

# NEWSLETTER

Sept. 2009

**NEXT MEETING Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2009 at 1.30 pm**

**NOT 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun.**

**SPEAKER:** Next meeting is the Prize Giving for our show and as usual Patron Alf Day will be the speaker. (Show is next week)

**AS our SHOW** is close this newsletter is published early. Please note the **NEW** rules below.

## HOS SHOW

As usual it is time to remind you all about our **BIG** event of the year.

Don't be shy; bring your orchids even if you don't expect to win any prizes. It is a display and we need your flowers so the public has something to see and interest them.

Remember we have a small **gift** for HOS members who exhibit at our show.

Pick up a **schedule** and check the classes for your plants. If in doubt please ask.

Read the class descriptions and note the changes from previous years.

If you have any surplus orchid plants bring them for the **sales** table. They must have sales tickets attached and a master sheet for the sales table assistants.

Please ensure all **display** plants are **tagged** with your name and an **entry card** filled out with your **name** and **class** number on it. HOS members please write '**HOS**' in top right corner.

We will require help setting up and dismantling the hall so please indicate if you can help.

Other helpers are required on the show day as stewards for the judges, placing prize cards, and many other tasks. Come along and have a fun day.

Please note that during judging only those directly involved with this or helping as required are permitted in the hall.

During the show members are invited to 'mix and mingle' with the public to help encourage people to join our society and discuss the plants on show.

If you have taken a **poster** make sure it is displayed in a prominent public position somewhere in your area, such as a shop window, hall, community centre etc.

**BEWARE** of the parking wardens! (Read the signs)

## IMPORTANT NEW RULES - please take note

There will be a purchase **limit of 5 plants per person** (any orchid club member only) from the sales table on the Friday before show opens.

The sales table will **NOT** be open for any sales **before 10am** on the Saturday.

There are no sales of orchid plants permitted in other areas of the hall or the carpark.

There will be no plants put aside for purchase during the show unless paid for immediately.

**LAST MEETING:** What a large crowd at the meeting, a rough count of approx. 60 members and visitors. It was noted that HOS is one of the larger societies in NZ (Taranaki largest) and we should keep up the good work by introducing more people to orchid growing. The flower display was particularly nice with some beautifully grown plants on the bench. Hopefully you will still have plenty for our show benches.

Great to see **Bryce** back behind the wheel and **Lea** with her beautiful orchids at our club again. Glenn's talk and slides on how orchids grow in the wild (Brunei jungle) was concluded with a few shots of some orchid flowers we don't see here taken in the UK. Hopefully many of the newer members will now have a better idea of where and how orchids grow naturally.

**Correction:** Thanks to John Muddiman pointing out my error on the slide of the yellow flower, which was not a Mandevillea but in fact an Allamanda.

**PHOTO COMPETITION:** Photos will be displayed at the show. Competition closes Nov.

## **EDITOR'S COMMENT**

### **WORDS FAIL ME!!**

HOS members receive a free orchid at prize giving; a free Xmas gift; a free catered afternoon tea at Xmas; we have one of the best monthly raffles of any society I have visited.

HOS members get a good speaker, which the club sponsors most months. (We do pay them)

And **how many** OCNZ raffle books can you manage to **sell**?

If I put it in print it would be an embarrassment to our society. (60% of these were sold by Comm. Members).

It's the same old story. It is the same members who bring something for everyone to share for afternoon tea; help with setting up chairs etc; donate a raffle plant and so on.

I wonder what some of you think the objectives of a club are?

### **BUT you can redeem yourselves!**

We will have tickets on sale at our show and they will also be available for you to take and sell on the Friday. All unsold tickets and butts must be picked up at the Show.

If you want any before then please phone Glenn on 534 8689.

**Waitakere Orchid Club** show held at the Kelston venue last month was another successful event for all concerned. With a large sales area and plenty to choose from most orchid fanatics would have been able to replenish depleted collections. HOS gained a 3<sup>rd</sup> for the very tasteful rendition of a sunset (*Out West*) mounted by our usual enthusiastic team. And yes I did apologise for being late after making a wrong turn and taking the scenic route via Swanson. After nearly running out of petrol and then trying 7 out of 8 pumps at the gas station to find the 1 not on prepay.....I will stay out east I think!

Our only other complaint was the large hole burnt in the nylon cloth on the floor when someone must have knocked our lights over and conveniently left them resting against it. Luckily for all concerned there was no fire, a sobering thought for any society that still thinks Public Liability Insurance is an unnecessary expense. This is the second orchid show I've attended recently where there has been a fire.

I attended for the first time the **Dargaville District Orchid** show held recently and was very impressed with the quality of plants and the number displayed. There were certainly some excellent entries and a very welcoming and friendly group made a most enjoyable day out. As I've mentioned before you can often find unusual or sort after plants on the sales table in some of the country areas and I was not disappointed here.

