



Orchid Chat

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Hibiscus Coast Orchid Society Newsletter

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<p>Monthly Venue: Masonic Hall, Centreway Road, Orewa 2nd Sunday of each month Open 1pm for plant sales Meeting begins at 1.30pm</p> <p>Postal Address: P.O. Box 504, Silverdale 0944</p>

AFTERNOON TEA ROSTER

All members with surnames ranging from 'H' to those starting with 'Mc' are asked to bring a plate of finger food. Anything you can manage will be enthusiastically accepted. We had a great selection last month.

November H - Mc
December Bring a plate

Library

Our new members might like to look at our selection of reference books in the library cupboard. Just ask somebody if you don't know where it is, June Anderson & Peter Thomas are in charge of the library.

Next Meeting

8 November 2009

Speaker: Len Cobb

October Meeting

We had a good turnout for the October meeting, which included some of our newest members.

Jean Ellison presented all the trophies and certificates from our September Show to the clever recipients.

We had 105 plants on display so it took a while to get them all set up for display. The monthly selection was *Sarcochilus*, of which there were quite a number to choose from. It made voting extremely difficult.

We can always use some extra pairs of hands to help set up for our monthly meetings. We open the hall at 12.30 so anybody who is able to come along and lend a hand would be most welcome.

NORTH SHORE ORCHID SOCIETY

Sarcochilus and Other - Orchid Show

7-8 November
St Anne's Hall,
Cnr Beach & Glencoe Roads, Browns Bay

North Shore has invited all our members to enter exhibits. This is a general orchid show but with an emphasis on *Sarcochilus*.

Set-up: Friday, 6 November **from 4pm**
Judging: Saturday, 7 November **from 8am**

Open to the Public: Saturday 10am – 4pm
Sunday 10am – 3.30pm
Close: Sunday, 3.30pm

I have a copy of the complete Show Schedule. Anyone wanting a copy can email or ring me and I will send you a copy. *Editor*

Raffle Results

The lucky winners were Bernard, Anjo, Merle, Barbara Beale, Peter Thomas, June and Jean Poynter. Many thanks for the prize contributions

Orchid Council Raffle Results

Roy Neale advised the results of the raffle.

1st Prize: Ticket No 5398 went to Palmerston North - Patricia Hayes - a member of Manawatu OS for 28 years.(Bought a full book)

2nd prize: Ticket No 7052 went to Onehunga, Auckland - Ana Rose a member of the public who bought a complete book from NZOS.

3rd Prize: ticket No 7523 went to Oamaru, Lorraine Nuttall - a member of the public.

Prize winners have all been notified and are extremely grateful.

Of note was the number of people who bought entire books and sometimes more than one book, a very generous act. The Orchid Council asked us to convey their heartfelt thanks to our members - it's a pity we can't all win.



NOVEMBER RAMBLINGS

All the words in blue are web links, if you left-click on them a menu pops up & gives you the option to remove link

By now the plants will have finished their [flowering](#), so now we can anticipate and plan towards next season's flowers. On small plants, do not leave the spikes on for more than 2 to 3 weeks after the last flower is open. If you let them remain longer, they can utilise the stored plant food which the plant uses better in growing and forming new pseudobulbs, which in turn ensures more and better future flowers.

All routine [repotting](#) should have been completed by now. The aim should have been to get the plants into new pots and media as early as possible, once the new growth in the spring is apparent, to ensure the new season's growth advances as fast and as strongly as possible. If for any reason some plants still require repotting, you may wish to postpone this until February/March if they are in full growth.

To ensure strong growth, the application of a high nitrogen [fertiliser](#) is desirable. This can be either applied as a dry mix to the top of the pot, or as a liquid mix watered in. If you use a liquid fertiliser, remember to water first to get the mix dampened, then apply.

At this time of the year, cymbidiums do not appreciate a hot dry atmosphere, and increased **ventilation** must be provided. They must receive a fall in night temperatures if [flower bud initiation](#) is to be successful. If you grow in a glasshouse or similar structure, during the hot weather ensure plenty of ventilation is given, at least during the day, and later in the month even during the night. The plants will, however, really appreciate being outside, where they can receive plenty of sun and fresh moving air. A shadehouse - say with 30% shade can be appropriate, although they can do just as well in the open. They like dappled midday sun, so under a tree but receiving the shade from the outer branches is ideal. Ensure they are protected from the intense midday sun, but they really appreciate the early morning and late afternoon sunshine.

