

The Taranaki Orchid Society Inc.

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NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2010

NEXT EVENING MEETING

Tuesday, 8th June 2010 – Make a note of it on your calendar now!

in the Central School Hall, Pendarves Street, New Plymouth, commencing from 6:00pm with a Mid Winter Christmas Pot Luck Dinner. PLEASE BRING SOMETHING FOR A MAIN COURSE AND A DESSERT, PLUS YOUR OWN CUTLERY AND PLATES, also byo if you so wish.

There will be drinks and nibbles provided before the meal.

Our evening programme will be a presentation given by our guests, **Lee and Roy Neale**, from Leroy Orchids Auckland. Lee will be giving a talk on “Compact Cattleyas, From Whoa to Go”. Roy is the current President of the Orchid Council of New Zealand and he would like to meet as many members as possible.

Both Roy and Lee are very much involved with the Waitakere Orchid Club.

- * Please come along and give our special guests a very warm welcome.
- * Bring your flowering plants for display, this is a great time for others to see and enjoy them
- * Don't forget some gold coins to buy raffle tickets.
- * There may be members with plants for sale at the meeting.
- * Last but not least – please remember to wear your name label at the meeting!!
- * **Supper Duties: Hazel and Murray Fawcett**

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NEXT DAY GROUP MEETING

Thursday, 17th June 2010 – Make a note of it on your calendar now!

The next Day Group meeting will be held on Thursday, 17th June 2010, at the home of Lois Peters, 128 Cracroft Street, Waitara, Ph: 754-6311, gathering at 9:30am for a cuppa, meeting commences at 10:00am. If you have any questions about any orchids that you are growing, this is the time to ask them. There's sure to be someone at the meeting that can give you some advice. Don't forget to bring something for the raffle and of course, some gold coins to purchase some tickets!

And a big smile ☺

TOOTAPPS TOPIC

Hi all from the south.

Well, another month has gone by and the spikes are really under way now, but make sure you keep up with your plant inspections, as the grebes are still around. I can't believe the number of snails around here at the moment, and I guess I should be grateful that orchids are not prone to grass grub; they have been particularly bad as well.

The Beginners Corner took a bit of cranking up last week, but once people became involved it developed well. We have to have participation in these discussions to get any gain from them. We can talk on any topic regarding orchids (Oops, drifted off a wee tad the other night!!! Sorry!!).

Tootapps Tale: Paddy sees Murphy going down the main street of Belfast carrying a bag of donuts, and eating one. Paddy says, “If I can be guessing how many donuts you'll be hav'n in the bag, would you be letting me have one?” Murphy says, “If you can be guessing how many donuts is in the bag, I'll be giv'n them both to yu”. And Paddy replies “Four”.

'Til next month.

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Secretary: Position Vacant

Hi Orchid Growers. Thought this information would be useful to put in again this month. We have a busy year ahead with two more shows this year. The 6th N.Z. International Orchid Extravaganza in Palmerston North and our own spring show.

Orchid Extravaganza - 6th to 12th September Arena Manawatu, Palmerston North

Before the show:s

- If you have plants you would like to display, please let Cyril Whittaker (Ph. 759-4388) or Kath Bruce (Ph. 751-3158) know.
- The weekend of 21st and 22nd August, senior club members will come to your place and have a look at your show plants and see if you have any others they think are suitable, so 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 TOS 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. Put your name on a separate label in the pot.
- **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: all plant to be taken to a drop off point so they can be put into a van - all the plants will be taken down together. At this time your plants will be given the final "yes" or "no".

Show week:

- If you are in Palmerston North on the Monday afternoon, we need as many hands as possible to get the plants from the van to our display. Because Cyril, and Ernie Corbett, have made the display and know how it goes together, it will be easier and quicker for them to set it up by themselves, but thanks to those who offered to help them.
- **Runners** are required on judging day to aid the judges to get around more quickly. The runners are supplied with a list of plants in a class that the judges are looking at. The runners go ahead of the judges and point the plants out to the team leader. All plants are listed with numbers and the stand number is also supplied, so this makes them easier to find. When the team is finished judging the class, the runner takes the results to the scrutineers. There is more than one runner per group, if we can get plenty of runners, making the job a lot easier and also there is opportunity to listen in to the judges (though you are not permitted to give your views on the plants being judged) and perhaps understand the system better.
- Monday morning after the show we need all hands on deck as all displays are to be dismantled and cleared before noon.
- If you have not registered for the show, it is opened to the public from 10am to 5pm, Thursday to Sunday - \$9 entry fee. Registration though, allows you unlimited entry as well as attendance at any or all of the lecture sessions.

