

AUCKLAND ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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Popular plant of the month was won by Honey Denyer with her Oda Lovely Morning

MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

At last we are beginning to see some sunshine after a very wet winter. Drag out the shade cloth and put the extra layer on the glass house or shade house. Day-light saving starts in the next week or so which means that we can get out side after tea to work with the orchids - after Coronation Street of course!

Plants are now beginning to show active growth so get the feeding schedule up and going and chase away the slugs and snails. I discovered a huge pile of snail eggs while digging in the garden a few days ago, they are now 'history' - a few less to chew my plants.

Watering can now be increased with the sunnier days ahead.

Don't forget to use sunscreen while outside working with your plants or in the garden, our NZ sun can cause a lot of damage to our skin. ED

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday October 3rd
7.30pm
Lions Whitehouse

This month is Prize Giving. Dennis has a great Power Point programme for us. Show Committee elections will also be conducted. Please think about helping out, it is a very rewarding job.

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

Please bring a small plate for supper which will be held during the evening.

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



Happy October birthday to.....

Glenys MacRae, Melvin Alexander,
Ross Crabb, Joan Wood, Heather Duxfield and Bruce Hughes.



Raffle Results.....

Winners were Anjo McKernan, Joy Intveld, Mary Jones, Evelyn Ong and Bev Meredith.

Thanks to Ken Morse, Betty and Joe Vance and Grahame Leafberg for raffle donations. We added another \$72 to the club coffers as a result of raffle ticket sales. Thank you members for supporting our raffle each month.



Please remember our 'gold coin' donation this month which is going towards two gourmet Xmas hampers. This is in lieu of you all bringing 'goodies' as we have normally done in past years.

FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

President Glenys welcomed 53 members and friends to our meeting.

Apologies: Kim Young, Bruce Hughes, Margaret Shaw, Rai and Lottie Hogan, Peter C Elfleet, Gary Cooke, Jean Treadwell and Sheila Peet.

Notices: Glenys thanked the Show Marshal for her hard work in producing a successful show. We have had some wonderful feed back from members of the public.

Joe and Betty Vance showed their appreciation for our hospitality by donating a plant for our raffle.

Our President presented Mavis Doyle with a gift and thanked her for 22 years of dedication to our club. Mavis is moving to Australia to live with her daughter and we all wish her the very best for her new life in a new country.

Our club is putting on a display at 'Just Gardening' at Kumeu on Saturday 23rd September. We need plants for the display on Thursday 21st.

We are also putting on a display at the Howick Show on September 29th and plants are also needed for this show by Thursday 28th.

Please let Lee or Bev know if you can help out.

The Year Books have been found but Lee forgot to bring them. If you have not yet received yours, please phone Lee and arrange to pick it up.

Thanks to Heather Cooke for organising tonight's programme.



CULTURE NOTES

Heather managed (with much arm twisting) to coax our very shy (??) Wolf Grausch to talk to us tonight.

Wolf warned us that now that the frosts are hopefully a thing of the past we can still be seeing damaged caused by the extreme temperatures for some time. Some problems being that there will be no spring flush of growth and the plants may suffer from all sorts of fungal diseases - caused by frost damage. Nurse sick plants carefully.

With the longer days and more sunlight we may need to get out the shade cloth and keep the plants cool and free from sun burn. Fertilise and water Ozzie natives now, starting with a weaker mixture. Spray with a fungicide now. Aphids are also about.

Try some slab culture or if wanting to hang your pots, a simple fishing swivel will allow even growth around the pot.

Re write labels if they are becoming faded.

Wolf prepares his bark with soaking it and adding lime and dried blood and leaving it for about 3 weeks before draining it and sieving the fines out. Make sure all new pots are clean.



Chris Whitby received the Bill van der Linden Memorial Trophy for Reserve Champion at our Spring Show for his magnificent Paph Grand Illusions x Ruby Mist. Congratulations Chris.

SHOW DATES TO REMEMBER

Howick O/S	September 30th
Fencible Lounge	10am - 4.00pm
Hibiscus Coast	September 29th, 30th
Orewa Community Hall	
Sth Auckland O/S	Hospice Charity Show.
Auckland Regional Botanical Gardens	
October 14th	
ANOS Sarcophilus Show	November 4th
Massey Leisure Centre, Don Bucks Rd, Massey	
Taranaki Summer Show.	January 13th, 14th 2007
Auckland Orchid Club Ribbon Show	
Saturday 30th March 2007	
More details at a later date.	

Kim R's wacky humour!

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank – proving that you cannot have your kayak and heat it too!

THE YEAR BOOKS WILL BE AT THE OCTOBER MEETING. IF YOU HAVE'NT GOT YOUR YET, GET IN QUICK BEFORE THEY ARE MISPLACED AGAIN!

PLANTS ON DISPLAY

CALANTHE

Cal Doge 'Theodora'

- Grahame Leafberg

COELOGYNE

Coel *cristata*

- Pauline Weeks

CYMBIDIUM

Cym *lancifolium*

- Peter C Elfleet

Cym Unknown

- Ross Crabb

Cym Lunakira 'Gleam' x Blazing Fury 'Hades'

- Leroy Orchids

DENDROBIUM

Den Bardo Rose

- Melvin Alexander

Den Burgundy Sheen 'Taylah' x Tweed

'Canary' - Leroy Orchids

Den Colonial Maid

- Grahame Leafberg

Den Hewitt Star

Den Lorikeet x Louises Rainbow

Den Graham Hewitt 'Elton' x Wonga (Yellow) #

Now registered as Den Hewitt Glow Reg 1989

- Ken Morse

LAELIA

L *anceps*

- Glenys MacRae

MAXILLARIA

Max *variabilis*

- Honey Denyer

MILTASSIA

Mtssa Orange Stars

- Melvin Alexander

ODONTIODA

Oda Memtor

'Shell Pink' x Carisette #

Now registered as Oda

Lovely Morning .Reg 1991

- Honey Denyer

SARCOCHILUS

Sarco *falcatus* 'Cann River'

- Grahame Leafberg

SOPHROLAELIOCATTLEYA

Slc Angel's Fantasy

- Grahame Leafberg

SOPHRONITIS

Soph *coccinea*

- Grahame Leafberg

Those members with a # beside your plant name please correct your label.

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

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John Scott and Heather Cooke conducted a very lively and sometimes not too flattering plant commentary.

We still love you John - despite your insults!

Heather was as ever, very gracious ED



from behind the shade house.....



Pauline got a fright one night recently when a car came through their fence and wrote it off. Plans for a new fence are now underway

Someone we know heard munching noises in the middle of the night and wondered what it could possibly be. After checking on this unusual sound it turned out to be the dog eating her false teeth! YUM!



John and Annette have been in training with vast packs on their backs for their next trek to some 'out of the way' country. (Most people use suitcases with little wheels on them John and stay in hotels with real beds.! ED)