

The Taranaki Orchid Society Inc.

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NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2010

Back into Orchids for 2010 Lunch Time plus Barbeque

at 15 Warkworth Grove

Bell Block

Allan & Jenny Watson's

31st of January

Starting at 12 o'clock till whenever !

Disposable plates and utensils, sausages and hot spuds as well as the barbeque will be provided, otherwise bring what you want to eat and drink.
This is an ideal chance for the day and night groups to mix.

Don't forget to bring along a plant for the raffle if you wish.
If you are coming, let us know so we have enough seats etc, on 755-0676.

Happy New Year

NO EVENING MEETING OR DAY GROUP MEETING IN FEBRUARY
due to BBQ MEETING, AS ABOVE.

TOOTAPPS TOPIC

Welcome to a new year all you Orchid Lovers. I trust you had a great Festive Season and are all keeping well now, after the health issues some of you have been going through.

What a great weekend / Summer Show we have just had, despite the inclement weather for a great part of the time. The various alliance meetings were very well attended and some very valuable information was forthcoming from knowledgeable heads, which is very well worth remembering.

It was pleasing indeed to see some new faces along with the regulars who are very good to see again. Yours truly has made a promise of some rafted natives for four new faces from Temuka, to ensure they come back next January.

So I hope you all are keen for the upcoming year, and remember the big Expo in Palmy in September.

Will catch up with you all at the Watsons BBQ on the 30th.

'Til next month,

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SUMMER SHOW – January 2010.

What a great social weekend we had at our Summer Show this year. With many hands making light work, the Highlands Intermediate Hall was transformed on Friday, all ready to display the lovely array of orchids that arrived from near and far. We had an interesting visit from the local newspapers, which resulted in a preview of the show appearing in the Saturday morning paper. We thought this would be of great help in boosting numbers from the public on Saturday, but alas, the nasty windy weather had other ideas and kept the public away, so unfortunately the Car Boot Sale was not as successful as it has been in previous years. The Specialist Group meetings throughout the weekend were very well attended and in no time at all it was 1:00pm on Sunday and time to clear the hall. Amazingly it was all gone and cleaned up by 2:00pm!

It was an excellent idea to engage the help of the Spotswood College Hockey team, organised by Malcolm and Christine Bruce, who, along with Malcolm and Christine, worked very hard, fetching and carrying all the gear from St John's garage to the hall and back again, as well as moving about all the seating at the hall that was not required. Members were very pleased with the process and I am sure the idea will be implemented again at a later show. Many thanks must go to the hockey team to which we will be giving a donation.

Many thanks also to all the members who helped setting up and breaking down the show, as well as those who studiously carried out jobs whilst the show was in progress, erecting signage, kitchen duties, raffle sellers and many others, just being available to socialise and have 'orchid talk' with the visitors.

Special thanks to Ken and Patricia Elms, Tudor Orchids, Palmerston North, who kindly donated a lovely plant of *Oncidium Sharry Baby* for the raffle, which incidentally was won by Jenny Walsh. Two of the other prizes were won by Wellington Orchid Society members and the *Phalaenopsis* was won by a member of the public. Special thanks too to those involved in approaching New Plymouth businesses for donations towards building a 'special' raffle, with prizes ending up being worth way over \$600. This was an awesome effort and the raffle proved extremely popular and has raised a lot of funds for the Society.

Congratulations to everyone who received a placing in the judging. This is a great opportunity for judges from all over the country to participate, culminating in quality awards for some. Full results on Page 3.

We tried out having a 'sausage sizzle' at the car boot sale, but due to the awful wind, it didn't quite work out how we would have liked, but I'm sure if the weather had been better, the saussies would have been very popular!

George was brave enough to take a group through Pukekura Park, although he said the wind wasn't quite so bad once you got into the Park. The walk was thoroughly enjoyed by those participating and I believe they were only just making their way out when the lights were due to go out!

Many thanks to everyone involved in all of these activities.

Thank you to all our members who brought their plants to show and I particularly would like to thank all the people from outside Taranaki who brought along their plants for display, as without them we would not have a show. It is amazing all the different kinds of orchids that appear at this time of the year that you wouldn't normally see so it is definitely worthwhile participating in this annual event.

