

WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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Plants on display was won by Leroy Orchids last month with *Den thyrsiflorum*. This plant also won Grand Champion at NZOS Spring Show. It carried 13 absolutely magnificent spikes. A credit to Lee and Roy considering the plant was hit by frost during the move to it's new home! Congratulations!

MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

Did you all see the NZ Herald front page of Tuesday 20th September? What a sad sight! A truckload of orchids dumped in protest.

We had been warning our members about *Oberon* for a long time.

Those poor growers have been set back for years with their export and local flower sales. They must be devastated at the thought of having to start all over again - this could take years.

Our thoughts go out to them.

We must always be very careful when using a new product. Ask around and try and find if others are having problems before we go ahead and use something not yet fully proven. ED

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday October 6th

7.30pm

Lions Whitehouse

Prize Giving night. Dennis has a wonderful power Point presentation for us. He also has a TV clip for us, filmed by TV3 at our Spring Show. Don't miss it!

Plants on display, Trading table and library will all be operating.

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

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



We always look after our workers on set-up day at our spring Show. The evening meal after all the hard work was prepared and served by the kitchen staff and the guys on the BBQ. Thank you very much, the meal was superb.

Happy October birthday to... Glenys MacRae, Ross Crabb, Bruce Hughes and Joan Wood.



Raffle winners were T.Maine Wicham, Barry Baxter and Evelyn Ong. Prizes were donated by Leroy Orchids, Dennis Chuah and Jim and Margaret Shaw. The club made \$84.50 from the raffle. Congratulations winners!

FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

President Dennis welcomed 43 members and friends to our meeting.

Apologies: Patrick Stepancic, Beryl Calder and Diana Elfleet.

Sick List: Peter Elfleet Snr who is in hospital but progressing well.

A special welcome went to Maine Wichman, Hugh Fraser and Ann Bernard who attended our meeting for the first time and also joined our club. We hope you enjoy the camaraderie of our club and also learn about the world of orchids. I am sure your collections will expand now that the orchid bug has bitten. Please feel free to ask any questions if you are not sure what you are doing. No question is a silly one as we have all been where you are now-a beginner. Here's to loads of orchid fun!

Notices: Dennis read out a few comments collected by the door ladies at our show. Some were funny and some were downright stupid!

North Shore O/S show, Sept 26th-27th Senior Citizens Hall Takapuna.

Whangarei O/S show Sept 26th- 27th, Forum North Whangarei.

Waikato O/S show Sept 26th 27th, Botanical Gardens Hamilton.

Howick O/S show Oct 3rd. 10.00am. Set up 2nd. Fencible Rooms Howick.

Plants are needed for Glenys, Heather and Ken to put up a Waitakere Orchid Club display. Please call Dennis if you have plants. PH 416 7873.



BUS TRIP

On Saturday October 24th (Labour Weekend Sat), your executive has organised an exciting bus trip, starting with the Orchid Fair at Tuakau and ending with a BBQ tea at Sunrae Orchids, Drury.

The bus leaves Lee and Roy's, 6 Rata Road, Whenuapai at **8.00 am sharp**.

There is plenty of off street parking.

There is also a 'pick up' at Lions Whitehouse at **8.15 am** and then we are on our way!

We will leave Drury at approx. 5.30 pm for the trip home.

Cost: WOC members \$26.00 each. Non members \$35.00 each.

Pay on club night to confirm your seat. Only 40 seats available!

SHOW COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

ELECTIONS FOR A NEW SHOW COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD AFTER OUR PRIZE GIVING. NEW HELPERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED, SO IF YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN ON ONE OF OUR COMMITTEES THIS IS A GOOD TIME TO PUT YOURSELF FORWARD.

THE SHOW COMMITTEE MEETS ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT THE LINCOLN ROAD BIBLE CHAPEL ROOMS AT 7.00PM.



Workers at the Spring Show raiding the kitchen for a much needed coffee!



CULTURE AND QUESTIONS

Q. Bert, how did you grow the magnificent Massie you brought along to display tonight?

A. It has no heat, hangs up high and he feeds it with a weak solution of liquid nitrosol. If he sees black tips on the leaves he flushes the plant with water as the fertiliser is too strong.

Lee gave us a short demonstration on repotting and caring for the cattleya alliance.

Dennis explained about the rafting of orchids and their needs. He gave us some ideas as to which plants do well on rafts.

Roy did a cymbidium repot and suggested to hobbyist growers to apply 8-9month *Osmocote* to plants in Sept. This fertiliser releases by daily temperatures. Lots of water throughout the summer for your Cyms.

PLANTS ON DISPLAY

CATTLEYA

C forbesi x aelandiae (First flowering seedling)#

Now known as C Quinquecolor Reg 1865

- Leroy Orchids

COELOGYNE

Coel cristata

Coel mooreana

- Dennis Chuah

Coel cristata

- William and Man Lo

CYMBIDIUM

Cym Granville 'Tainui' #

- Bert and Evelyn Ong

Cym Leroy's Beauty x John Wooden (First Flowering seedling).

- Leroy Orchids

Cym Del's Delight 'Lionel'

Cym Kimberley Valley (Remake)

Cym Yellow Delight 'Wayne'

- Ross Crabb

DENDROBIUM

Den Rutherford x Aussie Quest

Den Tie Dye

Den *falcorostrum* 'Kath'

- Faith and Wolf Grausch

Den *thyrsiflorum*

Den *densiflorum*

- Leroy Orchids

Den *kingianum*

- Dennis Chuah

Den *speciosum*

- William and Man Lo

Den *nobile* # (Two plants)

- Linda Alexander

Den Unknown

- Pauline Weeks

Den Yvonne

- Melvin Alexander

Den Black Spider x *gouldii* 'Black' #

- Ra y and Lottie Hogan

DORITINOPSIS

Dtps Meidar Spot x Dou-dii Rose a

- Dennis Chuah

IAELIA

I. jongheana

- Mary Jones

LAELIOCATTLEYA

Lc Desert Orange

- Dennis Chuah

MASDEVALLIA

Masd Tanager

- Bert and Evelyn Ong

PAPHIOPEDILUM

Paph Krishra = (*insigne x tansum*)

- William and Man Lo

PLEIONE

Pln *formosanum*

- Linda Alexander

PHALAENOPSIS

Phal Mini Mark 'Taipei Girl'

- Bev Meredith

Phal Brother Love Barron x Black Ball

- Dennis Chuah

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

Names written in *italics* depicts it it a *species*.

The plant commentary was conducted by Heather Cooke and Dennis Chuah.

The popular vote for September was Den *thyrsiflorum* grown by Leroy Orchids.



from behind the shade house.....



Quite a number of Waitakere Orchid Club members attended an orchid show in Melbourne recently. The suitcase seen here beneath the plane contains all the new flasks of plants that came back to NZ. I won't name the guilty parties but I believe we can look forward to seeing some special Masdevallia, mini cattleyas and many more genera in the future!



Pam and I have also had a break away. We were on A Bus Trip around East Cape. Saw lots of lovely spring trees and flowers but not a native orchid in sight!

THANK YOU...

I would like to thank the executive and club members for their kind thoughts and best wishes for Peter's speedy recovery. Your support was much appreciated.

Peter is hoping to be back on deck for the October meeting'.

Diana.