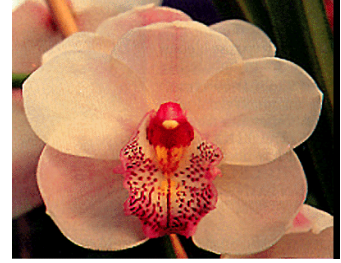


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President's blurb

Hi everyone

Last month was our AGM and it was pleasing to see a good turnout of members on the night.

I wish to express my thanks to Aileen, Lenaire, Margery and Anya who were re-elected to the Treasurer, Secretary and Committee roles. I was also nominated and re-elected for a 3rd term as President, which I thank the members for their continued support.

It was with regret that Tony & Elaine were unable to stand for re-election on the committee this year and I wish to thank them very much for all their contributions to this Society over the years; you guys will be sorely missed!

As you can see, we are running on the bare minimum of committee members and it would be to our advantage to get more people involved with committee side of things. If you feel that you could attend the committee meetings and provide an input, please feel free to come along, the meeting details are always noted in the newsletter.

A big thank you to John Anderson who compered the plant auction held after the completion of the AGM. It was a great success and there was some tough bidding wars on some much wanted plants.

And before I sign off, I just have to tell you about my Drac.Cordobae, which I purchased at the Taranaki show last year. It surprised me with five spectacular flowers in the past 2 weeks, although the blooms were short lived, it was quite a sight!

Hope to see you on the night.

Cheers
Debs

Main Meeting: 8pm, Monday, 19 April 2010, Johnsonville Uniting Church, 18 Dr Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville

“Tokyo Dome – warts & all”

This month, our very own Roy Walker will be telling us about his recent visit to Japan to see the International Orchid Festival, described as “the world’s largest and most prestigious orchid exhibition”. Roy will have some great pictures to show us too.

No Berhampore Nursery Open Day for us

We have **NOT** been allocated a stand at the Berhampore Nursery open day in May.

Their theme this year is Bio-diversity and they have allocated spaces to some different clubs this time. The programme includes topics such as composting, landscaping, pruning and an entomologist on garden critters. The nursery's plants will be on sale as usual, in Emerson Street, Berhampore.

We are hopeful of being included again next year.

Committee meeting

The next committee meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday, 26 April 2010 at Aileen's house. Any members are welcome to attend a committee meeting.

E-mail addresses

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

Plant display cards

Remember to leave your cards on the tables or give them to Paul Cable so that he can do the plant list.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions for April 2010/March 2011 are now due and a form for you to fill out is in this newsletter. Please make sure you tick the option regarding your primary club as this impacts on OCNZ capitation fees. Note that there has been a small increase in the family membership, as agreed by members at the AGM.

Supper roster

Margery is on supper duty this month, and we need a volunteer to help her, please.

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.

Library books

Please check for any library books which should be returned.

CCOS President's Report 2010

Welcome to the AGM of Capital City Orchid Society, it is my pleasure to present the following Annual Report.

Acknowledgments

Firstly, I wish to thank the outgoing committee for their time and effort over the past 12 months and also to the membership for their continued support.

I would especially like to acknowledge the contributions that Elaine & Tony Ferrige have given our Society over the years. Elaine & Tony are moving on to greener pastures and it's with regret that they are unable to stand for re-election. Their vast experience, knowledge and friendship will be sorely missed. I wish you well in your new ventures.

Membership

Our 2008/2009 membership has reduced from 49 to 41 financial members, as 8 members did not renew their membership.

I feel that we need to actively promote our Society wherever possible in attempt to increase our numbers.

Finances

In March 2009, we started a special raffle of a beautiful pounamu (greenstone) carving, which was generously donated by Sir John Lowry-McCausland. The raffle was drawn at our Christmas meeting and was won by Winnie Chan. This raffle generated a net profit of \$193.40.

Refer to Aileen's Treasurers Report for full financial details.

Speakers

The committee has arranged a variety of speakers over this past year. These include an International guest speaker, Gary Yong Gee and his presentation on the Western Australia Orchid Spectacular, Dr James Renwick from NIWA on climate change, and Peter Dunshea from Twiglands on his experiences of the Chelsea Flower Show.

We also drew on our own membership for presentations on their speciality orchids.

However, it can be difficult to obtain speakers of interest. If the members have any suggestions for what you would like to see covered at our future meetings, or you have someone who would like to

do a presentation then talk to the committee, as we are always open to suggestions.

Highlights

The Society received good feedback from the Wellington City Council Berhampore Open Day with our participation in the Wellington Berhampore Council garden open day in May 2009. The weather was not the best this year, but we had a small orchid display to promote the Society however we did not have the opportunity to do our usual potting demonstration.

