

WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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WOC Spring Show
Grand Champion
Angcm. sesquipedale

This magnificent orchid was grown and exhibited by Aida Booth. Congratulations!

MESSAGE FROM THE SHOW MARSHAL

Once again our Spring Show was very popular with both the orchid community and the general public. I estimate we had over 2300 people through the door.

Visually, this year's show would have been the most attractive we've had in years. The effort put into the displays by the other societies and traders was tremendous.

The highlights for me were:

- the number of happy smiling people
- the large amount of positive feedback
- the number of newer members getting involved
- Jimmy on the raffle table so soon after coming out of hospital.

Congratulations to all the winners especially Aida Booth from the Bay Of Islands Orchid Society winning Grand Champion with her *Angracum*.

Overall I think the true winner was our Club with all the wonderful committee and club members who worked hard to make this a smoothly run, enjoyable and successful event.

Thanks Team.
Glenys.

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday October 7th, 7.30pm
(7.00pm Early Forum for newer members)
Lions Whitehouse

Prize Giving and Show Committee elections.

Guest Speaker: Grahame Leafberg, one of our club members is going to show us how he 'rafts' his orchids.

Please bring a small plate for supper, on a disposable plate and cut any cakes at home to help out the kitchen staff.

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

Please wear your name badge on club night.



Happy October birthday to....



Glenys MacRae, Melvin Alexander and Ross Crabb.

ORCHID FERTILISER

Bring a sample of your orchid food mix in a small bottle to our next meeting and Roy will check it with his test meter to make sure you are giving your plants the correct strength of food.

FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

President Lee welcomed our members and 10 visitors, nine of whom have now joined our club.

Apologies: Pauline Weeks, Bev Meredith and Dara McNaught.

Sick: Irene Levet and Wolf Grausch.

Notices: NZOS show, Tulip Festival at Eden Gardens, Clivia show at the Botanic Gardens are all on this weekend.

Please hand in your Orchid Council Raffle books and money to Lee.

Lee and Roy have No.3 bark available @ \$12 per bag.

Shows coming up: Refer to last month's newsletter for dates.

Lee explained our club night format, Early Forum and Ribbon Show to new members and visitors.

Ken was presented with an Award certificate for his Paph.

Bryan our Treasurer announced that our Spring Show was financially successful.

Each new member was given a plant of Cym Mint Ice to take home.

Lana had made some amazing clay containers and had orchids planted in them. Well done Lana!

Robert brought in a very large potted cymbidium. Roy explained how to divide and repot it.

We were very sorry to hear two past club members, Bruce Hughes and Beryl Finlay had recently passed away. Beryl was a foundation member of our club.



WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB WELCOMES.....

Jenni Lim and Kim Chua, Gaye Lunt, Shirley Swatton, Kenneth and Corazon Sims. Robert Simson, Agnes and Harry Kiss, Mary Henara and Ross Thompson.

We look forward to getting to know you and helping you with your orchid growing. Please don't hesitate to ask any member for advice.

We were all once new members too!



Raffle results...

Winners were: Agnes, Brigit, Anne, Barry, Glenys and Gaye.

Thanks to the Club, Jim And Margaret Shaw, Ken Morse and Bryan Sharpe for donating prizes.

Our raffle made \$105.00 which will be a great help towards our expenses.

PLANTS ON DISPLAY 01.09.14

Spelling = *

Name Change = #

Cattleya

C. Pat Thrall 'Brooke' AM/OCNZ:AM/NZOS

C. Pat Thrall

- Leroy Orchids

Cymbidium

Cym. Unknown

- Barry Wilkinson

Masdevallia

Masd. Eloise Harper

'Paradise'

- William and Man Lo

Masd. Southern Sun

- Shirley Sidnam

Oncidium

Onc. Tsiku Marguerite

- Glenys MacRae

Paphiopedilum

Paph. Po Tree

- William and Man Lo

Phragmipedium

Phrag. Appalachian Sunset

- William and Man Lo

Pleione

Pln. Fuego

Popular plant vote was
C. Pat Thrall 'Brooke'
AM/OCNZ/
AM/NZOS

Plant names written in
italics depicts it is a
species.

The plant commentary
was conducted by Lee
Neale.

Lucky draw from last
month was won by
Grahame Leafberg.

CULTURE TIPS –For new growers

Roy and Barry gave a demonstration repotting and dividing a cymbidium orchid plant.

We were shown the correct way to divide and prepare the division before placing it in a clean appropriate sized pot. Sterilize pots in a solution of 10mls of 'Budget Bleach', to 90mls water.

Break off back bulbs and remove any dead roots.

Repot in fresh bark, and if you don't have a shade house, put the pot in a position where it gets sun and is not too shady.

Slow release granules (9 month) sprinkled around the top of the plant in September will keep it fed each time it is watered.

