

AUCKLAND ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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Congratulations to Grahame Leafberg for winning Grand Champion at the Hamilton show with his magnificent *Den teretifolium* var *fairfaxii* 'Kevin'. It was also awarded an FCC.

MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

We have had an incredibly busy few months at the AOC, it has been all 'go'.

Preparing and holding our own very successful show came first and then it was 'all on' to deal with the expo at Hamilton.

I would like to thank Chris Whitby, Diana Elfleet, Pam Hughes, Bev Meredith, Ross Crabb, and Ken and Ann Morse for helping me assemble the display. It took us two days! The first to put the display together and the second day to add the plants and finishing touches. Chris drove a hired van full of props which he kindly lent us and then had to return home again for plants for his own display and



Auckland Orchid Club got a third placing for their display at the Hamilton Show.

sales table. I believe he arrived home at some unearthly hour like 3.00am, only to pack up and travel back down again to help us after very little sleep! Our display could not have happened without plants. Thanks to Leroy Orchids, Assid and Miriam Corban, Ross Crabb, Patrick Stepanicic, Heather and Gary Cooke, Glenys MacRae, Dennis Chuah, Linda English, Marie Scottie, Mavis Doyle, Bev Meredith, Diana and Peter Elfleet, Chris Whitby, Ken Morse and a few of my own as well. We did appreciate your help and for trusting us with your precious plants. If I have forgotten to thank anyone, please forgive me. Our third placing made all the effort worthwhile. While we were busy with our display, right next to us was the Leroy display. Roy, struggled with a nasty cold, managed with Lee and a couple of others (one of these helpers being well into her 80's), set up their wonderful display of cymbidiums to be rewarded with a second place. Wonder woman Lee also set up the Weekend Gardener display. How she managed to set up two displays just amazes me!

Heather and Gary had arranged a bus trip for members to go to Hamilton to see the show. On Saturday morning we headed south once more, but this time to just enjoy the day and see the complete show as it was not fully set up when we left. We all had a great day and came home with more than we arrived with! A big thanks to both Heather and Gary for arranging this day for us. Poor Gary had to stay at home as he was unwell. We did miss you Gary!

Sunday saw us back once more to take down the displays. Thanks go to Glenys, Pete and Bev, Diana's two Peters, Ann and Ken, Sue and Ross and Chris for their help. Isn't it amazing how quickly a show can be dismantled? Trucks all loaded, we headed back towards the Bombay's only to be stuck in traffic for ages. We were a very tired band of orchid enthusiasts by the time we had reached our beds that night! ED
PS But it was fun!



AOC members Chris Whitby and Gary Cooke at our Spring Show.

Happy October birthday to.....
Glenys MacRae, Melvin Alexander, Heather Duxfield, Ross Crabb, Joan Wood and Bruce Hughes.



Raffle Results.....
Winners this month were Jimmy Shaw, Irene Levet and Allan Tantau. The raffle made \$40. Thanks to Honey Denyer for Raffle donations.

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday Oct 4th
Lions Whitehouse
7.30pm

Guest speaker for the night will be Beryl Calder who will share her knowledge of Cattleya growing and culture with us. We are very fortunate to have Beryl speak to us as she very rarely, if ever, speaks at meetings. We feel very privileged having her with us. (I wonder how Roy bribed her!!!!)

The trading and produce table, library, and plants on display will all be operating. Please bring a small plate for supper during the evening.

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



Thanks
To Kim and Warehouse Stationery for the printing of the newsletter and for pens and card for writing plant names on for our display in Hamilton

DON'T FORGET.....
Bring along your 'samples' for Roy to test with his magic wand. Catch some of the fertiliser coming through the bottom of the pot as well.
Roy has the wand for testing what you put on your plants and Chris has one for what comes out the bottom.
Could be an interesting biology lesson this month!

CULTURE NOTES



Roy did some fertiliser readings he suggested to use half strength for a couple of weeks firstly and then go up to full strength. Fertiliser samples brought along by members were very low in their readings.

Lee, Glenys and Roy gave short demonstrations of various genera and their care for new members present on the night.

FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

President Glenys welcomed the 40 members present and also Christine Culpan and Beverly Boucher who were attending for the first time. Christine and Beverly live on the Te Atatu Peninsula. We hope to see you both again at the next meeting.

