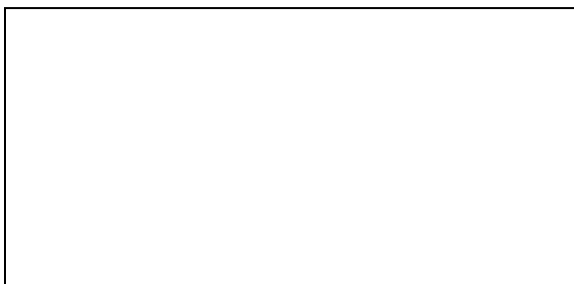


WAIKATO ORCHID SOCIETY
P.O. Box 7101
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FEBRUARY 2010 Newsletter



Meeting 7-30pm every 4th Tuesday except Dec, Jan, Hamilton Gardens

PRESIDENTS REPORT

I hope this message finds you all well and you have made the most of the holiday season. Also that your orchids are growing well and looking great for this time of the year.

The orchid year for the Society starts with the AGM on the 23rd February (note the change of venue).

This is our 50th year as a Society and we have plans to celebrate this milestone at our Winter Show. In September the 5 yearly international show is being held in Palmerston North so this is going to be a year with a lot to celebration and socializing (plus organizing)

I would ask all members to make an effort to attend the AGM and have some input into how they want the society to run. Staying at home and thinking that others will sort things out is easy. But be warned, the ones who have "sorted it out" in the past are wearing out and need support to keep going.

So please come along and start the new orchid year with lots of enthusiasm. Keith



Calendar of COMING EVENTS

Tues 23rd Feb	AGM Meeting Fairfield Baptist Church
Tues 2nd Mar	Committee Meeting @ Ray Albiston's
Wed 10th Mar	Day Meeting @ Diane Willson's
Tues 23rd Mar	Monthly Meeting at Hamilton Gardens

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February Meeting

Tuesday 23rd February 2010 7-30pm

Please Note the change of venue owing to the fact that as the Hamilton Festival is on that week we cannot have our meeting at the Hamilton Gardens.

We will meet at the **Fairfield Baptist Church**
1101 Heaphy Terrace, Hamilton East

“ Annual General Meeting plus free Giveaway”

The meeting will follow the usual format of AGM followed by a general meeting. There will also be “Free Giveaways” (a great deal for newer members) like plants, pots and yearbooks. Maybe a surprise or two, plus the Popular Vote and Display. All welcome, please see “Presidents Remarks”.

Popular Vote Result

Trophies were presented at our Christmas meeting to the following members based on the Popular voting during the year.

Congratulations to:

Open	Mike Timm
Species	Ian Mc Pherson
Small	Jim & Rae James
Cymbidium	Ray Albiston
Novice	Joe Chang

DAY MEETING

The first day meeting of the year will be held on the 10th of March at Diane Willson's place 11B Arcus St Hamilton at 10am. All welcome.

Society Snippets

BBQ

Thanks Pat for hosting a most relaxing and enjoyable BBQ for all who attended. Hope you weren't worn out with all the cooking, and we were impressed with the great organising to put on such nice weather. Nice plants in flower also.

Books

Thanks to Helen Smith for the donation of some orchid books to the Society, and best wishes to you and Barry in your new abode at Trevallyn Village.

POPULAR VOTE for November by Rae James

Overall Winner

D. Martin

Ctt. Trick or Treat x self

Open

1st M. Timm

Odcdm. Midnight Miracles

2nd = M. Timm

Ctt. Dixie Jewels 'Doris'

2nd = I. MacPherson

Odm. (Mount Diablo x Nicky Strauss)

2nd = M. Timm

Vuyl. Edna 'Stamperland'

Small

1st I. MacPherson

Sl. Marriottiana

2nd = I. D. James

Sarco. Elise

2nd = R. Albiston

Disa Colette Cywes

Species

1st S. Hillmer

Cu. pendula (Syn. *Odm. citrosimum*)

2nd S. Hillmer

C. sincorana or *S. sincorana*

3rd S. Hillmer

Epi. hanburyi

Cymbidium

1st R. Albiston

Cym. Sweet Devon 'Tiny Tot'

2nd M. McNair

Cym. Mem. Amelia Earhart 'Ohio'

3rd D. Martin

Cym. Evening Star 'Bethlehem'

Novice

1st M. Kersel

Phal. Brother Oconee

2nd L. Vuursteen-Meijer

Paph. sukhakulii

3rd M. McNair

Zca. Kiwi x *crinitum*

R. Albiston

Masd. coccinea(S)

S. Hillmer

Vf. Blaupunkt (O)

Vuyl Reward (O)

Den. Gerald McCraith (O)

I.D.James

Ctt. Alchemist 'Magic' AM/NZOS(Sm)

Sc. Four Seasons (Sm)

C. Snow Blind (Sm)

Den. Gerald McCraith (O)

S.(*coccinea* x *Arizona*)(Sm)

P. Kenny

C. unknown (O)

D. Martin

C. Guatemalensis(Sm)

Oda.(*Heatonensis* x *Helen Stead*)(O)

Phal. Unknown(O)

D. Willson

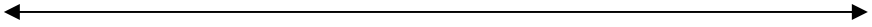
Lyc. Koolena (O)

Lyc. Betty Sparrow (O)

NOTE:

I have used the new accepted nomenclature when checking .

