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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**

A BIT FROM THE TOP

What a great Show !!!! I must thank all those members who helped make the Show such a success. Everyone involved worked so hard and willingly and the end result was terrific.

Although there had been worries about not having enough plants, these soon evaporated once the staging was set and began to be filled. We ended up with a good layout and enough room for our orchid treasures to be viewed and admired. We all put a lot of effort into caring for our plants with the aim of getting them to peak Show time so that the public sees something worthwhile year after year.

Thanks also to the out-of-Towners who supported us either with commercial stands or just by coming and sharing the weekend with us.

Congratulations to all Trophy and Ribbon winners – especially Murray and Nola. And it was good to see Murray at the Show for a while.

It was very pleasing that several people at the Show displayed an interest in joining the Club. It would be nice to see them at the meeting and I'm sure Club members will make them more than welcome.

Well, it's almost the end of the Show season with only the Sarcochilus Show at Taradale on 7th November left on our Must Do list.

Thanks again for your efforts

Trophies will be handed out at the meeting.

GARRY

November Speaker David McConachie speaking on Natives.

Hawkes Bay Orchid Society

**Sarcochilus Show 7th November
Taradale Town Hall Cnr Lee and Meeanee Rds, Napier**

Committee 2010

We need people for the Committee next year so give some thought to putting your name forward.

CULTURE NOTES

NOVEMBER

GENERAL COMMENTS

November is the start of the growing season for most orchids, as well as a month of good & bad weather. It is a matter of judgement as to when to water & feed your orchids to get them off to a good start & avoid rots setting up in the new growths & roots.

Keep up with a spray programme for insects & fungi, & keep pots up off the ground to avoid wood lice as they love orchid roots. Make sure that your plant has plenty of ventilation.

CYMBIDIUMS need plenty of light & good ventilation. Don't let the plants dry out completely & feed each second watering with a high strength nitrogen type feed, mixed just under the recommended strength for orchids.

All fully open flower stems should be removed by now to allow the plants to get on with making new growths large enough to flower next year. Any plants that still need repotting should ideally be done as soon as possible.

If you are putting your Cymbidiums outside for the season, make sure that they get plenty of light without getting too much mid day sunlight that will scorch the leaves.

A good flush out with water once a month to wash out excess salts etc is a good idea. At some stage in the next month a watering of one teaspoon of Epsom Salts in two gallons of water is a good tonic for greening up the leaves.

AUSTRALIAN Dendrobiums should be re potted as they finish flowering. If there is one & a half growth's space between the plant & the pot edge, then the plant will go for another year. Keep these plants cool & out of direct sun. They will thrive with plenty of ventilation, keep moist & feed every second watering with 1/2 Cymbidium strength fertiliser.

Plants on SLABS need to be misted morning & night at this time. The night time mist stays on the leaves & roots for several hours allowing plenty of time for the plant to absorb water. A dunking for 10 -15 minutes once a week is also beneficial during summer.

NOBILE type Dendrobiums need to make very quick growth over the summer to get the canes to maximum size. These plants can be watered daily incorporating a feed of "Phostrogen"

CATTLEYAS need regular feeding as the new growth starts, they can be fed with the same high nitrogen feed as Cymbidiums. A mist spray of HYDRATED LIME water over the crown of the plant (not the leaves) & media will help to keep blackening at bay.

METHOD FOR LIME SPRAY is to 1/4 fill a 1 gallon container with lime then fill with water and stir, let this settle till the water is clear, then pat 300mls of the clear lime water with 2 gallons of water & this can then be used to spray the crowns. This needs to be done two / three times a year, just stir the mix a couple of days before use.

They also need good light at this time. but not strong enough to burn the leaves, & also appreciate good humidity.

LAELIAS & VANDAS need plenty of good light & ventilation, but should be kept 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. 1/2 strength Cymbidium fertiliser is best. 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 sun light. When flowering is finished these plants appreciate repotting into new mix. Trim off the spent lower stem & roots when you do this to lower the plant & 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. 1/2 strength Cymbidium fertiliser is best. As long as their new growths are firm & shiny they are doing well. 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 & a slightly larger pot every couple of years.

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ANNUAL SHOW TROPHIES 2009

BEST IN SHOW – Dannevirke and District Orchid Society Trophy

Winner *Lycaste Hardie x Koolena* **Grower** M & N Powell

RESERVE CHAMPION – Wairarapa Rose Society Trophy

Winner *Den Aussie Bonanza x Blushing Rose x Penny Rose*

Grower B & L Cook

BEST SPECIMEN PLANT -- Tudor Orchids Trophy

Winner *Pterostylis banksii* **Grower** M & N Powell

BEST SPECIMEN AUSTRALIAN NATIVE-- Barry & Lil Cook Trophy

Winner *Den Aussie Elite* **Grower** M & N Powell

PAPHIOPEDILUM -- Iris Booth Memorial Trophy

First	Marie Joyes	Tudor Orchids
Second	Mystic Jewel	M & N Powell
Third	Ranzales	Tudor Orchids

PHALAENOPSIS -- Bernard Bradley Memorial Trophy

First	Unknown	M & N Powell
Second	equestris	B & L Cook
Third	Brother Purple 'Brother'	E Mannell

MASDEVALLIA -- Chris Fellerhoff Memorial Cup

First	Masd ignea 'Saltash'	C & R Coles
Second	Masd fraseri 'Cliff'	C & R Coles
Third	Restrepia muscifera	W & E Spiekman

AUSTRALIAN DENDROBIUM -- Noeline Thompson Memorial Trophy

First	Den Bonanza x Blushing Rose x Penny Rose	B & L Cook
Second	Den kingianum 'Glenbrook'	J & R Garard
Third	Den Aussie Starlight 'Green'	W & E Spiekman

CATTLEYA -- Len Lloyd Memorial Trophy

First	C Orange Circle	J Bradley
Second	C Minx x Soph. coccinea	J & A Garard
Third	Rlc Mount Hood	O & A Henson

SARCANTHINAE ALLIANCE -- John & Nan Robinson Trophy

First	Sarc Burgandy on Ice 'Barilly'	B & L Cook
Second	Sarc Sherlock	W & E Spiekman
Third	Sarc Burgandy on Ice 'Robin's Star'	J & N Robinson

CYMBIDIUM -- Betty Wallis Memorial Trophy

First	Portuguese Passion 'Tudor Snow'	Tudor Orchids
Second	Sarah Jean 'Lonsdale'	E Mannell
Third	Lady Bug 'Drumm'	J & A Garard

ODONTOGLOSSUM ALLIANCE -- M. and N. Powell Trophy

First	Onc Sum Lai Woh	J Bradley
Second	Wilsonara Tiger Glow	Tudor Orchids
Third	Odm crispum 'Paradise Snow'	E Mannell

MINUTE ORCHIDS -- A. and R. Wallis Trophy

First	Sran Little Sparkle	B & L Cook
Second	Sran Emarcy Gem	E Mannell
Third	Plrhs Brodie Vincent x brevilabris	B & L Cook

SPECIES ORCHIDS -- Coleman Memorial Trophy

First	Pterostylis banksii	M & N Powell
Second	Masd ignea 'Saltash'	C & R Coles
Third	Phaius tankervilleiae	E Mannell

ANY OTHER GENERA -- Wairarapa Orchid Circle Trophy

First	Lycaste Hardie x Koolena	M & N Powell
Second	Lycaste Eico Saito	M & N Powell
Third	Phaius tankervilleiae	E Mannell