soon we had found special plants that just needed to come home with us. I also noted our newer members were pretty fast learners at shopping for orchid plants, with the rest of us giving them the advice they needed for caring for them.

Lunch was a picnic at Robert and Margaret Flanagans, who kindly supplied tea and coffee and allowed us to wander through their magnificent

gardens. It was a bit of a mission finding their house as Roy got the driver lost! Congratulations to our driver who had to do some very tricky maneuvers to get us around a very sharp bend and up the hill with cattle running beside us to make sure we didn't encroach on their grass!

Our next visit was to Maarten Van Geest who grew anthurium's for the cut flower markets throughout NZ. It was mind blowing to see thousands upon thousands of different coloured anthurium's growing hydroponically with their beautiful stately flowers. He also grew orchids but anthurium's were his main crop. We came out of there with bunches of these beauties and **more orchids!**

Sunrae Orchids was our final stop for the day. Wine tasting and more wine tasting and then some wine purchasing and a bit more wine tasting followed but a lovely BBQ tea and more orchid purchases, rounded off a super day out with a great bunch of WOC members. I had a wonderful day and I know everyone else will agree that Roy did a great job arranging it all for us. Thanks Roy and Lee (holder of the privy purse). Put my name down for next year please! ED

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday November 3rd

Lions Whitehouse

7.30 pm

Our guest speaker will be Eric Scanlen who will give us a 3D presentation on NZ native orchids. This is a 'must see' evening - totally amazing!

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

Please bring a small plate for supper during the evening.

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



FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING

President Dennis welcomed members and friends to our Prize Giving evening.

Apologies: Bernadette Edmiston, Ray and Lottie Hogan, Peter Elfleet Snr, Mike Mason, Gary Cooke, Reg Watson, Linda Alexander and Patrick Stepanic.

Dennis did a fantastic Power Point presentation for our prize giving and also a clip of the TV3 film shot during our Spring Show.

After the presentation of our trophies, Show Committee elections were held.

Show Marshal: Bev Meredith

Show Secretary: Linda Alexander

Committee: Glenys MacRae, Lee and Roy Neale, Ross Crabb, Joy Intveld, June Sutton, Melvin Alexander, Diana Elfleet and Peter C Elfleet.

Thank you for donating your time and expertise for yet another year.

North Shore Orchid Society Show

St Anne's Hall, corner of Beach and Glencoe Roads, Browns Bay. November 7th & 8th
Saturday 10am to 4pm
Sunday 10am to 3.30pm
Set up and plant entries Friday evening after 6pm.



Congratulations to Pauline Weeks. *Ljongsheana* was the popular vote winner last month.



Above: Maine Wichman, one of our newer members is happy with some of her purchases during our bus trip!



Happy November birthday to....

Dudley Eyes, Jim Shaw, Allan Tantau, Bev Meredith, David Forsyth and Luis S Lachica.



Jim Shaw and Michele Tung won the raffle last month-well done! Thanks to the Club and Evelyn and Bert Ong for donating prizes. The raffle made \$88.00 to add to our club funds.



from behind the shade house.....

Our latest pensioner and Gold Card holder managed to get a traffic ticket going to the North Shore Show. Can't afford tickets now that you are on the pension Ross!



Roy and Lee locked themselves out of the house and had to get a Locksmith to rescue them. I think Lee thought it rather fun and accidentally locked Roy in the tunnel house last week. Never mind Roy, there was lots to be done in there - even if you did have visitors waiting indoors for you!

Lucky Jim Shaw won yet another raffle on the bus trip. He very kindly gifted the prize bottle of wine to Glenys who was celebrating her birthday that day. Chivalry is still alive!



DECEMBER MEETING

I know it sounds awful - but Xmas is just around the corner and we need to remind you that at our December meeting we have a Progressive Raffle. Please bring a gift along to participate. As a guide line please make it something not too expensive (under \$10) that you perhaps might like to win! In the past we have had some disappointed members who have won rather 'dubious' gifts!