At this time of the year, through to early Autumn, the initiation of next season's flowers takes place. This requires low summer night temperatures, below 10-12 degrees celsius for cymbidiums. This cannot be provided in an enclosed growing area, and failure to allow for this temperature fall is a prime cause for non flowering of cymbidiums. Research work has shown that the effect of the low temperature initiation of flowers can be enhanced if high light levels can be also provided. This generally can be ensured when the plants are grown in the open outside. Inside high light usually means higher temperatures which in itself interferes with successful bud initiation. If you want maximum flowering next year, do not neglect your plants now, otherwise you may be disappointed in the results.

The plants must receive plenty of water at this stage of the year, but as well must not be watered too frequently otherwise their roots will be killed. Most cymbidiums are from areas

subject to the [summer monsoons](#), and therefore naturally are subjected to warm wet summers, and cool but dry winters. Water once the top 25 to 50 mm of mix is dry in the larger pots. This may be every 7 to 10 days for larger plants, but will be more frequent for those in smaller pots. The frequency of watering will vary depending on the growing area, potting mix used, weather conditions, size and vigour of the plants, and does require individual assessment of each grower, as we each grow our plants somewhat differently.

At this time of the year red spider and [red spider mite](#) can rapidly become problems, as they thrive under arid conditions. The maintenance of more humid conditions can reduce their ravages, although the application of a chemical insecticide may be required.

Source: *Phil's Orchid World*
<http://homepages.ihug.co.nz/~tomnz/>

Paphiopedilum Part II

The genus

Cultural requirements of paphiopedilums can be summarised as follows:



Housing

Paph insigne and *Paph charlesworthii* have been grown outside in a shade house in Auckland and other mild coastal areas. Probably there are many other cool growers which would tolerate these conditions with protection from rain. However, in our climate, paphs are really greenhouse plants and the attempts at outdoor culture are usually not rewarding in terms of plant survival and flower quality.

Temperature. For the complex modern hybrids and cool-growing species, a minimum night temperature of 10°C is adequate. A 12°C minimum is safer and 15°C is something to aim at if you want to win prizes at shows or to grow some of the warmer-growing species satisfactorily. Some growers have found that by giving the plants bottom heat (placing the pots on a surface heated by electric cables), growth and flowering is satisfactory at lower air temperatures. The point is that it is cheaper to heat the bench than to heat the air. In general, paphs make the best vegetative growth at night temperatures of about 20°C but lower temperatures are necessary for flower initiation in many plants. Day temperatures can go up to 30°C or even a little higher under heavy shade and high humidity. Green-leaved types will not grow when temperatures are very high.

Humidity. The higher the humidity the better on hot summer days. Frequent damping down of paths, walls and benches to achieve this is desirable. In emergencies the leaves can be sprayed if they will be dry before nightfall but it is better to avoid this if possible. If it must be done, a small amount of fungicide in the water will help prevent rots. Damping down should not be necessary in the colder months of the year.

Light. Less light is required than for cattleyas. Most authorities recommend about 700 foot candles. In hot summer months it may have to be reduced below this to keep temperatures down. In winter months brighter light is beneficial. Some alternative way of providing extra shading is essential if a greenhouse is covered with one of the glass substitutes which cannot be painted.

To be continued.....

Source: *The New Zealand Orchid Grower*, ID James

Plant List

Species:

- 1st D Burrell Encyclia *longifolia*
- 1st T Verryt Den. *nobile*
- 2nd D Burrell C. Undine

Small:

- 1st L&J Sharp Masd. Tuakau Candy
- 2nd L&J Sharp Masd. Mary Staal 'Ellen's Delight'

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Other:

- 1st P&M Thomas Masd. Falcata 'So Gold'
- 2nd M Wildman Cattleya (name lost)

Monthly:

- 1st L&J Sharp Sarco. *roseus x hartmannii*
- 1st L&J Sharp Sarco. Cherie

Cymbidium:

- 1st J Anderson Cym. Chatter Magic 'Black Siesta' x Vogelsang 'Eastbourne'
- 2nd T Verryt Cym. Orchid Conference 'Green Light'



Sarco. *roseus x hartmannii*

Plants on Display

June Anderson Cym. Chatter Magic 'Black Siesta' x Vogelsang 'Eastbourne'

