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President's blurb

Hi everyone,

Our thanks go to Roy Walker, who gave us a very informative session on deflasking orchids. Roy had brought along two flasks of two different miniature cattleyas which he had purchased from an Australian grower. The agar was starting to affect the health of the seedlings so the next step was to remove the seedlings from their sterile environment and to pot them up.

Growing orchids seedlings from a flask can be a tricky business, as first you hope that they survive the transition from flask to pot. Then there's the care and attention to nurse them through the early years and hope that they will eventually reward you with flowers.

One sure does need to be committed to the cause to grow on orchids in this manner, but as I'm sure that Roy can attest to, seeing a gem of a flower in the end, makes it all worthwhile.

If you are thinking of buying a flask and growing up seedlings in this manner, come along to a meeting and ask our knowledgeable members, they would be only too happy to help!

Cheers,
Debs

Main Meeting:

8pm, Monday, 19 July 2010,
Johnsonville Uniting Church,
18 Dr Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville

**"International Show - working
bee & discussion"**

This month, the committee will present their ideas for our display, and we will have some practical advice about plant preparation, labelling etc. If you expect to have plants to be included in the show, come and find out what is required of them.

Last month our raffle table was occupied with lots of pieces of *Oncidium flexuosum*, courtesy of Rob Verschoor - a challenge for some of the lucky winners. Thanks Rob.

Overdue Subscriptions

Subscriptions were due in April and there are still some outstanding.

If you have a coloured dot on this newsletter it means you have overlooked paying your sub and this will be your last newsletter until your sub is paid.

Please send a cheque to the Treasurer at PO Box 3839, Wellington, or bring your sub along to the meeting. If you don't intend renewing could you let Aileen know, either by phone or email - details are on page 1.

Library books

Please check for any library books which should be returned.

The June/July Australian Orchid Review is now in the library and contains articles on Laelias and also on Latoura type Dendrobiums and others from New Guinea.

Also there are articles on Dendrobium canaliculatum grown in cooler areas, Pescatorea klabochorum, and a piece by Robert Giles about moving his glasshouse to an area with no laid on water and cool temperatures in the Southern highlands of New South Wales, where the temperature could be as low as minus 10 degrees.

Bulbophyllum maquilingense is also profiled.

The first few pages cover some magnificent cymbidiums, but sadly for us, they have discontinued the monthly growing guide which was very useful to read about what we should be doing with our orchids each month.

Committee meeting

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

Supper roster

Roy and Lenaire 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.

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.

Plants on display: June 2010

(remember to leave your display cards for Paul)

Paul Cable.	Cda. rosea. Den. cuthbertsonii.
Phyl Purdie.	Paph. insigne var. sanderae. Paph. superbiens var. sanderae. Paph. villosum.
Margery Smith.	Vuyl. Cambria x Oda. Brocade. Vuyl. Joy Bell.
Rob Verschoor.	Milt. Eljahaar. Max. cucculata. Angst. (Ang. Karool x Lyc. Elizabeth Powell.). Paph. J.M. Black x Milmoore 'Red Granite'. Dendrochilum cobbianum. Milt. Rio's Tropical x Bluntii.
Roy Walker.	Blc. Yellow Imp x Andy's Chair.

6th NZ International Orchid Extravaganza Palmerston North

9 September 2010 – 12 September 2010

These are the items that make up the criteria for judging at this show.

DISPLAY JUDGING

		Points
Arrangement	Presentation, Placement and visibility, Colour, Harmony and Finish	25
Effect and Theme (if required)	Visual impact, Interest, Balance & Proportion, Originality	25
Quality	of Plants and Flowers, Freshness and Award Quality	40
Labelling	Visibility, correctness, ease of reading	10
TOTAL		100

If you have any “Wellington” items or memorabilia that you think might be useful for our display, please let your committee know, or bring it along to the next meeting to ask them.

- If you have plants you would like to display, please let Debbie, Lenaire or Aileen know - their details are on page 1.
- Senior club members will look at your show plants and see if they think are suitable, so that we will have all show quality plants to work with for the display. **Please make two lists of your show plants names**, one for you so you know what plants you sent, and another one for us, so we can make all the plant name labels on the CCOS display look the same.
- **All plants must be in black pots.** If you do not have black pots, put your plant and the pot into the next size up black pot and then put some bark on the top to cover your original pot. Details on what labels should be in the pot will be in next month’s newsletter.
- **All plants must be disease and pest free.** If they are not disease free, we will not take them to the show.
- Sunday, 5th September, Ngaio Hall car park : take all plants you want entered to the drop off point so they can be assessed and put into a van if you are not transporting them yourself. At this time your plants will be given the final “yes” or “no”.
All plants need to be in Palmerston North by early Tuesday morning at the latest.

Message from OCNZ

Hi Everyone,

Winter has arrived and don't we know it! Hopefully, all our precious orchids will survive and many will flower profusely for the Extravaganza being held in Palmerston North in September, at which we hope you are all planning on attending and have registered accordingly, to take advantage of the unlimited access to the show and sales area, as well as attending the lectures where there is a great line-up of world renowned orchidists. Further information at:

www.orchids.org.nz

The Photo Competition has only a few days left for entries, 30 June, so hurry this weekend and finalise your entries, pop them in the post and we look forward to receiving them next week. The competition entries will be featured at the Extravaganza.

OCNZ has just taken delivery of the Yearbooks, with Ross Macdonald in Wanganui, and Ross will be busy in the next few days preparing to courier them out to your society. Look out for it from your local society in July and we hope you will enjoy the read.

Council has appointed George Fuller as our Patron and the following officers have been elected to the executive:

President: Roy Neale

Vice Presidents: Philip Norton and Graham Letts

Secretary: Clive Perry

Treasurer: Grahame Hill

Executive: Dennis Chuah, Ruth Coles, Bill Liddy, Margaret Lomas, Gillian Lyster

Thank you to all societies who support Council by sending in their nominations. The executive changes over at the Extravaganza in September, instead of the usual time at AGM weekend in June.

Call for host for 2012 AGM - Any society interested in hosting the 2012 AGM are requested to make application to the Secretary as soon as possible. Clive Perry, cliveperryz@hotmail.com

Most of the above information has been sent to your society Secretary, early June.

STOP PRESS!

The Council has called a meeting on **Saturday, 10th July 2010**, of orchid enthusiasts and interested parties in the Auckland Region to form a steering committee with the intention of holding the 2015, 7th NZ International Orchid Show in the Auckland Area. The Meeting will be held at the **Lions White House** (Waitakere Club's meeting venue) **Edmonton Rd, Te Atatu**, (just past Foodtown and the ASB and before the Ambulance station) **1.30pm**. Three Executive members are hoping to attend from New Plymouth, as well as your two Reps from Auckland - BUT - we need your input and ideas!

Happy Orchiding

From the executive, OCNZ