



Newsletter

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From the Editor.

Happy Orchid Growing

It is hard to believe that Winter is upon us, included in this Newsletter are all the relevant information for the **AGM being held at our next meeting on the 9th of June**, also cultural notes from Ross.

With winter here, make sure that you have air movement in your orchid houses, or you will lose your flowers and buds to botrytis

Bus Trip.

The Society has arranged a bus trip Labour weekend to L&K Orchids at Tuakau, this will include a few side trips, this should be a great trip.

Judging.

Since the last newsletter two local and one regional meetings have been attended, with a plant owned by Bill Liddy being awarded an CCC at the regional meeting and a plant owned by Robert & Noeleen McKay also getting an award.

March Meeting.

The guest speaker for the evening was our own Carl Christensen who gave us a talk on Disa.

Along with a demonstration on repotting Disa. Carl also had a slide show of Disa that had been taken at his own place as well around the country.

Cultural Award.

At the March Meeting David Turner after talking about the plants on display gave the award to Carl Christensen's plant of Stanhopea inodora. A well grown and flowered plant.

Popular Vote.

Novice.	1st Val Buckley	Odont. Shelly Ann
Open.	1st R & B Strachan	Phal. Mariae
	2nd Jan Seaman	Aerth. arachnites x grandiflora
	3rd R & B Strachan	Phal. Hsinying Lip

Cymbidium. No entries

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Species.	1st Merv Persen	Rossioglossum grande
	2nd Carl Christensen	Cat. Venusta
	3rd Jan Seaman	Arpophyllun spicatum

April Meeting.

Our Guest speaker for the evening was the one and only Alf Day from Auckland a great grower and renown breeder/hybridizer of the Odontoglossum alliance. After showing photos of his own and plants owned by the Eric Young Foundation on Jersey Island.

Among the words of wisdom he said that culture was the most important thing to learn, once you learn how to grow one species you can then branch out into others.

He also stated that you should also present your plant in the best possible way when you are showing it.

Cultural Award.

Our guest Alf Day was asked to do the cultural award for the evening, after talking about various plants Alf gave the awarded to Margaret Liley's plant of BLC. Manila Chyll 'Orchidglades Hikari'

Popular Vote.

Novice. 1st No plants in this section

Open. 1st. Margaret Liley * Blc. Manila Ghyll ‘
2nd. Carl Christensen * V. Boonyarit Delight
3rd. Myra John C. Chocolate Drop ‘Kadoma’

Cymbidium.

1st. Carl Christensen * Mango Delight

Species. 1st. Carl Christensen Rossioglossum grande
2nd. Andrew Lo Paph. concolor
3rd. Tony Smith * Holcoglossum kimballianum

Plants marked with * check spelling or update your label

May Meeting.

Our guest speaker Mike Lusk of Havelock North gave a very interesting talk on native orchids in TeMata Park, most of the orchids found in the park are beside the tracks, to date 10 have been found within the Park. Mike has offered to show members around the park at some stage in spring early summer.

Cultural Award.

David Turner has again done the cultural award, after doing a run through the plants and giving a few cultural hints David gave the award to Carl Christensen for his plant Paph. Temptation.

Popular Vote.

Novice. 1st No plants in this section

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Open. 1st. Bill Liddy Aerangis Seagull
2nd. Carl Christensen Paph. Temptation
3rd. Jenny Bridgeman * Zygo. Titanic
= R & N McKay Ascda. Tan Chai Beng x Meda Arnold

Cymbidium. No plants in this section

Species. 1st. Carl Christensen Maxillaria picta
2nd. R & B Strachan Angcm. didieri
3rd. R & B Strachan Onc. crispum
= Carl Christensen Paph. insigne Var. Sanderae
= Ann Sutton Ddc. cobbianum

Plants marked with * check spelling or update your label

Cultural Notes. Here is some cultural notes prepared by Ross.

