

NEWSLETTER

Nov. 2008

NEXT MEETING Sun 14th Dec. 2008 at 1.30 pm

Party Time

SPEAKER: Next meeting is our Xmas social afternoon. **Note:** non-members and visitors \$5 entry. This a day for us to relax, partake in a sumptuous afternoon tea sponsored by the HOS (from our regular supplier White Flower Bakery owned by member **Dieu Tran**) and enjoy talking to others about orchids with time to have a good look at the plants on display. If time permits we may have a short repotting demonstration and don't forget Santa may make an appearance.

LAST MEETING: What an amazing day. A huge turnout of members combined with possibly the best ever club display of flowering orchids I have seen anywhere, plus an enormous number of orchids and accessories to auction. With such a huge amount to get through we wasted no time in getting our auctioneer **Jim** into action. It was a slow start but some of the more desirable items were fetching good prices. After a break for afternoon tea we were straight back into it with the auction (action?) culminating in some excellent prices for some of Mabels' traceyanums, Alf's Odonts and finally Lea's large Schombergia, which reached a record \$40. A stupendous effort with a stunning \$830 raised for the society. Thanks to everyone who helped and brought in a great selection of plants for this very enjoyable meeting.

RAFFLE: Norm Streater went away with the superb Phalaenopsis from HOS. Thanks again to the generous members who donated the other orchids for the raffle.

EDITOR'S COMMENT

One of the advantages of growing orchids is you can get flowers all year round but going by the display last month, spring certainly is a special time for many genera especially Sarcocochilus and nobile type Dendrobiums. Unfortunately these miss out on all the main shows and there is a reluctance to buy them when they are not in flower. I saw a lot of good Sarcs at another society's show recently for sale and many went home again. Like most things it is preferable to buy when in flower as sometimes descriptions on sales labels leave a lot to be desired.

At our auction I do try and give as good a description of the plant as I am able, as we want our members to get what they want. I must admit to being quite surprised at the variation in prices we saw though and some very good mature plants being well under valued, particularly the large Cattleyas. I am also surprised at the number of people who ask me about buying a particular plant they see in flower when many of these are actually available at shows earlier in the year although they may not be in flower then. The answer is to do your research and seek advice when buying.

PRISON: You get time off for good behaviour. **WORK:** You get more work for good behaviour.

PLANTS ON DISPLAY (Nov. meeting)

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OPEN

Anton & Janet: Phalaenopsis: Everspring Sunshine, Kahurangi x Funky Girl, Kahurangi x I-Hsin* Pink Baby, Kahurangi 'B2 x C', Golden Peoker x Goldberry, New Cinderella, I-Hsin* Black Jack, Brother Yew x Zuma's Pixie, Etherege Pink x *equestris*, *stuartiana* x Cloud Ballet, *Lc* Trick or Treat, *L. milleri* 'Red Light'. A **great display** of Phallies.

Glenn & Manee: Basket of orange/reds etc, basket of Sarcs, basket of nobile Dendrobiums, *Den. nobile* var. *virginalis*.

John Muddiman: *Phal.* Golden Peoker x Brother Amar, *Phal.* Dou-dii-Rose.

Sandra Moore: Basket of **15** assorted Sarcs, *Den.* Hambuhren 'Gold' x Yukidaruma 'King', *Oda.* Shelley x *Odm.* Pescalo, *Odcdm.* Hans Neuenhaus 'Bert', 3 x Dendrobiums unknown.

Wolf Grausch: Sarcos: Melba, First Light, *fitzgeraldii*, *hartmannii* 'Heather', Bon Bon, Heidi; *Lc.* Mari's Magic, *C. intermedia* var. *Aquinii*.

Michelle Tung: *Sophranthe* Rojo, *Thwaitesara* Tropical Orange, *C. Undine* (*intermedia* x *mossiae* 1906), *L*. milleri* 'Red Light'. (**At least** 1 person is using the new names!)

B & E Ong: *Asca.* John de Biase x Jean Ward.

John Sheppard: *Bifrennaria harrissoniae*, *Cym. lowianum*.

Betty Everson: 5 x Phalaenopsis unknown.

Dieu Tran: *Brassidium* Shooting Star x *Brs.* Rex, *Lc.* Chit Chat.

William & Man Lo: *Ascf.* Petite Bouquet, *Aerides rubescens*, *Vanda coeruleascens*, *Paph.* (Supersuk x Red Glory) x Voodoo Magic, *Paph. hirsutissimum* var. *esquirolei*, *Den. thyrsoflorum*, *Den. infundibilum*, *Sarco* Heidi.

