WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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The popular plant from the September meeting was won by William and Man Lo with Den *infundibulum*.

Congratulations!

BUS TRIP

On Saturday 8th October the bus will leave 6 Rata Road, Whenuapai at 8.30am. We will be visiting two orchid growers at Warkworth plus one other stop, arriving at the Whangarei Show after lunch.

We will stay in Whangarei at the Casa Blanca Motel (contact No: 09 438 1759). On Sunday we will do some more visits and arrive home about 5pm.

Please bring your lunch for Saturday, (tea and coffee will be provided for morning tea and lunch).

Saturday night dinner and Sunday lunch are not included in the price but will be available to purchase locally. Please pay \$80 on club night 4th October (this covers the price of the bus and Motel and is subsidised by the club).

NEXT MEETING

<u>Tuesday October 4th 2011, 7.30pm</u> <u>Lions Whitehouse</u>

Prize giving. Ken Morse will give a talk on his and Ann's recent trip to Europe.

Plants on display, trading table and library will be operating this month.

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

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

Raffle Results...

Thanks to the Club and Ken Morse for donating raffle prizes.

Winners were: Barry Baxter and one other lucky person!.

The raffle made \$78.00, which will help our Club funds.

Thanks to those who always support our club night raffles.

OCNZ RAFFLE BOOKS

All ticket butts from the OCNZ raffle must be returned on club night together with the money.

The raffle closes on September 30th.

FROM THE AUGUST MEETING

Apologies: Gary Cooke, Rai Hogan, Diana and Peter Elfleet Snr, Pam and Bruce Hughes, Robert Wickham.

All members stood in silence for two minutes remembering our members Heather and Lottie who had passed away and will be missed by all of us.

President Dennis welcomed 45 members and 4 visitors.

During our meeting we had Roy, Ken Chris and Anjo demonstrating the basics of growing different genera. As always, we all learnt from these talks and a very friendly evening was enjoyed by members old and new.

Notices:

The coming shows were discussed and members were encouraged to attend and enter plants.

FROM THE SHOW MARSHAL

Not a lot to report this month.

All I can say is that we were happy with the new format for the Spring Show and will continue with this format next year.

Show Committee elections will take place during the October club meeting. We would love to see some new faces on the committee.

That's all.

Thanks

Glenys MacRae

Happy October Birthday to.....

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

SHOW RESULTS

Waitakere Orchid Club members put on a Display at South Auckland Orchid Society Show. Our display wasn't placed but our eight exhibitors all won prizes. Six firsts, seven seconds and six thirds. Well done WOC!

I believe that a rainstorm decimated a lot of the displays and certificates when the water got into the venue thanks to Auckland's wild unpredictable weather of late!

WOC members also did well with entries at Hibiscus Coast, North Shore and NZOS shows - even managed to collect at least one trophy at these shows.

NEW MEMBERS

Waitakere Orchid Club would like to welcome the following recent new members:

Lex and Julie Sharp from Wellsford Bryan and Chris Sharpe from Narrow Neck

David Holt from Auckland
Peter and Karen Toews from Laingholm
Cliff Coles from New Plymouth

We hope you enjoy the friendship and cameraderie that our club offers. To those new members who are just starting out growing orchids please don't be shy in

DAYLIGHT SAVING

Now that daylight saving is with us again we can use this as a sign that spring is indeed here. Take care in the shade house and green house as this is the time that the slugs, snails and other greebies decide to feast on our plants. Clean up under the benches, removing all leaf litter that may have dropped over the winter and carefully lay baits. (Be aware of animals when doing this.) Plants that have been wintering indoors should now be able to be placed back in

PLANTS ON DISPLAY

AERIDOVANDA

Aerdv Mundyl

- Bev Meredith

ANGRAECUM

Angcm germinyanum

- Barry Baxter

CALANTHE

Cal vestita

- Barry Baxter

CATTLEYA

C Desert Orange

- Dennis Chuah

CYMBIDIUM

Cym Joyce Goffin 'Waikanae'

Cym Kimberly Valley

- Ross Crabb

DENDROBIUM

Den infundibulum *

- William and Man Lo

Den Delicatum

- Melvin Alexander

Den Royal Wings

Den Gowan's Tangelo

Den Golden Arch

- Dennis Chuah

Den speciosum v. hillii

Den Val Peck x Aussie Merit

Den speciosum v. grandiflorum (x2)

- Wolf and Faith Grausch

DORITAENOPSIS

Dtps Sogo Manager

- Barry Baxter

MASDEVALLIA

Masd Violetta

Masd Tuakau Goldstrike 'Always'

HCC/NZOS

- Ken Morse

ODONTIODA

Oda Heatonensis 'Plush'

- Glenys MacRae

ONCIDIUM

Onc *eurycline*

- Leroy Orchids

PHALAENOPSIS

Phal Golden Taipei

Phal Haur Jin Diamond 'Maple Bride' x Shang-Lin's Maki Stuart 'La Flora' * Phal Flight of Birds x Super Stupid

- Barry Baxter

RHYNCATTLEANTHE

Rth Free Spirit x C Jungle Gem

- Leroy Orchids

Those members with a # beside their plant name, please correct your label. Those with a * please correct your spelling. Plant names written in *italics* depicts it is a *species*.

The plant commentary was conducted by Roy Neale and Chris Whitby.

Plants on Display for July was won by June Sutton and from August, Mary Jones.

Len Trotman's Mozzie and Snail Deterrant

Step 1.

500mls Sunlight or Zip liquid dishwashing detergent.

200mls Household Cloudy Ammonia.

100mls Citronella or Pine-O-Clean disinfectant.

Mix the above ingredients in 5L cold water

<u>Step 2.</u>

Mix 30-60ml (2-4 tablespoons full) of the above mix in 1L water.

To make 6L, mix 180-360mls in 6L water.

Can be used weekly and can also be mixed with liquid fertiliser.

NB. This recipe will also prevent 'Quilling' of bromeliads, and while it will cause foaming in the centre of the plant, it can be left without any harmful effects.

Thanks Len.