

WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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Popular vote this month was won by William and Man Lo with Masd Kimballiana 'Yellow Doll'. Well done!

IMPORTANT STUFF - please take notice.....

1. You are required to pay for your meal on club night (this month), \$17 per member. The Xmas meal is at 'Golden Moments' Westgate Shopping Centre, (next to the movie theatres) Tuesday December 4th. BYO drinks.

We will have plants on Display on the night.
Don't bring gifts this year - but bring money for raffle tickets.

2. The OrchidWiz programme will be auctioned this month. Bring your money - it will be a great buy!

3. We need your OCNZ raffle books and money back at this month's meeting. **Please**

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday November 6th
7.30pm, Lions Whitehouse

Lee and Roy will be giving a talk on their trip to Alaska.

Please bring a small plate for supper which will be held during the evening. Plants on display, trading table and library will be operating this month

Help will be needed to vacuum the floor after the meeting.

Raffle results.....

Winners were Wolf Grausch, Bev Meredith, Pam Mason one of our visitors, Jim Parker. Well done!

Thanks to the club, Beryl Calder and Bryan Sharpe who donated raffle prizes. The raffle made \$102.00 which will go towards club costs.

Happy October Birthday to.....

Glenys MacRae, Melvin Alexander,
Ross Crabb, Bruce Hughes
and Michael Sue.

FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING

President Lee welcomed 34 members and 6 visitors to our meeting.

Apologies: Diana Elfleet, Dennis Chuah, Melvin and Linda Alexander, Chris Whitby and Anjo McKernan.

Sick list: Grahame Leafberg.

Notices: Thanks to Melvin, Linda and Ken for putting up a display at the South Auckland Charity show - we won third place!

The 'Orchid Fair' at Russell Hutton's (Tuakau) will be held on October 20th, 21st, & 22nd, 10am-4.00pm. (Labour Weekend).

Clivia show will be held at the Auckland Horticultural Centre, Western Springs on Saturday 13 October.

Lee and Roy would like you to save margarine containers for them. (The oblong ones!)

We will be starting our new Cultural Forum on club night starting in February. This will begin at 7pm, for beginners or any other members who are interested.

Scott Barrie will be talking at North Shore Orchid Society on October 28th.

We have a catalogue available for Ramsey daffodils.

Lee explained to our visitors how our Plants on Display worked. She also outlined the activities which are held during our club meetings.

Bernadette has kindly left back copies of NZ Weekend Gardener if anyone would

SHOW SUCCESS

Glenys, Pauline, Ann and Ken put up a display at the Howick Orchid Society Show, winning first prize for our club. Well done team!

Several Waitakere Orchid Club members had plants entered in the show and they also won several prizes.

BUS TRIP TO TARANAKI SUMMER SHOW

January 11th, 12th & 13th 2013

The bus has no more seats available but if you wish to go on a cancellation list, let Roy know as soon as possible.

Those members who are already on the list and have a cell phone number, please make sure Roy has your number (in case of an emergency).

The balance now owing is \$153 per club member, to be paid at the December meeting.

PRIZE GIVING

Our Show Marshal Glenys MacRae presented trophies to the lucky recipients.

Show Committee elections were held with the following results:

Show Marshal: Glenys MacRae

Show Secretary: Linda Alexander

Committee: Melvin Alexander, Dennis Chuah, Lee and Roy Neale, June Sutton, Joy Intveld, Ross Crabb, Bev Meredith and Ken Morse.

Show committee meets on the 3rd Tuesday of

VALE - David Forsythe

It was with great sadness we learnt of David's death on October 18th 2012.

David was a long time member of Waitakere Orchid Club and a familiar face on club night until his health deteriorated and he was unable to attend meetings.

Our thoughts are with his family at this sad time.

Masdevallia Culture - Ken Morse

There are over 350 masdevallia species and are found mostly in Mexico, Brazil, Colombia, Equador and Peru.

To grow successfully they need to be in a shadehouse with plenty of air movement.

Good drainage in the pots is a must and a deep, rather than shallow pot is needed. Ken uses polystyrene in the bottom of his pots and uses a bark size according to the plant size. Mostly he uses No3 bark.

Once a month he sprays with *phyto's K* (also known as *Phoscheck*) to help control fungal problems. *Phyto's K* is also a fertiliser. He varies his fertilisers. The condition of the leaves is a good indication of how healthy your plant is.

