



# NEWSLETTER of the HOWICK ORCHID SOCIETY Inc.

Sept. 2012

**NEXT meeting Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Oct. 2012**

**NEXT MEETING:** This is our Prize Giving and as usual Alf Day our long serving Patron will talk on a subject of his choice. PLEASE NOTE this meeting is NOT on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month but 2 weeks after our show so we have time to get trophies engraved.

The next news letter will be the October issue and will be after the Oct. meeting.



**LAST MEETING:** A very large turn out to see Mike and Leigh's interesting selection of photos from around the world. Not only did we see the Peterborough water festival (sorry, orchid show) and Floriade, but some photos of Holland (Flora Holland), Teneriffe, Brisbane and others. Mike and Leigh's insight and comments about these events etc were also food for thought.

*Kathy Rimmer's C. Fire Magic 'Solar Flare'  
(1<sup>st</sup> Open)*

## EDITOR'S COMMENT

This newsletter is early so that you are all prepared for our SHOW.

We usually give a lot of details on what help you can provide but this year will keep it brief.

If you are able please come and partake in this annual event and provide any help you can.

This year we could do with a few more on Friday at 11.30am to help set up tables and arrange the hall as last year the heavy work was left to just a few. The ladies usually set out the clothes which is a time consuming operation.

Judging starts at 6.30pm (Frid) and if you want to partake by helping with the certificates or other tasks you are welcome to attend. As always this is a learning experience.

On Saturday our club members are invaluable in the hall interacting with the public in any way they can. Members can also help out with security and standing in for others while they have a break from the entry desk, raffle, sales and other duties. Every little bit helps.

Packing up is another big exercise on Sat. afternoon. Please make sure you are there before 4pm to pack up any plants you may have in the hall and to help put everything away.

For some of us the above jobs are just a small part of the exercise as amongst other things we will be out a week before erecting signs around the district and then taking them down again later.

The other very important thing to remember is to LABEL your plants or pots so we can identify them if left behind.

**NOVEMBER** Meeting. This is our annual auction so please have those plants you have put aside ready for us to sell at this popular event.



*It's that time of year again! (Aussie Dendrobiums)*

*Above (L) Anton/Janet's Harold Hirsch x Louise's Rainbow, (R) King of Hearts x Vivid from G. Leafberg.*

## **CULTURE**

It is now getting warmer with longer days and growth starting on many orchids. This is a very important time to start watering and fertilizing. Even though nights are on the cool side they have been mostly around 10 – 11 degrees, which is bordering on the range of intermediate growers. My Cattleyas and others less tolerant of cool conditions are all showing signs of new growth. With the spring weather we also get insects and other problems arriving. Now is a time to get stuck into repotting including dividing any oversized plants. Dividing orchids is a whole subject in itself and can be a trap for many new growers. Some orchids do not like root disturbance and knowing which ones you can 'butcher' takes some time and heartache to learn. I now prefer to 'back cut' many and leave them in their pots for a further growing season before removing them to divide. This requires assessing the plant well before you actually attempt to divide it and is probably worth devoting a little time to at a club meeting again. Repotting can be done at any time but at this time be wary of accidentally knocking off the new shoots which are extremely brittle and quite often hidden down in the bulb sheath.

**HOS SHOW – FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> Oct SET UP from 11.00am.**

Show open for business Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> Oct from 9am to 4pm.

**NB. We cannot bench your plants BEFORE 2pm.**

**Please be aware of the Parking restrictions in ALL areas.**

**DO NOT park at the rear of hall except for quick unloading** as the library needs access.

Bring your **plants** for **DISPLAY!** All HOS members who display will receive a gift at Prize giving. (No rain checks or taking on behalf of others)

Bring your **plants** for **SALE!** All HOS members who sell their plants will receive money.

Bring **YOURSELF!** All HOS members are guaranteed a good time and something to eat.

Bring a **FRIEND!** I'm sure they will enjoy the show and might like to join our society.

Bring some **MONEY!** Surely we can tempt you to buy more orchids or a raffle ticket.

**OCNZ Raffle** books have now all been issued. Please **return any sold butts and money to Diane** as soon as possible so we can see how we are progressing.

**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**

Lea Jooste	1 Dendrobium
Phil Funnell	<i>Masd. melanopus</i>
Wendy Gilligan	<i>Paph. Maiden</i>
Frances Henrich/Ros Mackay	<i>Angraecum Veitchii</i>
Mick Hughes	2 <i>Cymbidium</i> Pictured below ( <i>Kiri Te Kanawa x Huckleberry</i> ) x <i>Electric Ladyland</i>
Grahame Leafberg	A basket of mixed Dendrobium and Sarcochilus
William & Man Lo	1 <i>Cymbidium</i> 5 Dendrobium
John Muddiman	1 Coelogyne
Warren Mullins	<i>Dendrochilum tenellum</i> 1 Dendrochilum 1 Osmoglossum
Glenn and Manee Poffley	1 Cattleya 2 Oncidiinae Alliance 1 Vanda 1 Maxillaria
Ron Reeves	2 Dockrillia <i>Maxillaria nigrescens</i>
Kathy Rimmer	C. Fire Magic 'Solar Flare' (First)
Alan Robinson	1 Dendrochilum 1 Cattleya <i>Cymbidium Minnekin</i> x Pink Tower(?) (name not found)
Shirley Sidnam	1 Sarcochilus 1 Masdevallia 1 Rodriguezia 1 Cattleya <i>Oerstedella centradenia</i> (currently named as <i>Epi. centropetalum</i> )
Lee Stone	1 Maxillaria 1 Sarcochilus 1 Odontioda 1 Dendrochilum
Norman Streater	Phalaenopsis unknown Second (Shown at right)
Ken & Chui Tse	1 <i>Cymbidium</i> <i>Den. Yondi x kingianum</i> = <i>Den. You Beaut</i> (Plant of the month)
Anton & Janet Wehman	3 Dendrobium 3 Phalaenopsis 1 Dendrochilum

**Third**



Bryce & Lea Westlake 1 Masdevallia  
 1 Sarcochilus  
 1 Dendrobium  
*Den. Black Mountain* x *Hickam Deb* = *Den. Sybil Jones*

Kevin & Kitty Yong 1 Dendrobium  
 1 Coelogyne

**Novice**

Raewyn McCormack *Paph. unknown*  
**Second**

Dianne Gurr *Ddc. glumaceum*  
**First**

**Novelty**

Frances Henrich/Ros Mackay *Aerangis citrate*  
**First**



*Kevin & Kitty's nice Den. Hilda Poxon*

Commentary was given by Mike and Leigh Leaity



*Mike & Leigh thought Glenn & Manee's Ctt. Mem. Francis Takakura was about as 'blue' as it got with Cattleyas.*

**COMING EVENTS**

**HOS CLUB DAYS** for 2012

- 5 Oct** (Show set up), **6 Oct (HOS Show)**,
- 21 Oct** (prize giving – Alf Day),
- 11 Nov** (Auction),
- 9 Dec** (social).

Meetings are held **1.30 pm** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month (usually) at the **Fencible Lounge**, Uxbridge Rd. Howick. Entry is free for members, visitors \$2. Afternoon tea included.

*Ken & Chui's Den. You Beaut*

Just another reminder when it comes to plant labels and entries especially at our Show. Michelle and Steven can read English and Chinese, Manee can read Thai but I'm quite sure we don't have anyone that can read or translate Hieroglyphics! So please have a thought for our hardworking people on the certificate desk and write CLEARLY.

