

WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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Popular vote this month went to Leroy Orchids with their Dendrobium Micro Chip. Congratulations!

MESSAGE FROM THE SHOW MARSHAL

Please note down Saturday 7th March in your 2015 diary. This is the date of our ribbon Show which will be held at the Whenuapai hall, 43 Waimarei Road, Whenuapai.

This is a social day for members, although we will admit public into the show for a couple of hours during the afternoon. This is a fun show which is judged by the club and I would encourage new members to come along even if you haven't got plants to enter as it's a great way to get to know people and learn a little about judging orchids.

As in previous years we will have a BBQ lunch, the cost being \$6.00 each which also covers admission to the show. The club provides the meat and we ask that you bring a salad or dessert.

The club trading table and produce/bric-a-brac table will be running.

I will give you more details in December and February.

Thanks
Glenys.

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday November 4th, 7.30pm
(7.00pm Early Forum for newer members)
Lions Whitehouse

Guest Speaker: Leigh Leaity will be talking on sarcochilus.

Please bring a small plate for supper, on a disposable plate and cut any cakes at home to help out the kitchen staff.

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

Please wear your name badge on club night.



Happy November birthday to....

Jim Shaw, Bev Meredith, Barry Baxter Anjo McKernan, Shirley Sidnam and Robert Simpson.



DAY GROUP RAMBLE

The second of these meetings is planned for **Thursday November 13th** at Jill Mickleburgh's home, 165 Valley Road, Waimauku. Ph. 411 9940. Head through Kumeu and turn left at the Muriwai beach sign. Continue on for a while and you will find Valley Road on the left. Travel on Valley Road, cross the intersection, going straight ahead, continuing on the gravel road. Look for the sunflower windmill at the gate!

FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING

President Lee welcomed 47 members and 4 visitors to our meeting.

Apologies: Anne Bernard, Barry Baxter, Ross Crabb, Burt and Evelyn Ong, and June Sutton.

Lee welcomed Irene back to club. Nice to see her looking so well. Lex and Julie Sharp were also welcomed.

Wolf is still doing well.

Notices: Thank you to Glenys and her team for setting up the club display at Howick, which we won. Lee and Roy also set one up at South Auckland and we won that one too!

Mike and Leigh Leaity are having a Sarcophilus sale at their home 5 Rosella Grove, Waimauku, 10am-2pm Labour Weekend, Sat. and Sun.

Think about joining the team to go to check up on the native orchids at Iwitahi, 6th and 7th Dec. Phone Dennis if interested. (There is a wonderful chapter on Native orchids in your Year Book.)

Lex, as President of Hibiscus Coast O/S was invited to give out certificates won by several of our members at their show. He also thanked our club for putting up a display.

Our members also did very well with wins and placing's at both South Auckland and Howick Shows.

Lee congratulated Lin Chetty who had been setting up Community Gardens in local schools. Our local newspaper and a popular garden magazine has acknowledged her work.

Pam Hughes has written us a lovely note thanking members for attending Bruce's funeral. She would love to hear from members.

OCNZ raffle closes Oct. 20th .

Diana is needing a lift to the day group.



WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB WELCOMES.....

Irene and Alex McGregor and Toby Marris. It was lovely to see Irene and Alex on our first 'Orchid Ramble.

We look forward to getting to know you and helping you with your orchid growing. Please don't hesitate to ask any member for advice.

We were all once new members too!

PROPOSED BUS TRIP

Roy is organizing a weekend away in March 2015. We will be staying overnight in Tauranga. Lots of gardens and orchid related visits are on the agenda. Have a think about it and let Roy know if you are interested.



SHOW COMMITTEE ELECTIONS AND PRIZE GIVING



Glenys conducted our prize giving, assisted by Linda. Congratulations to all who won trophies this year.

Elections were held and Glenys is to remain as Show Marshal.

Committee: Linda, Melvin, Jill, Dennis, Ross, Lee and Roy. Mary Hemana, one of our new members has also joined the show committee.

Ken has resigned after many years serving this committee. Thank you Ken for many dedicated years.

GRAHAME LEAFBERG - Rafting

Materials Grahame suggested to use were: Hard black puna with an open weave, Australian jarrah, pumice, kwila, cork, driftwood and even a scouring pad!

His theory is very simple. Choose the material and tie the plant on!