BLACK CLOTH: Any members who may have any of the Society's black cloth at home, could they please make sure that it is brought back to a meeting or any member of the committee as soon as possible to enable us to do a stocktake. We found on setting up at the show, we seemed to have a few long lengths of hemmed cloth missing.

Report from LAST DAY GROUP MEETING

Well, unfortunately we found out the hard way in regards to holding a December Day Group Meeting. As it turned out, it was too close to Christmas to have a good attendance and there were only four members present.

Thank you Jennie for making your home available for the meeting. We hope you will not be put off by the small attendance and look forward to seeing you at the Day Group meetings this year.

Report from Jennie Meads follows:

Unfortunately there was only four that attended. Cliff Coles, Terry Wood, Barbara Frost, Jennie Meads (Me). Christmas gifts were exchanged by Cliff and myself. BBQ cancelled.

Apologies received by me: Elaine Schreiber, Joan and Ernie Corbett, Kath Bruce, George Fuller.

Other apologies: Neville Morris, Lois Peters, Flo Potter, Nola and Graham Hill.

The weather was brilliant and the Coffee / tea and nibbles were excellent.

That's all to report. Have a lovely Christmas - All the best from Jennie.

RESULTS – TOS SUMMER SHOW 2010

- Cymbidium** 1st *Cym.* Sweet Lime
Cyril Whittaker, NP
2nd *Cym.* Cricket
Kath Bruce, NP
- Paphiopedilum species**
1st *Paph. sukhakulii*
Tucker Orchids, Auckland
2nd *Paph. victoria-reginae*
Tudor Orchids, Palmerston North
- Paphiopedilum hybrid**
1st *Paph.* Magic Lantern 'Lucy'
Joy Wray, NP
2nd *Phrag.* Jason Fischer
Tucker Orchids, Auckland
- Cattleya Alliance**
1st *C.* Quinquecolor 'Lee's Pick'
Leroy Orchids, Auckland
2nd *Lc.* Ancibarina
P & G Fox, NP
- Disa – Orange-Red**
1st *Disa uniflora* 'Red Statement'
George Fuller, NP
2nd *Disa uniflora* 'Red Glory'
George Fuller, NP
- Yellow**
1st *Disa uniflora* 0207
George Fuller, NP
2nd *Disa Uniflora* 0407
Ray Albiston, Hamilton
- Other Colour**
1st *Disa Watsonii* 'Cesar'
C Christensen, Napier
2nd *Disa Watsonii* 'Cesar'
P & G Fox, NP
- Species**
Disa uniflora 'Triumphant'
George Fuller, NP
- Masdevallia species**
1st *Dracula severa*
C & R Coles, NP
2nd *Dracula bella*
C & R Coles, NP
- Masdevallia Hybrid**
1st *Masd.* Funky Stripe x Pixie Leopard
C & R Coles, NP
2nd *Masd.* Carmita
Roy Harris, Tauranga
- Odontoglossum Alliance**
1st *Odm.* Stroperry 'Pukekura'
Paul Cable, Wellington
2nd *Odontioda* Arlington 'Jane'
Marea Faigan, NP
- Phalaenopsis**
1st *Phalaenopsis* Taisuco Light
Tucker Orchids, Auckland
2nd *Phalaenopsis* Bedford Timmy Snow
Ted Mannell, Masterton
- Phalaenopsis Novelty**
1st *Phal.* Bedford Lawrence Budding
Ted Mannell, Masterton
2nd *Phal.* Gemstones Gold Leopard
Graham Holmes, Wellington
- Dendrobium**
1st *Dendrobium* Kultana Concert
C Christensen, Napier
2nd *Dendrobium* Gerald McCraith
P & G Fox, NP
- Specimen Plant**
1st *Promenaea* Samsu
Grahame Leafberg, Auckland
2nd *Dendrobium crepidiferum*
P & G Fox, NP
- Miltoniopsis (Pansy type)**
1st *Miltoniopsis* Grin 'Pink Frill'
C & R Coles, NP
2nd *Mtps.* Sunny Bank Magic
C & R Coles, NP
- Hybrid Any other genus not already judged**
1st *Ascocenda* Mem. Kay Killington
Carl Christensen, Napier
2nd *Vanda* Heather's World 'Kipling'
Kath Bruce, NP
- Species Any other genus not already judged**
1st *Maxillaria coniauxiana* var *longifolia*
Grahame Leafberg, Auckland
2nd *Stenoglottis woodii*
Wilma Fitzgibbon, Papamoa

COMMITTEE NEWS

The next committee meeting will be held on **Thursday, 18 February 2010**, commencing at 7:15pm at Nola Hill's residence. Please notify the secretary, Allan (Ph: 755-0676) 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.

