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The May meeting of the Manawatu Orchid Society will be held in the Community Leisure Centre, 569 Fergusson Street, Palmerston North on Thursday May 11th commencing at 7.30pm with the AGM followed by the first of several illustrated talks by Graham Jackson on his recent overseas trip.

President's Report

Our Autumn show was a very pretty affair with a good selection of plants. Unfortunately very few people came to view it-including a number of club members- and even fewer opened their wallets. The new venue worked well with the set-up completed in record time. We were let down by lack of advertising in the media – all arranged but not completed. Many thanks to all who helped either setting up, selling raffle tickets - in the kitchen or supplying plants for the display.

The next meeting is our AGM and there is still time for nominations to be handed in. If you feel you have some time and would like to aid in the running of the club please let a committee member know. New blood and ideas are always needed. Nominations close on April 30th.

Also if you have ideas about speakers or suggestions for the running of the club please voice your opinion at the AGM. Graham Jackson is going to share his experiences of his trip and the Japanese Dome show where he joined a small group from New Zealand. This will be Part 1 and we will see several more parts as year the goes by.

Just a reminder that the club is having a display at the Manfield Garden Festival on May 1st & 2nd. If you can spare some time we would appreciate help with selling raffle tickets and promoting our club and the Extravaganza in September.

If you have plants available for the display give either Graham Robertson or myself a phone call and we could arrange transport for them. Set up is Friday morning.

Patricia Elms
President.

The Four Stages of Life:

1. You believe in Santa Claus.
2. You don't believe in Santa Claus.
3. You are Santa Claus.
4. You look like Santa Claus.

From the Orchid Council.

Hi Everyone

Unfortunately, the first cold snap of the year has arrived to remind us that winter is on its way. Remember around Anzac Day is a good time to start reducing your watering and to move plants to warmer positions if required, consider reducing shade and applying plastic. It's a bit easier to get the orchids through the summer months, than the winter months and less costly of course. Hopefully you are all 'on top of the play' and well on the way to getting your plants through the cooler time of the year, in readiness for the big show in Palmerston North in September.

Have you remembered to send in your Registration Form for the 6th NZ International Orchid Extravaganza? This is a must if you want to participate in the various activities through the week of the show, remember the dates - 8th to 12th September 2010. Judging of the show is to be carried out on Wednesday, 8th September, then the show is open to the public from Thursday 9th, through to Sunday 12th. We have a great range of speakers coming to share their knowledge with you too. Get your Registration Forms from your local Society, or download from the website: www.orchids.org.nz

Don't forget to send in your entries for the Photo Competition which closes at the end of June, to PO Box 635, New Plymouth. We know there are a lot of people out there that take hundreds of photos each year and we are looking forward to having a bumper number of entries this year so they can be displayed among all the lovely exhibits at the big show in Palmerston North. Get those cameras clicking, pop your pictures onto a CD, write a little about them, then post it off to us!

NZOS Autumn show will be held on 2nd May, Mt Albert War Memorial Hall, New North Road, Mt Albert, Auckland.

Regards to you all
the Executive, OCNZ.
(Abridged)

Day Forum 22nd April 2010 Held at Brian & Lynn Gibbs – Marton

Seventeen members enjoyed viewing the orchids growing in glasshouses and shade houses, trees and outside in the garden at Lynn and Brian Gibbs residence. Quite a few were in flower making a good display. We also viewed their gardens, succulents and sampled fresh strawberries from their garden. We then moved inside to draw the many prizes in the raffle and view the orchids on display and Jenny's tiny silver leafed cyclamen that she grew from seed and flowered within three years. This was followed by afternoon tea. Our thanks go to Lynn and Brian for a lovely afternoon and the warm sunny weather they turned on instead of the colder day in Palmerston North and Feilding. Several members went home with cuttings and vegetables out of their gardens while most also went home with a raffle prize.

Lorraine Bird.



*****Next month's Day Forum will be at Jill Palethorpe's, Main Road, Rangiotu, (Rangiotu Flowers) on May 27th commencing at 1.30pm. *****



Members at the April Day Forum in Marton.

Photo.Graham Robertson

Benefits of growing Older

Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
Your supply of brain cells is down to a manageable level.

Manawatu Orchid Society Autumn Show Feilding

Results 17th April 2010.

Cymbidium.

1st. Valentines Love. Graham Jackson
2nd Mona Porter. J.Edelston

Masdevallia Alliance – Large.

1st Hot Shot Graham Jackson
2nd Beenak Village Neville Butler
3rd Kimball's Sun x Veitchiana Gwen & Tom
Stoneley

Masdevallia Alliance – Small.

1st Funky x Pixie Leopard C & R Coles
2nd Angelita x ignea Bill Liddy
3rd Funky x Pixie Leopard Bill Liddy

Masdevallia – Best in Class.

