

# NEWSLETTER

*June. 2010*      **NEXT MEETING Sun 11<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at 1.30 pm**

*Bugs Galore!*

**NOTICE of SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING:** To be held immediately prior to the AUGUST club meeting. This will be a brief meeting to clarify and pass some small changes to our Constitution.

Members in attendance will receive an updated copy of this.

**NEXT MEETING:** It's the butterfly man or possibly the 'bug man' **Paul Barrett** from **Butterfly Creek** at Auckland Airport speaking about 'insects in the garden'. I know most of the insects in our garden have decided the best place to be is on my orchids so will be very interested to hear the reasons for this.

## **LAST MEETING**

I must admit to making a bad error in the last newsletter by naming Heather Brockett as supplying the pikelets with jam and cream. In fact they were brought by NARUA IRVINE. We are always grateful for all the donations coming from many of you. Most times I'm not aware of who brings what due to being so busy with other matters. In fact so busy last time I did not get a chance for any photographs of displayed plants.

**Anjo McKernan** arrived from Zimbabwe with only 4 suitcases having to leave her extensive orchid collection (and just about everything else) behind to be divided up amongst the locals. Despite this massive set back NZ has benefited, as she is now an active and hard working member of nearly every society in the Auckland area. She has bounced back quickly amassing a large collection of various genera in a comparatively short time. Anjo gave us a very clear and concise insight into growing Cattleyas with many examples of mature plants showing us exactly what we need to know about growing this beautiful genus.

Every so often the planets align and a strange phenomena occurs. This is what happened this meeting with a huge selection of plants on sale from 3 commercial growers and various members' orchids on sale. It was a buying frenzy with many plants finding new homes.

We do not charge commission for sales on club days and as a result many sellers donate good orchids for our raffle.

**RAFFLE:** 14 draws! Need I say more. That's about a 1 in 4 chance of winning with 54 people in attendance.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Welcome to **Bernard Lum** (Howick) and **Francis Henrich & Ros MacKay** (Pakuranga).

## EDITOR'S COMMENT

Despite our last financial report showing a very healthy bank balance we need to be constantly mindful of the changes likely to occur at short notice increasing our overheads.

Your committee works very hard keeping the club solvent (among other things) so that you all can enjoy the benefits. Anton and Janet Wehman have been very successful with their application for funds from the 3 local Community Boards. This included a lot of paper work and attendance at 3 night meetings. Our Society has been given a total of **\$960** towards our show expenses this year.

Don't forget much of our other income for the year goes directly back to members. Approx.

values: Xmas afternoon tea (\$350), Xmas gifts (\$300), Show gifts (\$250), BBQ meat and drinks, also raffles and giveaways. All you need to do is take part in the club activities to benefit.

Blind auction returns were down last month. The remaining plants will be held until later for sale at fixed prices or possibly until our show where a better price can be obtained.

The next **OCNZ International Orchid Show** will be held in Auckland in **2015**. A meeting is being held on July10 to set up a steering committee and to discuss many aspects of this show. As we are now one of the larger societies in the country HOS will be represented at this meeting and we will keep you informed of further developments.

**PLEASE NOTE** our August club meeting is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun because of the 1<sup>st</sup> being a Sun, otherwise making the period between meetings very short.

Photos this month feature some *Laelia* species including some variations of *L. anceps*.

## **PLANTS ON DISPLAY** (June meeting)

Compiled and printed by **Michelle**

**NOTE** \* change of label recommended. Incorrect spelling or a new name of a registered hybrid

## **OPEN**

Alf Day: *Oda*. (Aloette x Shelly Anne), *Odm*. Uro-Day, *Odm*. Ardentissimum, *Odcdm*. Papatoetoe Prophet 'Prediction' AM.

Glenn & Manee: *Masd*. Gremlin 'James', *Slc*. Seagull's Raindrop, *Blc*. Blue Grotto, *Pot*. Little Toshie.

Grahame Leafberg: *Sc*. (Medley x Lana Coryell) unregistered grex, *Sc*. Angel's Fantasy 'Flame', *S. cernua*, *Den*. (Avril's Gold x Jazz) unregistered grex, *Onc. cogniauxiaum*.

Pam Forde: *Dtps*. Hsinying Sonata\*, *Den*. Colonial Surprise, *Thw*. Expose.

