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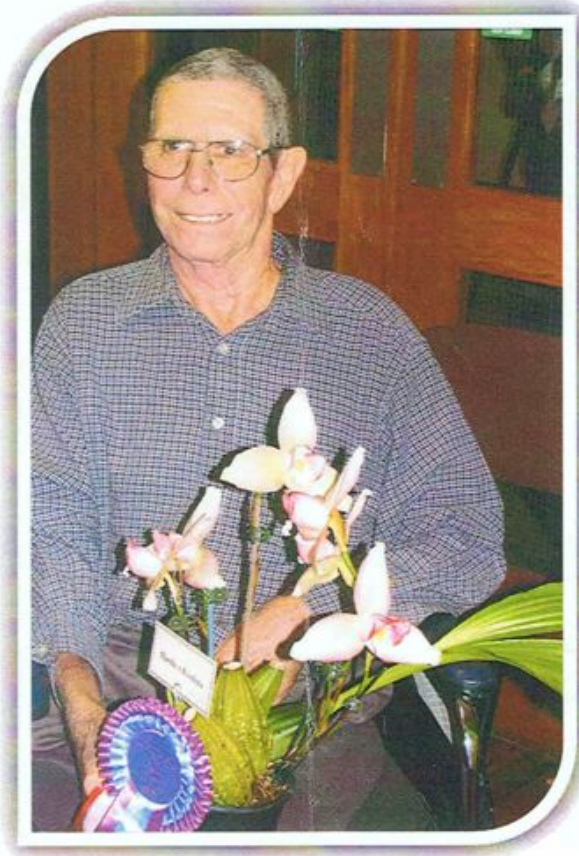
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MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 1st SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
AT THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S HALL , COLE ST., MASTERTON
COMMENCING AT 1- 30pm: DOORS OPEN AT 1pm

VALE



MURRAY JOHN POWELL
10/10/1939 – 18/12/2009

It is with profound and sincere regret we note the passing of Murray. All who knew him will miss his warmth, humour and enthusiasm for life in general and orchids in particular.

Murray's practical assistance with club activities and his willingness to become involved in shows outside Wairarapa were examples of his commitment to the local club. It is pleasing to report how well Murray and Nola did with their orchids around the various shows over the years, and it was very fitting that they should take Show Champion at the Wairarapa Orchid Circle Annual Show just 2 months before Murray's death.

To Murray's wife, Nola, and his family - especially Brenda – we offer our deepest sympathy and an assurance that Murray will not be forgotten .

Ted Mannell

A BIT FROM THE TOP

Welcome to a new year and I hope it is a good one for each and every one of you.

This year, the committee has come up with a few new ideas. One thing we are looking at is having a different format for our mid-year lunch ----- but more on this later in the year.

Another thing we have had to consider is the effect the 6th New Zealand International Orchid Extravaganza will have on our Annual Show. The Extravaganza will be held in Palmerston North over the days of 8 – 12 September inclusive and our club will of course have a display there. The amount of effort which will go into setting up a suitable display will make it very difficult to organise a full show of our own on our usual scale. We are, therefore, looking at the idea of having a one day show - maybe on a club day – in the Senior Citizens' Hall.

Speaker our speaker for February is Roy Walker who will talk on Fertiliser, Problem Plants and Plant Culture. If you have a problem plant bring it along.

BBQ don't forget the BBQ after our February meeting

BBQ Venue – Ted Mannell's place 6 Kitchener St., Masterton

Bring your own meat and any other food you would like to contribute –eg a small salad or some bread rolls.

BYO alcohol

Bring your own knife, fork and plate and if you have a folding chair, that could be a help. Ted has outdoor seating for around 12 people.

Let's get the year under way with a good turn out.

See you at the meeting

GARRY



PLANTS ON PARADE

BERYL PETERS TROPHY

TED MANNELL

Aerides rosea



OTHER ENTRIES

J & N Robinson
W & E Spiekman
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B & L Cook

Oda Carol Easton 'Scarlet Orb'
Sarc Kirra-lea
Mas coccinea 'Cerise'
LC Kingarey "Sunshine No 1" x
SLC Jewel Box 'Scheherazade'

LUCKY DRAW

W & E Spiekman

DISPLAY

R & L Bird

Cym Robert Rowe x Pink Cloud Miss Muffet

R Walker

C Mem. Frank McKnally
Sl Marriottiano
Slc Mem Dorothy Worden 'Living Fire'

L Witham
Paph villosum
Den linguiforme
Coelogyne nitida

L Dougherty
Sarc fitzgeraldii 'B' x 'Lyndall'
Sarc Dove 'Good' x *Dove* '234 Beauty'
Sarc ceciliae 'Glowing Pink' x *Velvet* '#1' =
Marina Harriott
Sarc Elise 'Almost Plum' x *Plum*
Sarc Aussie Weinman
Sarc Cream Cake 'Elizabeth' x *Velvet* (Dr Butler)

T Mannell
Phal Flight of Birds
Phal Mok Choi Yew x *Goldiana*
Phal Brother Timmy Snow
Phal Bright Peacock
Phal Sogo Lit Angel
Mokara Leunberger Gold

G Jackson
L Lucy Ingram
Slc Aloha Jewel
C Chocolate Drop Kodama x *Mailamai* (2)
Sl Psyche 'Prolific' (2)
Sl Jinn
S coccinea

