



NEWSLETTER of the HOWICK ORCHID SOCIETY Inc.

September 2011

NEXT meeting Sun 16th Oct. 2011



I know these don't have anything to do with orchids but it is the Rugby World Cup!
Tahitian dancers at open day at The Cloud (right)

NEXT MEETING

Please note that this meeting is NOT the 2nd Sunday.

Prize giving day is an important meeting where the trophies are awarded to winners from the show. HOS members who exhibited at our show will receive a small gift but only those that attend the Prize giving. Alf Day (our Patron) will be the speaker, always an inspiration to us all.

LAST MEETING: Phil Funnell gave his presentation on UK orchids, which was a very detailed and interesting talk. Some of the photos were of very rare and endangered species and most were taken in the wild as many do not survive for long in cultivation.

There was not a large display of plants on our display bench as most were out at the South Auckland show. It was a surprisingly good attendance for such a miserable day.

LIBRARY: Another big thanks to Phil for his donation of three large volumes for our library. These are specialist books and hard to find now, just what we need.

CULTURE

This time of the year is when we should be looking at repotting as it has been an early and relatively warm spring. In my opinion the earlier it is done the better chance your plants have in re-establishing and putting on new growth. Giving advice can be tricky as it depends on how carefully you handle this task. Some orchids respond well to repotting but others sometimes resent disturbance. Some I have problems with are Zygos, Paphs and Coelogynes. Easier ones to handle

are; Cymbidiums, Dendrobiums and Odontoglossums. I prefer to back cut Cattleyas at least 6 months before removing from the pot as this gives them a chance to establish new growths and roots. Most orchids need repotting from time to time as the mix breaks down souring the compost causing the roots to rot.

Old dried off bulbs or canes should be removed along with dead roots and broken down mix.

Be careful not to knock off new shoots developing down in the sheath as they are very brittle and hard to see.

After repotting give your plants a good watering and leave alone for a while to settle down in their new home. I give mine a good sprinkle with Bio Boost fertilizer which is organic and in a pellet form. It is cheap but only available in 25kg bags as far as I know. For those greenies amongst us it is recycled solids (sterilized) from the New Plymouth sewage treatment plant and a sensible use of a product which would normally end up in a landfill.

AS a result of the global recession a picture is now only worth 200 words.

EDITOR'S COMMENT

The last of the show displays by HOS for this year was finished in style at the Sth Auck. OS show held at the Botanic gardens. Howick won first prize with a very tasteful display organized by



Kathy with help from Ken & Chui, Lee Stone, Sandra Bullock, Michelle, Anton, Glenn & Manea. This is a nice venue with good attendance from the public but unfortunately the Sunday storm resulted in some damp gear, plants and a lot of soggy certificates.

RESULTS from SAOS:

Kathy Rimmer; 2nd Cl. 29

Species (*Arpo. giganteum*)

Lea Westlake; 1st Cl. 20 Nobile type Den. (Tommoflake)

Anton Wehman; 1st Cl. 27

Phalaenopsis other colour (Dou-

dii Rose x Chingruey's Sika Deer)

Ken & Chui Tse; 2nd Cl. 18 Den. Aust. White (Nullabor*), 2nd Cl. 31 Masd. hybrid (Bocking Hybrid), 3rd Cl. 29 Species (*Angcm. sesquipedale*).

Michelle Tung; 2nd Cl. 6 Cym other colour (Vogel's Magic), 2nd Cl. 48 other hybrid (Lyc. Koolena).

G & M Poffley; 1st Cl. 33 Specimen (*Den. speciosum var. hillii*), 1st Cl. 19 Den. Aust other colour (Golden Arch), 1st Cl. 29 species (*Coel. cristata*), 2nd Cl. 14 Paph. Standard complex (Pathfinder Navigator), 3rd Cl. 6 Cym Int. any colour (King Arthur 'Paseo Verde').

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With the concerns over the US\$ a truckload of Americans was caught sneaking into Mexico.



We would like to see more of your plants made available for our displays even though we often end up with a lot! With the big show coming up in Auckland in 2016 you need to be planning ahead.

HOS display at WOC (2nd place)

We recently visited the Auckland Winter Gardens (Domain) and were impressed with this *Den. smillieae* in full flower, shown on right. This is a warm grower from Nth Australia – New Guinea.



Masd. Ova- Avis
also at Winter Gardens

A letter from Gary Cooke

My family and I would like to thank all of our friends and colleagues for the heart-felt expressions of love and sympathy during the sudden illness and loss of Heather. Because of your understanding I have been temporarily able to step back from some of my club commitments. Please accept this as a personal message in response to your many cards, phone calls, and emails.

Plants On Display (September 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

Betty Everson
Warren Mullins
John Sheppard
Michelle Tung

Phal. New Cinderella
Ddc. tenellum
Arpo. giganteum
Oda. Saie x Odm. nobile

Third
Second

First
(Plant of the Month)

Bryce & Lea Westlake
Cym. Tiger Moon
Ascda. Blue Dreams
Paph. unknown
Den. Berry x Red River
Den. Black Mountain x S'bye? x Hickam*
 (NB Black Mountain x Hickam = Sybil Jones)

Ron Reeves
Plu. **Vesuvius**
Max. *porphyrostele*
Den. *nobile*

Novice

Jessie O'Hara	<i>Den.</i> unknown x 3	
Alan Robinson	<i>Cym.</i> Borough Green 'Eureka'	First
	<i>Den.</i> <i>speciosum</i> 'Michiko'	Second

Meanings of abbreviations

Arpo. – Arpophyllum Ddc. – Dendrochilum Cym. – Cymbidium
 Den. – Dendrobium Max. – Maxillaria Odm. – Odontoglossum Oda. – Odontioda
 Paph. – Paphiopedilum Phal. – Phaleanopsis Pln. – Pleione

Commentary was given by Phil Funnell.