House of Orchids: *Ansellia africanum*. (Seldom seen on display)

Dennis Chuah: *Masd.* Redwing, *Masd. coccinea* 'LRG', *Den.* Flower Baby, *Den. mohlianum* x *melinanthum*, *Enc. cochleata* var. *gigantean*.

NOVICE

Anita & Suruj Prasad: *Oda.* Unknown

Norma Clarke: *Cym.* Cricket.

K & L Cauldwell: *Phal.* Little Mary 'Queen', *Phal.* Funky Girl, *Phal* unknown.

Alan Robinson: *Den. thyrsoflorum*, *Sl.* Jinn, *Sarco.* Pinky.

NOVELTY

Kathy Rimmer: *Dracula erythrochaete*, *Den. lichenastrum*, *Den lichenastrum* var. *prenticii*.

William & Man Lo: *Den. pierardii*, *Plectrohiza tridentate* var. *derheide*,

OPEN: 1st B & E Ong (Asco), 2nd M. Tung (Tropical Orange.), 3rd House of Orchids (Ansellia).

NOVICE: 1st A & S Prasad, 2nd Norma Clarke, 3rd Alan Robinson (Den).

NOVELTY: 1st W & M Lo (Den), 2nd Kathy (Dracula), 3rd W & M Lo (Plectrohiza).

John Scott gave a very educational and interesting commentary, although he was nowhere near as kind to me as Alf was last month.

A **very poor** number of votes cast! Maybe you were all voted out the day after the election.

Some entry cards **missing** this month please leave them on the table to be collected.

If you had purchased \$1,000.00 of AIG stock one year ago, it would now be worth \$49.00.

With Fannie Mae, you would have \$16.50 left of the original \$1,000.

With Bear Stearns, you would have less than \$5.00 left.

If you had purchased \$1,000.00 of Freddie Mac stock you would have \$49.00 left.

If you had purchased Lehman Bros., you would have nothing left.

But, if you had purchased \$1,000.00 worth of beer one year ago, drank all the beer, then turned in the cans for recycling, you would have \$214.

Based on the above, the best current investment advice is to drink heavily and recycle.

CULTURE: I can't emphasize enough that this is such an important time of the year, as most of your orchids will be putting on new growth. It is **now** you should be watering frequently and fertilizing with a high Nitrogen fertilizer. Good air movement is essential so they dry out quickly as some nights are still a little cool.

Note if like me you bought a few plants at the orchid fair Labour weekend then **take heed!** Check the potting media otherwise you could be caught out. Some plants are potted in what I would consider a 'commercial' mix suitable for sustained periods of not being watered. I repot ALL my new acquisitions almost without exception unless I know the person well and if they pot up their plants similar to how I do. So far only ONE person has fit that category. Its not a question of whether the grower is an expert, indifferent or a poor grower, it is how YOU grow them and especially the frequency you water your collection.

An Irishman named O'Malley went to his doctor after a long illness.

The doctor sighed, looked O'Malley in the eye and said, "I've some bad news for you. You have cancer, and it can't be cured. You'd best put your affairs in order."

O'Malley was shocked but being a solid character, he managed to compose himself and walk from the doctor's office into the waiting room where his son was waiting. "Well son, we Irish celebrate when things are good and we celebrate when things don't go well. In this case, things aren't so well. I have cancer. Let's head to the pub and have a few pints." After 3 or 4 pints the two were feeling a little less somber.

There were some laughs and some more beers. They were eventually approached by some of O'Malley's friends, who were curious as to what the two were celebrating. O'Malley told them they were drinking to his impending end. He told his friends, "I have been diagnosed with AIDS." The friends gave O'Malley their condolences and they had a couple more beers.

After the friends left, O'Malley's son leaned over and whispered his confusion. "Dad, I thought you told me that you were dying of cancer and you just told your friends that you were dying of AIDS!"

O'Malley said, "I know, I don't want any of them sleeping with your mother after I'm gone."

NEW MEMBERS

Many of you will have bought plants at our auction last month so it is important to learn something about them and the conditions they prefer. Most of what we sold was cool growing with nearly all of the plants coming from growers who grow them cool. As I mentioned above it is a pity some of you didn't do a little more research or listen to some of my comments, as there were some excellent buys to be had, particularly for our newer members. Many of the plants sold well below prices normally seen at show sales tables. I think you will be surprised just how good they turn out when they flower and many will not be able to be purchased again.

Keep your eye open throughout the year if you want sought after plants.

I'm sure that it is getting more difficult to source some of the older reliable species which were once common and that is possibly the reason we saw such determined bidding on these. Many growers will not sell these and other hard to find plants except to regular club members, as so many have been lost to cultivation when sold to the public.

COMING EVENTS

Final day: 14th Dec. (Xmas Social), enjoy a relaxing afternoon. Bring your flowers to display.