Apologies: Assid and Miriam Corban, Bernadette Edmiston, Betty Major, Brian Main, June Hogg, Peter Elfleet Jnr, Leigh and Mike Leighty, Heather Duxfield and Beryl Finlay.

Sick: Jean Treadwell is still in Waitakere Hospital after suffering a stroke. Jeans daughter phoned me and said she is making progress slowly, but surely.

Notices:

Glenys thanked all those that helped at the Spring Show and at the Hamilton Show. She also thanked Gary and Heather for arranging the bus trip.

Gwen Bennett who is now residing in Selwyn Village sent members her best wishes via Joan Wood. Some members had not yet collected their Year Book.

Linda our secretary is resigning as she will be overseas for some time. We are looking for someone to take over her duties. This is rather urgent, so if you can help out please phone Glenys.

A price list was available from Napier Orchid Supplies and also from Keith Goodwin.

There is a bromeliad show on the first Sunday in October at the Manurewa Botanical Gardens. While you are out there check out the new Café Miko.

Dennis will promoting the club at the Kumeu Garden Show on Sept 24th . Cost is \$5.

We have a new book in the library signed by David Banks the author, check this out also.

Congratulations went to Grahame Leafberg for winning Grand Champion at Hamilton and also to all other members who won prizes.



September plant of the month
Epi pseudopeidendrum x harrisoniae
Exhibited by Mary Jones



Leroy Orchids stand at Hamilton which won a second prize.
Look at all those prize certificates!
Well done!

PRIZE GIVING

September was our prize giving night. Our President Glenys and Show Marshal Bev presented all Spring Show winners their trophies.

As each trophy was presented Lee gave a Power Point show refreshing our memories as to which plant went with it's trophy. We certainly are making wonderful use of our new technology kindly donated by the Waitakere Licencing Trust.

If any members are on line please give us your email address. Here are some that we have.....

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If you want to have your address added to this list, or if you have changed your address, please email Mary

PLANTS ON DISPLAY

BEALLARA

Bllra Tahoma Glacier

- Bev Meredith

COELOGYNE

Coel *cristata*

-Pauline Weeks

DENDROBIUM

Den Lorikeet x Louise's Rainbow (2 first flowering seedlings)

- Leroy Orchids

Den Cheryl's Glory

- Heather & Gary Cooke

Den Graham Hewitt 'Melton' x Wonga

Den Bardo Rose

- Honey & Les Denyer

Den Jiggi

- Pauline Weeks

DENDROCHILUM

Dendrochilum *glauumaceum*

- Mary Jones

EPICATTLEYA

Epi *pseudopidendrum* x *C harrisoniae*

- Mary Jones

ONCIDIUM

Onc *cheirophorum*

- Leroy Orchids

Onc Gower Ramsey

- Glenys MacRae

PAPHIOPEDILUM

Paph Debbie Robinson

- Mary Jones

Those plant names written in *italics* depicts it is a *species*.

Grahame Leafberg conducted the plant commentary.



Ken having a quiet time at the Spring Show during his shift on the trading table!

Plants on display from last month was won by Grahame Leafberg.

Popular vote for September was won by Mary Jones.

SHOW COMMITTEE

This month we will be holding show committee elections at the meeting.

We need some new committee members.

This is a job that can be done by any member - even the newest of members can help out and it is a great way to get to know all the others on the committee and have the satisfaction of helping to create a successful show.

It entails one meeting a month at 7.00pm on the 3rd Tuesday at the Horticultural Centre Hall at Western Springs. If transport is a problem we can usually help out with a lift.

If you haven't served on this committee, give it a go I am sure you will enjoy the experience.



from behind the shade house.....



Apologies from the editor. The July newsletter was wrongly dated November 2004. Not very many of you noticed the mistake, but those that did were extremely confused! I was just checking that you were all paying attention! Seriously though, I am very sorry for the mistake.

It was lovely to see Jim Shaw on the bus trip with Margaret, and back to his old tricks conning money out of us for raffle tickets!



Two AOC members have joined a group doing Tai Chi, when they become proficient they will give a demonstration. Watch this space.