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Monthly Venue:
 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

Those members with surnames between H and Ma please bring a little something to share. It doesn't need to be much – a packet of biscuits would do nicely.

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| July | H - Ma |
| August | Mc – P |
| 27-28 Aug | Our Show |
| September | R - W |
| October | Special meeting, please bring a plate |
| November | A - D |
| December | Bring a plate |

Our new tea ladies will be Angela McIntyre and Barbara Sanders. Many thanks for helping out. Many thanks also go to Julie Sharp and Margaret Maruska for their cheerful service over the last few years.

Next Meeting

11 July 2010

SPEAKER: SUSAN TUCKER

JUNE MEETING- AGM

As is normal, the officers and committee stood down and Jean Ellison, our Patron, led the proceedings. There was no nomination for President but Lex was nominated and seconded in the absence of a new contender. It was generally felt that it would be nice if Lex could continue for another year and carry through with the national show arrangements. As Lex said he would be happy to continue we will go ahead and arrange for a special meeting to be held in July in order to change our Constitution. This will precede our usual meeting.

There will be no change to the Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and your new Committee will comprise of Betty and Colin Grant, Daphne Norris, Julie Sharp, Valerie Prince and Theo Verryt.

Many thanks to all our helpers over the past year.

Our annual prizes of \$30 were given out for:

- i. The most plants displayed over the past year. This went to Theo Verryt
- ii. The most 1st prizes voted over the past year. This was a 3 way tie so the \$30 voucher was split between Betty and Colin Grant, Valerie & Londy Prince and Julie & Lex Sharp.

There was discussion about the \$30 prize for these 2 awards. As the Club is quite comfortable financially it was decided to change the prize to \$50 for each award.

Angela McIntyre and Barbara Sanders will now be looking after the afternoon tea arrangements and Valerie Prince will look after the Plant sales table with Barbara Beale as backup.

I was also thanked for my newsletters and I, in turn, would like to give Barbara Beale a **big** thankyou. It is Barbara's successful format I have continued with and she is always an email away if I want advice or proofreading. Thanks a lot Barb. *Editor*

UP & COMING EVENTS

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| 23-25 July | NZOS Winter Show, Mt Albert |
| 20-22 Aug | Waitakere OS, Kelston |
| 27-28 Aug | Our Show |
| 8-12 Sept | NZOC 6 th International Orchid Expo, Arena Manawatu, Palmerston North |
| 17-19 Sep | NZOS Spring Show, Mt Albert |



JULY RAMBLINGS

Cymbidiums

- Now we should be enjoying the **success** of a year's good culture, plenty of flowers, or at very least a forest of spikes. Remember, the developing spikes, and even those with open flowers, can be damaged or even broken accidentally during normal activity around the plant. You do not want to destroy your cultural success at this stage, so staking is important.
- Do not **tie** the spikes too tightly to the support as this can constrict further development - just tie enough to give support. The plant expends considerable energy in producing the spikes and flowers, and best results will only be obtained if the plants are in good condition and healthy. If there is any doubt concerning the **vitality** of a plant, the spike should be removed early. It is generally recommended that spikes should be removed some two to three weeks after the last flower on the spike opens.
- Plants should be **protected** from the worst weather . If you do not have a glasshouse, grow in a porch or provide some overhead cover. Try and eliminate cold gales, although on milder days plenty of fresh air will do no harm.
- **Watering** must be completed carefully. In cold conditions let the plants dry out somewhat as this will prevent root death. The dryness now will not do the plant any real harm as most species in their natural habitat would receive dry conditions at this season anyway

Paphiopediums

- Adjust the amount and frequency of watering to the amount of plant growth taking place. During warmer days, watering can be more frequent.
- Fertiliser use can also be adjusted to the amount of growth - during periods of slow growth such as during the winter, reduce applications.
- Spotting and insect damage can affect flowers. With lower evening temperatures, humidity will increase, especially after a warm day. Good ventilation and air movement is essential. Water on flowers can cause spotting, and therefore overhead watering at this time of the year is not recommended.
- Now is the time to enjoy your growing success. Taking some time will ensure your growing efforts are presented to their best
 - ensure the pot is clean, with all dirt moss removed
 - remove any dead leaves and old leaf bases from the pseudobulbs, clean the foliage of any old spray residue, dirt, dust etc. Remember when wiping down the foliage, hold the leaves by their bases and wipe from the base to the tip. The leaves, especially from the newer growths, can be easily pulled off if care is not exercised.
 - ensure the plant is correctly labelled, especially if you are going to present it at a show.

