



NEWSLETTER of the HOWICK ORCHID SOCIETY Inc.

July 2012

NEXT meeting Sun 12th Aug 2012

NEXT MEETING: Phil Funnell (HOS) will give us an insight into *Cypripediums* (Lady Slippers) a genus we do not see much of in NZ. We look forward to some photos and information on these terrestrials from temperate to cooler regions of the northern hemisphere.

LAST MEETING: Another good attendance to hear local historian Alan La Roche talk about plants the early settlers brought into the district. Alan had plenty of cuttings of various important plants to show members. His in-depth knowledge about them and use for medicines and other every-day items was certainly very interesting.

EDITOR'S COMMENT

It's always nice to get home after a trip but not so good to be greeted by rain and cold then come down with the flu as well. Many of you will also be suffering similar problems but hopefully you are getting over the winter blues and able to visit some of the many orchid shows that are coming up in the next few months.

One of our stops was the Floriade Show in the Netherlands and we may hear a little about this from our speaker in Sept. It was a huge site and very well presented but possibly too much for one day. Orchids were in abundance but not presented all together as we see at an orchid show.



Anthuriums were in abundance

It was 'Rose week' and these were magnificent, but as the show goes for 6 months I would

expect different flowers to feature at different times. Surprisingly a lot of orchids were tropical varieties with many *Vandas* (pictured above). There were many different *Phallies* grouped together, massed in the same colour to good effect.



CULTURE

This time of the year is very simple. Protect your plants from frost, DON'T water unless absolutely necessary and make sure any developing inflorescences are kept dry. Botritis will damage flowers with unsightly spotting so keep plenty of air movement in your orchid houses. Warm growers should be just that. Keep these indoors or in a heated house. Many new growers buy orchids that need heat. Be sure to do your research before buying and don't be fooled by 'sales talk' or misleading labels



Warm growing *Phalaenopsis* for sale at Floriade

There were a lot of *Vandas* and other warm growers for sale also, so I hope electricity is cheap in Europe!

Plants On Display (July meeting)

Compiled by **Michelle Tung**

Plant names in bold type denote label changes are recommended - either incorrect spelling or a new name of a registered hybrid.

Open Section

Len Cobb	1 Laelia and 1 Paphiopedilum	
Betty Everson	1 Phalaenopsis	
Frances Henrich/Ros Mackay	1 <i>Angraecum eburneum</i> and 1 Vanda	PLANT OF THE MONTH
Mick Hughes	1 Cymbidium	
Grahame Leafberg	<i>Oncidium Twinkle</i>	THIRD
	1 Dendrobium, 1 Cattleya and 1 Sarcocilius	
William & Man Lo	1 <i>Paphiopedilum Krishna</i> , 1 Dendrobium, 1 Cymbidium	
	1 Masdevallia and 1 Brassia	
Sandra Moore	1 Cattleya Alliance	
John Muddiman	1 <i>Cal. sieboldii</i>	
Alan Robinon	1 Coelogyne and 1 Epidendrum	
Shirley Sidnam	2 Cattleya Alliance, 1 Dendrobium and 1 Cymbidium	
Michelle Tung	<i>Paph. Grecian Maid</i>	FIRST
	1 Cymbidium	
Anton and Janet Wehman	1 Cattleya Alliance	
Bryce & Lea Westlake	2 Cattleya Alliance	
Philip & Gangli	<i>Cym. mastersii</i> x Mem Merv Dunn	SECOND
	+5 Cymbidiums	
Novice		
Raewyn McCormack	Paphiopedilum unknown	FIRST
	<i>Paph. Holdenii</i> 'alba'	SECOND
	<i>Cattleya. Bow Bells</i>	THIRD
Pearl Tam	<i>Dendrobium Cassiope</i>	



Novelty

Lee Stone *Oncidium Twinkle 'Western'*
FIRST
Oncidium Gold Dust **THIRD**
Oncidium Tsiku Marguerite

William & Man Lo *Pleurothallis truncata*
SECOND

Commentary was given by **Len Cobb** and **Glenn Poffley**.

Len's specimen Paph.

WELCOME to new members **Helen Ni, Gloria Guan, Bryan Sharpe, Bert Te Strake, and Wendy Gilligan.**

NZOS Show held recently featured a display by HOS which won 2nd place. Thanks again to Kathy, Lea Westlake, Lee Stone and many others who came with their plants and help to set up a very nice display. Some trophies were awarded to our members, Len Cobb – 2 for his specimen Paph, Anton/Janet for their Masdevallia and John Muddiman had his well presented Pterostylis awarded with a Cultural Certificate (CCC).



*Paph.
Grecian
Maid
(Michelle)*



John Muddiman's awarded Ptst.

COMING EVENTS

Waitakere Orchid Club Show Kelston
 Community hall, Gt Nth Rd. Set up Thurs 23rd
 Aug.
 Open Frid and Sat only, 10am – 4pm. (HOS
 display).

HOS CLUB DAYS for 2012

12 Aug, (Phil Funnel) **9 Sept,** (Mike & Lee Leaity) **5 Oct** (Show set up),
6 Oct (HOS Show), **21 Oct** (prize giving), **11 Nov** (Auction), **9 Dec** (social).

Meetings are held **1.30 pm** 2nd Sunday of month (usually) at the **Fencible Lounge**, Uxbridge Rd. Howick.