



MANAWATU ORCHID SOCIETY INC.
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President's Report.

It's amazing how quickly the first quarter of the year has flown by. The nights have certainly turned cooler and Easter gets us back on to standard time. Now is the time to check out the greenhouse heaters, hotbeds and insulation to keep the plants cosy for the next few months.

The Autumn show is only a couple of weeks away – hopefully everyone has a few plants to contribute to the display. April 17th is the date, St John's Ambulance Hall, Bowen Street in Feilding the venue. We will need volunteers for the raffle table, and the kitchen and donations of food for teas and lunch. Remember although the show is held in Feilding it is the Manawatu Show.

It was really interesting to have Allison and Ted Mannell share the experiences of their trip to Cuba and also an insight to their days, off the tourist track, in Japan catching up with their exchange student.

Our AGM is in May and now is the time to think about contributing some of your time to keep the Society running smoothly. Remember all positions become vacant and written nominations are required by 30th April.

Have a safe and happy Easter.

Patricia Elms.

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April Meeting

The next club meeting of the Manawatu Orchid Society will be held on Thursday April 8th at 7.30pm in the Community Leisure Centre, 569 Fergusson Street, Palmerston North.

The evening will feature a slide show of the 2009 Orchid Awards with a **brief** explanation about their quality etc.

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Dates for your Diary

The Autumn Show will be held in the St. John Ambulance Hall, Bowen Street, Feilding, on Saturday April 17th opening from 9am – 4pm. Please note the new venue which is at the opposite end of Bowen Street to our old venue and on the other side of the road.

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Orchid Extravaganza

8 months to go and counting!

No longer can we talk about the big show next year. Suddenly it's just around the corner! Thoughts must now be turning to that special plant – has the preparation been all it should be and will it bloom on time?

I'm sure you will be planning to attend? Many have indicated yes. Early bird registration is now open and a number of registrations have already been received while many have already booked their accommodation.

REGISTRATION:

Supplies of the Registration Brochure was distributed to all Societies at the end of November and it has also been supplied to all those who had previously registered their interest in attending. If you have not received a copy check with your Society secretary or contact us at PO Box 5223 Palmerston North 4441.

All the registration information can also be obtained direct from on our website at www.orchids.org.nz

Remember that the closing date for early registration is the 28th February 2010.

SHOW SCHEDULE:

Preparation of the show schedule is now well advanced and we expect that this will be available for distribution at the end of April. Copies will be sent to all Societies and those who have requested display space at that time.

DISPLAYS:

We are encouraged by the response to date. Most of the NZ Societies and commercial orchid growers have notified us that they will be participating.

In addition to the orchid displays the show will feature the following additional attractions.

Floral Art:

The floral art area will involve classes for orchid society members as well as competitive sections for floral art societies in this region. Details of these classes will be available in our next issue.

Quilts:

In conjunction with Rose City Quilters there will be a display of quilts chosen from their members. We also

advised earlier that a quilt challenge would be held. This will be an open challenge for a quilt up to 1 sq m with a theme of "Orchid Extravaganza". If you are a quilter then this is for you and now is the time to start planning your entry.

National Daffodil Show:

The Central Daffodil Group is hosting the national daffodil show on the **Saturday & Sunday** and we are looking forward to collaborating with them once again at this show.

COMMERCIAL SALES AREA:

The commercial sales area is continuing to fill. If any of you are planning to be involved but have not yet booked your space or know of those who should then please contact us without delay.

The committee has decided that, in fairness to those commercial people who are meeting the cost of the sales area, there will not be any club sales or other area set aside for hobby growers to sell their surplus plants. Anyone may purchase a sales area and if any hobby grower or group of growers wants to do this they are most welcome.

ACCOMMODATION:

For the benefit of those who may not have seen it this paragraph is repeated from our November newsletter:- In our last newsletter we advised that this will be your responsibility and as this information is now readily available from a number of sources suggested that you check out the information centre website www.manawatunz.co.nz or the AA handbook for details of what is available. We understand that a number of people have done just that and have their arrangements all completed. Destination Manawatu have advised that they have a service available to assist with finding somewhere to stay. An application form for this free service is available on our website.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS:

All of the special interest groups have been invited to meet during the conference and as a result some breakfast meetings have been organised and these breakfasts will need to be prebooked through the registration form.