HOS Club days for 2009: 8th Feb, 8th Mar, 12th Apr, 10th May, 14th June, 12th July, 9th Aug, 13th Sept, 18th Oct (NB not 2nd Sun), 8th Nov, 13th Dec. Show set up 2nd Oct, Show Sat. 3rd Oct.

Meetings are held 1.30pm sharp in the Fencible Lounge every month except January.

CLASS RESULTS From 2008 SHOW

SOCIETY DISPLAY: 1st South Auckland Orchid Society, 2nd Cymbidium Society of America, 3rd Auckland Orchid Club.

OPEN SECTION

Class 1. (Mini Cym brown/red) 1st **John Cairns** (Flame Hawk x Brookstreet), 2nd J. Duff (Tuffet), 3rd T. Wakelin (Avant Garde)

Class 2. (Mini Cym, white/green) 1st **J. Duff** (Sarah Jean 'Sprite'), 2nd M. Tung (Cliff Hutchings), 3rd Frank Winter (Sarah Jean x Fifi).

Class 3. (Mini Cym. Other colour) 1st **Name not recorded** (unknown), 2nd D. Tran (Marvin Gaye), 3rd M. Hughes (Len Southward x Dennybrook).

Class 4. (Int. Cym. brown/red) 1st **J. Cairns** (Tania Porter 'Red Satin'), 2nd J. Cairns (Red Sox x Vogelsang 'Waikanae Snow'), 3rd K & C Tse (Night Panape).

Class 5. (Int Cym. white/green) 1st **M. Hughes** (Del's Delight 'Lynn'), 2nd Frank Winter (One Tree Hill 'John's Quest'), 3rd Len Cobb (unknown).

Class 6. (Int. Cym. other colour) 1st **J. Cairns** (Dr Len 'Geysersland'), 2nd J. Duff (Bulbarrow 'Friar Tuck'), 3rd J & B Vance (Rainbow Warrior 'Bombay').

Class 7. (Std. Cym. brown/red) 1st **J & B Vance** (Mem. Ray Dix), 2nd H & G Cooke (Kay Dix), 3rd M. Hughes (Kiri Te Kanawa 'Pauline Rei').

Class 8. (Std. Cym. white/green) 1st **J & B Vance** (Cymbiflor 'Apple'), 2nd Leroy Orchids (Leroy's Mountain 'Bronze Age'), 3rd John Sheppard (Pharoah 'Almighty').

Class 9. (Std Cym. other colour) 1st **J. Duff** (Clarise Carlton 'Tia Maria'), 2nd M. Hughes (Joyce Goffin 'Waikanae').

Class 10. (Cym. Specimen) 1st **J. Duff** (Fairy Rouge 'Lavender Falls').

Class 11. (Cattleya over 90mm) 1st **Anjo McKernan** (*L. jongheana*), 2nd L. Cobb (C. Lynn Spencer 'Pearl'), 3rd Leroy Orchids (unknown)

Class 12. (Cattleya under 90mm) 1st **B & E Ong** (*Pot. Pot Expose*), 2nd G. Leafberg (*S. coccinea*), 3rd G. Leafberg (*Slc. Tiny Titan*).

Class 13. (Cattleya novelty) 1st **Ken Morse** (*L. jongheana*), 2nd G. Leafberg (*Slc. Gold Star x Beaufort*), 3rd L. Cobb (*Slc. Hazel Boyd 'Elizabeth'*).

Class 14. (Phal. white) 1st **B. J. Main** (Taisuco Kaaladian), 2nd B. J. Main (Etherege Firefly x Shirley Vance x Verlanae), 3rd A & J. Wehman (Everspring Sunshine).

Class 15. (Phal. pink) 1st **B. J. Main** (Davis Valentine), 2nd B. J Main (Beejay's Lullaby), 3rd J. Muddiman (unknown).

Class 16. (Phal other colour) 1st **Pam Forde** (unknown), 2nd A & J Wehman (Dou-dii Rose x Chinruey's Sika Deer).

Class 17. (Mini Phal.) 1st **Peggy Bell-Booth** (*amabilis*), 2nd A & J Wehman (Etherege Pink x *equestris*), 3rd Betty Everson (*Artemus x venosa*).

Class 18. (Oncidiae intergeneric full form large) 1st **A. Day** (*Oda. Tom Hughes x Wearside Light*), 2nd A. Day (*Oda. Follo x (Royal Delight x Golden Rialto)*), 3rd A. Day (*Oda. Nationwide x Carnette*).

Class 19. (Oncidiae full form small) 1st **A. Day** (*Wils. Burning Tiger 'Mona Lafayette*), 2nd Leroy Orchids (*Wils. Kendrick Williams 'Rossglow*), 3rd A. Day (*Wils. Wilbonne Nuit x Oda. Mont Mado*).

