

# WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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Rth Dan O'Neil won the popular vote for October. This stunning orchid is proudly owned by Leroy Orchids.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SHOW MARSHAL

The Ribbon Show will be held on Saturday 17th March at the Whenuapai Hall, 43 Waimarie Road, Whenuapai. This venue allows us to have a Saturday show as in recent years we have been restricted to running the show on Sunday. We think this venue will be better suited to accommodate our BBQ lunch.

The show schedule is available on the club website and copies will be available at the show.

The format will be similar to previous years where we have a BBQ lunch and you are asked to bring a salad or dessert. Entry to the show and BBQ is \$6.00. We will take your names and payment next year.

The club will be running the trading table for plants, fertilizers, bark and pots. We will also have the bric-a-brac and jam trading table.

Set up: 8.00am. Staging of plants: 8.30-9.30am

Judging by members: 10.00am. Open to

## NEXT MEETING

*Tuesday November 1st 2011, 7.30pm*

*Lions Whitehouse*

Guest speaker is Mike Timm from Waikato O/S, Mike will be talking on how he adapted his life in horticulture in Zimbabwe to growing orchids in NZ.

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

Please bring a small plate for supper which will be served during the evening. Help will be needed to vacuum the floor after the meeting.

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

Alan Tantau, Bev Meredith,  
David Forsythe, Barry Baxter,  
Alan Darlow and Anjo

A special birthday wish to Jim Shaw who is celebrating his 80th birthday this month!

## ***Raffle Results...***

Thanks to the club, Ken Morse, Chris Whitby and a kind lady from Greenview Park Villiage for the knee rug.

Winners were: Barry Wilkinson, Anne Bernard, Irene Levet and Peter C Elfleet.

Raffle takings were \$80.00

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ADVENTURE

8th-9th Oct



We left Rata Road early in the morning on Saturday, the weather was looking promising and we were all keen to 'get on the road'.

First stop was at Warkworth to visit Lex and Julie Sharp and their lovely gardens and orchid houses. They gave us a wonderful morning tea which 'fuelled us up' for the next stop.

It was lovely to have Jennifer join us here as she lives just out of Warkworth (and attends our meetings each month! ) Next stop Morris & James Pottery at Matakana.

After a look around the shop and lots of heavy sighing at the fabulous pottery we were taken on a tour through the pottery. This was really great as we saw how the pots grew from the clay gathered from the paddock morphed into glorious pieces of pottery.

Stop 3 was at Londy and Valerie Prince's home in Warkworth. Just as the bus pulled up it began to rain. But hey, what's rain when there is another cuppa and lunch! This was a lovely quiet spot with kowhai flowering and lots of bird song, and the orchid house to view.

Stop 4, Whangarei Show. What a lovely orchid show. Our hosts welcomed us with a lovely afternoon tea and we then wandered around and admired the plants on display. More plants were added to the bus. We then headed towards our motel. After having our rooms alloted we went out for dinner at a Thai restuarant in Kensington. We had a lovely dinner and scooted off back to watch World Cup rugby!

Sunday was a glorious sunny, warm day. The Quarry Gardens were our first port of call. What a great spot! These gardens have great potential and are still in the development stage. Well done to those who are working hard in developing them!

We proceeded to Iris and Colin Symond's home in Kamo North where we had morning tea among the immaculate gardens of broms, orchids and beautiful trees and shrubs.

Fanie and Barbara Johnston were our next stop. It was great to see their shade houses with orchids growing happily. Many of us came out from there with extra plants and happy smiles.

The Town Basin was our final stop before heading home. We had time for lunch and wander around the shops. It was here that I eventually caught up with my daughter and two of my granddaughters who came into town to see me.

Arriving home at 4.30pm, a very happy troupe of WOC members (all with extra plant baggage), agreed we had a fabulous weekend and PLEASE CAN WE DO IT AGAIN!

Thanks Roy and Lee for all your hard work organising it all for us.

Mary Jones.

## PLANTS ON DISPLAY

### CALANTHE

- Cal *arisarensis*  
- Dennis Chuah  
Cal *sieboldii*  
- Anjo McKernan

### CATTLEYA

- C Fire Magic 'Nora'  
- Ross Crabb

### CATTLIANTHE

- Ctt Seagull's Adam Michael  
- Leroy Orchids  
Ctt Seagull's Adam Michael # = (Hazel  
Boyd x Jewel Box)  
-Glenys MacRae

### COELOGYNE

- Coel Intermedia  
- Burt and Evelyn Ong

### CYMBIDIUM

- Cym Mem. Geoff Laird  
Cym Mem. Amelia Earhart 'Bombay'\*  
- Ross Crabb

### DENDROCHILLUM

- Dcd *glumaceum*  
- Ken Morse

### DENDROBIUM

- Den Clarrie's Gold # = (Allyn Star x  
*speciosum*)  
- William and Man Lo  
Den Bardo Rose 'Berowra' HCC/AOS \*  
Den *kingianum* 'Alweet Warrambeel'  
- Melvin Alexander  
Den Royal Wings  
- Dennis Chuah  
Den Our Native  
- Faith and Wolf Grausch  
Den Elegant Heart x (Sand Gul x  
*speciosum*)\*  
- Ken Morse