Grahame rafted an oncidium to demonstrate. He put the plant directly on the raft and covered the roots with sphagnum moss, (coconut fibre is good also). He then secured it using a fine stainless steel wire. Nylon stockings cut to strips can also be used. Make sure the plant is tied firmly.

In summer he waters and fertilizes them every second day and if it is windy, then they may need more water. Hang warmer species high. Sarcophilus can be hung much lower as they are cooler growing and are a good orchid to begin your rafting adventure with.

Grahame very generously donated 2 rafted plants to the raffle table.

Thanks Grahame, you are always inspiring.

Next day I added another 3 rafts to my growing collection of rafted plants! ED.



Raffle results...

Winners were: Roy, Toby, Jimmy, and Agnes.

Thanks to the club, Leroy Orchids, Glenys and Grahame for donating prizes.

Our raffle made \$110.00 which will be a great help towards our expenses.

PLANTS ON DISPLAY 07.10.14

Aerngis

Aergr. fastuosa

- Don Hodge

Angulocaste

Angst. Paul Gripp 'Tudor'

- Bev Meredith

Cattleya

C. Dream Catcher (2)

- Dennis Chuah

C. Jillian Lee

C. Snow Blind #=(Angelwalker x *walkeriana*)

- Wolf Grausch

Cattlianthe

Ctt. Mandarin Melody*

- John Stewart

Coelogyne

Coel. *tomentosa*

- Dennis Chuah

Cymbidium

Cym. Pure Wally

- Lito Teope

Dendrobium

Den. Kuniko HCC/OCNZ

- Dennis Chuah

Den. Micro Chip

- Leroy Orchids

Den. Delicatum 'Apple Blossom'*

- Brigit Janssen

Den. Limelight

Den. *striolatum*

- Grahame Leafberg

Dryadella

Dda. *zebrina*

- Shirley Sidnam

Masdevallia

Masd. Falcata 'Hot Orange'

- Jill Mickleburgh

Masd. Tuakau Candy

- Shirley Sidnam

Masd. Bocking Hybrid

Masd. Kimballiana

Masd. *ignea*

Masd. Rubicon*

Masd. *veitchiana*

Masd. Lyn Sherlock*

Masd. Bella Donna*

- William and Man Lo

Masd. Curley George 'Screwball' AM/OCNZ

- Leroy Orchids

Maxillaria

Max. *nigrescens*

- Dennis Chuah

Oncidium

Onc. Hilda Plumtree

- Jill Mickleburgh

Phalaenopsis

Phal. Chian Xen Rosenherz

Phal. Unknown

Phal. Sundancer (possibly as Sundance Yellow not a registered name.)



Above: Our Display at the Howick Show.

Phal Anthura?

Phal Chian Xen Piano 'CX369'

- Mary Jones

Pleione

Pln. Shantung 'New Forest'

- Shirley Sidnam

Rhinocilus

Rhincs. Aussie Passion

- Dennis Chuah

Sarcochilus

Sarco. First Light

- Pauline Weeks

Sedira

Sed. *japonica*

- Dennis Chuah

Spelling = * Please correct your label.

Name change = # Please correct your label.

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

The plant commentary was conducted by Dennis, Anjo and Grahame.

Barry Wilkinson won the plants on display draw for last month.

from behind the shadehouse.....



Lee and Roy came home to find yet another possum had come down the chimney and had found a comfy spot behind a cushion in the lounge. Eventually it was captured and then the clean up began!.....



New member Agnes asked hubby Harry for a shade house for her orchids. He went shopping, bought the shade house, installed it, then we had that **big** storm and it blew away!



OCTOBER ORCHID RAMBLE

Our inaugural Orchid Club Ramble on 16th October was a wonderful day. The sun shone and at 10am Mary welcomed 12 of us to her lovely home.

It was great to see several of our newer members attending but the highlight for many of us was having Beryl Calder able to attend.

We checked out Mary's shade house full of orchids, as well as the other orchids situated in interesting positions. There were baskets, tubs, rafts, tiered stands, clay pots etc, etc and we all saw something to inspire.

We had a cuppa and a sociable chat; it was great as so often on club night we don't have time for much chit chat.

Plants were discussed, an ailing plant examined and suggestions for its revival offered and the time just flew. We all left at midday in an elevated mood declaring that this was a day not to be missed in the future.

Thank you Mary for starting something great and for those who can make it to Jill's next month you can anticipate another good day.

Lee Neale.