What to do? Write new labels but keep your old labels in case they change them back as has happened with some of the Laelias and Sophronitis



Major Events for the Year



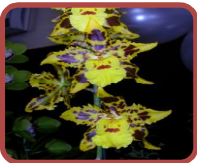
Waikato OS 50th Jubilee celebration

- Sun 7th July Hamilton Gardens
- Display plus catered Lunch for Members and friends of the Society
- Not open to the public



6th NZ International Orchid Extravaganza

- Judging Wed 8th Sept - Social events Wed, Thur, Sat nights
- Public days Thur 9th to Sun 12th
- Masd./Disa & CSA/Paph Interest Group Breakfast meetings
- Lectures by Overseas and Local speakers
- Arena Palmerston North



Waikato OS 1 Day Spring Show

- Sun 26th Sept Hamilton Gardens
- Display and Sales table
- Open to the public

IMPORTANT

- **6th NZ International Orchid Extravaganza** – Get your registration handbook from Diane. NOTE “Earlybird” registration **CLOSES 28th** of FEBRUARY ie this month, so if you delay it will cost you more.
- The society has booked a motel in Palmerston North so if you wish to use it please notify Keith.
- Design of our display is in hand and our site is confirmed.

Message from the Orchid Council of NZ

Hi Everyone and a very Happy New Year to you all. Hope you've had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and raring to go for 2010!

Important notice - Early Registration closes on 28 February 2010 for the 6th NZ International Orchid Extravaganza, being held from 8th to 12th September 2010 at Arena Manawatu, Palmerston North. Get your Registration Forms from your local orchid society secretary, or download from the Extravaganza website: www.orchids.org.nz. Please check and fill out the form carefully and rush into the post before 28th Feb. Otherwise you will pay the Standard Registration which closes on 31st May 2010, after which a Late Registration occurs.

The Planning Committee are meeting on a more regular basis now and everything appears to be well on track for a great show in September. Please check the website above for any further information, or make contact through the show email address on the site if you have any queries.

The Executive and Committee on Awards members have recently met for two full day meetings. Heartiest congratulations goes to the following recipients of awards from **2009 Award Judging** results:

Orchid of the Year: Rhyncattleanthe Koa 'Scorpio' owned by Iris Symonds.

Cymbidium of the Year: Cym. Flaming Beauty 'Redvale' owned by Ross & Susan Tucker.

Species of the Year: Doritis pulcherrima 'Poppy' owned by Margaret Lomas.

Cultural Award of the Year: Tie: Paphiopedilum William Ward owned by Maureen Fryer, Palmerston North, and Masdevallia Heathii 'Bryan' owned by Paddy & Gerli Fox, New Plymouth.

Photo Competition: Don't forget to keep clicking those cameras and send in your favourite photos for the photo competition, which closes on 30th June 2010. It will then be judged and they will be displayed at the Extravaganza in Palmerston North.

This year there will not be our usual AGM and National Judging Seminar weekend in June, due to the big show in September, so please note that there will be a Postal Ballot held and the first notice of that will be going to societies shortly. Please look around your society members and check if anyone is interested in putting their name forward for the executive. New blood is always a good thing!
Kind regards to you all, from the Executive, Orchid Council of NZ

Science Exam Howlers

Q. Name the 4 seasons.

A. Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

Q Explain one of the processes to make water safe to drink.

A Filtration. It removes grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.

Botrytis Flower Spot on orchids is caused by spores from a fungus called *Botrytis cinerea*. Organic matter like old leaves and wilted flowers should always be cleared from the growing area, as fungus will multiply on decaying organic matter in a poorly ventilated, warm environment. Fungi release **spores** into the air that can fall on healthy plants and infect them. Spores will germinate on infected flowers within six hours when the relative humidity is near 100%. They are spread via water, splashed onto sensitive flowers or damaged tissue.

A visit to the local hardware or garden centre will present you with a bewildering array of chemicals for the control of Botrytis, claiming to have either preventative or curative properties.

Over thirty years ago, I encountered Botrytis while growing glasshouse tomatoes. The standard remedy at the time was to use the dangerous systemic fungicide, Benlate, in combination with equally toxic Lanate, for insect control.

About ten years ago I investigated the properties of the ancient and widely used remedy, Neem. International research institutes have found it contains effective chemicals that work systemically as an antifeedant for all sucking and chewing insects, and also has potent antiviral and **fungicidal** properties.

On *Sarcochilus* I encountered a big problem with 'flower spotting' and decided to try Neem Oil. It is now standard practise for me to selectively spray Neem Oil on flower spikes as they develop, just before the florets open.

I have found this to be a safe effective chemical to control Botrytis and spotting on flowers. This one-off spray is in **addition** to regular seasonal applications in January, May and September that will ward off all insects that feed directly on the sap of plants. The effects of Neem are not instantaneous, unlike many other chemical remedies as it takes time to build up in the plant's sap and needs to be topped up regularly.

Perhaps this is why many growers are reluctant to make the commitment to give it a go.

Article courtesy of Canterbury OS Feb newsletter.



A Disa exhibited at the recent Taranaki Orchid Show

SHOW DATES 2010

Date	Show	Venue
9-10 th April	Bay of Plenty OS	Memorial Hall Main St Te Puke
12-14 th June	Caloundra's Golden Orchidfest Australia	Lake Kawana Community Centre Bokarina Queensland Australia
3 rd July	Hawkes Bay OS Winter	Clive Community Hall
7 th July	Waikato 50 th Anniversary Celebration	Hamilton Gardens
14 th Aug	CSA Spring Show	Western Springs
8-12 th Sept	6 th National Show Orchid Extravaganza	The Arena Palmerston North
24-26 th Sept	Tauranga OS	
26 th Sept	Waikato Spring Show	Hamilton Gardens
2-3 rd Oct	Hawkes Bay OS Spring	Taradale Town Hall
6 th Nov	Sarcochilus Show	Taradale Town Hall