



NEWSLETTER of the HOWICK ORCHID SOCIETY Inc.

Oct. 2012

NEXT meeting Sun 11st Nov. 2012

NEXT MEETING: AUCTION! Bring your unwanted or surplus orchids for this popular day where you are bound to pick up some BARGAINS. This is a **members ONLY** auction to give you the chance to get some good buys.

LAST MEETING: The Prize giving results are given below. As usual our Patron Alf Day gave an inspiring talk on repotting. See more details later.

SHOW REPORT: Another very successful event with door entry (417), higher than previous years but sales down slightly. Three new members joined and another two at the Oct meeting. On Friday we got off to a great start with a very quick set up thanks to the early arrival by many members to help with the tables and cloths. Plants were soon rolling in and displays being erected by the 4 invited societies. Judging on Friday evening went very smoothly and the only complaint I had was from my stomach which had to stay empty until judging was completed!



Villa Orchids awarded Lycaste Koolena 'Joyce'

In the sales area space was at a premium with a large number of nice plants being provided by our regular sellers. This year we had plenty of flowering Cymbidiums and Phallies which were in high demand by the public. Some genera were down in numbers but I think this is due to fewer of the more unusual ones being grown and consequently less surplus plants being available from amateur growers. There were also very few Dendrobiums around, unusual for this time of year and our sales area.

As usual there was a queue waiting to come into the show at 9am Saturday. The flow was steady throughout the day and nearly everything was sold by 4pm. Many HOS members came in to help both days and some went that extra mile by working from start to finish almost without a break and we are very grateful to you all. Thanks also to those that provided nourishment both Friday and Saturday. Lea Westlake catered for the judges again with her awardable bacon and egg pie and the delicious vegetarian quiche. Break down was again done in record time with many helpers. Behind the scenes show Marshal Anton prepared all the paper work and strengthened the signs amongst many other tasks.

On the Sunday prior to the show Anton, Glenn and John Muddiman braved the traffic and erected 24 around the area covering all the main road entry and exits into Howick. After the show these had to be dismantled and Steven Tung's help (and speed) was invaluable.

Our only problem was at least 4 of our members that I am aware of came down either during or just after the show with the Norovirus, a contagious and very severe stomach upset.

Raffle results: 1st Prize (*Cym. Mary Green*) Lizel Lamprecht, Pakuranga. (She also joined the society on the day); 2nd (*Phalaenopsis*) HOS member Shirley Odom; 3rd (*Hamper*) Albert.



C. Daniella at NZOS show (Beryl Calder)

EDITOR'S COMMENT

It's not far off the end of the year and our final club day for the year which is our social. Recently there have been a lot of shows where HOS members have exhibited or we have put on a display. Most recently was the SAOS show at the Botanic Gardens where a beautiful weekend brought out the crowds in big numbers and from what I've heard the orchids were really popular from all aspects, appeal, great displays, a good variety and of course the sale

plants were in big demand. Our display once again gained 1st place even though Kathy wasn't 100% satisfied! It is very difficult to get it 'just right' when we have such a diversity of flowers both in size and colour and it is even more difficult to display them all to their best advantage. Even so we managed a very good result:

Michelle Tung: 2nd Min. Cymbidium, 3rd species.

Glenn & Manee: 2nd Species, 3rd Dendrobium (Aussie white).

Bryce & Lea Westlake: 1st Specimen, **Trophy's** for Most Spectacular flowering plant, Best Species.

Anjo McKernan: 1st & 2nd Novelty Paph, 3rd small Cattleya, 3rd other hybrids.

Anton & Janet: 1st Novelty Phal, 1st Den. (Aussie white), 2nd Phal. pink, 2nd Den (other Aussie), 3rd Phal. (other colour). **Trophy** for Best Phalaenopsis.

Kathy Rimmer: 1st Nobile Den, 1st Large Cattleya.

This Cattleya was also GRAND CHAMPION of the show.

Congratulations to **Kathy**. (Photo last newsletter)



Angraecum germinyanum (Glenn/Manee)

CULTURE

With the high winds we have been experiencing lately orchids in bark and open mixes dry out very quickly so keep up with your watering. I have been asked the question a few times lately of what to do when the mix dries out so much that the water just runs through without seemingly wetting anything! The answer here is to put pot and all into a tub of water and leave soak for an hour or so. I know this is a painful process but can be done easily if you keep your plants on trays as I do. Another thing I do is take out the trays of orchids and leave them in the rain. Having your plants in trays has other advantages. You can shift them around quickly and easily. They don't blow over. You can keep similar genera all together. It also saves on mesh or support material on your shelves

as the trays only need a couple of rails to sit on. You can also remove the trays and clean under the shelves quickly.

