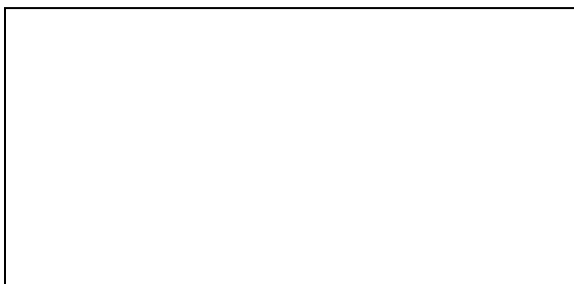


WAIKATO ORCHID SOCIETY  
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## November 2009 Newsletter



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



## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Well, this is the last Presidents Comments I have to write for 2009. If you have access to email, we would like to send you the societies' newsletter electronically as it's a big saving both in postage but more importantly the time that will be saved for the person who has to put the stamps and labels on. Those who do get it via email get it in colour and much earlier in the week of course. So if you would like to get it that way, can you please drop an email to Ray Albiston [ray.albiston@xtra.co.nz]

For those who want or can only get their newsletter delivered by NZ Post, don't worry we will happily keep doing that.

We end the year with the usual social Christmas raffle night. Those who are coming, please bring plenty of Christmas Spirit, plus something for the Raffle (either a plant or xmas goodies but remember it must be something you would be happy to take home.) and don't forget to bring "a plate" for supper as well. The society will provide nibbles and refreshments to get the evening going.

If the weather keeps going like it has over these last few months we might even have a "white Christmas" Let's hope not, as I hate the cold and am hoping summer will soon be here full time.

To those who won't be at the final meeting, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year. Keith



### *Calendar of COMING EVENTS*

Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Nov  
 Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Dec  
 Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Jan

Christmas Meeting Hamilton Gardens  
 Committee Meeting @ Gostiona  
 New Year BBQ @ Pat Kenny's  
 31 Comrie Rd Hamilton



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# November<sup>3</sup> Meeting

Tuesday 24th November 2009 7-30pm  
HAMILTON GARDENS, COBHAM DRIVE

“ End of Year Christmas Meeting”

Featuring the **POT LUCK PRIZE DRAW** with unlimited ticket purchase.



(There will be no Beginners Forum, Library or Sales Table)  
Nibbles will be provided plus wine, beer, fruit juice, punch or BYO.

Please bring :

- End of year flowering plants for the Display
- Donations to the Prize Draw - quality plants, (orchids or others) produce, foods, beverages, mystery parcels, ie anything you would like to receive yourself.
- A plate of your favourite “dessert for supper”



Family, and friends, are welcome for a great night out celebrating another successful year -

## SOCIETY SNIPPETS

### **New Year BBQ**

Members and friends are invited to a BBQ on Sunday 24th of January at Pat Kenny's 31 Comrie Rd Chartwell at 5pm. Bring your own food, drink, plates and eating utensils. Pat will stoke up the Barbie for cooking the food. Enjoy a time of socialising with other members. Everyone welcome.



**POPULAR VOTE for October by Rae James****Overall Winner**

M. Timm Wils. Bardot

**Open**

1<sup>st</sup> D. Martin Ctt. Trick or Treat x self  
 2<sup>nd</sup> I.D.James Srts. Blue Knob  
 3<sup>rd</sup> = A. Locke Wils. Lyoth 'Ruby'  
 3<sup>rd</sup> =M. Timm Oda.(Aloette x Shelley Anne)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> =M. Timm Wils. Bardot

**Small**

1<sup>st</sup> I. MacPherson \*Sarco. Heidi (Fitzhart x *hartmannii*)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> =S. Hillmer *Den hainaniensis* syn. *parciflorum*  
 2<sup>nd</sup> = R. Albiston Sarco. Melba

**Species**

1<sup>st</sup> I. MacPherson *Den. linguiforme*  
 2<sup>nd</sup> E & S.Perrott *Den. aggregatum (lindleyi)*  
 3<sup>rd</sup> A. Locke *Paph. armeniacum*

**Cymbidium**

1<sup>st</sup> R. Albiston Cym. Hallmark  
 2<sup>nd</sup> I.D.James Cym. *tigrinum*  
 3<sup>rd</sup> D. Martin Cym. unknown