- The plant has expended considerable energy in producing the flowers. The best results will only be obtained if the plants are healthy and in good condition. Most paphiopedilums are long lasting as cut flowers, so you can enjoy the flowers for several weeks, and in some cases, months. The flowers last nearly as long as cut flower as compared with leaving them on the plant.

eco-oil®



Lex was talking to us about this product at the last meeting. It is available at Horticulture in Henderson. The price for a 1 litre pack is \$35.00 + GST. Following is a bit of information about the product.

It is a botanical oil concentrate miticide/insecticide specifically for the control of two-spotted mite, aphids, whitefly and scale in commercial tree, vine and vegetable crops, ornamentals, floriculture, covered cropping, home gardens.

The product has three specific modes of action:

1. Penetrates the exo-skeleton (skin) of mites and aphids. This causes death via suffocation.
2. The protective waxy cuticle (thin protective membrane) of insects and their eggs is denatured by the oils and surfactants in Eco-oil®.
3. Acts as a minor insect repellent which reduces the chances of pest re-infestation.

Key Points:

- Eco-oil® can be classified as a knock-down insecticide, no systemic activity. There is some residual activity due to its repellent effects and ovicidal action (dehydration and smothering of eggs).
- The physical mode of action provides low potential for insect pest resistance from overuse.
- Low burn potential with Eco-oil® as the product is based on botanical oils.
- High safety level for user & crop. No withholding periods, or re-entry restrictions. However, it is important to observe worker protective clothing guidelines when applying any sprays.

http://www.horticulture.co.nz/page/horticulture_23.ph

Raffle

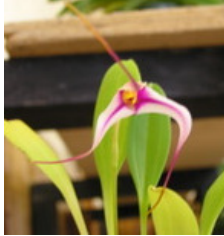
Colin Grant was the winner of the door prize. Raffle winners were Peter Thomas x2, Colin Grant x2, Theo Verryt, Bev Harris, Jean Ellison, the Sharps and Daphne Norris.

Once again there was a nice array of prizes for the lucky winners.

Plant of the Month

Barbara Jenner's *Masdevallia gilbertoi* was chosen as our 1st Plant of the Month.

This species was named in honour of Gilberto Escobar R., of Medellin, Colombia, who was the first *Masdevallia* enthusiast to cultivate this species. All plants in cultivation originate from those first cultivated by Escobar. The original site of the collection by B. Tascon, in 1966, was near Anserma in the Department of Risaralda, Colombia (elevation 2000m). One of the more stunning species of this genus, the large (10-13cm) white flower with rose-red midveins has a distinctive, long, forward-pointing tail of the dorsal sepal and long, relaxed tails of the lateral sepals. The species likes moderately cool temperatures and average light and may flower profusely several times per year.



Source: *Gems of the Orchid World* by Mary Gerritsen & Ron Parsons

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

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.

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

Abridged

Masdevallia

In general

Masdevallia orchids are cool growers. They love a cool, moist environment with plenty of air movement to remind them of their origins in the high country of South America. They do not have pseudo bulbs like many epiphytic orchids, only fleshy leaves to hold water and nutrient. One should be careful therefore to maintain moisture at the roots and in the environment. It is still important not to over water, never keep the medium soaking wet. For the reasons above it is vitally important to keep the growing medium sweet. If it decays it will rot the fine root systems and the plant will collapse. For this reason we recommend repotting annually.

Potting

We are now totally converted and sold on coir fibre as our preferred potting medium. (See *May newsletter notes for full details*)

Conditions:

Masdevallias need to be well shaded in Summer to keep the plants cool and the environment humid. If possible try to keep the temp. under 30C, a few hours warmer won't matter as long as you have humidity. Constant dry heat will cause the plant to drop its leaves and collapse. In Winter try to give bright airy conditions, humidity is usually high any way. Some overhead cover is essential in Winter or they may become too wet. Minimum temperature should be 5C for most, though be aware there are some warmer growers. Masdevallias will sometimes tolerate a light frost but try to avoid this if at all possible.

