

# WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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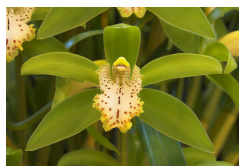
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Grand Champion of our Spring Show on the left: Cym Lunakira 'Gleam'. Tuckers Orchids. Reserve Champion on the right, Cym grandiflorum 'Bombay'. Villa Orchids. Congratulations Tucker Orchids and Villa Orchids.

## MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

It seem ages since we had our Spring Show as we have been to Palmerston North since then and had a very busy week there.

Our Show was a great success. The weather was not that good but the public did support us. Thanks to all of those who worked tirelessly from set up day on Thursday to Sunday evening when it all had to be pulled down.

Special thanks to the kitchen girls and boys who kept us fed and watered for the entire weekend.

Kim and I would like to say a special thank you to all the helpers we had on the Flower Power table. We worked flat out the entire time and broke our record for sales. We could not have done it without our band of helpers.

The raffle sellers, trading table, runners and door managers were equally as busy, as were the members who did other jobs tirelessly and willingly whenever they were asked.

What a great team! ED.

## NEXT MEETING

Tuesday October 5th 2010, 7.30pm

Lions Whitehouse

Prize Giving and Show Committee elections.

Guest speaker is David Menzies from Scotland who will be talking on 'Weird and Wonderful Orchids'.

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 floor after the meeting.



## ***Happy October Birthday to....***

Glenys MacRae, Melvin Alexander,  
Ross Crabb, Bruce Hughes and  
**Joan Wood who is celebrating  
her 90th birthday!**

## ***Raffle Results...***

Prizes went to Bev Meredith,  
Bernadette Edmiston and Pamela  
Mason



Thanks to Jim and Margaret Shaw,  
Grahame Leafberg and the club for  
donating raffle prizes.

Club funds have been boosted by  
\$78.10.

## **Show Committee Elections**

Please give some thought to becoming a member of this committee. We are always looking for willing helpers with new ideas.

## WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB SPRING SHOW RESULTS

CORBAN CUP...For Grand Champion.

Cym Lunakira 'Gleam'

- Tuckers Orchids

BILL van der LINDEN MEMORIAL

TROPHY...For Reserve Champion.

Cym *grandiflorum* 'Bombay' CC/NZOS

- Villa Orchids

MALLANA CUP... For best standard cymbidium.

Cym Lunakira 'Gleam'

- Tuckers Orchids

LARSEN TROPHY...for best export cymbidium.

Cym Lunakira 'Gleam'

- Tuckers Orchids

FINLAY TRAY...For best intermediate cymbidium.

Cym Corakiwi

- Villa Orchids

LINWOOD JUG...For best first flowering  
miniature cymbidium.

Cym Key Lango x *devonianum*

- Tuckers Orchids

GRONWALL and DAWE CUP...

for best first flowering cymbidium.

Cym Lucky Shamrock x Kimberley Szabo

- Villa Orchids

FRANK GRONWALL TRAY...for best first flowering  
intermediate cymbidium.

Cym Valley of Death x Uncle Everett

- Tuckers Orchids

HARDY and FORQUETTE TROPHY...For best  
species.

Cym *grandiflorum* 'Bombay'

CATTLEYA CUP...For best large cattleya.

Rlc (Fortune x Garrett Sullivan) x Ocone

- Tuckers Orchids

REHIA TROPHY...for best phalaenopsis.

Dtps Funky Girl

- F Johnson

GERRY HOLLOWAY MEMORIAL CUP...

For best pink phalaenopsis.

Phal I-Hsin Pink Baby

- F Johnson

DEL CHANDLER CUP...For best

odontoglossum alliance.

Odcdm Papatoetoe Prophet

- Alf Day

N & R ARMSTRONG CUP...for best mini Cattleya  
under 90mm.

Ota Hwa Yuan Bay 'She Shu'

- Tuckers Orchids

JOHN HUGHES CUP...for best commercial display.

- Villa Orchids

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

Ddc *wenselii*

- Barry Baxter

MORRIN CUP...For best miniature cymbidium.

Cym Key Lango x *devonianum*

- Tuckers Orchids

E & D CAMPBELL CUP...For best culture &  
presentation of any plant other genera,  
excluding cymbidiums.

Odcdm Tiger Hambühren x Odm Holiday Gold

- Alf Day

JOYCE UNDERWOOD TROPHY...For best  
masdevallia.

Masd Copper Angel 'Bold'

- Ken Morse

BERYL BROWNLEES MEMORIAL CUP...for best  
specimen cymbidium.

Cym *grandiflorum* 'Bombay'

- Villa Orchids

STAN PYE TROPHY...For best miniature  
phalaenopsis.

Phal Little Steve

- F Johnson

WOC TROPHY... For novice points prize.

- Barry Baxter

LEROY ORCHIDS TROPHY...For best dendrobium.

Den Anne's Rainbow Surprise

- G & M Poffley

MARY JONES TROPHY...For best paphiopedilum.

Paph Hsinying Rubyweb 'Shellnick Flame'

AM/NZOS

- Chris Whitby

MARGARET Le SUEUR MEMORIAL TROPHY...

For best species paphiopedilum alliance.

Paph *sukhakulii* 'Eris'

- Chris Whitby

MARGARET Le SUEUR MEMORIAL TROPHY...

For best dendrobium alliance species.