Never use lime!

Repotting is done after flowering.

Watering in winter is done once a week or 10 days according to the weather. In summer every 2nd day, but daily if the weather is very hot. Light misting if you don't have fans. Try not to leave water resting on the leaves overnight, especially in winter or the leaves will collapse.

A little sunshine doesn't hurt. Long periods in the sun will burn the leaves and dry the plant out. The general rule is to grow them in the shade.

Masdevallias are easy to grow, have beautiful colours, shapes and sizes and are easily manageable.

Most flowers stay out for at least a month or more, giving a beautiful display of bright coloured flowers.

Ken would love to see more people growing masdevallias. We know how passionate he is about his massies. His

Cymbidium Culture - Roy Neale

Roy gave us a quick repotting demonstration.

If there are back bulbs needing to be removed make sure you break them off together. The back bulbs will have dead roots. Plant the green bits but don't cut any of the roots off, plant them in a clean pot loosely leaving room around the pot for it to continue growing.

If you are growing your cymbidiums outdoors under trees, be careful of the native scale attacking them. Spray for scale from October to February.

Two plants had been brought in. They were in pretty poor condition and infested with scale. The owner was

Oncidium Alliance - Lee Neale

Lee brought in a selection of plants showing how diverse the oncidium alliance is.

These orchids love a lot of air movement. They also like a bit of morning sun, but if the leaves start to go red, this means they are getting too much sunshine.

In summer water every day. Lee fertilisers her plants at every watering with a weak solution of fertiliser. They don't like to get 'bone dry'.

She grows her oncidiums in No2 for small plants and No3 bark for the larger plants. Keeping in mind 'small roots, small bark'.

Mealey bug can be a big problem. If you get an infestation spray twice, ten days apart with *Confidor*. Keep an eye out for these pests from November to February.

PLANTS ON DISPLAY

AERANGIS

Aeris citrate *

- Barry Baxter

CATTLEYA

C gloedeniana # (was *L macrobulbosa*) x

C (L) harpophylla

- Don Hodge

CYMBIDIUM

Cym Langleyense

Cym Vibrant Tango

Cym Jet Set

Cym Kiri Te Kanawa 'Encore'

Cym Memoria Amelia Earhart 'Bombay'

- Ross Crabb

DENDROBIUM

Den Joyful Heart (possibly, as no Den Joyful)

- Barry Baxter

Den *speciosum*

- Ray Hogan

Den Mini Snowflake

- Leroy Orchids

DORITAENOPSIS

Phal Taipei Gold x Dtps Hsinying Beauty

- Ross Crabb

Dtps Hsinying Little Trick (sibling cross)

- Barry Baxter

EPIDENDRUM

Epi Pacific Glow 'Marie' AM/OCNZ

Epi Pacific Glow 'Fire Wall'

- Leroy Orchids

MASDEVALLIA

Masd Don's Dream 'Magenta'

Masd Curley George

- Barry Baxter

Masd Avalon Pellegrini *

Masd Kimballiana 'Yellow Doll'

Masd Tuakau Goldstrike*

Masd Peppermint Rock 'Candy Floss'

Masd Copper Angel 'Big N Bold'

Masd Cassiope

Masd Copper Angel

Masd *veitchiana*

- William and Man Lo

Masd Peppermint Rock (x2)

Masd Copper Angel 'Big N Bold'

Masd 2 boxes with 5 and 6 plants

- Ken Morse. (An exceptional display Ken)

PHAELAENOPSIS

Phal Golden Peoker x Ming Shin Stripe (unable to confirm this name)

- Barry Baxter

SARCOCHILUS

Sarco First Light

- Pauline Weeks

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 *species*.

The plant commentary was conducted by Roy Neale and Joe Vance.

Plants on Display for August was won by Glenys MacRae.

We would like to welcome Christopher Turbott to our club. We hope you will enjoy meeting new friends Christopher and learn more about orchids. We are here to help - just ask.

from behind the shade house.....

One of our members is having a birthday this month. She is on holiday overseas and will be celebrating a 'Hawaii Five O' in Hawaii!

Lee and Roy won Grand Champion at the Bay of Islands Orchid Society show and managed to make news in the local paper - photo as well! Kim Robilliard spotted it while 'surfing the net' in Cairns!

Hi Kim, we know you keep an eye