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President's blurb

Hi everyone

To those that attended last month's meeting I do hope that you enjoyed our speaker, Peter Dunshea from Twiglands, Johnsonville. Peter gave us a photo show of his trip to the Chelsea Flower Show, held in July 2009. A gardener's delight of garden designs, flower displays and plants. Thank you Peter, for a very interesting commentary of your visit to Chelsea.

One day, I will be able to cross the Chelsea Flower Show off my wish list, but I think this may be a few years down the track with bubs on the way and due in December.

Our annual show is coming up on 12 & 13 September, at the Wellington Botanical Gardens. I certainly hope we have good weather over this weekend and a great orchid display to show the public. Get your plants ready and I hope to see you at the show!

Cheers

Early newsletter

Your newsletter is being sent a bit earlier this month so that information about the show could be included. Remember that our meeting is on 21 September.

Show Update

Just a reminder that we will be setting up the show from about 4.30 pm or possibly 5.00 on Friday 11 September and we would like volunteers to help assemble the stands and trestle tables. The stands are light to carry and easy to assemble. If you can help, please come along. Likewise when we **close at 3.30 pm on the Sunday**. **All plants must be collected before 4.00 pm as the Begonia House closes sharp at 4.00.**

Main Meeting: 8pm, Monday, 21 September 2009 Johnsonville Uniting Church, 18 Dr Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville

This month our speaker is Dr James Renwick from NIWA who will address climate change in New Zealand. This should be a fascinating talk.

Supper roster

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Tony and Jack and Doreen are on supper duty this month.

Raffle

As usual, please remember to bring plants or any other items for the raffle (eg chocolate, tinned goods, etc – anything). The proceeds from the raffle help with the cost of the hall hire, so the more prizes the better.

OCNZ raffle books

Please bring your raffle book butts and money to this month's meeting. We have to return them to OCNZ by the end of September.

Library books

Please check for any library books which should be returned.

E-mail addresses

If you receive your newsletter by post, but are able to receive it by e-mail, please let Elaine know. This saves considerably on postage and photocopying costs over the period of a year.

us trip to Wanganui

The Wellington Orchid Society is arranging a bus trip to Wanganui on Saturday, 10 October. The cost to non members of WOS is \$25. There are still some seats available, so if you are interested in going please ring Lois Dougherty on 235 8221. The bus departs Wellington railway station (platform 9) at 8.10am and then there will be pickups from Melling railway station (8.25am), Haywards Hill (8.45am), and Paremata railway station (9am) – times are approximate only.

Committee meeting

The next committee meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 29 September 2009 at Lenaire's house.

Plants on display: August 2009

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| Aileen Broughton. | Den. Intense. 'Dark' x Lawrose. |
| Paul Cable. | Onc. Gower Ramsey. Cym. Alley Cat. Zygo. mackayi 'Robusta'. Lemb. rossii. Oda. San Damiano 'Starlet'. Oda. Numurkah. |
| T&E.Ferrige. | Masd. Lemon Meringue. Den. Ellen. Masd. Firebrand 'Cool Tan'. Masd. Paul Martinod. Masd. caloptera. Masd. melanopus. Masd. Monarch. Masd. Kabouter. Cym. Winter Wonder 'Pacific Pride'. Cym. Portuguese Passion. Cym. Dag. Masd. Parlatoreana. |
| Phyl. Purdie. | Den. kingianum var alba. |
| Margery Smith. | Vuyl.(Odm. crispum x Vuyl. Salcris) x Oda. Mont a l'Abbe. Masd. Monarch. Masd. Lemon Meringue. Masd. floribunda x amabilis. |

Merle Stevenson. Phal. Moscow.

Message from Orchid Council

Hi Everyone

We hope you are doing well and keeping warm over these cool winter months and your orchids are not suffering too much from the shock frosts in some areas and cooler weather.

Raffle: Closing on 30 September 2009. How is the selling going? You should be more than half way through selling your allocation of raffle books, if not already completed. There are only about 4 weeks to go, so if your society has sold all its allocation, please email Roy, leeandroy@xtra.co.nz to let him know and it would be great if you could get some more books from him to sell. Just think of the commission your society will gain from selling more tickets, to help you on your way to Palmerston North next year.

Orchid Extravaganza: Another Planning Committee meeting will be held on 5th September 2009, so if you have any queries, please contact Patricia Elms, trishelms@hotmail.com or Graham Jackson at g.jackson@xtra.co.nz

We have recently had printed a bi-fold pamphlet on the show next year, which we are making available to societies during the show season. If your society would like a supply, please order asap to Ross Macdonald, Fitzgerald Avenue, Wanganui.

Change of Orchid Showdate: South Canterbury Orchid Society: Now being held on 19th - 20th September 2009. Show date has been changed to accommodate the National Daffodil Show which was on the weekend that was originally booked. A number of their members belong to both groups, so they have opted to change their date.

Website: Don't forget to check out the website and please send any information or news that you may have from your area to the Webmaster at webmaster@orchidcouncil.co.nz .

There are a few orchid members on the sick list at present and we wish them all a speedy return to good health, also to those who are patiently waiting for operations. We wish you well.

Enjoy the Show Season.

Cheers from the Executive, OCNZ