



President's Report

It's great to have the show season over and now we can get down to the real work. We (Tudor Orchids) have masses of repotting to do this year. Hopefully you will all be getting your plants repotted for the 'Big Show' next year. Our society has a large display area to fill and we want to have a really special display, so keep those plants growing well.

During the next few weeks the Registrants handbook will be available giving you the Programme for the 6th NZ International Orchid Extravaganza. Early registration closes on 28th February, 2010. Hopefully these handbooks will be available at our next meeting and definitely for the December meeting.

If you have an interest in floral art, photography or quilting you have an incentive to enter competitions with monetary prizes as well.

Registration forms are available now for the Taranaki Summer show on the 15th – 17th January. It's really worth a visit to New Plymouth to see summer flowering plants, and catch up with friends from near and far and you may find the plant you have always wanted at the Boot Sale.

Next meeting we plan to have a few people giving demonstrations and talks on how they do their potting. It should be a very interesting evening. I hope to see you there.

Patricia Elms

Two things I can't understand: myself and others.

The **NOVEMBER** Meeting of the Manawatu Orchid Society will be held on Thursday November 12th in the Community Leisure Centre commencing at 7.30pm. The topic for the evening is repotting and several members will give demonstrations on repotting a variety of genera in pots and on rafts. If you aren't sure what to do when repotting this talk might help.

The **DAY FORUM** will meet at Jill Palethorpes – Rangiotu Flowers – on **Thursday November 26th** when hopefully some fine weather will have arrived.

On **Saturday November 7th** the final show of this year will be the Sarcocylus Show to be held in the Taradale Townhall, put on by the Hawkes Bay Society. This is a great show to visit if you have an interest in sarcocylus and many fine specimens and new varieties are usually on show.



The Manawatu Stand at Wanganui which was placed 2nd in the display competition. Our members won a number of prizes as can be seen by the rosettes, as well as numerous monetary prizes, including multi prizewinners, Tudor Orchids. Complete results are in the October Wanganui Newsletter.

Letter from the Orchid Council of New Zealand Executive

Hi Everyone

Looking forward to some warmer weather? We have had enough of the rough stuff really! Hope your orchids are coping well and rewarding you with some flowers to show off.

OrchidWiz Licence: Council has an amazing offer for the purchase of OrchidWiz, but we only have until the end of December to sell the licences, of which we have 19 available.

The cost will only be NZ\$150 (including P&P).

This is a huge saving as the current purchase price for personal use is USD259, or USD181.30 if you are involved in a Judging centre or Club (shipping USD15), so here is a fantastic opportunity for people who are interested in what is happening around the world with the awarding of quality plants and a great chance to compare your own 'treasures' with the awards. OrchidWiz is a very interesting program and has lots of information, including, just recently added, several years' of Orchid Council of NZ Awards. The OCNZ award photos will be added in next year's update to Version 7 (June). Many thanks to all the work that Margaret Lomas (Chair COA) has put into this project to get the information to OrchidWiz.

Anyone interested? Please send your payment to the Treasurer, Grahame Hill, PO Box 635, New Plymouth 4340, Ph: (06) 759-1606, email: hillcroft@xtra.co.nz

National Raffle: Ticket sales have now concluded. Please could you all get your butts back ASAP to Roy and forward cheques as well. Results will be as per advertisement and also announced in our next news brief. Thanks to all involved.

Iwitahi: Council is still waiting for the Minister's signoff on Iwitahi being signed over to our HPA. In the meantime, we have had notification of the NZ Native Orchid Group organising a weekend on 13/14 November, accommodation available at Sika Lodge, near Iwitahi. Anyone interested? Please contact President, NZNOG, David McConachie, at email: pleione@orcon.net.nz

Charitable Status. There is a possibility that not many clubs have applied for this ... may we remind clubs that even though they may be incorporated societies, they still need to register with Inland Revenue or will have to start paying tax.

Trust the show season is going well for you all. Not long now and they'll all be over for another year.

October's Talk

Last month Don Isles gave us an interesting talk on the places he and others have visited over the years searching for – and finding – New Zealand Native Orchids. The interesting thing that his slides illustrated were the number of familiar places that many of us have probably passed on a regular basis when travelling and not realised how close we have been to many of these miniature gems. Not only in various places around the North Island but some growing in the street where he lives in Palmerston North where the grass had been uncut for a short time. Many of his slides showed some beautiful scenery that most of us miss when we drive by but are well worth exploring if at all able to. Thank you for an interesting talk Don.



Pterostylis banksii

A display of *Pterostylis banksii* which won best specimen plant & best species at the Wairarapa Show – one of the orchids mentioned by Don in his talk.

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words are always in a straight line. Cross then off the list as you find them.