Barbara Beale
 Bard Kitty
 Cym. Pee Wee
 Den. (Penny rose x Blushing Rose) x *kingianum*
Dryadella edwallii
Leptotes bicolor
 Masd. Falcata
 Masd. *mystica*
 Masd. *prodigiosa*
 Masd. *tridens*
 Masd. Copper Angel 'Big 'n Bold'
 Masd. Peppermint Rock
 Masd. Peppermint Rock
 Masd. Magic Moment
 Masd. Minaret x Angel Frost
 Masd. Charms
 Masd. Rice Queen
 Masd. Gertrude Puttock
 Masd. Grace Arms
 Paph. FC Puddle
 Sarco Bon Bon x *spathulatus*
 Sarco. Weinhart
 Sarco. *weinthallii*
 Sarco. Pixie Pearls
 Sarco Cathy
 Sarco Weinhart x Zoe
 Sarco Weinhart x Zoe (#2)



Masd. Charms

Daisy Burrell
 C. Undine
 C. *intermedia*
 Coel. *mooreana*
 Cda. *rosea*
 E. *longifolia*
 Den. Aussie Green x *crutwellii*
 Oncidium *mierax*
 Sarco. Starstruck 'Hedy'
 Sarco. Snowhart x *spathulatus*



Cym. Chatter Magic 'Black Siesta' x Vogelsang 'Eastbourne'

Annette Gillan
 Arpophyllum *giganteum*
 *Dend. *wenzelii*
 Sarco. Aussie Weinman 'Lemon' x Snowhart 'Yellow 2001'
 Sarco. Fitzhart x Pink Plush
 Sarco. First Light 'Grahame'
 Sarco. Misty 'Sparkles' x *hartmannii* 'Ginger Snow'
 Sarco. Snowhart No.7 x *spathulatus*

Sarco. Weinhart 'Goodwood' x Cherie 'Deep Pink'

Bruce Goodall Cym. Tuffet

Colin & Betty Grant Cym. Forrest Gump 'Xanthe'
Cym. ? Longonii ? 'Geyserland'
*Sarco. Fitzhart (was *hartmannii* x *fitzgeraldii*)

Peter Jenner Phal. *equestris*
Phal. Golden Peoker 'BC' x P. Goldberry 'Better Year'

Judy Murray *Cym. Waiwera (was Last Tango x Mighty Mouse)
Den. *delicatum*
*Den. You Beaut (was Yondi x *kingianum*)
Masd. Circe
Z. *sp.*

Val & Lony Prince *Slc. Granite Range
(was *C. forbesii* 'Chartreuse' x Slc Rain Forest 'Turncoat')
Cym. Tamatea 'Tahi'
*Cym. Scallywag 'Featherhill'
Cym. Pipeta 'Red Gem'
Cym. Malposo Creek 'Brother Vincent'
Cym. Narela 'Jennifer Gail' AM/HCC
Cym. Mini 'Mary Bea'
*Cym. Ruby Eyes x Red Baron
Den. Pukekura
*Epc *Cattleya* Nebo (cross between *epidendrum* & *cattleya*)
L. Lucy Ingram 'Port Albert'
L. *jongheana*
Masd. *coccinea* 'Lavender Rose'
Masd. Susan
Masd. Bella Donna
Masd. *veitchiana* 'Torbay' 4N
Paph. Coro Gold

Lex & Julie Sharp *C. intermedia*
Masd. Tuakau Candy
Masd. Mary Staal 'Ellen's Delight' HCC/OCNZ
Paph. *esquirolei*
Sarco. Cherie
Sarco. Royale Ruby
Sarco. *roseus* x *hartmannii*

Peter & M Thomas *Brassia longissima*
Masd. Falcata 'So Gold'
Masd. Angel Frost x *schroderiana*
Onc. *mierax*
Z. 'Kiwi Klassic'

Theo Verryt *C. intermedia* Aquinii Pink Form
C. intermedia
Cym. Justa Kiwi Girl 'Red Robin'
Cym. Mem. Merv Dunn 'Compact Gold'
Cym. Terama 'Robin' 4N
Cym. Egyptian Princess 'Cleopatra'
Cym. Square Dancer
Cym. Phar Lap 'Geyserland'
Cym. Red Planet x *devonianum*
Cym. Red Planet x Ruby Pendant
Cym. Orchid Conference 'Green Light'
Den. Yukidaruma 'The King'
Den. White Angel
Den. Cassiope
Den. *nobile*

Lc. Amazon Trick
Lc. Rojo
Max. *variabilis*
Wils Bonne Nuit x Adm. Mont Mado

Merle Wildman *Cattleya* (Name lost)
Den. White Pony 'Akamutu' AM/AOS



Coel. *mooreana*



L. *jongheana*



Sarco. Fitzhart x Pink Plush



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