Taranaki Orchid Society Spring Show

1st, 2nd and 3rd October 2010.

We would love to hear any ideas on a theme for this year's spring show?

Please talk to any member of the Committee, or tell us what you think at the next Club meeting.

Cyril Whittaker

Show Manager

As our Society is affiliated to the Orchid Council, your committee feels that the Council website should be included in our newsletter. We invite you to visit the site when you have a moment and check it out. Included in it are, OCNZ Awards, Society meeting dates and show dates, club news, introductions to the Orchid Council executive committee and several links to other interesting sites, including newsletters from other societies. Take a look next time you are on line at: www.orchidcouncil.co.nz

If you would like the plants you take to the meetings written up in the newsletter, please ensure you place your list in the green box next to the plants on the night of the meeting. If you do not have it available at that time, please post or email to Joy Wray, PO Box 635, New Plymouth 4340, or email: joywray@xtra.co.nz We encourage everyone to participate in the Popular Vote at the meetings, i.e. write on a piece of paper the number of the plant that you would most like to take home. Then put it in the box provided, on the display table. There are plenty of pieces of paper and pencils available to carry out this small task. There have been very few votes cast lately and it would be nice to have to count at least the number of votes for the number of people in attendance.

Report from MARCH EVENING MEETING

President, Murray Fawcett, welcomed members.

'Culture Spot' concentrated on general growing of orchids, taking into account their everyday needs, such as water, light, air, cleanliness, conditions.

Measuring light the easy way: Hold your hand 30cm away from your plants and if there is low light, there will be no shadow; medium light, some shadow; high light, good outline shadow.

For grebies, use a spray of the original version of Listerine (brown colour) for 2 or 3 days.

Always cut off old spikes, it helps the re-blooming process. Use sterilised tools; heat, or use bleach.

Do not water too much over the winter months. Phallies and paphs need moisture all the time as they do not like to dry out, moist but not wet. A wet orchid will not fair very well on a cold night.

Cattleyas need to dry out between watering.

For shiny leaves, try mayonnaise – wipe on / buff off!

Do not fertilise sick plants; nurse back to health then gradually re-introduce fertiliser.

Murray says he has repotted a stanhopea in 3FB bark in a wire basket, lined with sphagnum moss and it is making fantastic root growth already.

Franz has small spots of mould in some plants and wanted to know how to deal with it. Jeyes Fluid or Condysse crystals (if available) was suggested, and/or repot into new clean mix.

Our programme for the evening was a DVD of a group of people exploring different parts of Switzerland and showed many varieties of orchids growing in the wild, as well as alpine plants and flowers and other items and places of interest. Photography was by a BBC photographer and was of a high standard. Many thanks to Dawn for procuring the DVD and thanks to Clive for the use of his projector.

Popular Vote: 1st : *Laelia gouldiana* owned by George Fuller
2nd : *Zelenkoa onusta* owned by Franz Zumbuhl
3rd : *Phragmipedium* Patti MacHale owned by Neville Morris

Lucky Door Prize: Lois Peters

Raffle Winners: Maureen Russ x 2, George Fuller, Gerli Fox, Cyril Whittaker, Kath Bruce, Flo Potter, Marea Faigan, Grahame Hill. Hope I didn't miss anyone here!

PLANT LISTS

George Fuller

Pleione formosana 'Phyllis Every' AM/OCNZ

25cm terracotta pan bright yellow autumn foliage

Stenoglottis longifolia

Rostrepia sanguinea (Dark red)

Paphiopedilum insigne var. *sanderiae* (Yellow)

Cymbidium Korintji (Fragrant)

Cymbidium mastersii

Masdevallia coccinea var. *alba* 'Pearler'

Masdevallia Jim Harper

Masdevallia (caesia x Angel Frost) 'Maori Pendant'

Dracula gigas 'Moonscape'

Disa Pukekura Park 'Red Statement' (2 fls still open)

(proposed name). This is the same flower spike of 4 buds and 2 flowers, one of which was awarded a provisional AM/OCNZ at the TOS Summer Display in mid January 2010.