These are detailed in the Registration Brochure and further information will be provided for delegates in the Registrants Handbook.

Graham Jackson

Publicity Convenor

SHOW RULES 2010

1. To display plants a person must be a financial or life member of the Manawatu Orchid Society.
2. Financial members of other Orchid Societies may display plants at the discretion of the Show Marshall. These plants will be eligible for award judging only.
3. Plants exhibited for show judging must have been in the exhibitor's care for the period of time that covers the 'spike initiation' of the blooms on display.
4. All plants must be presented in a clean and disease-free condition and be well established in their growing medium. Pots should be clean and for club displays if outer display pots are used they must not detract from the plants. The Show Marshall will make the final decision on what is acceptable.
5. Flowering plants other than orchids are not to be displayed. Foliage only may be used.
6. A label, which should be legible within the display, should be placed so that the plant is easily and correctly identifiable. Only labelled plants will be eligible for judging. The owners name can be on the front or back of the label. Pale green card is expected to be used for labels in club displays.
7. Invited commercial growers must have a display. Labelled plants may be eligible for show judging. If any plants on the display are sold, they must not be removed until the end of the show.
8. Only exhibitors may offer plants for sale either on their own or the club's sales table.
9. All tables and trestles used in the Exhibition are to be fully draped unless it is inappropriate to do so, e.g. as part of a display.
10. All plants presented for sale on the clubs sales table must be recorded separately on the sales form. Each plant is to be labelled showing the sellers name and the identifying sheet code and number from the sales form.
11. All sales plants must comply with rule 4 above. There is an expectation that the majority of plants presented for sale will be orchids.
12. The Show Marshall has the right to reject any plants not considered to be up to standard.
13. While all care will be taken no liability will be accepted by the Society for any loss or damage of plants for sale or display.

14. Watering of plants: All plants should be watered no less than two days before display to allow for drainage and avoid damage to the drapes. Plants in sphagnum moss are particularly prone to this and double potting may assist.
15. Displays are not to be dismantled until 10 minutes after closing time on the last day of the show or at the discretion of the Show Marshall.
16. The Show Marshall shall have the final say on any show matters which may be unclear or under dispute.

Plant Commentary March 2010

Jill Palethorpe	Rangaeias amamniensis Phal.White Wedding Oda.Shelley Jane
Ted Mannell	Vanda Mandai Amber? Vanda Jennie Hashimoto Vanda Rothschildiana Asctm. Unknown Vasco. (Ascd Wichot x coerulra) x Vasco The Sky Odcdm. Golden Trident
R&L Bird	Dendrobium Cuthbersonii.
Tudor Orchids	Vuyl Fall in Love Wils Bonne nuit x Odm bictoniense Odm grande Wils Promising Gold Paph victoria mariae Paph Bengal Lancers x Lady Isabel

Results of Plant Commentary

<u>Other species</u>		
1 st Vuylstekeara	Fall in Love	Tudor Orchids
2 nd Ascocenda	Unknown	Ted Mannell
3 rd Rangaeris amanuensis		Jill Palethorpe

Another Crozzle puzzle to test you out.

Words can go in Up, Down, Across, Backwards or Diagonally

A	N	O	E	C	T	O	C	H	I	L	U	S	Y	T	P	U
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S	A	A	P	U	R	F	J	K	M	N	H	B	K	B	S	R
E	E	E	T	I	S	I	S	Y	H	C	U	F	L	V	C	S
L	A	O	S	P	Y	L	A	C	Q	L	F	K	H	X	A	S
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Crozzle Puzzle for April

ANOECTOCHILUS

BRASSIA

BULBOPHYLLUM

CATASETUM

SOFT CANE HYBRIDS

OPHRYS

SAND

ANSELLIA

BARK

CALADENIA

CATTLEYA

HYGROCHILUS

ORCHIS

SCHILLERIANA

ARACHNIS

BROUGHTONIA

CALYPSO

CHYSIS

LAELIA LONGIPES

PESCATOREA

Nomination For 2010-2011 Committee from May 2010 Manawatu Orchid Society

I wish to nominatefor the position of

.....on the 2010-2011 committee.

signed (Proposer)

signed (Secunder)

I accept nomination

signed (Nominee)

Please note that current committee members must be renominated to be eligible for the new committee.