Hi all....

Don't forget we will be holding a small display at the Horticulture show.

Date is 6th & 7th February at the racecourse.

We are still looking for some flowering plants; the space to fill is 2x1 metres.

Plus plants for sale, we have a small space so not too many from each.

Sales Tags tickets will be available at the BBQ.

If you can help, please phone the following:

Allan Watson, Phone: 755-0676; or

Cyril Whittaker, Phone: 759-4388.

PLANT LISTS

On display at the December 2009 meetings

George Fuller

Masdevallia coccinea 'Red Glow'
" " 'Lines' CBM/AOS
" Resplendent Giant 'Amethyst'
" Red Flamingo 'C&R'

Dactylorhiza foliosa

" *maculata* (?) 'a'
" " " 'b'

Disa Uniflora 'Apricot Gem'

" " (0407'i') (Apricot)
" *tripetaloides* (4000'd')
" *aurata* 'Golden Guineas'
" Veitchii
" Carveitch
" *Kewensis* 'Torbay'
" Tridiette 'Greenland'
" Eloise Harper 'Candy Floss'

Maureen Russ

Coelogyne ochracea

Angraecum germinyanum

Zygopetalum Kiwi 'Alan Tucker'

X Kiwi Klassic 'Korker' = Kiwi Korker**

Zygopetalum River Murray 'Napier'

Oncidium saculatum

Odontoglossum Hallii

Blc. Rosalie Dawn x (Tantalizer x *C. loddigesii*)

Unnamed *Phalaenopsis*

Dtps. Little Gem Stripes x George Vasquez 'Eureka'

Neville Morris

Coelogyne ochracea

Paphiopedilum haynaldianum

Paphiopedilum Imperial Jade

Dendrobium fimbriatum var. *occulatum*

Cymbidium Cricket

Sarcochilus (Melody x *hartmannii*) = *Sarco.* Dove**

Paddy & Gerli Fox

Ansellia africana

Ada (*Brassia*) *keiliana* L & R

Brassavola perrinii

Dendrobium Gerald McCraith

Disa *Watsonii* 'Torbay'

Oncidium (*sphacelatum* x Sydney)

Phalaenopsis (white)

Epidendrum (pink)

Sarcochilus ceciliae 314 'Lucky Red'

Odontocidium Santa Barbara Gold x

Sylvia Budd

Marea & Gary Faigan

Masdevallia coccinea 'Red Glow'

Masdevallia *Falcata* – Yellow

Disa 1499 – Mini purple

Sarcochilus Starstruck #8

Sarcochilus Fitzgeraldii 'Kareen'

Sarcochilus Starstruck 'Moonshine'

Dendrobium Chinsai

* This name not found

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6th New Zealand International Orchid Extravaganza: 8 – 12 September 2010.

Registration handbooks and forms will be available at the BBQ meeting. There is an early purchase prices for full registrants, accompanying registrants, midweek registration and weekend registration which closes at the end of February 2010.

Wanda's dishwasher quit working so she called a repairman. Since she had to go to work the next day, she told the repairman, 'I'll leave the key under the mat. Fix the dishwasher, leave the bill on the counter, and I'll mail you a check.'

'Oh, by the way don't worry about my dog, Spike. He won't bother you. But, whatever you do, do NOT, under ANY circumstances, talk to my parrot!' 'I REPEAT; DO NOT TALK TO MY PARROT!'

When the repairman arrived at Wanda's apartment the following day, he discovered the biggest, meanest looking dog he had ever seen. But, just as she had said, the dog just lay there on the carpet watching the repairman go about his work.

The parrot, however, drove him nuts the whole time with his incessant yelling, cursing and name calling.

Finally the repairman couldn't contain himself any longer and yelled,

'Shut up, you stupid, ugly bird!'

To which the parrot replied, 'Get him, Spike!'