Hot Shot Graham Jackson

Cattleya Alliance.

1st Laelia dayana 'Les Ford' Graham Jackson
2nd Arundina graminifolia 'Mac' Ross MacDonald
3rd SLC.(Rimfire x Solar Fire) Bright Angel
Ted Mannell

Cattleya Alliance Best in Class.

Laelia dayana 'Les Ford' Graham Jackson

Paphiopedilum Alliance – Hybrid.

1st Toni Semple Tudor Orchids
2nd King Arthur Tudor Orchids
3rd A DeLaresse Tudor Orchids

Paphiopedilum Alliance – Species.

1st lowii Neil Brumby
2nd henryanum Graham Jackson
3rd lowii Tudor Orchids

Paphiopedilum – Best in Class.

Toni Semple Tudor Orchids

Dendrobium.

1st cuthbertsonii White/Rose Bill Liddy
2nd cuthbertsonii Red Russell Bird
3rd species bicolor Graham Jackson

Dendrobium – Best in Class.

cuthbertsonii Bill Liddy

Vandaceous Alliance.

1st Mokara Leunberger Gold KS Kevin Sherlock
2nd Vascostylis Ascda Whicot x coerulea Ted
Mannell
3rd Vanda tricolor Ted Mannell

Best in Class.

Mokara Leunberger Gold KS Kevin Sherlock

Odontoglossum Alliance.

1st Vuylstekeara Fall in Love Tudor Orchids
2nd Odontocidium Harry Tiger Tudor Orchids
3rd Odontoglossum Stamfordiense Tudor Orchids

Odontoglossum Alliance – wide Intergeneric.

1st Odontobrassia Peggy Mobley 'The Triffid'
HCC/OCNZ Ted Mannell
2nd Beallara Witches Cauldron Graham Jackson
3rd Miltassia War Eagle Graham Jackson

Best in Class.

Odontobrassia Peggy Mobley 'The
Triffid' HCC/OCNZ Ted Mannell

Phalaenopsis Alliance – Standard.

1st Unnamed M2 Gregory Wright
2nd Bedford Lawrence Budding Ted Mannell
3rd Flight of Birds Tudor Orchids

Phalaenopsis Alliance Miniature.

1st 'Unknown' G&J Robertson
2nd Doritis pulcherrima Tudor Orchids
3rd Doritis pulcherrima x Phal. Marise) Tudor
Orchids

Best in Class.

Unknown M2 Gregory Wright

Terrestrial.

1st Thunia marshalliana Kevin Sherlock
2nd Arundina graminiflora 'Mac' Ross MacDonald
3rd Stenoglottis longifolia 'Bob' Jill Palethorpe

Speciman Plant.

1st Dendrobium cuthbertsonii Bill Liddy
2nd Isochilus linearus Jenny Mair
3rd Paph. King Arthur Tudor Orchids

Any other Genus not listed.

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| 1 st Isochilus linearis | Jenny Mair |
| 2 nd Angraecum eburneum | Kevin Sherlock |
| 3 rd Maxillaria grandiflora | Neil Brumby |

Reserve Champion.

Vanda Mokara Leunberger Gold KS. Kevin Sherlock

Best in Show – G & J Robertson Trophy.

Odontobrassia Peggy Mobley 'The Triffid'
HCC/OCNZ Exhibitor Ted Mannell



Odontobrassia Peggy Mobley 'The Triffid' HCC/OCNZ.
Photo: Eldon Ormsby

Rare orchid found in Britain after being declared extinct.

One of Britain's rarest wildflowers has come back from the dead - 23 years after it was last seen, experts said. Published: 10:43AM GMT 19 Mar 2010

The ghost orchid was officially declared extinct in Britain in 2005, with the last sighting recorded in Buckinghamshire in 1986.

Now the wildflower - a pale plant with no leaves - has been found in an oak wood in Herefordshire.

The sighting, made last autumn but initially kept secret, has been described as "wonderful news" by the botanical community.

Trevor Dines, of conservation charity Plantlife, said: "The rediscovery of a single ghost orchid is wonderful news - and gives us hope that this delicate species is not gone for ever. "However, just as one swallow doesn't make a summer, one

ghost orchid doesn't constitute a viable long-term population of a species, which has now been re-classified by the Vascular Plants Species Status Assessment Group as critically endangered."The orchid, which flowers between June and October, grows to 25cm (10in) tall and was traditionally found in deep leaf litter. But numbers plummeted through a combination of its natural habitat being depleted and the use of herbicides and pesticides."Applying the extinct label is almost always difficult because plants can turn up later from seed or following better surveys of suitable sites - it's easy to tell if large mammals are extinct but not small plants that appear only sporadically," said Dr Dines. "This is especially true of ghost orchid but plants declined at the last known site in Buckinghamshire from 25 plants in 1953 to five in 1986 - and it had not been seen at any of its previously-known sites since then."Plantlife used the ghost orchid as the symbol of its conservation campaign, aimed at preventing the loss of wild flowers. The manifesto was launched in September - the same month that the plant was rediscovered but before the find was made public.

From:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/earth/earthnews/7479244/Rare-orchid-found-in-Britain-after-being-declared-extinct.html>

Ghost Orchid.



Birthday Boy Tom. 80 years young.
Photo: Graham Robertson

April Meeting and Plant Commentary

The April meeting was very short on Plants for display and in fact without a few brought all the way from Masterton by Ted Mannell the table would have been bare.

Plants from Ted and results were:

- *Odontobrassia Peggy Mobley* 'The Triffid'
HCC/OCNZ
- *Slc Rimfire* x *Solar Flare* 2nd =
- *Rossiglossum grande* 2nd =
- *Holcoglossum kimballiana* 1st

This was followed by a presentation of the photos of the 2009 awarded plants. Our thanks go to Neville and Patricia for their comments on the awards and to Ted for bringing us some colourful plants to view.



Holcoglossum kimballiana.

Photo.Eldon Ormsby



Day Forum April– Russell & Tom.

Photo.Graham Robertson



Laelia – Day Forum April.

Photo.Graham Robertson.



Day Forum April.

Photo.Graham Robertson.

SOME ANAGRAMS FOR YOU TO ENJOY!!

DESPERATION

When you rearrange the letters: **A ROPE ENDS IT**

THE EYES:

When you rearrange the letters: **THEY SEE**

GEORGE BUSH: When you rearrange the letters:

HE BUGS GORE

THE MORSE CODE: When you rearrange the letters:

HERE COME DOTS



Day Forum April.

Photo.Graham Robertson.

*****I regret I do not have a copy of the Minutes of the 2009 AGM or the financial report to put with this Newsletter. These should be available for perusal at the meeting. Eldon Ormsby*****

A selection of Blooms from the Autumn Show in Feilding.2010

Photos.Eldon Ormsby

A larger version of this collage appears on our website www.manawatuorchid.org.nz



☞ Look who's vacuuming the hall after the Feilding Show while Helen admires a bunch of flowers Ted donated her. ☞
Photos: Graham Robertson.



Manawatu Orchid Society 35th Annual Report.

It gives me great pleasure to present the 35th Annual Report of the Manawatu Orchid Society.

Membership numbers have been declining over the past few years so we would encourage all members to give a thought to ideas to increase membership. Maybe you have friends who grow a few plants – bring them along to experience our meeting night.

Sadly we record the passing, most recently of Iris Raven who for many years worked tirelessly for the Society.

The major event for the year was the hosting of the Orchid Council AGM and National Judging Seminar in June combined with a Winter show. We had a very interesting guest speaker in Gary Yong Gee who gave several talks during the two days. The weekend proved to be very successful both socially and financially and a time to renew orchid friendships. Many thanks to all concerned.

We have had some interesting evening meetings – several members informed us how they do repotting in various containers & rafts, Don Isles took us on a trip looking for our own native orchids. We enjoyed travelling with Alison and Ted Mannell in America and Cuba, David Williams from Redpaths Greenhouses, Graham Jackson with powerpoint presentations and an evening viewing the 2009 awards.

The day group has been increasing in numbers with some interesting venues. Collections visited included Graham & Jean Robertson, Russell & Lorraine Bird, Dawn & Graham Jackson, Jill Palethorpe, Neil Brumby and a picnic at the Esplanade and visit to the glasshouses and Rose beds. Thanks must go to those members who hosted the day meetings and have made them so successful.

The committee wish to thank members who offer their assistance at our shows and meeting nights. Your help is invaluable in the running of the

society – we really appreciate all the help we are offered.

My thanks go to the committee for all the support they have given me during the year, our Secretary Helen, treasurer Graham Jackson, Don and Brian and club members for setting up on meeting nights and all the other “fetching and carrying” for shows and displays, Gwen and Graham Robertson our Show Marshalls, who make the shows come together so easily, Jean for the suppers and all the show catering much of which she prepares herself, Jill and Geraldine for organising the raffles and meeting night sales and Jenny (and her offsider Ronnie) for the library and club sales table at the shows, Eldon for the continued great work as editor of the newsletter, Lorraine and Russell for the interesting programme for the Day group and lastly a special thanks to all the partners who tend to get volunteered for duties during the year.

We look forward to a very special year as host city for the International Orchid Show and hope all our members will be able to participate if they are able. We will require a number of personnel during the show but hopefully will have registrants from around the country also volunteering. This is a great opportunity to renew or make new friendships. We also look forward to a successful year for our society. This can not be achieved without the participation of all our members.

Patricia Elms
President.



Vuylstekeara 'Fall in Love' Photo:Graham Robertson