



Manawatu Orchid Society Inc.

March 2010 Newsletter

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From our President.

The months seem to be going very quickly and we are only 6 weeks away from the Autumn Show at Feilding and 8 weeks to the Manfield Garden Festival where we are staging a display. I hope you have lots of plants coming into flower for these two occasions. We will also need volunteers for the show and also the weekend at Manfield. A roster will be available at the next meeting. It is great to see the support coming from the Society for the September Show as many of you have already registered as have a good number from other Societies.

Keep up all the TLC for your plants so that we have a wonderful display in September. The 'design team' are well ahead with their plans - hoping to have something very special to view as visitors come through the door at the Arena.

See you at the meeting.

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Geraldine Wood

The March meeting of the Society will be held in the Community Leisure Centre, 569 Fergusson Street commencing at 7.30pm. Thursday March 11th Guests speakers will be Ted and Allison Mannell continuing their talk from last year – this time on CUBA. This should be another exciting talk to hear.

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One of the displays at the recent Tokyo Dome Show 2010.

Photo. Ted Mannell.

Orchid Growing Tips

Keep a calendar near your growing area

Keep a small calendar in your orchid area so you can keep up with watering, fertilizing and spraying for various insects. This is particularly important in the transitional fall and spring times when a regimented schedule is not possible because of variable weather. Use one of those little 4 inch by 6 inch stand-up calendars. There is not room for anything more than a "W" for water, etc., but you can easily see when the last time you did it was.

Take pictures

Take pictures of your plants, especially when they are in flower. With the new digital cameras this will allow you to remember exactly what the plant looked like and you can make your favorites into wallpapers or any of the other uses that digital photography has given us. It's good to have a picture of any young plants you are selling.

Organize your growing area

Look around your growing area and see if there is a way to make your hobby more enjoyable. Colour code your spray bottles with nice looking alternatives. Organize the stakes you use so that they are easy to see and easy for you to choose the correct one for what you need. Clean up any areas that have collected items that are distracting to the eye when you are looking at your plants. You will have a prettier and neater growing area for this effort.

Sunburn on orchid leaves

Orchid leaves can be sunburned if the plant is subjected to too much light. The evidence of this problem is a yellowed leaf in just the top portion of the leaf (that portion that is physically the highest or nearest to the light source). First it will appear yellowish and then the whole area will dry into an unsightly dead spot. Changing light conditions in the

spring into summer are prime times for this to occur as the sun moves with the changing seasons. Watch your plants and move them away from a light source if it appears that they are getting direct sun.

Use gravel on your greenhouse floor

Using a material with many surfaces such as gravel or lava rock as the floor in your greenhouse or around your plants in the house provides multiple sources for evaporation and thus greater chance of keeping humidity high than a plain surface. Look around your area and see if there are opportunities to increase the surface area of your flooring in order to help increase humidity.



Ted Mannell's Shade House.



Ted Mannell's Glass House.

Photos. Graham Robertson.

Day Forum Feb. 25th 2010 at Ted and Allison Mannell's.

Members car pooled for the trip to Masterton to visit Ted and Allison's home and view Ted's orchid collection and his orchid houses, and out door summer growing areas.

Some of us went straight to Teds where we enjoyed our picnic lunches in the shade of the wisteria cover shelter where chairs and tables were set up. The others had lunch at Queen Park.

Elizabeth
We
Lynn Gibbs
The roof area
covered with
loved the
some in



welcomed Clair and John Jenkins, sister from Australia. of the wisteria covered house was hanging pots of Odontoglossum that dappled shade and air movement flower. Along the back wall Dracula

and Sarcochilus gently swayed in the slight breeze, two plants showing off all their flowers one a nearly red Sarcochilus. In the hot house members admired Phalaenopsis flowering in many colours and different sized flowers—other shade houses contained Teds Cymbidiums, Dendrobiums and Vandas (some had dropped their flowers after being caught in heavy rain—the roof of this house was shade cloth)—plants were enjoying the open fronted sheds—these plants are moved into the

hothouse over plants in flasks and sheltered warm different grades of before the short told us some of the Orchid show in letter from Graham and England in the This was followed time and afternoon



winter. We also saw the little just out of flasks in the car shed box—a discussion on the palm fibre mixes took place meeting where Ted and Allison highlights of their trip to the Japan. Then Jenny Mair read a Jackson about his trip to Japan snow, pretty but cold! by a multi draw raffle—question tea.

Several plants found there way home to the Manawatu. Our thanks to Ted and Allison for a very enjoyable day in the sun.

Lorraine Bird.



Here are the clues for another word puzzle. Words can run left, right, forwards, backwards, vertically & diagonally.

