

NEWSLETTER

July. 2010

NEXT MEETING Sun 15th Aug 2010 at 1.30 pm

Success again!

NEXT MEETING: We start with the brief Special General Meeting previously advertised. Ron Maunder (Paradise Orchids Tauranga) will show us slides of his recent trip to Ecuador and some of the native orchids growing in their natural habitat. Ron will also have plants for sale.

EDITOR'S COMMENT

CONGRATULATIONS to **Kathy** and her dedicated team at the NZOS winter show held late July where HOS won 1st prize in the floor display section earning the society \$100. We had a very good number and variety of excellent plants as usual, as you can see from the results below.

Lee Stone: Trophy (Points Prize, Novice); Trophy (Best orchid any genus, Novice – *S. coccinea*); 1st cl.78 (any other genus) *Pptm* Mathina 'Barbara'; 1st cl.70 (Cattleya Alliance Std) *S. coccinea* (Bright Eyes x Grahame); 1st cl.76 (Dendrobium, Aust) Den. Cassiope; 2nd cl.70, *S. coccinea* x *C. Lana* Coryell; 2nd cl.78 *Lyc. cruenta*; 3rd cl.78 *Masd.* Misfit.

Winsome Webster: 2nd cl.69 (Cym. any colour/size, Novice) *Cym.* So Bold x Yowie Flame.

Lea & Bryce Westlake: 1st cl.37 (Cattleya species) *Epi. cilliare*; 1st cl.1 (Paph, complex white/green) *Paph.* Startler 'Grace' x Magic Mood; 1st cl.61 (Specimen plant) *L. anceps* 'Brylea'; 2nd cl.37 *S. coccinea* 'Jumbo' x *coccinea*.

Glenn & Manee: 1st cl.33 (Cattleya All. Std less than 90mm) *Gsl.* (Sc. Rimfire x Gsl. Solar Fire); 2nd cl.34 (Cattleya Novelty over 90mm) 'unknown'; 2nd cl.60 (Pleurothallid Hybrid) *Masd.* Don's Dream 'Jasper'; 2nd cl.49 (Oncidium All. Full form) *Odcdm.* Hans Neuenhaus 'Bert'; 2nd cl.44 (Phalaenopsis species) *Phal. fasciata*; 3rd Cl.1 (Paph. complex white/green) *Paph.* Pathfinder Navigator.

Kathy Rimmer: 1st cl.52 (Onc. All. Species) *Onc. cheirophorum*.

Michelle Tung: 2nd cl.11 (Mini Cym, brown/red) *Cym.* (Valley Rajah x Claudona) x Miss Muffet; 2nd cl.32 (Cattleya All. Std. over 90mm) *Gsl.* Hazel Boyd 'Torchy'.

John Muddiman: 2nd cl.40 (Phalaenopsis Std. white with stripes/spots) 'unknown'.

Pam Forde: 3rd cl.39 (Phalaenopsis Std. pink with stripes/spots) *Dtps* Hsinying Sonata; 3rd cl.81 (Hybrid, not intergeneric) *Ptst.* Nodding Grace.

Ken & Chui Tse: 3rd cl.36 (Cattleya All. Cluster type) *Rsc.* Mem. Francis Takakura.

Len Cobb: 3rd cl.61 (Specimen) *Sc.* Bella.

This is an excellent result for HOS members and especially Lee who has kept up the tradition of HOS producing new and dedicated growers to the orchid growing hobby.

Thank you all to those that helped with transport, plants and setting up, a great team effort.

Congratulations also to Lea & Bryce on an OCNZ cultural award for their specimen *L. anceps*.

NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to **Judy** Coleman (St Heliers).

LAST MEETING Paul Barrett certainly gave us a different perspective of insects and their place in the garden. In fact their importance in the overall ecological system was vital for the continued survival of both animals and plant life on Earth. His solution to the insect problem at Butterfly Creek was simple and effective and one we could all try to use to some degree with our orchids as many toxic sprays are entering the food chain through sprayed plants.

RAFFLE: We continue to make record returns from our popular raffles.

LIBRARY: Check out our 3 new books recently purchased by Michelle. Angraecoid Orchids (Ref. Only); Dendrobium and its Relatives; Bloom Again Orchids.

PLANTS ON DISPLAY (July meeting) Compiled and printed by **Michelle**
(NOTE * change of label recommended) Incorrect spelling or a new name of a registered hybrid.

OPEN

Glenn & Manee: *Dendrochilium javieriense* ?, *Den.* Colonial Stardust, *Slc.* Medley x walkeriana, *Paph.* insigne, *Paph.* unknown.

Grahame Leafberg: *S.* Orbitor, *Pleurothallis truncate*, *Bothriochilus bellis* and *Neolauchea pulchella*.

Betty Everson: *Phal.* unknown.

Pam Forde: *Pterostylis* Nodding Grace, *Burrageara* Living Fire, *Onc.* Sugar Babies, *Z.* unknown, *Z.* Iron Baron, *Phal.* Hsinying Sonata, *Phal.* unknown x2.

John Muddiman: *Zygopetalum mackayi**, *Pterostylis curta*, and *Lc. anceps*.

Ken & Chui Tse: *Rsc.* Memoria Francis Takakura, *Lc.anceps* and *Rsc.* Magic Helen*.

