

AUCKLAND ORCHID CLUB

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**Grand Champion Auckland Orchid Club
Show 2004**
Phal Etherege Princess 'Caitlin'
Exhibited by Brian Main

MESSAGE OF THE MONTH
From your Show Marshal.....

I would like to thank everyone who gave their time to help set up and dismantle the show. To all of the people who manned the stalls tirelessly for the entire show a big thank you also. The kitchen staff, sausage sizzlers, floor walkers, and those mothers, grand daughters, and other family members who just came along and offered to help – we do appreciate your support.

We had a good response from the public and the weather was on our side too!

Hopefully we have made a profit. We will let you know after all the outstanding bills have come in.

Our club puts on a great show, thanks to all the other clubs' support and also the traders. Not too bad for a small club like ours!

Thanks again everyone.

Bev

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday October 5th
7.30pm
Lions Whitehouse

Prize Giving. Lee will be doing a commentary and Power Point presentation using our new laptop and data show projector kindly donated by the **Waitakere Licencing Trust.** This computer is going to be well used by those of us who are involved in the running of the club. We are most grateful to the generosity of the **Waitakere Licencing Trust.**

The library, trading table, produce table and plants on display will all be operating.

Please bring a small plate for supper, which is now being held during the evening and so far working out very well.

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



Birthdays for October.....

Our President has a birthday this month and a little bird tells me that Ross Crabb has a birthday with an '0' on the end.

Also celebrating in October is Joan Wood (who I am told will be 84) well done Joan! Melvin Alexander, Baoshan Han, Heather Duxfield and Tony Park will all be blowing out birthday candles as well!

Thanks to Warehouse Stationery for the printing of our newsletter.

Don't forget to shop there for all your stationery needs!

FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

President Glenys welcomed the 40 members and visitors present. Glenys commented that we had a lot of positive feedback from our show and it is believed that we had covered our costs. As yet we don't have the final figures, but it is looking good.

As a result of our show we are very pleased to welcome 6 new members. Ernie, Wendy and Sebastian Denman from West Harbour who are beginners to the orchid world. Francis Ng from Henderson who started with 2 cymbidiums and now is needing a shadehouse! Florent and Liliane Vadam who are interested in all species and are hoping to build up a collection. Carol Boyle who came as a visitor from St Heliers Bay, is keen on all sorts and has a few cymbidiums. Matt Carter from Massey grows a few Phallies and Paphs. We are hoping that he and Carol will soon join us as members. I am sure our members will help them in any way they can, even if it is to entice them into trying out a different species!

Apologies: Pam and Bruce Hughes, Patrick Stepancic, Margaret Stansfield, Miriam and Assid Corban, Allan And Susan Tantau and Mark and Michelle Strachan.

Sick: Patrick, who has had an operation on his back and will be off work for about 6 weeks. Heather Duxfield has been in hospital again and we are pleased to say that she is home now. Her medication has been adjusted and she is now making steady progress.

Glenys presented Diana and Peter Elfleet Snr with an AM certificate for *Slc Shona 'California Dreamin'*.

Peter C Elfleet was presented with an HCC and also a certificate for Botanical Excellence for *Spathoglottis affinis 'Menora KL'*. This is a rare and unusual plant in NZ and it had a particularly large flower. Well done!

Photography Competition:
Judged by popular vote at our show.

Single Bloom. Mary Jones received a first and third place and Reg Watson a second placing.

Multiple Blooms. Deidre Intvelt got first, Glenys MacRae second and Reg Watson third.

Notices: Waitakere Licencing Trust had given us \$3600.00 for a laptop computer and projector. We have also received a plaque to keep.

WAITAKERE LICENCING TRUST

You may remember Heather telling us at the AGM that the club had applied for a grant from the **Waitakere Licencing Trust** to purchase a laptop computer and a data projector.