Summary

Cool moist airy conditions free from frost. Avoid hot and dry. Pot annually, do not divide too small. Feed Osmocote or Manutec Orchid Food. Keep free from pests especially Aphids. Do not over water. Double potting is very beneficial to insulate the root system from heat and cold.



Masdevallias may be grown indoors if you have light but not direct sun on a window sill or similar. As humidity is low indoors leaves will need misting daily and plants grown on wet gravel or plunged in Sphagnum Moss. You may be surprised just how well they grow indoors. If you live in a climate with long hot summers they may well prefer it indoors at least for the Summer.

Source: *Mt Beenak Orchids* – <http://mtbeenakorhids.com.au>

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 OrchidWiz.

Species:

- 1st T Verryt Laelia *anceps*
- 2nd T Verryt Cattleya *wittigiana*
- 2nd V&L Prince Paph. *insigne*
- 2nd B Jenner Masdevallia *tovarensis*

Small:

- 1st D Burrell Oncidium *cheiroporum*
- 2nd A McIntyre Masdevallia Heathii
- 2nd V&L Prince Masdevallia Angel Heart

Other:

- 1st P&M Thomas *Burr. Stefan Isler
- 2nd B Grant ?Sc Lana Coryell 'Wattle Downs' x Soph. *brevipedunculata*

Cymbidium:

- 1st T Verryt Cym. Zig Zag 'Kiwi'
- 2nd J Murray Cym. Lady Bug 'Drumm'

Plant List

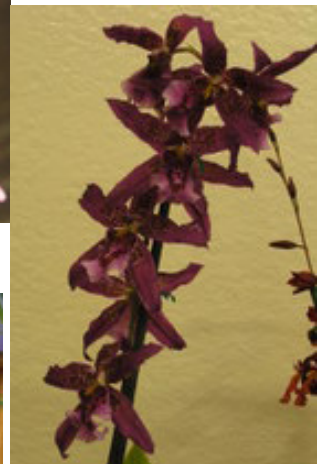
- Daisy Burrell Slc. Angelwalker x Slc Lady Rose
Den. Colonial Maid
*Epc. Voila 'Susan'
E. *ciliare*
Onc *cheiroporum*
Paph Clifford Peter 'Jade'
Sc Beaufort 'Big Circle' x C. Caudebec
'Carmela'
- B&C Grant Paphiopedilum unknown
Sc Lana Coryell 'Wattle Downs' x
Soph. *brevipedunculata*
- Barbara Jenner Masd. *gilbertoi*
Masd. *mystica* - x 2
Masd. *tovarensis*
*Masd. Violetta
- Judy Murray Cym. Lady Bug 'Drumm'
- Angela McIntyre Masd. Heathii
Masd. Tanager 'Pink'
*Onc. *ornithorynchum*
- Daphne Norris Masd. Sugar Baby
- V&L Prince Masd. Angel Heart
Masd. *barlaeana* x Whiskers
Paph. Coro Gold
Paph. *insigne*
- J&L Sharp Den. Hilda Poxon
Masd. *macrura* 'Charlie M'
Paph. Unknown
Paph. Mirriam Williamson

- M&P Thomas Billra Marfitch 'Howard's Dream'
McIna Pagan Lovesong 'Ruby James'
Burr. Stefan Isler
E. *ciliare*
Slc Bright Angel x Lc Love Angel
Z. Kiwi Choice

- Theo Verryt Brassia Memoria Fritz Boedeker
'Witch Doctor'
C. *wittigiana*
C. *intermedia* var *alba*
Psh. *cochleata*
E. *ciliare*
C. Seagulls China Flare
Cym. Bella Donna 'AS'
Cym. Lady Sheridan 'Bayswater'
Cym. Pink Peach 'Bayswater'
Cym. Elegant Elf 'Nan'
Cym. Zig Zag 'Kiwi'
L. *anceps*
L. *anceps* var. *veitchiana*
L. *anceps* var *alba*
L. *gouldiana*



Onc. *ornithorynchum*



Billra Marfitch 'Howard's Dream'



Cym. Zig Zag 'Kiwi'



Sc. Lana Coryell 'Wattle Downs' x
soph. *brevipedunculata*

