



Orchid Chat

JULY 2009

Hibiscus Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

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Masonic Hall, Centreway Road, Orewa
2nd Sunday of each month
Open 1pm for plant sales
Meeting begins at 1.30pm

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AFTERNOON TEA ROSTER

All members with surnames ranging from 'Sc' to those starting with 'W' are asked to bring a plate of finger food. Anything you can manage will be enthusiastically accepted.

August	Sc - W
September	Show
October	A - G
November	H - Mc
December	Bring a plate

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

The August newsletter will be the final edition for those of you who haven't renewed your subscription.

Next Meeting

9 August 2009

Speaker: Theo Verryt

Show Preparation

25TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

Our anniversary luncheon at the Bridgehouse Lodge in Warkworth on the 19th July was a great success. We hope everybody enjoyed themselves. We had 36 people but unfortunately not many of our past members were able to attend. The buffet lunch was delicious and the dessert was very well received!

Julie Sharp made a cake and had it decorated for the occasion and it was delicious. Kim U'ren cut the cake. Kim was celebrating a birthday and Jean Ellison's birthday was the previous day.

Lex said a few words and then Jean Ellison regaled us with some stories about the beginnings of the Club and also told us about some of the characters who were around at the time.

Lee and Roy Neale came along and this was Roy's first function as the new OCNZ President.

It was a very pleasant afternoon and we are looking forward to the next big anniversary!



Ngaire Coley, Kim U'ren, Jean Ellison & Daisy Burrell

UP & COMING EVENTS

- 3 July-12 Oct Auckland Museum – The Mystery of the Orchid
- 15 August South Auckland OS, Snr Citizens Hall, East Street, Papakura
- 21-23 Aug Waitakere OS Spring Show, Kelston Community Ctre, Gt North Rd, Glendene
- 11-12 Sept Hibiscus Coast OS ~ Our Show**
- 11-12 Sept Dargaville OS, Town Hall, Hokianga Rd
- 18-20 Sept. NZ Orchid Society, Mt Albert War Memorial Hall
- 18-20 Sept. Tauranga OS, Racecourse, Cameron Rd
- 25-27 Sept. North Shore OS, Milford Snr Citizens Hall

JULY MEETING

Barbara and Anjo gave us a fascinating presentation on the many things that orchids have been used for over the years. The tubers of various species were eaten by people in countries all around the world. Some have been used for flavourings and beverages. They have also supposedly been able to cure all sorts of ailments and were even used as an aphrodisiac. We aren't too sure how successful these treatments were! Congratulations to Barbara for managing to get her tongue around all the pronunciations – most of the time!

SHOW TROPHIES PLEASE RETURN

Time to give those trophies a clean and bring back to the next meeting. If you can't make the meeting please arrange to pass them to somebody who is coming.
Just a reminder NOT to use anything abrasive on them.



AUGUST RAMBLINGS

Remember, if you are going to bring your plants inside, not to do so until the buds are fully open. Plant growth will be slow. If some growth is evident continue application of weak nitrogenous fertiliser, say once a month. If no growth is apparent, no applications will be required.

Try and shelter plants at this time of the year. Keep in a porch or at least place under a sheet of plastic to divert the worst of the rain. Also protect from cold winds if possible.

You will now be thinking of **repotting** during the spring, once new growth commences. It is not too early to get in your supplies of pots, mix, etc. It is worth looking at your plants now to consider where repotting and/or division may be necessary.

Source: *Phil's Orchid World*

<http://homepages.ihug.co.nz/~tomnz/>
<http://www.angelfire.com/or3/orchidsnz/>

Message from your New OCNZ President: Roy Neale



I am pleased to report I am now fully recovered from my health glitch and looking forward to being involved with you all over the next 3 years. I will try and visit as many clubs as possible during my tenure. My first invitation is to attend the Hibiscus Coast Orchid Society's 25th Anniversary luncheon and I am looking forward to that event on 19th July. My personal thanks to Joy Wray who has agreed to continue producing this update to members.

WONDERLAND *The Mystery of the Orchid*
exhibition is now in full swing at the Auckland Museum. During her opening address, the Auckland Museum

Director, Dr Vanda Vitali, mentioned by name some of the local orchid identities and thanked them for their input in the show - Ross and Susan Tucker, Alf Day, Dennis Chuah and Eric Scanlen. Eric was also represented along with Albert Blumhardt and Lee Neale, by their Great Aunts, Eleanore and Lydia Blumhardt, whose paintings were included as part of the Art exhibition.

Not a typical orchid show, but certainly something of interest for everyone. The journey takes us from the origins of the species, to Darwin and through to the modern day cloning techniques and beyond.
Well worth a visit and **open until 12th October 2009.**

OCNZ Raffle. All raffle books have now been distributed for members to sell, remember your club receives 20% of the takings for the tickets it sells, so make an effort to get maximum benefits and help fund your involvement with the 2010 International Show.
Thanks, Roy Neale

Tickets can be sold over 3 months from 1st July to 30th September. We all need groceries so the prizes are applicable to everyone, not just orchid growers - ask if they would like \$1500, \$1000, or \$500 worth of groceries for \$1? It's not hard to sell tickets and you can have a lot of fun! Letsgo4it and have a 100% sellout!!