**Novice**

1<sup>st</sup> M. Kersel *Phal.* unknown  
 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Yang *Den. pugioniformis* syn. *Doc pugioniformis*  
 3<sup>rd</sup> =L. Vuursteen Bif. *harrisoniae*  
 3<sup>rd</sup> =A. Bennison *Sarco hartmannii*  
 3<sup>rd</sup> = J. Yang *Sarco.* Fitzhart

R. Albiston *Sarco.*Heidi (Sm)  
*Cym. lowianum* (Cym)  
*Masd. coccinea* (S)  
*Masd.*Carmita (Sm)  
 \**Sarco.* Karen Ann(Dove x Heidi)(Sm)  
 S. Hillmer C. Lilliput (Sm)  
 C. Medley (Sm)  
 C. (Theodora x *intermedia*)(O)  
 I.D.James Ctt. Alchemist 'Magic'AM/NZOS(Sm)  
 Sc. Four Seasons' Ace High (Sm)





	C. Snow Blind (Sm)
	<i>C. walkeriana</i> x self (O)
	<i>Sc.</i> Four Seasons 2 clones ( <i>Sm</i> )
	<i>S. (coccinea</i> x Arizona)2 clones (Sm)
A. Locke	<i>Paph. hirsutissimum</i> (S)
	<i>Paph.</i> Jade Dragon(O)
	<i>Mclna.</i> Pagan Lovesong x ( <i>Oda.</i> Torlana x Ingera
	* <i>Paph.</i> Metolius River(Donna Hanes x Sheila Hanes)(O)
I MacPherson	<i>C. jongheana</i> or <i>S. jongheana</i> (S)
D. Martin	<i>Oda.</i> Bellcade 'Gay Boheme'(O)
	<i>Sarco.</i> Fitzhart (Sm)
	<i>Cym. lowianum</i> (S)
	<i>Cym.</i> Evening Star 'Bethlehem'(C)
	<i>Cym.</i> Valley Flower 'Cherry Ripe'(C)
	* <i>Cym.</i> Lloyd Hawkinson not Monkinson (C)
E & S. Perrott	<i>Phal.</i> Bedford 'Grumpy Gus' (Sm)
	<i>Den. devonianum</i> (S)
	<i>Den.</i> Kuniko(O)
	<i>Masd.</i> Lyn Sherlock 'Careful'(O)
	<i>Masd.</i> Lyn Sherlock 'Superba'AM/OCNZ (O)
	<i>Milt.</i> Whale Bay 'Check mate'(O)
R. Skeggs	* <i>Sarco.</i> Rosie Glow(Verolice x Fitzhart)(Sm)
	<i>Sarco.</i> Fitzhart (Sm)
M. Timm	<i>Mclna.</i> Pagan Lovesong'Ruby Charles' (O)
	<i>Ren.</i> Tom Thumb(O)
	<i>Ctt.</i> (Hazel Boyd x Yellow Burst)(O)
Joe Yang	<i>Coel. cristata</i> var. <i>alba</i> (N)

**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 ond Sophronitis

**Report on the DAY MEETING**

The final meeting of the year for the Day Group was recently held at Spencer Hillmer's home attended by 10 members who were treated to a lovely morning tea and a view of Spencers great collection of orchids (many of which were in flower), and his collection of old time potatoes. (Ever seen the Tutaekuri variety of potato??) Please see page 8 for photos of some of Spencers plants.





# Taranaki Orchid Society Summer Display.

This annual event takes place from

**7.30pm Friday 15<sup>th</sup> to 1.00pm Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2010.**

Visitor's plants, for display, will be most welcome, but each plant must be identifiable. Specialist meetings, orchid display, boot sale, Saturday night dinner, all will be held at

**HIGHLANDS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL HALL, 260A CORONATION AVE,  
NEW PLYMOUTH.**

## PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Friday	5 .00pm	Registrations open
	7.30pm	Welcome and Paphiopedilum Group meeting
Saturday	8.00am	Disa Group meeting
	8.00am	Judging (All judges welcome.)
	9.00am	CSA Meeting
	10.00am – 4.00pm	Display open to Public
	11.00am - 3.00pm	Car Boot Sale of orchids and sundries
	3.30pm	Odontoglossum Group meeting
Sunday	6.30pm	Evening meal. Highlands Int School Hall.
	9.00pm	Guided viewing of Pukekura Park illuminations, weather permitting. please bring a torch.
	9.00am	Masdevallia Group meeting
	10.00am – 1.00pm	Display open to public
	1.00pm	Breakdown and farewell
Registration Forms available at the Nov meeting of the Waikato OS.		