Michelle Tung : *Sc.* Seagulls China Flare, *Dendrochilium javieriense* ?

Wolf Grausch: *Den.* Hewitt Glow.

William & Man Lo: *Paph.* *sukhakulii* x 2, *Paph.* Zealandia, *Paph.* Starr Search*, *Paph.* (*bellatulum* x Arthur Kaplan), *Paph.* (Black Velvet x Ruby Leopard), *Paph.* Magic Szabo, *Paph.* Kimberley Szabo and *Paph.* Gratrixianum.

Francis Henrich/ Ros MacKay: *Laelia anceps*, *Angraecum eburneum*.

Anton & Janet: *Laelia anceps* var. *williamsiana*

John Sheppard: *Cym.* Amapola*

Novice

Raewyn Mc Cormack: *Lc.* Ernest Renan.

Lee Stone: *Propetalum** Mathina 'Barbara', *Sc.* Fire Magic, *S. coccinea* ('Bright Eyes' x Grahame) and *Cym.* Barushka 'Dos Pueblos'.

Jessie O'Hara: *Onc.* Sugar Babies.

Winsome Webster: *Cym.* unknown.

Alan Robinson: *Slc.* Christopher 'Sue'(?), *Onc. ornithorhynchum* .

Novelty

Glenn/Manee: *Onc.* Gold Dust (1st flowering seedling).

Michelle Tung: *Den. aurantioseum*, *Masd. mystica* and *Masd. caloptera*.

POPULAR VOTE

OPEN: 1st Ken & Chui (*Rsc.* Memoria Francis Takakura), 2nd Pam (*Burr.* Living Fire), 3rd John (*Z. mackayi*)

NOVICE: 1st Alan (*Slc.*), 2nd Lee (*Pptm.*), 3rd Winsome (*Cym.*).

NOVELTY: 1st Michelle (*Den. aurantioseum*) , 2nd Glenn/Manee (*Onc.* Gold Dust), 3rd Michelle (*Masd. caloptera*).

POPULAR VOTE

OPEN: 1st Len. (*Milt.*), 2nd Len (*Paph*), 3rd Graham Sc (Medley x Lana Coryell)

NOVICE: 1st Lee (*Onc.*), 2nd Raewyn (*C.*), 3rd Lee (*Cym.*).

NOVELTY: 1st John Scott (*Nla*), 2nd Glenn/Manee (*Rstp*), 3rd John Sheppard (*Masd*)

Commentary was by Alf Day and Grahame Leafberg .

Plant of the Month (picked by Grahame) was Pam's specimen *Pterostylus*.

William's large range of exquisite *Paphs* is certainly worth a mention. A great display.

Light travels faster than sound. That's why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

RESEARCH

There were 2 *Dendrochilums* (*javieriense*?) exhibited last meeting. This plant has been sold around orchid clubs for some time now mislabeled as *Dendrochilum acoridium*. The name 'acoridium' is in fact a synonym for *Dendrochilum* so it has taken some time and effort to find the 'real' name of this plant. Credit must go to Michelle for finding probably the closest match so far in one of our library books. Further checking on various web sites seems to suggest this is the correct name. I have seen some quite ridiculous names given to some species. Another *Dendrochilum* was given the name 'arachnites' and bore absolutely no resemblance in colour or shape to the species. A stunning *Dendrochilum* seen recently was pure white with a bright yellow lip and also mislabeled as *glumaceum* (which is white).

It can be quite difficult finding the correct names unless someone with a lot of knowledge is sent a photo to identify it.

Worth noting was Lea's specimen *L. anceps* which Russell Hutton considered quite an unusual variety. Apart from being a different shade to the usual variety it has a clumping growth habit making it ideal for growing into a specimen. Usually they have longer rhizomes between bulbs. This type of plant was used for the cut flower trade quite a few years back.

CULTURE

Not much to say at this time of the year except to keep away from newly developing inflorescences as they tend to break very easily as I usually confirm on my most prized plant.

Botrytis causes brown spotting on flowers so keep them dry once they are near opening.

I am also wary of some of the plastic clips for use when staking. Be sure they don't pinch the stem if the stem is thick or the clip is too small. New members should not make the mistake of shifting plants in bud indoors before they are open fully. A sudden change of temperature can cause bud drop. Every year someone asks me the reason for bud drop and this is usually why it happens.

We look forward to that perfect spring day when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing and the lawn mower is broken.

COMING EVENTS

Annual Auction Don't forget to put an orchid or 2 aside for this popular event for Members only.

CSA 1 day show and seminar Sat. 14 Aug. Western Springs Garden Comm. Hall (opposite Zoo)

Waitakere O. S. Show Thurs. 19 Aug. (set up), open 20, 21, 22. Kelston Community Centre Great North Rd. Top of Waikumete hill. NB **HOS Display**.

Check your 2010 **Year Book** for more shows and details. Pick up your book at club next meeting.

HOS CLUB DAYS for 2010

15 Aug (**3rd Sun**) 12 Sep, 8 Oct (Show setup) and 9 Oct (Show),

24 Oct (**4th Sun**, Prize giving), 14 Nov (Auction), 12 Dec (Social).

Meetings are held **1.30 pm** at the **Fencible Lounge**, Uxbridge Rd. Howick.