ADA AURANTIACA
CORALLORRHIZA
DENBROBIUM
MADIDUM
SMILLIEAE
POTINARA
PHAIUS FLAVUS

AERANGIS
CORYBAS
ELYTHRANTHERA
MOSS
OCTOMERIA
PARAPHALAENOPSIS

BARK
CYCNOCHES
ENCYCLIA
SUAVE
ODONTIODA PROSTHECHEA

A	D	A	A	U	R	A	N	T	I	A	C	A	N	S	M	S
E	Q	E	R	T	T	U	I	O	O	P	O	N	U	J	V	I
R	S	D	B	B	H	J	N	M	P	L	R	V	A	P	N	S
A	C	F	X	E	N	C	Y	C	L	I	A	E	A	O	U	P
N	H	B	V	A	K	I	N	N	S	L	L	R	C	D	J	O
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S	A	B	Y	R	O	C	U	S	A	M	R	L	Q	T	A	A
W	D	A	B	S	O	I	V	A	E	K	R	J	W	I	E	L
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M	A	P	O	R	U	G	N	W	A	R	A	N	I	T	O	P
A	R	E	H	T	N	A	R	H	T	Y	L	E	S	S	R	P
Z	C	V	B	B	H	Y	T	I	I	P	Q	D	Z	B	P	M

February Guest Speaker, David Williams.

David Williams from Redpath Pacific Greenhouses was our guest speaker in February. He gave us an informative and entertaining insight into all the products produced by Redpaths for the mainly commercial Horticultural sector, both in New Zealand and Australia. Their company is responsible for many of the large tunnel houses you see in this district and throughout the country. They are also able to supply shade cloth and frost cloth to members of the public such as ourselves and also sell small bales of coir for potting mix plastic sheeting and various fine meshed cloth. I have visited their factory in the past and it is well worth visiting for supplies of this type. Many of their products are exclusive to Redpaths and imported from various European companies for use here. David answered a number of questions from those present and he also donated a couple of bales of the coir for our raffles for the next couple of months.

This was a most enjoyable and informative talk David and we thank you for speaking to us. He was presented with a flowering phalaenopsis which he said would find its way into their office.

Would members please note that Secretary Helen Ellison has a new email address. : helenminniemay@xtra.co.nz

Runners for the OCNZ Expo in September

There is a need for a number of 'runners' for judging at the September show and judges are asked to recruit as many as possible. Only a very basic knowledge of orchids is required. We will use **club** 'runners' at our July Show to give newcomers an insight into what is required.

At the show in September extra assistance from visiting members of other clubs would be greatly appreciated. More details will follow in upcoming newsletters.

A new newsletter has been produced from the organizing committee on progress for the Expo but unfortunately I have not yet been able to obtain an e-copy of it. Please keep looking on their website <http://www.orchids.org.nz/home.html> for further news.

Message from the Orchid Council.

Hi Everyone

and a very Happy New Year to you all. Hope you've had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and raring to go for 2010!

The Planning Committee are meeting on a more regular basis now and everything appears to be well on track for a great show in September. Please check the website above for any further information, or make contact through the show email address on the site if you have any queries. The Executive and Committee on Awards members have recently met for two full day meetings. Heartiest congratulations goes to the following recipients of awards from 2009 judging results:

**Orchid of the Year: Rhyncattleanthe Koa 'Scorpio' owned by Iris Symonds.
Cymbidium of the Year: Cym. Flaming Beauty 'Redvale' owned by Ross & Susan Tucker.
Species of the Year: Doritis pulcherrima 'Poppy' owned by Margaret Lomas.
Cultural Award of the Year: Tie: Paphiopedilum William Ward owned by Maureen Fryer, Palmerston North, and Masdevallia Heathii 'Bryan' owned by Paddy & Gerli Fox, New Plymouth.**

Photo Competition: Don't forget to keep clicking those cameras and send in your favourite photos for the photo competition, which closes on 30th June 2010. It will then be judged and they will be displayed at the Extravaganza in Palmerston North.

This year there will not be our usual AGM and National Judging Seminar weekend in June, due to the big show in September, so please note that there will be a Postal Ballot held and the first notice of that will be going to societies shortly. Please look around your society members and check if anyone is interested in putting their name forward for the executive. New blood is always a good thing!

Kind regards to you all
from the Executive, Orchid Council of NZ

[A photo of Maureen Fryer's Paphiopedilum is on the Manawatu Orchid Society Website at present.](#)

Some more photos by Ted Mannell from the Tokyo Dome Show last month.



The March Day Forum is at Don Isles - 33
Swansea Street, P.Nth at 1.30pm on
Thursday March 25th.



Plant Commentary February 2010

Jill Palethorpe	Promenaea crawshayana Phal.Ho's Fascinating Mirage 'Fellow Kite'.
Graham Jackson	Dendrobium Loris Star
Jenny Mair	L.Purpurata cornea The Queen x 'Crothers'
Geraldine Wood	Cymbidium suavissimum 'Keith Andrews' Sobralia Mirabilis Coelogyne flexuosa Dendrobium mayandyi

There were other plants on display but their owners did not fill out forms. Photos of some of these plants have been on our website since the last meeting. **PLEASE** fill out a form of your display plants.

Results of Plant commentary.

Cymbidium.

1st Cymbidium suavissimum 'Keith Andrews' Geraldine Wood.

Other Species.

1st Odontonia Papageno 'Fireworks' Tudor Orchids.

2nd Phalaenopsis Ho's Fascinating mirage 'Fellow Kite' Jill Palethorpe.

3rd = 5 other plants.



Promenaea Crawshayana



Odontonia Papageno. 'Fireworks' Tudor Orchids



Cymbidium suavisimum 'Keith Andrews'



Dendrobium Loris Star. Graham Jackson

All photos. Eldon Ormsby.