The following verse (courtesy of Taranaki OS N/L) was penned by Maureen Russ .

Orchids are my hobby, along with a few other things  
 The different species and flowers are the pleasure they all bring  
 Cymbids, dendrobs, odonts, sarcs, and many more  
 All make up my collection, right up, to the door  
 Brilliant colours, orange, red, yellow and green  
 They all help to make me happy and smile with a gleam  
 Watering and feeding and spraying the lot  
 Keeps me busy, like checking each pot  
 For slugs and snails and mealy bugs too  
 But the rewards outway all the things yet to do.





**Vale** Members of the Society express their deep sympathy to Pat Kenny and his family with the recent passing of Mary after a long illness bravely borne. Although few members will have met Mary, she was always in the background assisting Pat with Society Events that they hosted. Pats hidden talent as a Poet Laureate is displayed in this tribute to Mary that he wrote recently.

### Blue Birds

If not for dawn no day is born,  
 No sunset so divine,  
 Or chimney tops or lemon drops,  
 No clouds so far behind.  
 We found our dawn a life-time born,  
 So dear you are to me,  
 For we sailed high as time passed by  
 And rainbows we did see.  
 Though dawn to sunset was not so far  
 You will always be my Wishing Star.  
*Pat*

**Culture Notes. Cymbidiums** need plenty of light and good ventilation. Don't let the plants dry out completely and feed each second watering with high strength nitrogen feed, mixed just under the recommended strength for orchids. Remaining flower stems should be removed to allow the plants to make new growths for next year. Any plants needing reporting, do as soon as possible. If you put your Cymbidiums outside, make sure that they get plenty of light without getting too much mid-day sun that will scorch the leaves. A good flush with water once a month to wash out excess salts etc is a good idea. A good tonic for greening up the leaves is to water with one teaspoon of Epsom Salts to two gallons of water.

**Australian Dendrobiums** should be repotted as they finish flowering. If there is one and a half growths space between the plant and the pot edge, then the plant will go for another year. Keep plants cool and out of direct sun. They will thrive with plenty of ventilation. Keep moist and feed every 2nd watering.

### Culture Notes continued

**Plants on Slabs** need to be misted morning and night at this time; the night time mist stays on the leaves and roots for several hours allowing plenty of time for the plant to absorb water. A dunking for 10 -15 minutes once a week is helpful.

**Noble type Dendrobiums** need to make very quick growth over the summer to get the canes to maximum size. These plants can be watered daily adding 'Phostrogen'.

**Cattleyas** need regular feeding as the new growth starts. They can be fed with the same high nitrogen feed as Cymbidiums. Cattleyas appreciate good humidity and need good light at this time, but not strong enough to burn the leaves. Laelias and Vandas need plenty of good light and ventilation, but keep sheltered from the rain.

**Phalaenopsis** should be starting to show new growths, so they must be kept damp at all times but don't over feed. These plants don't need a lot of light at this time of year. If you notice the leaves taking on a reddish tinge they are getting too much sunlight. When flowering is finished these plants appreciate repotting into new mix. Trim off the spent lower stem and roots when you do this to lower the plant and allow new roots that will come to find their way easily into the mix.

**Paphiopedilums** should be starting to show new growths, so they must be kept damp at all times, but don't over feed, half strength Cymbidium fertilizer is best, as long as their new growths are firm. These plants don't like excessive daytime temperatures, but keep the night temperatures from dropping below 8 deg C. About 50% shade is the ideal for this genera. These plants will appreciate a change of mix and a larger pot.





**Iwitihi Reserve**

For those who may be interested, there is an open day at the reserve on Sunday Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>. This Native Orchid reserve is near Taupo on the Napier – Taupo highway.

**Photos of Spencer Hillmers plants taken at the recent day meeting**



Thank you to all our members who purchased books or sold tickets in the **OCNZ NATIONAL RAFFLE** recently. Our Society benefited from a proportion of the proceeds.

Unfortunately the winners as below were not from our region.

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

2nd prize: Ticket No 7052 went to Onehunga, Auckland - Ana Rose .

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

The Waikato Orchid Society Committee wish all members, friends and family a very merry Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year. Thank you for all your support and assistance at shows & meetings during the year, and we would love to see you at the New Year Barbeque.

Happy holidaying from the Committee.

**SHOW DATES 2010**

Date	Show	Venue
15-17 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2010	Taranaki Summer	Highlands Int School Coronation Ave New Plymouth

