

# The Taranaki Orchid Society Inc.

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## NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2010

### NEXT EVENING MEETING

*Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010 – Make a note of it on your calendar now!*

in the Central School Hall, Pendarves Street, New Plymouth, commencing at 7.30pm.

**Guest Speaker:** Adrian from Fairfield Garden Centre, Mangorei Road, New Plymouth, speaking on sprays and fertilisers.

- \* Bring along your plants for display, sometimes this may be the only way others get to see them.
- \* Don't forget some gold coins to buy raffle tickets.
- \* Please remember to wear your name label at the meeting!!
- \* **Supper Duties:** Joan and Ernie Corbett.

### NEXT DAY GROUP MEETING

*18<sup>th</sup> March 2010 – Make a note of it on your calendar now!*

The next Day Group meeting will be held at Joan and Ernie Corbett's place at 5 Anson Place, Westown, New Plymouth, Ph: 753-7563, gathering between 9:30 and 10:00am.

Directions – turn into Wrantage Street, off Tukapa Street, opposite Borrell Avenue. Drive right along almost to the end to Anson Place on the right.

Don't forget a wee something for a raffle prize and bring along any questions you may have to help you and others grow your orchids better. You may also be able to give others some tips too, that have worked for you!

## TOOTAPPS TOPIC

Hi once again folks.

What a great BBQ we had for our first get-together of the year, at the Watsons on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010, under very testing conditions. The wind was very strong and we had the odd light shower.

Twenty-one members braved the weather, we had a marvellous spread of great dishes, and I am sure one and all would have gone home happy and well fed.

Allan showed members around his very well looked after collection of various genera.

The raffles, all 15 of them, were much appreciated, thanks to all who took them along. But the luck of the draw was such that two or three members had a very lucky day.

Do come along to our March meeting to hear a very knowledgeable plants man, Adrian, from Fairfield Gardens. We hope to have a bumper attendance at this meeting on Tuesday evening and of course, the first Day Group meeting will be held nine days later, at Joan and Ernie Corbett's place. We hope for a nice day and some more enthusiastic orchid lovers in attendance there too. Sharing culture tips and other growing knowledge and bringing along your plants that are in flower, is one sure way of enjoying the meetings.

Cheers, 'til next month.

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# 6<sup>th</sup> New Zealand International Orchid Extravaganza

## Arena Manawatu, Palmerston North

### 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

The next eight months will be a busy time as we count down for the above event. Do remember to register for this exciting event. Registration entitles you to attend all the lectures during the four days and the opening night function and prizegiving. Registration Handbooks will be available at our meeting, but also online at: [www.orchids.org.nz](http://www.orchids.org.nz) Some specialist breakfast meetings will also be held so check your registration form for various costings.

Make sure you pencil in your booking for accommodation with Nola Hill. The Society has booked some motel units for the whole week and there will be some days available for people, coming and going, but you DO need to notify Nola of your requirements.

## CALLING ALL QUILTERS !!

There is a quilt competition in conjunction with Rose City Quilters and the 6th N Z International Orchid Extravaganza in Palmerston North, 9th - 12th September 2010: the theme for the quilt being **ORCHID EXTRAVAGANZA**.

If anyone wishes to enter please contact Nola on (06) 759-1606 and she will send you the relevant details.

VALE – PETER BRADLEY. It is with sadness that we report the passing of Peter Bradley, who was a Past President of the Taranaki Orchid Society and has given the Society many years of service. Peter has been suffering over the last few months with cancer, which finally caught up with him and our thoughts and sympathy go to his family.

## COMMITTEE NEWS

The next committee meeting will be held on **Thursday, 18 March 2010**, commencing at 7:15pm - venue to be advised. 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.

Message from the committee:

Anyone who would like to volunteer their services to serve on a special committee for the Orchid Council AGM, Queens Birthday Weekend 2011, please contact a committee member at our next open meeting.

At the beginning of our next open meeting, we will be holding a beginner's corner, similar to what was tried a few years ago, so I would ask members to be there on time, as I will be starting at 7:30 sharp. This is a lead-in to our guest speaker for the night, Adrian from Fairfield.

Also a reminder that all plants taken along to any display or show, must be presented in a healthy and pest-free condition, and that any plant presented in an unhealthy state can be refused entry, by a panel of no less than two people, to any display. It is not a hard job keeping a plant in good condition, so please try!!!!

Anyone who has any of the Society's black display cloth at home, could you please return it to a Committee ASAP, as we will be needing all we have for the Expo at Palmerston North, and we will possibly need to purchase more. Your cooperation in this matter would be most appreciated.

Senior health care solution---so you are a senior citizen and the government says no health care or pension for you. What do you do? Our plan gives anyone 65 years and over a gun and 4 bullets. ... You are allowed to shoot 2 M.P.'s and 2 Senior Govt officials. Of course, this means you will be sent to prison where you will get 3 meals a day, a roof over your head and all the health care you need! New teeth, no problem. Need glasses, great. New hip, knees, kidney, lungs, heart? All covered. And who will be paying for all of this? The same government that just told you that you are too old for health care. Plus, because you are a prisoner, you don't have to pay any income tax anymore!

*Thanks to Bay of Islands OS Newsletter.....*