HOS SHOW RESULTS

TROPHY LIST HOS Show Oct 2012

Lady Stevenson Cup:	Brian Main	GRAND CHAMPION OF SHOW
Val Bayliss Cup:	Michelle Tung	CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM
Alice Shirley Memorial Trophy:	Villa Orchids	CHAMPION STD CYMBIDIUM
Howickville Rosebowl:	Villa Orchids	CHAMPION INT. CYM.
Frost Trophy:	Michelle Tung	CHAMPION MINI CYM.
Moya Younghusband Tray:	William & Man Lo	MOST DECORATIVE PLANT
Scholes Cup:	Villa Orchids	FIRST FLOWERING SEEDLING
Iris & George Jones Trophy:	Kathy Rimmer	CHAMPION CATTLEYA
O'Connor Trophy:	Brian Main	BEST PHALAENOPSIS
Anne Marie Orchids Cup:	Alf Day	BEST ONCIDIINAE ALLIANCE
Howickville Cup:	B & L Westlake	BEST PAPHIOPEDILUM
Walker Cup:	Ken Morse	BEST MASDEVALLIA
Ratcliffe Cup:	A & J Wehman	BEST AUST. SPECIES/HYBRID
Arnold Jolly Memorial Trophy:	Kathy Rimmer	BEST NOBILE TYPE DEND.
Betty & Harry Tomlin Cup:	B & L Westlake	BEST SPECIES
Concord Trophy:	William & Man Lo	CULTURAL EXCELLENCE
Howick Borough Trophy:	Diane Gurr	BEST STD CYM. - NOVICE
Howick Orchid Soc. Trophy:	Sandra Bullock	BEST INT. CYM. - NOVICE
Norm Gibbs Trophy:	Not presented	BEST MINI CYM. - NOVICE
Solona Cup:	Alan Robinson	BEST OTHER GENERA - NOVICE
Larsen Cup:	Not presented	BEST CULTURE – BEGINNERS



Bryan Sharpe's Phaius tankerville at NZOS Show (left)

*Masd. Fraserii (right)
Awarded at NZOS
show (Ken Morse)*



Some pictures of exhibited plants at our show or Oct meeting follow.



Brian Main's Grand Champion Phally (on left)



Cym. Mary Green (G. Leafberg)



Michelle with her trophy Certs (plant at left)



Anton & Janet's awarded Dendrobium



An outstanding specimen from Anton & Janet



Lea Westlake receiving her trophy

Alf Day's talk at the Oct. meeting on culture was one we could all listen to again as it contained so much valuable information on media, potting and watering. The importance of air and the ratio of this to water within the mix around the roots could not be stressed enough. Examples, diagrams and results of research carried out by the DSIR back in the 80's were also used to illustrate this.

Plants On Display (October 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)

(Use of italics denotes that the plant or parent plant is a species)

Open Section

Alf Day	A baskets of Oncidiinae Alliance	
Phil Funnell	3 Cattleya and 1 Sarcochilus	
Wendy Gilligan	<i>Dendrobium aphyllum</i>	Second
Wolf Grausch	<i>Dendrobium linguiforme</i>	Third
	4 Cattleya (C. Angelwalker x <i>walkeriana</i> = C. Snowblind)	
Frances Henrich/Ros Mackay	3 Cattleya	
Grahame Leafberg	A basket of mixed Sarcochilus	
William & Man Lo	1 Cattleya and 6 Masdevallia	
Villa Orchids	1 Masdevallia	
Glenn and Manee Poffley	1 Dendrobium , 1 Sacrochilus, 5 Cattleya (<i>C. intermedia</i> x Mem. Robert Strait = C. AOS Beach Magic)	
Ron Reeves	<i>Paphiopedilum sukhakulii</i>, <i>Sedirea japonica</i>, <i>Gastrochilis calceolaris</i> , 1 Sarcochilus, 1 Polystachya and 2 Cymbidium (Cym. Fifi x Last Tango = Cym. Kiwi Tui)	
Kathy Rimmer	1 Dendrobium and 2 Sarcochilus	
Shirley Sidnam	1 Masdevallia, 1 Cymbidium, 1 Oncidium, 1 Coelogyne and 1 Dendrochilum	
Lee Stone	1 Cymbidium, 1 Sarcochilus, 2 Masdevallia and 2 Zygopetalum	
Michelle Tung	2 Oncidiinae Alliance and 1 Cymbidium	
Ken & Chui Tse	3 Cattleya	
Anton & Janet Wehman	<i>Dendrobium nobile</i>	First Plant of the Month

Novice

Jessie O'Hara	Phalaenopsis unknown	First
Vicky Farman	Masdevallia unknown	Second
Connie & Ming Lam	Cymbidium unknown	Third

Novelty

Kathy Rimmer	Pleurothallis unknown	First
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The plant commentary was given by Anjo and Glenn with special emphasis and reference to Alf's talk on the importance of repotting. New members should take note of their pot size and media size.

WELCOME to new members:

Lizel Lamprecht (Pak), **Gary** Boyle (Ramarama), **Sandy** Wang (Pak), **Ek** Tang & **Ngok** Chee Lee (Dannemora), **Henry** Hsu (Northpark)

Please mark your calendar with the following dates:

PROGRAMME for 2013

10th FEBRUARY
10th MARCH
14th APRIL
12th MAY
9th JUNE
14th JULY
11th AUGUST
8th SEPTEMBER
4th OCTOBER SHOW SET UP, 5th OCTOBER SHOW
20th OCTOBER (Prize Giving)
10th NOVEMBER (Auction)
8th DECEMBER (Social)

NOTE: there is NO club day in January.

COMING EVENTS

HOS CLUB DAYS for 2012

11 Nov (Auction), **9 Dec** (social).

DON'T forget the NSOS Sarcophilus (and other genera) SHOW on 3rd / 4th Nov. St Annes Hall Browns Bay. Always a lot of nice flowers which are prolific this time of year.

Footnote

This year we have decided to ask ALL MEMBERS to bring a small plate of food for the Xmas social. (December meeting)

Those with SURNAMES beginning with **A – J** please bring a sweet. (Scone, cake, muffin etc)

Those with SURNAMES beginning with **K – Z** please bring a savoury dish.