Expand Your Orchid Growing Space

If you have been growing orchids for any length of time, you know how easy it is to run out of space for your ever-expanding collection. Orchids are a bit like peanuts or potato chips, you can't stop with just one! If you are growing on a window sill, you have the option of expanding to more windowsills within your house, or if you are lucky and have the space, to an outdoor greenhouse.

No matter which way you grow, you are going to need to increase the density of orchids within that space as your collection grows. Be sure that you have an active pest monitoring schedule whenever you try to increase the number of orchids because the closer together they are, the easier it is for pests to move between plants. Another good thing about increasing density is that the humidity around your plants will also increase, making your plants happier and healthier. Here are some good ideas to accomplish that.

Small mounted plants can be hung on the side of existing pots of larger plants. Tolumnias are a good choice for this because the plants stay small and do not require large mounts. You will want to move them when they are flowering in order to display the flowers to best effect.

Layering plants by hanging high light plants above those that require lower light levels is another option. Plants can be hung either in baskets or in pots. Put your high-light loving plants such as Cattleyas, Vandas and Dendrobiums at the top of your growing area; then the medium light plants in middle layers and finally the low light plants such as Paphs. and Phals. on the bottom layer shaded by the others.

If you have a greenhouse, one of the best ideas is to tack a piece of fencing mesh with fairly large openings to one side of the structure. This can be used to hold many mounted plants of almost any size. If you use very sturdy fencing material, you can also attach pots to the material. Use the same ideas discussed above -- high light plants on the wall -- to shade the lower light plants. You can also use this idea to provide some cooling for a warm greenhouse if you use the east wall as your mounting area -- it will provide shade against a strong easterly sun.

March Day Forum.

The March Day Forum was held at Don and Dawn Isles home on a pleasant Autumn afternoon. Don had set up a mock display of our entry to the Manawatu stand for the Orchid Extravaganza in September. While he did not have many flowers out it is always good to see how many plants he packs into a relatively small area and of course his vegetable garden is always an enviable sight to behold. Dawn's tuberous begonias provided plenty of colour in the flower department. Neville Butler along with three other judges present gave a quick demonstration of what is involved in judging flowers for awards (in particular) and members gave their point scoring ability with a test on a Cattleya that Jenny had brought along.

We had our usual raffles and afternoon tea and quite a display of flowers that Jenny had brought along from Graham J's collection which she is looking after for him at present. In all it was an enjoyable afternoon and who knows we may get some runners for the September Show as a result.

Our thanks go to Don and Dawn for their Hospitality.

APRIL DAY FORUM

The April Day Forum will be held in Marton Thursday April 22nd at the home of members Bryan and Lynn Gibbs, 21 Milne Street, Marton, commencing 1.30pm. Directions on how to get to their place will be given at the next club meeting or contact Lorraine or Russell Bird ☎06 323 8343. Bryan and Lynn are regular members of the Day Forum and longstanding club members who would welcome a visit from members to their lovely home and garden setting. Car pooling desirable.

A selection of photos from the March Club Night and the March Day Forum. Photos. Eldon Ormsby



An Irishman goes into the confessional box after years of being away from the Church. There's a fully equipped bar with Guinness on tap. On the other wall is a dazzling array of the finest cigars and chocolates. Then the priest comes in. "Father, forgive me, for it's been a very long time since I've been

to confession, but I must first admit that the confessional box is much more inviting than it used to be."

The priest replies: "Get out. You're on my side."

FREEZER BAGS. They are male, because they hold everything in, but you can see right through them.

WEB PAGES. They are female because they are constantly being looked at and frequently being hit on.

EGG TIMERS. They are female, because over time, all the weight shifts to the bottom.

HAMMERS. They are male, because in the last 5000 years they have hardly changed at all, and are occasionally handy to have around.