After several weeks of hearing nothing and thinking we'd missed out, I received a letter informing me that our application had been successful and that the Trust would grant the Auckland Orchid Club \$3600.00 for the purchase of a computer and projector. Not only that, but two members from the club were invited to the presentation dinner at the Lincoln Green Motel on the 9th Of August.

Heather and I represented the club at the presentation. We had a lovely evening meeting members of the Trust and the other recipients.

Of course they didn't tell us until we got there that each organisation would have to make a small speech about their activities and what they planned to do with the money. Guess who drew the short straw there!

Heather and I were impressed with the other organisations represented that evening. There are some really good people in our community doing some amazing things, largely voluntary and we don't always get to hear about it. I think the Auckland Orchid Club has been very fortunate to have received this grant and it's a nice reminder of why we should try and hold on to the **Waitakere Licencing Trust** as long as we can.

We will be purchasing the laptop computer and data projector from the **Warehouse Stationery** courtesy of Kim Robilliard. This equipment will be available for any club activity that requires it. Lee will be the first member to use the laptop and projector when she gives a power point presentation at our prize giving this month.

When not in use this equipment will be stored away safely. If you require the computer, projector or both, please contact me.

Glenys MacRae
President

**AUCKLAND ORCHID CLUB SPRING
SHOW RESULTS 2004**

CORBAN CUP For Grand champion

Phal Etherege Princess 'Caitlin'

BJ Main

BILL van der LINDEN MEMORIAL

TROPHY....for reserve champion.

Cym Hot Port 'Promise'

Ray Dix

MALLANA CUP...for best standard cymbidium.

Cym Hot Port 'Promise'

Ray Dix

LARSEN TROPHY....for best export cymbidium.

Cym PureWally 'Leonie'

Leroy Orchids

FINLAY TRAY....for best intermediate cymbidium.

Cym Del's Delight 'Lyn'

Ken Morse

**LINWOOD JUG....for best flowering intermediate
or miniature cymbidium NZ raised and hybridised.**

Cym (Red Beauty x Last Tango) 'Joanne'

Ross Tucker

**GRONWELL and DAWE CUP...for best first
flowering cymbidium.**

Cym Red Beauty x Last Tango

Ross Crabb

**FRANK GRONWALL TRAY....for best first flow-
ering standard cymbidium NZ raised and hybridised.**

Cym Frans Gold 'Beau'

Beryl Calder

**HARDY and FORQUETTE TROPHY....for best
species.**

Soph coccinea

Grahame Leafberg

CATTLEYA CUP....for best cattleya.

Slc Rinfire x Sola Fire

Ross Tucker

REHIA TROPHY....for best phalaenopsis.

Phal Etherege Princess 'Caitlin'

BJ Main

GERRY HOLLOWAY MEMORIAL CUP.....

for best pink phalaenopsis

Phal Marjorie Mills 'Jean' x Mollies Lullaby
'Lipstick'

BJ Main

**DEL CHANDLER CUP....for best odontoglossum
alliance.**

(Odm Quistrum x Oda Shelley) x Odm Heatonense

Ross Tucker

**N & R ARMSTRONG CUP....for best mini cat-
tleya.**

Soph coccinea

Mary Jones

**JOHN HUGHES CUP....for best commercial dis-
play.**

BJ Main

**ELFLEET VASE....for best cymbidium exhibited by
a novice grower.**

Linda English

**CALDER CUP....for best miniature or intermediate
cymbidium exhibited by a novice grower.**

Cym Bulbarrow 'Friar Tuck'

J Duff

**AAK & BA CORBAN BOWL...for best any other
genera exhibited by a novice grower.**

Masd Franseri 'Cerise Strip'

Bruce Drysdale

**MORRIN CUP....for best coloured cymbidium ex-
hibited by a novice grower.**

Cym Markessa 'Sunrise'

Pam & Bruce Hughes

**E & D CAMPBELL CUP.... For best culture and
presentation of any plant of any other genera, ex-
cluding cymbidiums.**

Den teretifolium var farfaxii 'Kevin'