### DORITAENOPSIS

- Dtps Little Gem Stripes 'Harlequin'  
- Chris Whitby  
Dtps Lianher 'Happy Dancer'  
- Mary Jones  
Phal Taipei x Dtps Hsinying Beauty  
- Ross Crabb

### EPIDENDRUM

- Epi *pseudepidendrum x robustum* \*  
- Dennis Chuah

- Epi Pacific Glow 'Leroy' HCC/OCNZ  
- Leroy Orchids

- Epi *falcatum*  
- Anjo McKernan

### LYCASTE

- Lyc Promises 'Purity'  
- Anjo McKernan

### MASDEVALLIA

- Masd *melanopus* \*  
- Mary Jones

### PAPHIOPEDILUM

- Paph Black Velvet x Ruby Leopard  
Paph Maudiae x Grand Illusions  
Paph Ruby Leopard x Marie Joyes #  
(Blackberry Delight x Masupi = Marie  
Joyes)  
Paph Catherine Briois # = (*ang thong x*  
*delenati*)

- Paph Wellesleyanum x James Bacon  
- Chris Whitby

### PHALEANOPSIS

- Phal unknown (x3)  
- Mary Jones  
Phal unknown  
- Anne Bernard  
Phal unknown  
- Joy Intveld

### RHYNCATTLEANTHE

- Rth Dan O'Neil  
- Leroy Orchids

### SARCOCHILUS

- Sarco *aequalis*  
Sarco Sherlock 'Otaki'  
- Mary Jones

Those members with a # beside their  
plant name, please correct your label.  
Those with a \* please correct your spelling.  
Plant names written in *italics* depicts it is a

The plant  
commentary  
was conducted  
by Peter C  
Elfleet and  
Mary Jones.

### OCNZ Raffle results

**1st prize:** No.11302 Pearl Martin, Waikato O/S

**2nd prize:** No.2594 John Bourne, Wanganui  
O/S

**3rd prize:** No.2142 Anne Bernard, Waitakere  
O/Club

Thank you to all members for buying and selling  
tickets.

## FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING

**Apologies:** Gary Cooke, Diana And Peter Elfleet Snr, Ross and Susan Tucker.

**Notices:** Flyers available for Greenhithe Garden Tour.

North Shore Orchid Society sarcochilus and other genera show is on 5th-6th November St Anne's Hall, Browns Bay. For details phone 480 6844.

Weekend Gardener magazine has donated a lovely book to our library.

Leroy orchids were presented with an OCNZ award certificate for *Coelia bella* 'Wilma' HCC.

Prizegiving was held followed by **Show Committee elections**. The results are as follows:

**Show Marshal:** Glenys MacRae

**Show Secretary:** Linda Alexander

**Committee:** Lee and Roy Neale, Melvin Alexander, Bev Meredith, June Sutton.

## A FEW REMINDERS.....

**December 6th is our Xmas meeting** where we all bring a plate of finger food. The club supplies strawberries and ice cream and non alcoholic refreshments.

Members are asked to bring a gift to the value of \$10 or if you prefer, an orchid plant for the continuous raffle which is always very popular. (Please avoid the \$2 shop).

Bring your partner along.

## **Taranaki Orchid Society Summer Show.**

Friday January 13th to Sunday 15th 2012.

Registration: \$35 each, (\$30 if paid by Dec 31st.

Saturday Dinner: \$33.00 each.

Enquiries to Joy Wray.

## GUEST SPEAKER - Ken Morse

Ken gave us a talk on his and Ann's 7 week tour of Europe. (34 days on the Bus - up early in the morning and arriving at their hotel late at night!)

My head was spinning as he ticked off all the places they visited during this time. I will do my best to remember most of them!

A canal cruise and another through the Greek Islands sounded heavenly.

Flower markets and bikes in Holland, Hitler's Eagles Nest in Germany, Monasteries in Greece, Turkish carpets, Italy (with refugees hiding in the bus), Pompei, Rome, Venice, Florence, Nice, Pisa and the leaning tower, Switzerland, Paris, Hong Kong, Singapore and more!

He had purchased an ipad so had hundreds of pictures to remember the holiday. We were unfortunately unable to project these, but Ken did show us a DVD of a Dutch flower market.

I think they both came home for a rest!

Mary Jones.

## *from behind the shadehouse.....*

Melvin and Linda are the proud parents of the groom as Nathan married Kathleen on Labour Weekend. We heard that it went off very well and even the weather was kind to them.

A few of our members are heading off to the World Orchid Conference in Singapore early next month. We are looking forward to the trip and also some lovely warm weather and orchids, orchids, orchids!

Heard our two new members from Warkworth were booking into a motel with a friend and the landlord asked them if they were needing a bed for three!

Startled looks soon cleared that faux pas