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After all the rain it is wonderful to have a few fine days.

Last Meeting. This, of course was our annual auction. Our thanks must go to all of those who were involved in making this one of our most enjoyable and successful ever. 25 members and 3 visitors were present for the sale of 150 lots. The quality of the items was good and there were very few items which did not reach a reasonable price. Trevor Signal is a good auctioneer and his voice held out well.

Following the auction we all needed our afternoon tea to celebrate the birthday of the club. The donated food was excellent., Thanks to those who brought a full plate.

The only matter of business of importance was the realisation that the Tauranga show on 18th to 20th September will clash with the N.Z. Orchid Society seminar and show. As a number of people paid for it before we were aware of Tauranga's dates they will not be here. At the next meeting we will be looking for volunteers to help on the sale table. This is not a difficult task as Ken Murray and I will be about to answer the inevitable questions. We will also need sale plants and plants for our display.

Next Meeting It is hoped to have Alex Roy to do another interesting display of pot making. This is always an amusing and informative exercise. It will be in the usual place (the Masonic Hall) at 1.30 on Sunday 9th August.

N.Z.O.S. Raffle Books. Could the books that have been sold be returned at the next meeting as the one after we could be away from the hall. With the limited number of tickets and the size of the prizes the chances are reasonably attractive

Coming Events. Tauranga Show 18th to 20th September
Waikato Show 26th and 27th September
Taranaki Show 15th to 17th January 2010
B. O.P. Show 9th to 11th April 2010
6th International Orchid Show, Palmerston North 8th to 12th September .

By the time I next write I hope it will be warm enough to start repotting and spring feeding the plants. It is time to make sure one has sufficient potting mix and fertiliser in stock. With all the rain we will have to watch carefully for slugs and snails before they ruin our spring flowers

This has been a difficult year keeping speakers going, so if anyone can think of a good speaker we have not used recently would you please let the committee know.