HOWICK ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW

Initial results are looking excellent with over 400 (public) through the door in 1 day! Sales were fantastic (up 22% on last year!) with very little left at the end of the day. The high quality of these plants was a bonus. As usual the hall looked beautiful and was commented on very favourably by most coming to the show. The display plants looked beautiful and the scent of the Dendrobiums could be smelt over the road it was so overpowering.

We had a big turnout of help on the Saturday during the show, which was needed with such a steady flow through the door and in the sales area. Thank you to all those members that came and gave their time and energy.

Friday set up was a lot of heavy work with only 5 men to move 57 tables into position and we are very grateful to you. A few of our regular women got right into the painstaking job of setting out the cloths. But special thanks is deserved to the SOUTH AUCKLAND O.S. members who arrived a little early and without any prompting started taping up the boxes so vital for the benching.

Elaine, Sheryl, Jeanette, and Norm's help was just what was needed at a crucial time.

I don't normally name people but those that went the extra mile deserve recognition.

Lea Westlake spent all day preparing all the food to feed the workers and judges on Friday. The order was 'make enough for 40'. There was probably enough for 80!

Anton worked tirelessly in the weeks prior to the show arranging the printing, fixing signs, cutting, gluing and a multitude of other tasks needed for a successful show. Even after the curtain went down we still had to dismantle 18 large street advertising signs scattered from one end of the eastern suburbs to the other. (It initially took us 4hrs to put them up)

Then there is the balancing of the books. Janet and Winsome will spend days doing this.

Robert Finley and John Muddiman worked like men possessed during set up and break down.

We had so many to help during judging it was a completed in a very quick time freeing the hall up for the early Sat opening. I even got to see the second half of the rugby match.

The sales team led by Sandra Moore and Lee Stone worked 2 days (checking in Frid and selling Sat) with very little respite.

Jessie O'Hara along with many others provided a huge amount of food on the Saturday.
Ken Tse's continuous video presentation was utilized and we will make better use of it in the future.

I can't name you all but your contribution no matter how large or small is valued and it all goes to making the club a better one.

The Trophy list is below, more results will be published next newsletter.

TROPHY LIST HOS Show Oct 09

Lady Stevenson Cup:	Villa Orchids	GRAND CHAMPION OF SHOW
Val Bayliss Cup:	Villa Orchids	CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM
Alice Shirley Memorial Trophy:	Villa Orchids	CHAMPION STD CYMBIDIUM
Howickville Rosebowl:	John Cairns	CHAMPION INT. CYM.
Frost Trophy:	Grahame Leafberg	CHAMPION MINI CYM.
Moya Younghusband Tray:	Villa Orchids	MOST DECORATIVE PLANT
Scholes Cup:	Mick Hughes	FIRST FLOWERING SEEDLING
Iris & George Jones Trophy:	Beryl Calder	CHAMPION CATTLEYA
O'Connor Trophy:	Brian Main	BEST PHALAENOPSIS
Anne Marie Orchids Cup:	Alf Day	BEST ODONTOGLOSSUM ALLIANCE
Howickville Cup:	William & Man Lo	BEST PAPHIOPEDILUM
Walker Cup:	Ken & Chui Tse	BEST MASDEVALLIA
Ratcliffe Cup:	Grahame Leafberg	BEST AUSTRALIAN SPECIES/HYBRID
Arnold Jolly Memorial Trophy:	Pam Forde	BEST NOBILE TYPE DENDROBIUM
Betty & Harry Tomlin Cup:	Alf Day	BEST SPECIES
Concord Trophy:	B & L Westlake	CULTURAL EXCELLENCE not Cym
Borough of Howick Trophy:	Fraser Dix	BEST STD CYM. - NOVICE
Howick Orchid Soc. Trophy:	Fraser Dix	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

SHOW RAFFLE RESULTS

1st (Crystal glasses – hand painted with orchid donated by **L & M Leaity**) – Andrea Gillett

2nd (1 year subscription to **Weekend Gardener Magazine**) – Pat Archibold

3rd (Phalaenopsis plant supplied by **HOS**) – Meenen Basrur (All visitors)

ON A MORE SERIOUS NOTE:

Members are requested NOT to give out names or addresses of those members of our club who have orchid collections at home, to visitors or the public. Rather take their name/number. It has been reported that some of our older members (who may or may not want to sell these) are being pestered to sell cheaply or give away plants that have been owned for many years.

COMING EVENTS

NSOS Sarchochilus SHOW 5/6 Nov. St Annes hall, cnr Beach & Glencoe Rds. Browns Bay.

Orchid Fair at K & R Orchids, Dominion Rd Tuakau, Labour weekend.

HOS CLUB DAYS for **2011**

16 Oct. (Prize Giving) **13 Nov.** (Auction) **11 Dec.** (Social).

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