The AGM Weekend in Palmerston North was packed full of interest. The Show that came together with plants from all over the country was lovely and it is amazing the quality of flowers that are shown in the middle of winter. Judges were kept really busy over the weekend with various tasks they were set and 4 plants were given a quality award. Grand Champion of the show was awarded to *Odontobrassia* Peggy Mobley, grown by Ted Mannell from Masterton, Congratulations Ted. Senior Judge status was presented to Kath Bruce and Joy Wray, congratulations to them both.

Council's guest speaker, Gary Yong Gee and his partner Roger Sawkins, were very well received and they participated in proceedings throughout the weekend, after which they carried out a whirlwind speaking tour to Hawke's Bay, Tauranga, Waitakere, Waikato, Taranaki and Capital City Societies. Gary had some excellent talks prepared and they were well presented. He certainly knows his species. They were well impressed with their visit to NZ and are seriously thinking about coming over to enjoy our big show next year in Arena Manawatu.

Yearbook 2009: These were distributed at the AGM. There have been a few books with slight defects. If any have been found in your society's allocation, please let any of the executive committee know, asap, or email Joy direct, so that replacement copies can be sent. The Printer does have some spares and will see us right.

This winter is the coldest we've had for some time, so trust you and your orchids are coping well.
Kind regards

From the Executive

URGENT - POSY TABLE:

It seems we won't have floral art sales this year unless there is a member willing to take this task on.
Any volunteers please?

POPULAR VOTE SECTION

If there is an asterisk (*) beside the plant named below it is possible that either (a) the plant has been registered or (b) the name on your plant has been misspelled; please update your plant labels. ? means it doesn't appear in Wildcatt.

Species:

1st A Gillan Pleurothallis *truncata*
2nd A Gillan Dend. *Uncatum*

Small:

1st L&J Sharp Masd. *Tovarensis* x *nidifica*
2nd J Scott Acianthus *sinclairii*

Other:

1st D Burrell Paph. Clifford Peter 'Jade'
2nd C&B Grant Vanda Kasem's Delight

Cymbidium:

1st C&B Grant Cym. Cochise Betty
1st T Verryt Cym. Valley Legend x Tracey Redaway

Plant List

Daisy Burrell	C. Seagulls Pink Panther x <i>intermedia</i> Paph. Orewa 'Clifford' Paph. Clifford Peter 'Jade' Slc. Diane Diehm Slc. Angelwalker x Slc Lady Rose
Annette Gillan	Dend. <i>uncatum</i> Pths. <i>truncata</i>
Colin & Betty Grant	Cym. Cochise 'Betty' V. Kasem's Delight
Val & Lundy Prince	Cym. Mini Sarah 'Jillian'4N Masd. <i>veitchiana</i> 'Torbay' 4N Paph. Coro Gold Paph. <i>villosum</i>
John Scott	<i>Aci. sinclairii</i> <i>Angraecum germinyanum</i> Den. Sarah Jean 'Manly' Den. Anne's Rainbow Surprise 'Alice' <i>Encyclia calamaria</i> 'guess the name? '
Lex & Julie Sharp	Masd. <i>tovarensis</i> x <i>nidifica</i>
T Verryt	Cym. King Win 'South Park' Cym. Dell's Delight 'Andrea' Cym. Valley Legend x Tracey Redaway Den. Elegant Heart x Pinterry L. <i>anceps</i> Masd. <i>tovarensis</i> Max. <i>nigrescens</i> Onc. <i>ornithorhynchum</i>

RAFFLE

Valerie was the lucky winner of the door prize. Winners of the raffle were Daphne, John Scott, Bernard, Colin Grant & Jose Jones.

Once again, a big thank you to those who contributed the prizes.



OUR ANNUAL SPRING SHOW

10, 11 & 12 September 2009
Orewa Community Centre

All show stationery will be available at the August meeting.

We need everyone that can help to help, it's not all heavy lifting there are many light tasks that need to be done. The funds that we make for our society by holding the show benefit all the members, not just a select few.

Show Committee: Theo Verryt (Show Marshall), Barbara Beale (Co-ordinator), Jean Ellison, Daisy Burrell and Annette Gillan (Lex & Julie Sharp)

Thursday 10th September -- Setup

Those of you picking up the staging from Lex's will already know what time you have to be there.

1.30 – 2.00pm: Setup at the Community Centre
Sales plants can be bought in once the sales folk are ready to accept them.

3.00 – 3.30pm: Plants can be entered once staging is in place.

NB – No plants accepted after 5.00pm

5.30pm -- Judging begins

Friday 11th September 9am to 5pm

We shall also need Door and Raffle sellers and Stewards to wander around to keep an eye on the exhibits and to talk to the public.

If you can only help for an hour please come and relieve someone so that they can get some lunch. Some of us will be at the show from 9-5 and will be very appreciative to be able to get tea and lunch breaks.

Saturday 12th September 9am to 3pm

3pm Close: Please don't grab your plants and run off home without giving a hand to tidy up. Help is needed to dismantle the show staging and load it up for return to Lex & Julie's.



Slc. Diane Diehm