Just remember, **half** the people you know are below average.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Welcome to **Winsome** Webber (Highland Pk) and **Gail** Kidd (Papakura).

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all those who successfully exhibited at NZOS Show recently especially **Julie** Duff with an awarded Zygo (AM) and Reserve Champion Cymbidium.

**PLANTS ON DISPLAY** (Sept meeting) – Crikey what a lot!

**OPEN** Some names shortened ie grex omitted. Some of you are writing the cross as well as the new reg. name and others are including the grex without the inverted commas.

Anton & Janet: *Sarco. aquelis*, *L. superbians\**, *Phal. lindenii*, *Cym. Glasgow\** ‘Pole’, *Den. Harold Hirsch* x Louise’s Rainbow.

Grahame Leafberg: *Den. Evie’s Spirit*, *Den. King of Hearts* x *Vivid*, *Den. Yondi Tina*.

William & Man Lo: *Den. Riversun*, *Gsl. Maple Land* = (*Choc Drop* x *pumila*), *Osmgls.*

*pulchellum*, *Den. Bardo Rose*, *Cym. Sarah Jean* ‘Ena Langdale’, *Den. Paradise Gerli*, *Masd.*

*Falcon\**, *Paph. Stefani Pitta*.

Michelle Tung: *Rsc. Yellow Ball* x *Sc. Anzac*, *S. Marriottiana* x *Sc. California Apricot*, *Zga.*

*King’s Park*, *Den. Silver Eye* x *kingianum*, *Osmgls. pulchellum*.

Sandra Moore: BIG box of *Pleiones*.

Glenn & Manee: *Slc. Hazel Boyd* ‘Elizabeth’, *Sarco hartmanii* x 2, *Coel. cristata*,

Ken & Chui Tse: *Angcm. sesquipedale*, *Den. Double Two* x *Sun Sprite\**, *Cym. Miss Muffet*, *Cym.*

*Loch Lomond* ‘Green Jade’, *Cym. tracyanum* cross.

John Muddiman: *Den. Burgandy Bride\** x *delicatum*, *Den. kingianum*, *Den. Harold Hirsch* x

*Louise’s Rainbow*, *Phal. (Red Fox* x *Lipperose)* x *Morning Mist*.

Pam Forde: *Den. Emma* x *Aussie Sandy*, *Den. Yondi Sparkle\**, *Den. Star of Riverdene\** = (spec. x

*Star of Gold*), *Den. Cheryl’s Glory*, *Den. Bardo Rose*, *Den. Starbright Corona*, *Den. kingianum*.

Alf Day: Basket of various orchids (*Odonts* predominating of course)

Woolf Grausch: *Sarco. aequalis*, *Slc. Medley* x 2.

Lee & Bryce Westlake: *L. anceps* var. *Sanderiana*, *Max. porphyrostele*, *S. coccinea* (*Jumbo* x #14), *Den. speciosum* x *Aussie\** *Mist* = *Evesham* (registered by Grahame Leafberg)

Jim Bensemam: 2 x *Cyms* unknown, *Den.* unknown.

Peggy Bell-Booth: *Den. Lorikeet* x *kingianum* x *Louise’s Rainbow* (No brackets shown), *Den.*

*Brinawa Charm* x *Class* ‘White Eye’.

Julie Duff: *Den. speciosum* dominant cross.

Kathy Rimmer: *Arpphy. giganteum*

#### **NOVICE:**

Lee Stone: *Bletilla striata*, *Odm.* Unknown.

Alan Robinson: *Phal.* Unknown, *Den. Tawhai Gold*.

Josc. Jamieson: *Phal. amabilis* var. *Formosum*.

Irene Burridge: *Den.* Unknown.

#### **NOVELTY**

Glenn & Manee: *Cym. God Only Knows* (and yes that is a registered name!).

Michelle Tung: *Den. Green Gem*.

**OPEN:** 1<sup>st</sup> Kathy (Arpphy), 2<sup>nd</sup> Pam Forde (Cheryl’s Glory), 3<sup>rd</sup> William & Man (Masd).

**NOVELTY:** 1<sup>st</sup> Michelle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Glenn/Manee.

**NOVICE:** 1<sup>st</sup> Joscelyn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lee (Odm), 3<sup>rd</sup> Alan (Phal).

Alf Day and Brian Main gave the plant commentary which was a little rushed because of the large number of great plants. Some of the plants were incorrectly labeled.

ONLY a **third** of you voted! Make sure you complete a slip and put it in the appropriate box.

**HOS Club days for 2009:** 18<sup>th</sup> Oct (NB not 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun), 8<sup>th</sup> Nov, 13<sup>th</sup> Dec.