Winter is here so some thoughts for things we can do in glass or plastic houses, still try & keep temperatures down by ventilating & closing up at 3-4pm to conserve some of the warmth.

High day temperatures can lead to softer growth & it should be our plan to harden off the plants ready for the cold temperatures ahead. Less watering & feeding

Spikes will be starting to extend remember to leave training until warm conditions & when the spikes are supple.

Watch for slugs & snails. It is best to treat your growing area with little & often rather than just when you see a problem.

Give light loving plants prime light conditions during winter, say Cattleya, Laelia, Dendrobiums etc

When plants area is outside & say you come home at 9pm & its cold & you expect a frost. sheets of newspaper over plants is often enough to protect them.

If you find it necessary to spray plants for chewing insects make sure that you don't use an oil based spray when there are unopened flower buds as oil will distort the buds.

Any potting (unless life & death conditions apply) should now be left until spring.

Happy orchiding Ross

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Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be at Taradale Town Hall on 9th. of June starting at 7-45 pm. Learners at 7-15pm in the kitchen. The subject of this meeting will be the AGM of the Society followed by a discussion on some aspects culture of plants

Future Meetings.

June 9th.

AGM and Culture.

July 7th.

A Visit from the Fire Brigade?

August 4th.

A talk on species and there culture

**August 29th.
night.)**

Yes this meeting is early, we have an Ozie speaker on tour

Murray Shergold (this is a Friday

Abbreviations and pronunciation of some orchid names.

Aerangis	Aergs.	ay-er- RANG-giss
Angraecum	Angcm.	an-GRYE-kum
Bulbophyllum	Bulb.	bulb-oh-FILL-um
Caladenia	Calda.	kal-a-DEN-ee-ah
Catasetum	Ctsm.	kat-a-SEE-tum
Cattleya	C.	KAT-lee-a
Cochlioda	Cda.	kok-lee-OH-da
Coelogyne	Coel.	see-LOJ-inee
Cymbidium	Cym.	sim-BID-ee-um
Cypripedium	Cyp.	sip-re-PEE-dee-um
Dendrobium	Den.	den-DRO-bee-um
Dracula	Drac.	DRA-cu-la
Encyclia	E.	en-SIK-lee-ah
Epidendrum	Epi.	eh-pee-DEN-drum
Laelia	L.	LAY-lee-ah
Lycaste	Lyc.	lye-KASS-tee
Masdevallia	Masd.	mas-de-VAL-lee-a
Maxillaria	Max.	max-ill-AIR-ee-a
Miltonia	Milt.	mil-TOH-nee-a
Neobenthamia	Nba.	Nee-oh-ben-THAM-ee-ah
Odontoglossum	Odm.	oh-don't-oh-GLOS-um
Oncidium	Onc.	on-SID-ee-um
Paphiopedilum	Paph.	paf-ee-oh-PED-i-lum
Phalaenopsis	Phal.	fail-eh-NOP-sis
Pleione	Pln.	PLEE-o-nee
Promenaea	Prom.	pro-men-EYE-ah
Pterostylis	Ptst.	tere-oh-STY-lus
Restropia	Rstp.	re-STREP-i-a
Sarcochilus	Sarco.	sar-ko-KYE-lus

Stanhope	Stan.	stan-HOPE-ee-ah
Vanda	V.	Van-da
Zygopetalum	Z.	zy-go-Pet-a-lum

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Dates to Remember

9th. June Annual General Meeting H.B.O.S. Taradale Town Hall.
12th. July Winter Show Clive Town Hall.
20th.-21st. September Spring Show Taradale Town Hall.
1st. November Sarcophilus Show Taradale Town Hall.

Out Side Shows of Intrest.

22nd. – 24th. August Auckland Orchid Club
23rd. – 24th. August Levin & Districts Orchid Society
27th. – 28th. September Manawatu Orchid Society
3rd. – 4th. October Wairoa Orchid Society
4th. – 5th. October. Wairarapa Orchid Circle.

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