Den *teretifolium*

- Graham Leafberg

## PLANTS ON DISPLAY

### CATTLEYA

- C Unknown
- Dennis Chuah
- C Highland Blush
- Grahame Leafberg

### CYMBIDIUM

- Cym *pumilum* 'alba'
- Grahame Leafberg
- Cym *lowianum* var *concolor* #
- Ron Reeves
- Cym Hazel Fay x Carilara
- Leroy Orchids

### DENDROBIUM

- Den Riversun #
- Den *cacatua*
- William and Man Lo
- Den King -Wong 'Big Foot' #
- Den (Yondi x Bardo Rose)
- = Den Duno Deerose (Reg 1998)
- Ken Morse
- Den Impact
- Dennis Chuah
- Den *speciosum* v *spec* 'Goldilocks' x v *curv*
- 'Daylight Moon' HCC/AOC (first flowering)
- Wolf and Faith Grausch
- Den Vivid x Avril's Gold
- Grahame Leafberg
- Den Emma
- Hugh Fraser
- Den *delicatum* var *album*
- Den *speciosum*
- Ron Reeves

### DENDROCHILUM

- Ddc *tenellum* #
- Grahame Leafberg

### DRACULA

- Drac *vladtepes*
- William and Man Lo
- Drac *gigas*
- Dennis Chuah

### LYCASTE

- Lyc Autumn Gold 'Reg'
- Lyc *lassioglossum* (unable to confirm name)
- Beryl Calder

### ODONTIODA

- Oda Bleura
- William and Man Lo



Grahame Leafberg won the popular plant this month with Ddc *tenellum*. Congratulations Grahame.

### ODONTOGLOSSUM

- (Odm Molyneux x Odm Wearide Pursuit) #
- = Odm Memoria Jane Freer (Reg 2009)
- William and Man Lo

### ONCIDIUM

- Onc Florida Gold #
- Linda Alexander

### PAPHIOPEDILUM

- Paph *venustum*
- Paph Primrose Lady x Vulwin (unable to confirm Vulwin)
- William and Man Lo

### PHALAENOPSIS

- Phal *equestris* Var *rosea*
- Dennis Chuah
- Phal Anthura 'New Delhi' (unable to confirm name)
- William and Man Lo
- Phal Hilo Lip
- Bev Meredith
- Phal Unknown (Gellet plant from AFS 2008)
- Leroy Orchids

### PHAIUS

- Phaius *tankervilliae*
- Ron Reeves

### RHYNCATTLEANTHE (Previously Potinara)

- Pot Lemon Buttons x Lakeland
- = Rth Kiwi Dawn (Reg 2007)
- Wolf and Faith Grausch

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

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

The plant commentary was conducted by Grahame Leafberg and Ken Morse.



*from behind the shadehouse.....*



Pauline has just had a big adventure. She had her first flight, which was to Palmerston North!



Who was the Trader at our Show who kept customers waiting while he had a little nap!



What a lovely thought from Beryl to name her lycaste after Reg, our wonderful 'after club vacuum man!'

## FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

President Dennis welcomed members, new members and visitors to our meeting.

**Apologies:** Gary and Heather Cooke, Tony Russell and Peggy Higgins, Phillip Funnell and Anthony Ateyo, Robert Wilkinson, Betty Major, Diana and Peter Elfleet, Peter C Elfleet.

**Notices:** Dennis gave a special thanks to the kitchen staff at our show for looking after us so well.

Howick Show is on October 9th. Set up day on the 8th. If anyone has plants for our display please contact a committee member.

Carol Brown was thanked for donating two books to our library.

Bert and Evelyn Ong also donated a book.

Our thanks to these kind members.

Grahame Leafberg mentioned Mabel Teal (a member of the Howick Club) had recently passed away. She was 102 years old.

Next meeting will be prizegiving and Show Committee elections.

The meeting continued with some of our members demonstrating basic potting and care of orchids for our new members.

**Ken Morse:** Masdevallias.

Masdevallias are flowering now so don't be tempted to replot them yet.

They prefer a lots of ventilation and are grown cool, especially in summer as they hate Auckland humidity levels.

He prefers to pot his massies in No.2 bark as a potting medium. It works well for him so he sticks to this method. They have a small amount of nutricote applied for fertiliser.

Ken finds these orchids easy to grow and a good one for a beginner grower to try.

**Roy Neale:** Cymbidiums are Roy's favourites.

He demonstrated repotting a plant and also dividing a larger plant. He suggested hobby growers apply 8-9 month *Osmocote* applied now. This fertiliser is released by daily temperatures and each time water is given. Apply lots of water to your cymbidiums over the summer.

Asked why not to apply blood and bone as a fertiliser - he told us that it would make new growths but would not promote flowers. It is flowers we are looking for after all!

**Lee Neale:** Compact cattleya family, which are cool growing. When repotting, Lee has her own favourite potting medium of washed and dried No3 and 4 bark with a handful of pumice.

When handling plants for repotting hold them by the tip of a leaf so as not to damage the delicate plant. Place the plant with the new growth to the centre of the pot as they tend to 'walk' across the pot. When dividing a plant, take off any dead roots before putting into fresh bark. They like to be repotted when actively growing.

Make sure you have a label with the correct name of the plant and the date of repotting. (This applies to all orchids). Pencils are good to write labels as they don't fade.

Cattleyas hate frost or being waterlogged - especially in winter. Grow them in a shade house.

Feed them with *Phostrogen*, *Thrive*, or similar at 1/4 strength and gradually work up to 1/2 strength. Feed every watering from September.

**Odontoglossum:** Repot when actively growing. Put into a pot that has room for only 1 more growth. They like to be kept damp and cool, especially in summer, (which is very hard to do in Auckland!)



## QUESTION TIME

**Q.** How and why do you wash the bark?

**A.** Soak it in a large bucket of water for 3-4 days and then lay it out on plastic to dry.

This is done to remove dusty residue and cambium layer so that the potting medium that is left is a good quality and will last longer before breaking down in the pot.