Grahame Leafberg

**JOYCE UNDERWOOD TROPHY....for best mas-
devallia.**

Masd Copper Angel

Margot Kay

**BERYL BROWNLEES MEMORIAL CUP....for
best intermediate or miniature specimen cymbidium.**

Cym (Red Beauty x Last Tango) 'Joanne'

Ross Crabb

**JOAN WOOD TROPHY....for best floral art
points.**

'Congratulations'

Faith Grausch

**STAN PYE TROPHY....for best miniature pha-
laenopsis.**

Phal Cinnamon Sugar 'J' x Cassandra 'Thelma'

BJ Main

WOC TROPHY....for novice points prize...

Michelle Elfleet-Strachan

Congratulations to all prize winners and a big thank
you to all those who entered their plants in the show.
We cannot have a show without plants!



Raffle....

The raffle was won by Diana Elfleet and
Glenys MacRae.

The proceeds from the raffle were \$34.

CULTURE CORNER

Comments from some of our members.....

Cymbidiums: Roy polinated a flower and Lee showed us the easiest way to clean up a cymbidium plant ready for repotting.

Masdevallias: Glenys

Water and feed with high nitrogen once a week at present. As the weather warms or if they dry out water more. If leaves are dying back it could be from stress or lack of water.

Dendrobiums: Wolf

Wolf feeds his plants all year, but in the winter less. He grows everything 'cold' If it is too cold for watering he either mists the plants using a fogging nozzle or wets the shade house floor and by midday the leaves are dry. By October he has started repotting and sprays as aphids are already evident.

Slab culture: Grahame

Watering depends on what your plant is growing on as they absorb different quantities of water. Mist about once a week during the winter, but every day in summer. Sarcos grow well on ponga. Make sure it has weathered properly as fresh ponga holds toxins that can kill your plants.

Laelias: Mary

Grow cool. Water about once a week in winter but lots of water in summer. I don't feed over winter, but start feeding now. Laelias grow cooler than cattleyas but their culture is very similar.

Odontoglossums: Lee

Grow cool with plenty of air movement and low light. Red colouring on the leaves means that they are getting too much light. Lots of water in summer plus misting. At the moment Lee is using palm fibre and fine bark mix as a medium. Odonts flower every 10 months.

Coelogynes: Peter

Cool grow in baskets with a very open mix. Shrivelling bulbs mean lack of water, but they tend to shrivel anyway. Loads of water in summer. Feed from now on.

Den Pukekura: Diana

It's background is unknown. It is a *nobile* type dendrobium. Very easy to grow. Use fine bark for potting. Water at the moment just once a month to encourage it to flower and then lots of water during the summer. Will flower on the canes with no leaves.

Zygopetalum: Ken

When the temperatures are warm it is very highly scented. Grow very cool with your cymbidiums. Water once a week now and more water as the weather warms up. Usually have 5 or 6 flowers per spike. They come in a range of colours now thanks to hybridizing. Originate from Patagonia, Argentina.

Plants on display for August was won by Jean Treadwell

The plant commentary was conducted by Peter C Elfleet.

Mary Jones won popular plant vote of the month.

As I have run short of room this month we will have this photo next month and also the plants on display list will be published next month.ED.



Bev Meredith, Show Marshal and Glenys MacRae, President cutting the 21st Birthday cake at our recent Spring Show.



From behind the shadehouse.....

From our Spring Show: Indignant member carrying in a huge cymbidium covered in flower spikes, mumbled 'some idiot out there (meaning non orchid grower) asked if they were daffodils!'. I believe his 'daffodils' won a prize!



AOC members are in holiday mode again. Kim and Ken Young are heading for Canberra, Margaret and Jerry Stansfield are in Queensland and Pam Hughes went 'down country' to a family wedding and general R&R.

Again from our Spring Show: While working on the Flower Power Table, I was asked if the little posy bowl was taken home and planted in the garden would it grow! Yeh, right!!!!!!1