ARANTHERA
AUSTRALIS
DENDROBIUM
VANDA
POTS
ROLFEARA
HELPIA
BARK

ASCOCENDA
CATTLEYA
DISA
SCALE
CYMBIDIUM
SOPHLEYCLIA
ADONCLIODA
RESTREPIA

BRASSADA
MILTONIA
DRACUVALLIA
CORK
CARPENTERARA
ASCOFINETIA
BEALLARA

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

This clue word puzzle has been contributed by a member who wishes to remain anonymous. I have had some difficulty formatting it as it is, and hope it is still correct. If you would like to have some more of these periodically **please let me know**. The names have been taken from recent registrations in the Orchids Australia magazine.

Eldon Ormsby
 Editor.

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Saturday November 14th – Central Regional Judges Seminar – Community Leisure Centre 9.30am.

Some Orchid Tips you may not have thought of.

Be careful with aerosols around blooming plants.

Don't spray air fresheners or aerosol sprays near blooming orchids, or the flowers will wilt and any unopened buds will wither. Many of these sprays contain ethylene which adversely affects orchids in bloom. Another source for this gas is ripening fruit, so be sure to keep any fruit away from your orchids too.

Never plant directly into decorative pots.

Orchid roots can be sensitive to salts and metals in decorative pots so never plant them directly in such a pot. They're called "cache pots" for that reason -- the phrase means "hide pots" in French. Simply put your orchid planted in its plastic pot into the decorative pot so that the roots do not directly connect with the sides and you will be fine. Mosses can be used to complete a decorative look by hiding the plastic pot.

WHEN INSULTS HAD CLASS.

"He has Van Gogh's ear for music." Billy Wilder.

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." Winston Churchill.

"He is a modest little person, with much to be modest about." Winston Churchill.

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening, but this wasn't it." Groucho Marx.

"He loves nature in spite of what it did to him." Forrest Tucker.

"He is depriving a village somewhere of an idiot" Anthony Eglin.

The October Day Forum .

The October Day Forum was held at Lorraine & Russell Bird's home in Feilding. Despite the inclement weather there was a good turnout of keen day-forumers and as luck would have it there was a break in the weather that enabled us to have a good look

around Russell's Cymbidiums and all the other orchids and birds - (of the winged variety) that make visits to their place so interesting. The raffle was very well endowed with many excellent prizes and a generous afternoon tea was enjoyed by all present. In fact no-one seemed keen to leave 😊. Thank you Russell and Lorraine for your generous hospitality.

Eldon Ormsby

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Geraldine Wood



The magnificent Display of Masdevallia's at the Wanganui Show from George Fuller and Bryan Sutherland

Plant Commentary October 2009

Jenny Mair	Pleione Tolma Titian
Jill Palethorpe	Dendrobium lindleyi Dendrobium primulinum Sarcomanthus Little Sparkle 'Rangiotu' Drymoanthus adversus
Neville Butler	Sarcochilus Cherie 2x Burgundy on Ice 3x George Colthup aequalis Masdevallia Trevor Gillbanks Adrienne Lyn Sherlock
Helen & Bruce Ellison	Dendrobium Lomas Early
Graham Jackson	Dendrobium kingianum x 2 McClellanara Chuckanut Island 'Everglades' Masdevallia Kimball's Sun x veitchiana Masdevalia Red Flamingo 'Pomegranate' Masdevallia Blushing Belle 'Dawn' Masdevallia Rubicon 'Bryce' Pleione El Pico 'Pheasant' Sarcochilus Hot Ice Sarcochilus Bernice Klein Sarcochilus Cherie
Eldon & Ngaire Ormsby	Cymbidium Mary Green 'Takiari' HCC/OCNZ
Allan & Yvonne Rae	Cymbidium Chocolada 'Simon x Joyce Goffin 'Waikanae'

Plant Commentary Results.

Cymbidium

1 st	Eldon & Ngaire Ormsby	Mary Green 'Takiari' HCC/OCNZ
2 nd	Allan & Yvonne Rae	Chocolada 'Simon' x Joyce Goffin 'Waikanae'

Other Species

1 st	Jill Palethorpe	Dendrobium lindleyi
2 nd	Graham Jackson	Masdevallia Kimball's Sun x Veitchiana
3 rd	Jill Palethorpe	Sarcomanthus Little Sparkle 'Rangiotu'

Graham Jackson's Masdevallia Kimball's Sun x Veitchiana was awarded an HCC at the Wanganui Show.

Remember now is the time for repotting. The club has good supplies of high quality pots and bark in two different sizes.



Masdevallia Heathii 'Bryan' at Wanganui.



Manawatu Society Stand Wanganui 2009 – placed 2nd



Part of George Fuller & Bryan Sutherland's Masdevallia display at Wanganui



Allan & Yvonne Rae's Cymbidium Bombay Candy Tippetty' at Manawatu Show.



Jenny Mair's Pleione Tolima 'Titan' at Wanganui Show.