Class 20. (Oncidiae hybrids or species not full form) 1st **not recorded** (*Odcdm. Don Richardson x Odm. Alphazee*), 2nd A. Day (*Burr. Living Fire*), 3rd G & M Poffley (*Odm. Summit*).

Class 21. (Paphiopedilum) 1st **J & B Vance** (Paratree), 2nd Ken Morse (*sukhakulii*), 3rd A McKernan (Rosette Blush).

Class 22. (Masdevallia) 1st **Ken Morse** (Heathii 'Ken'), 2nd W & M Lo (Southern Sun), 3rd not recorded (Falcata 'Goldstone').

Class 23. (Dendrobium Aust. brown/red) **1st Sunrae Orchids** (Elegant Heart x (Sandgul x *speciosum*)), 2nd G. Leafberg (Tess 'Memoria Kath', 3rd Sunrae Orchids (Elegant Heart x (Sandgul x *speciosum*))).

Class 24. (Den. white/green) **1st G & M Poffley** (Gillean Leany x *kingianum* var. *Silcockii*), 2nd G. Leafberg (Glen Star x Star of Gold), 3rd Lea Westlake (Sun-Glo).

Class 25. (Den. other colour) **1st M. Tung** (Starbright Corona), 2nd Carol Switzer (Rose), 3rd Paul Yap (Gillean Leaney x Aussie Black Mountain).

Class 26. (Den. *speciosum* dominant) **1st Sunrae Orchids** (Golden Arch 'Fool's Gold'), 2nd K. Rimmer (unknown), 3rd Pam Forde (*speciosum* Margaret Healey x self).

Class 27. (Den. nobile type) **1st 1st B & L Westlake** (Onono Kumoch x Yellow Tsudan), 2nd J. Muddiman (nobile), 3rd B & L Westlake (Tomoflake).

Class 28. (Den. others) **1st Dennis Chuah** (Kuniko), 2nd G & M Poffley (subclausum)

Class 29. (Den. Species) **1st Ken Morse** (*kingianum*), 2nd P. Forde (*kingianum* var. *alba*), 3rd G & M Poffley (*gracillimum*).

Class 30. (Den. specimen) **1st G. Leafberg** (*gracillimum*), 2nd A & J Wehman (Harold Hisch x Louise's Rainbow), 3rd D. Chuah (Cassiope).

Class 31. (Sarcochilus) **1st Sandra Moore** (First Light), 2nd Tris Wakelin (Cream Cake 'Pixie Dust'), 3rd Sandra Moore (First Light).

Class 32. (Any other genera) **1st Elaine Kitcher** (*Pleione* Apricot Brandy), 2nd Ken Morse (*Pleione* Zygo Louisedorf), 3rd M Tung (*Zygonaria* King's Park).

Class 33. (Any species) **1st B. J. Main** (*Phal. amabilis* var. *formosanum*), 2nd K. Morse (*Dend. glumaceum*), 3rd G & M Poffley (*Brs. longissima*).

Class 34. (Specimen other than Cym. or Den.) **1st B & L Westlake** (*Schom. superbiens*), 2nd K. Morse (*Coel. cristata*), 3rd G. Leafberg (*Oest. centradenia*),.

Class 35. (1st flowering seedling) **1st M. Hughes** (*Cym.* Claudona x Valley Rajah) x Miss Muffet, 2nd Leroy Orchids (*Den. victoria Regina* x Kuniko), 3rd G. Leafberg (*Den.* King of Hearts x Vivid).

NOVICE SECTION

Classes 36 to 48 No Entries.

Class 49. (Phalaenopsis) Kahurangi x Funky Girl.

BEGINNERS SECTION

Class 49. (Any orchid exhibited for 1st time) **1st Irene & Ken Burridge** (*Cym.* Unknown).

FLORAL ART

Class 50. (Open) **1st Manee Poffley**.

Class 51 (Novice) **1st Lois Cauldwell**.

Class 54 (Chinese Cymbidium) **1st, 2nd and 3rd Philip & Gangli Zhou**.

(*goeringii* 'Spring Daffodil', *goeringii* var. *longibracteatum* and *goeringii* 'Yu Mei Su').

DISPLAY SECTION

1st South Auckland O.S., 2nd CSA, 3rd Waitakere O.C.

NB There were some exhibitors who did not record their name on the entry cards!

A woman knows all about her children.

She knows about dentist appointments and romances, best friends, favourite foods, secret fears and hopes and dreams.

A man is vaguely aware of some short people living in the house.

WELCOME to NEW MEMBER – Jocelyn Day (St Heliers), recruited at the Auckland Flower Show where we had some advertising material.