A gold coin donation towards our scrumptious gift baskets can be given to Lee at the next meeting as this goes towards the cost of the baskets.

We always have a special Xmas meeting with everyone bringing along a plate of 'finger food' (nothing that has to be eaten with a knife and fork) and enjoying a lovely meal together with members and their partners. The club supplies refreshments and strawberries and ice cream!

NOTE: December meeting starts at 7.00pm not 7.30pm! Mark your diary!



Feeding time for your orchids

Keep feeding your plants as they are growing quite fast now that the weather has warmed up. Use a high nitrogen feed on seedlings.

PLANTS ON DISPLAY

ADA

Ada keiliana

- Dennis Chuah

ANGRAECUM

Angcm veitchii #

- Bev Meredith

ASCOFINETIA

Ascf Petite Bouquet

- William and Man Lo

CATTLEYA

C aurantiaca #

- Ron Reeves

C Picasso x Lynn Spencer

- Bev Meredith

COELOGYNE

Coel mooreana 'Taylor's Pride' HCC/OCNZ

- Leroy Orchids

Coel mooreana

- Dennis Chuah

CYMBIDIUM

Cym Kiri Te Kanawa 'Pauline Rei'

- Dennis Chuah

Cym lowianum

- Ron Reeves.

Cym Red Beauty x Valley Vampire

- Leroy Orchids

DENDROBIUM

Den Pukekura

- Barry Baxter

Den kingianum Var Silcockii #

- William and Man Lo

Den kingianum Var Silcockii #

- Bert and Evelyn Ong

DENDROCHILUM

Dendrochilum glumaceum #

- Barry Baxter

LAELIA

L jongheana

- Pauline Weeks

MASDEVALLIA

Masd Karen Eleanor 'Foxy'

Masd Rubicon 'Dantes Flame'

Masd Falcata 'Golden Horn'

Masd Fraseri 'Bryce' #

- Ross Crabb

Masd 'L & R Glow' #

- Barry Baxter

Masd falcata #

Masd Copper Angel

- Dennis Chuah

Masd Purple Heart

- Irene Levet

Masd Harlequin #

Well done our team who set up a display at the Howick Show on October 3rd.

We won second prize!

Don't forget that **next year** the National Orchid Show will be held in Palmerston North during the second week of September. We need help to transport plants and set up our club display.

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

Masd Lyn Sherlock 'Superba' #

- William and Man Lo

ONCIDIUM

Onc Unknown

- Melvin Alexander

Onc eurycline

Bert and Evelyn Ong

PAPHIOPEDILUM

Paph Island Way

- William and Man Lo

Phal equestris

Phal Brother Yew 'C.Y.' x Zumas Pixie 'Mamita'

HCC/AOS = Phal Bedford Pixie #

-Mary Jones

Phal Unknown

Phal Golden Peaker 'Nan-Cho AM/AOS x

Brother Amar 'Orchid Konnection' AM/AOS #

- Melvin and Linda Alexander

Phal Golden Taipei 'La Flora' x Ho's Wizard's

Puzzle 'La Flora' #

- Bev Meredith

SARCOCHILUS

Sarco Hartmannii 'Red Circles' x Elizabeth =

Sarco Sandon Rose

- Barry Baxter

Sarco Melody x Karen Ann #

- Mary Jones

SATYRUM

Satm odorum

- Dennis Chuah

SOPHRONITIS

Soph coccinea (Two plants)

- Wolf and Faith Grausch

Soph acuensis

- Glenys MacRae

SOPHROLAELIA

Sl Isabelle Stone

- Glenys MacRae

SOPHROLAELIOCATTLEYA

Slc Minx x Soph coccinea

- Wolf and Faith Grausch

ZYGOPETALUM

Z (Artur Elle x self) x B.G. White = Z James

Strauss #

- William and Man Lo

Congratulations to Leroy Orchids for winning Grand Champion at the Kerikeri show with Cym Last Tango x Tamatea

Those members 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 Diana and Peter C Elfleet.