Melvin and Linda explained how they grow phalaenopsis (moth orchids) in their home.

These orchids don't like too much light or the leaves will burn, especially if placed near a window.

Water regularly but don't let them sit in water. Lift the pot and feel if it is light, if so, water it. Water from the top being very careful that water doesn't sit in the crown of the leaves. (This will kill them very quickly)!

Check for scale or mealy bugs and use meths on a cotton bud to kill them.

Lower the temperature (move to a colder room) in Jan. and Feb. to initiate flowering.

Lee explained the many different dendrobium species, the difference between hard and soft canes, and the varied conditions needed for growing them.

Newer members will soon pick up differences - so don't panic - all will become 'eazy peazy' in no time!

**WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB
SPRING SHOW RESULTS 2014**

CORBAN CUP....For Grand Champion.

Angcm. *sesquipedale*

- A Booth

BILL van der LINDEN MEM. TROPHY...For Reserve Champion.

Onc. Anna Claire

- Cathy Hine

CALDER CUP.... For Grand Champion Novice

Zygo. Titanic 'Susan'

- Lito Teope

MORRIN CUP....For Best Cymbidium < 60mm.

Cym. Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade'

- Grahame Leafberg

FINLAY TRAY....For Best Cymbidium 60-90mm.

Cym. Last Yowie 'Darktide' B/CSA

- Theo Verryt

MALLANA CUP....For Best Cymbidium > 90mm.

Cym. Leroy's Mountain 'Bronze Age'

- Ross Crabb

GRONWALL & DAWE CUP....for Best First Flowering Cymbidium.

Cym. Hot Port

- Theo Verryt

REHIA TROPHY....For Best Standard Phalaenopsis.

Phal. Sogo Yukidian

- Cathy Hine

GERRY HOLLOWAY MEM CUP....For Best Standard Pink Phalaenopsis.

Phal. Chian Xen Piano

- Shirley Sidnam

STAN PYE TROPHY...For Best Miniature Phalaenopsis.

Phal. Little Mary

- A Booth

CATTLEYA CUP...For Best Cattleya > 90mm.

C. Pat Thrall 'Brooke'

- Leroy Orchids

N & R ARMSTRONG CUP...For Best Compact Cattleya < 90mm.

C. Petite Song 'Pink Buttons'

- Tuckers

LARSEN TROPHY...For Best Cattleya Seedling.

C. Pat Thrall

- Leroy Orchids

LEROY ORCHIDS TROPHY....For Best Dendrobium.

Dkr. Emma Christina

- Bill Liddy

MARGARET LE SUEUR MEM TROPHY...For Best Species Dendrobium.

Den. *linguiforme*

- M Timm

MARY JONES TROPHY....For Best Paphiopedilum.

Paph.(Maudiae x Grand illusions) 'Shellnick Viny'

- Chris Whitby

MARGARET LE SEUER MEM TROPHY...For Best Species Paphiopedilum.

Paph. *tonsun* 'Red Land'

- William and Man Lo

DEL CHANDLER CUP.... For Best Oncidium Alliance.

Onc. Anna Claire

- Cathy Hine

JOYCE UNDERWOOD TROPHY For Best Pleurothallid Alliance.

Masd. Kimball's Sun

- L & J Sharp

HARDY & FOURQUETTE TROPHY..... For Best Species.

Angcm. *sesquipedale*

- A Booth

E & D CAMPBELL CUP.... For Best Specimen.

Den King Wong 'Big Foot'

- Bryan Sharpe

LINWOOD JUG.... For Best First flowering Seedling.

Paph *philippinense*

- A Booth.

JOHN HUGHES CUP.... For Best Commercial Display.

- Leroy Orchids

JOAN WOOD TROPHY.... For Best Basket Display.

- Lito Teope

ELFLEET VASE.... For Best Cymbidium - Novice.

Cym Mimi

- Diane Gurr

AAK & BA CORBAN BOWL..... For Best Any Other

Genera - Novice.

Zygo. Titanic 'Susan'

- Lito Teope

WOC TROPHY.... For Novice Points Trophy.

- Diane Gurr



Congratulations to Leroy Orchids for winning Grand Champion at the Tauranga Show with C. Itsa Blue 'Blue Moon' AM/OCNZ, and also to Barry Baxter who won Grand Champion at Hibiscus Coast show with Masd. Lemon Meringue which also got an HCC/OCNZ. This was Barry's first award which is wonderful!



Some of our Flower Power team.
Back: Kim Young, Mary Jones, Anne Bernard.
Front: Faith Grausch, Ann Morse



WOC TRIAL - DAY GROUP

The first of these meetings is planned for.....

**Thursday October 16th at 10.00am at my home .
1 Gunner Drive, Te Atatu Peninsula.**

There is not a lot of parking directly outside my place but plenty available on Harbour View Road, just through the roundabout.

Mary Jones.