Laelia gouldiana - 18 spikes, 83 flowers, 6 buds

Neville Morris

Phragmipedium Patti MacHale

Coelogyne speciosum

Paphiopedilum Larry Booth 'Ardmore Rd'

Paphiopedilum sukhakulii x *robinii*

Paphiopedilum insigne

Paphiopedilum insigne var. *sanderiae*

Cyril Whittaker

Maxillaria nigrescens

Franz Zumbuhl

Aerangis biloba

Aerangis kirkii

Galeandra macroplectra

Ancistrochilus rothschildianus

Bulbophyllum longiflorum

Chaubardiella chasmatochila

Cochlioda rosea

Laelia albida var. *rosea*

Oncidium suscephallum

Zelenkoa onusta

Barkeria lindleyana

Barkeria cyclotella

Marea & Gary Faigan

Eria coronaria (perfumed)

Stenoglottis longifolia

Stenoglottis Neptune

Miltonia Hybrid

Miltonia Unnamed

Vuylstekeara Cambria 'Plush'

Zygopetalum Hybrid (Yellow)

Gongora galeata

Stigmatostalix radicans

Dawn Bowen

Stigmatostalix radicans

****Please update your label**

Report from MARCH DAY GROUP MEETING

This started off at Ruth Schellin's, on Thursday 20th May, with a hot cuppa and plenty of friendly conversation. Business included an announcement that the Orchid Council of New Zealand's AGM and TOS 40th birthday celebrations next Queen's Birthday Weekend would probably be held at PIMs at Bell Block, though it is yet to be finally confirmed. This venue would be very suitable; it is not very far out of town and all catering would be done at the one place.

Also, it is confirmed that David Banks will be our guest speaker at the Summer Show 2011. He is an exceedingly able and knowledgeable orchid grower and will have much to impart about orchids.

Kath spoke on the South Island judging seminar held in Nelson. Alf Day was the speaker there and we hope to confirm his speaking at one of our meetings in the near future.

A question was asked as to who were the guest speakers and what subjects they were speaking on at the Orchid Extravaganza in September. These have all been sent out in the Handbook, of which Nola has copies that will be available at the next meetings. A request was made that they should be printed in our newsletter.

Plants on display at the meeting:

Murray and Hazel Fawcett:

Masd. Mary Staal, *Den. tetragonum*, *Onc.* Summit.

Terry Wood:

Den. Star of Gold

Neville Morris:

Paph. insigne, *Paph. insigne* 'Sanderac', *Paph.* Recovery

Dawn Bowen:

Cym. Mac's Ruby (*Cym.* Ruby Eyes x Parish Song)

Kath Bruce:

Coel. massangeana, *Paph.* Orchid Valley, *C. intermedia* (*irrorata* x Rosea)

There were many raffles and a number won three and the rest missed out. One of the raffle prizes was a container of worm wee, which has to be diluted to 1 in 10. It was discussed fully and many have had good results on the use of this as a fertiliser.

Many thanks to Kath Bruce for providing this write-up.

COMMITTEE NEWS

The next committee meeting will be held at Nola's on **Thursday, 10th June 2010**, commencing at 7:15pm. Please notify the president, Murray (Ph: (06) 765-6259) if there is anything you wish to add to the agenda. Also, please contact Nola Hill, Treasurer, (Ph: 759-1606) if there are any accounts to be passed for payment.

Please Note: Nola and Grahame Hill are now keeping some bags of bark available for anyone in the town area. Please phone order before calling in, Ph: 759-1606, 33c Carrington Street, New Plymouth, Email: hillcroft@xtra.co.nz Cell: 027 671-9272

The Society has a new supply of marker pens - \$8-00 each.

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Taranaki Orchid Society, to be held on Tuesday, 13th July 2010, at Central School, Pendarves Street, New Plymouth, commencing at 7:30pm.

1. Present
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of last AGM
4. Matters Arising
5. Correspondence
6. President's Report
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Election of Officers
9. Election of Auditor
10. General Business
 - a) Subscriptions. Now: Single - \$23 (reduced to \$21 if paid by 30th June: Family - \$31 (reduced to \$28 if paid by 30th June). Recommendation from Committee that they remain the same.
 - b) Out of Pocket Expenses
 - c) Honorary Members
 - d) By-laws and Regulations