We also did well with our Annual Show, which was held in September at the Begonia House at the Wellington Botanic Gardens. We had a wonderful display of plants; the weather was on our side, which encouraged many people visit the gardens over the weekend and of course to our Show. A very successful weekend!

Congratulations to Rob Verschoor who was awarded the Show trophy for his beautiful Lycaste.

And congratulations to Lois Dougherty who won a trophy for her sarcochilus.

2010 Looking forward

The Wellington City Council has invited us to put up a display stand at the Berhampore Open Day – this is a good opportunity to give our Society publicity and to drum up new members.

The Society has also committed to participating in the Orchid Expo 2010 to be held Palmerston North in September. To make our display a success, we will need the membership to get involve on our meeting nights to assist with the planing and organising of this project.

Our Society Show is again to be held at the Botanical Gardens in October and we could not ask for a better venue to have an Orchid show. This year, our show is to be included in the Spring Festival, which the Garden's holds every October.

In closing, we have had good year, however, we need to continue to promote our Society and grow our membership to ensure that our Society survives.

I thank you for your attendance tonight.
Cheers
Debs

Debbie Rodley
President
15 March 2010

Message from OCNZ executive

Hi Everyone,

Unfortunately, the first cold snap of the year has arrived to remind us that winter is on its way. Remember around Anzac Day is a good time to start reducing your watering and to move plants to warmer positions if required, consider reducing shade and applying plastic. It's a bit easier to get the orchids through the summer months, than the winter months and less costly of course. Hopefully you are all 'on top of the play' and well on the way to getting your plants through the cooler time of the year, in readiness for the big show in Palmerston North in September.

Have you remembered to send in your Registration Form for the 6th NZ International Orchid Extravaganza? This is a must if you want to participate in the various activities through the week of the show, remember the dates - 8th to 12th September 2010. Judging of the show is to be carried out on Wednesday, 8th September, then the show is open to the public from Thursday 9th, through to Sunday 12th. We have a great range of speakers coming to share their knowledge with you too.

Get your Registration Forms from your local Society, or download from the website: www.orchids.org.nz

Don't forget to send in your entries for the Photo Competition which closes at the end of June, to PO Box 635, New Plymouth. We know there are a lot of people out there that take hundreds of photos each year and we are looking forward to having a bumper

number of entries this year so they can be displayed among all the lovely exhibits at the big show in Palmerston North. Get those cameras clicking, pop your pics onto a CD, write a little about the pic, then post it off to us!

The Te Puke Lions Club and Bay of Plenty Orchid Club will be holding their annual show this weekend. The show will be in the usual venue, the Te Puke Memorial Hall. It will be on Friday April 9th and Saturday April 10th from 10am to 4pm both days. There will be a good selection of orchid type vendors and a number of different ones to add variety. The bulk of the proceeds will go to the lions club. (Last year their chief recipient was the cancer hostel at Waikato Hospital.) We know there will be a number of unusual plants for sale. Judging will be on Saturday from 9am sharp and any judges or associates from other areas will be welcome.

The Whangarei Orchid Society Autumn Show will be held on 24th April 2010 in the Onerahi Community Hall, in Church Road, Onerahi. Setting up will begin on Friday 23rd from 9am with judging taking place in the afternoon. The Show will be open to the public from 9am on Saturday until 4pm.

NZOS Autumn show will be held on 2nd May, Mt Albert War Memorial Hall, New North Road, Mt Albert, Auckland.

Regards to you all
from the Executive, OCNZ.

Plants on display: March 2010

- Paul Cable. Den. cuthbertsonii. Odm. ramosissimum var. alba maculatum.
- T&E Ferrige. C. Valetine Day. Phal. mariae. Masd. Pixie Leopard x Kimball's Sun.
Masd. Oriole x Reichenbachiana Ruby. Masd. coccinea var. alba x gilbertois.
- Margery Smith. Onc. longipes. Oda. Shelly Jane. Oda. Victoria Village. Zygocolax Kiwi.
- Merle Stevenson. Lc. Amelia. Oncda. Charlesworthii. Phal. Moscow.
- Rob Verschoor. Phal. Sandra's Gift.* Milt. Moirmoir (Purple Lip)
Milt. Moirmoir (White Lip) C. Venosa. Z. Blue Eyes. Milt. William Kirsch. Milt. regnellii. Max. variabilis
- Ralph Woodhouse. Sarco. Hirticalar. Stenoglottis Durban. Stenoglottis Neptune.
- Lenaire Witham. Stenocoryne vitellina. Sarco. ceciliae. Bif. (vitellina x tyranthina) 'Kyra'

* Check Labels: Phal. Golden Gift x Sandra Livingston. = Phal. Sandra's Gift.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions are now due for 1 April 2010 – 31 March 2011.

Single \$25.00

Family \$35.00

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