Kathy Rimmer: *Epi. ciliare*\*, (*C. granulose* x *Epi. atropurpureum*) x *C. Chocolate Drop*, unregistered grex.

Lea & Bryce Westlake: *Laelia anceps*.

John Muddiman: *Onc. flexuosum*\*, *Masd*. Maryann, *Phal*. unknown, *Pterostylis curta*.

Ron Reeves: *Laelia gouldiana*, *C. percivilana* var. *alba*, *Dendrochilium magnum*, *Onc. ornithorhynchum*\*, *Dend*. unknown.

Ken & Chui Tse: (*C. granulosa* x *Epi. atropurpureum*) x *C. Chocolate Drop* unregistered grex, *Sc*. Seagull's China Flare

Michelle Tung: *Rsc*. Cashen's Casablanca

Wolf Grausch: *Slc*. Ruby Embers

John Scott: *Den*. Anne's Rainbow Surprise 'Alice'

Lennard Cobb: *Paph*. unknown, *Onc*. unknown, *Milt*. unknown (Bluntii?)

Francis Henrich/ Ros MacKay: *Slc*. Anzac.

Anton & Janet: *Laelia anceps* var. 'Ashworthiana', *Angcm. giryamae*\*.

## **NOVICE**

Raewyn Mc Cormack: *C. trianae* var. *alba*

Lee Stone: *Onc. ornithorhynchum*, *Cym*. unknown, *Lycaste. cruenta*, *Laelia gouldiana*\*, *Sc*. Lana Coryell x *S. coccinea*, unregistered grex, *Zygo*. unknown.

## **NOVELTY**

Glenn/Manee: *Restrepia filamentosa*

John Sheppard: *Masd. trigonopetala*\*

John Scott: *Neolauchea pulchella*

## **POPULAR VOTE**

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

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

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

Commentary was by **Anjo McKernan**.

**Plant of the Month** (picked by Anjo) was **John's** very small flowered Novelty Masd. trigonopetala which was a nicely grown good sized plant with a lot more buds coming.

## **RESEARCH**

Masd. trigonopetala is a cool growing species from Colombia and Ecuador growing around 1600m up in the Andes. It is winter flowering with John's flowering at the same time as in its natural habitat.

This plant can grow into a good specimen and has been awarded with cultural certificates 3 times by the American Orchid Society. Masdevallias do not have pseudo bulbs so need moisture most of the time. In their natural habitat much of this comes from living in misty forests but with plenty of air movement. As epiphytes their roots are not sitting in wet compost so will dry out quickly.

I still prefer to grow them in bark but watering must be more frequent than other genera.

The biggest problem with Masdevallias is keeping them cool over our Auckland summer. This is best achieved by growing them in a shady, airy position with frequent misting.

## **CULTURE**

We are very fortunate in Auckland to be experiencing a very mild winter so far. Many plants are still producing new growths, which means more flowers next season if these are encouraged to develop.

I have stressed before that watering should be less frequent and as our speaker said the optimum time for roots (*Cattleyas*) to dry out before rot sets in is about 10 days.

Fertilisers are not much use when plants are not growing actively. Fertiliser is not taken up by the plant when we have short days and not much sun, so this ends up going to waste.

## **July Lecture Series**

Last chance to hear **Wayne Harris** from Queensland speaking at NZOS Mt Albert War Mem. Hall. Wayne's topics will be on the Orchids of Queensland, Western Australia, Papua New Guinea and Borneo. Registration for the 2 days (Sat 24 & Sun 25 July) will be \$30.00. This includes lunch both days. Register at [leaitym@xtra.co.nz](mailto:leaitym@xtra.co.nz).

Inside every older person is a younger person wondering, 'What the heck happened?'

## **COMING EVENTS**

**NZOS Winter Show** Thurs. 22 July (set up), open 23, 24, 25. NB **HOS Display**.

**HOS CLUB DAYS for 2010**

11 July, 15 Aug (**3<sup>rd</sup> Sun**) 12 Sep, 8 Oct (Show setup) and 9 Oct (Show),  
24 Oct (**4<sup>th</sup> Sun**, Prize giving), 14 Nov (Auction), 12 Dec (Social).

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

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