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Last meeting After a most unpleasant early morning, the weather brightened to a very good cool day to go mountaineering at the Te Puna Quarry. I am not sure how Wilma arranged it but there was only one sharp shower in which we had to shelter in the covered area. The solid plantings of cymbidiums covering the hillside were a "must see". The colours of the fuchsia garden and the butterfly area were also a credit to those who have made them. I have not been out there for a couple of years. And I was very surprised at the progress at taming the jungle on the right hand side also. The vision of the volunteers is certainly producing a high class park.

Unfortunately it was largely attended by the committee but that was a loss to the rest. The committee meeting was largely paying accounts and arranging programmes,

Tauranga Show. This was a good success. I wish to express my thanks to those who responded to the call for helpers. We got a lot of favourable comments about our display and our sales table sold well. We were helped greatly by the colour provided by the cymbidiums from Sandy

Although it was very tiring at the time it was enjoyable. (I feel I am starting to get too old for such frivolity!!!!)

Next Meeting. This will be on Sunday 11th of October. The committee meeting will be at 11.30 and the general meeting at 12.00. It will take the form of a visit to Whakatane to see the Cymbidium nursery of Andy Price at 87 Hinemoa St. Whakatane. You will bring your own lunch and I suggest you also bring cups, plates and any necessary "eating irons"

Having seen the plants he brought to the Tauranga show I feel he is growing as large and as good colour range for sale any where now his breeding is coming through

November Meeting. This will probably take the form of glass house visits in the area, but there will be more information in the next newsletter.

Future Shows, We have now completed the local group.

Hawkes Bay..will be on 7th of November.

Taranaki will be on 15 to 17th of January.

TePuke on 9th & 10th April (The weekend after Easter)

At this stage, with spring well advanced, we should be busy repotting if needed, increasing watering, and feeding. All of this to get good strong growth ready to flower next September for International Show. Particular attention to those plants which have flowered in Last month.