J & N Robinson
Mas Falcata 'Cliffys' x *Frazeri* = *Mount Hood*
Mas Heart Throb
Mas Lyn Sherlock
Mas Tulip
Sarc Star Struck (2)
Sarc Fitz 'Lorraine 50c'
Sarc Sunspoy
Sarc 'The Clown' x *F Lorraine*
Cym Tiny Tiger
Odm Eric Young

B & L Cook
Sarc Star Struck 'Red Cascade' x *Velvet* 'Cool Dude'
Sarc Pinky
Sarc hartmanii *Tumbia* x *hartmanii* *Brain Choice*
Sarc Fitzhart x *Plchs Richard Jost*
Sarc ceciliae 'Nicky'
Sarc Emery Green
Sarc hillii
Slc Jinn
Oda Durham Point (92)
Plchs Richard Jost

W & E Spiekman
Mas Minaret 'PJ'
Mas coccinea 'Cerise'

Mas Red Flamingo
Mas falcata 'Goldfinch'
Mas Bella Donna
Mas heathiii x Rubicon 'Cliffy'
Mas Tracy Ann
Mas Pichincha 'Quito Belle'
Rhino Orange Stars
Sar Snowhart x Fairy Scarlet
Sarc Fitzhart 'Pinkhart' x fitzgeraldii x Elegance
Sarc Star Struck x hartmanii 'Noelene' = Starhart
Sarc hartmanii x ceciliae
Sarc fitzgeraldii x fitzgeraldii 'Glen Ray'
Sarc Lois x Ceciliae Snowball x hartmanii 'Gold Spot'
Sarc Fitzhart 'Aurora' x Plec tridentate 'Dark'
Sarc Elise 'Almost Plum' x fitzgeraldii 'Dark Red Centre'
Sarc ceciliae 'Snow Ball' x hartmanii 'Gold Spot' = Lois
Sarc Racheal x Cherie = Rosy Dawn
Sarc ceciliae x Nicky = Elise
Sarc Judith 'Ray' x fitzgeraldii 'Goodwood'
Sarc Kirra-Lea
Sarc hartmanii
Plrhz brevilabris

CULTURE NOTES

FEBRUARY

GENERAL COMMENTS.

Water early at this time of the year, so that plants have time to dry out before night fall. In this hot weather a light watering each morning will not do any harm, as long as the medium is not already saturated. Scratch the surface to check the moisture level & water accordingly, REMEMBER ,if youwater more often, then feed more often as well. At this time of year we should be getting high daytime temperatures & low night temperatures, & it is this summertime differential that is all important, whether your Cymbidiums are early, mid-season, or late bloomers, as all spikes are initiated during the summer. They show during the autumn, then proceed to grow at their own pace depending on when the plant flowers.

If some of your plants have suffered sun burnt leaves, don't panic, let them drv off over a period of time & remove by cutting the leaf behind the burnt area, & apply some Flowers of sulphur to the cut edge. This will tidy up the plant. The Cattleya Alliance with its thick leaves is particularly prone to this type of damage.

Keep the floors well watered to keep up humidity as this is a benefit to plants and also helps to keep the Mites at bay as they cannot breed in humid conditions. Good ventilation also helps to counter Scale (Brown Spot & White), but if it does occur then spraying with All Seasons Oil at summer strength will kill it.

Keep up a spray programme for FUNGUS, INSECTS, & MITES etc.

KEEP UP HUMIDITY AT THIS THIS TIME OF YEAR

CYMBIDIUMS that will flower in the autumn & winter should be getting a regular feed of flowering strength fertiliser (Potash. such as Phostrogen etc) to promote good strong spikes. For later flowering Cymbidiums, an occasional water over head with water (chilled preferably) on any hot humid night will help to initiate spikes. It is still not too late to repot any plants that may need doing. Young plants still need a Nitrogen rich feed.

PHALAENOPSIS do not like temperatures above 30oC, so keep well ventilated, but don't shade them too much. These plants will give stronger flower growth next season, if they are repotted annually after flowering. Keep these moist at all times, but not water logged. A shallow container filled with gravel & then water so that the water level is just below the top of the gravel sat under or near to plants is a good way to help keep up the humidity

NOBILE type Dendrobinms can take full light & high temperatures, but need plenty of water & feed at this time. Feed with Phostrogen every second watering, & keep up this feed over the next two months as they need strong canes to flower. Water them on most days in these hot temperatures.

PAPHIOPEDILiIMS do not like temperatures above 30oC, so keep well ventilated but don't shade them too much. They should also be kept moist so that the fans will mature & flower this coming winter. Feed with 1/2 strength Cymbidium food at no less than 10 day intervals. These plants do not like too much fertiliser, as their roots burn very easily.

CATTLEYAS can take the heat & the light, but watch that water is not left on the leaves as this will cause sun burn. Watch that the small pots don't dry out in the hot weather. Feed with the same food as Cymbidiums at 2/3 strength, each second watering. A good time to repot these plants is after flowering & just as the new growth starts to move.

SARCOCHILUS Watch the amount of water that you give these plants, as they don't like wet or cold feet. Make sure that water does not rest in the crown of the plant, as this will set up crown rots. These plants appreciate a well ventilated area particularly on very hot days.

VANDAS can stand to be watered on most hot days with a feed of 1/2 strength food twice a week.

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