



6TH NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL ORCHID EXTRAVAGANZA

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It is about 9 months since we issued our last newsletter, so the time has come for an update on progress.

During the intervening period the Committee has been actively involved in firming up on the details. Sub-committees have been established for each area of activity and are working together well. Preliminary plans have been reviewed and financial budgets have been prepared and updated.

Society Displays:

The layout plan for the floor area was reviewed and approved at our last meeting and a copy for each Society is included with this newsletter. The area is divided into 9sm squares (3m x 3m) and may be booked in multiples of 9sm. Displays are to be freestanding within the allocated area so in deciding on the number of squares you need for your display you must allow room for viewers to move around the display. Remember that a free standing display will be viewed from all four sides. A further copy of the floorplan is included giving examples of ways in which the area could be designed within the 9sm squares (the committee had originally intended to provide a floorplan from which you could choose predefined shapes but we felt this was a bit proscriptive).

There will be classes for small (up to 10sm of actual display area) and large displays for society and commercial displays. There will also be table top displays for individual growers.

The major points to note are that all displays will be free standing and solid height restrictions will apply in the areas closest to the main entrance.

At this stage we seek a written registration of interest from Societies advising of the area of floor space required and your preferred position (one northern Society has already done so). You should advise the number of squares you require and the identifying numbers of the squares, as shown on the floorplan, for your preferred position (for example – our Society requires 2 squares numbered 37 & 38. For table tops only the name will be required. While you are able to state a preference for the position of your display, final area allocation of space will be made by the Committee on the basis of overall space requirements.

Other points of interest are as follows;

- Orchid related sales booths are to be in the same part of the venue as the displays. They will be located around the perimeter of the arena.
- Floral art competition open to financial members of affiliated Societies will be included in the show schedule.

- The 2009/2010 OCNZ photo competition will be on display and the results announced during the show.
- The National Daffodil Show is to be incorporated within the venue.
- Negotiations are well advanced for a significant quilt competition to also be incorporated.

Lecture Programme:

An exciting lecture programme has been planned covering a wide range of topics which we are confident will have something of interest for all registrants.

At this stage we have had confirmation from the following that they are able to participate;

Kevin Butler	Western Australia	David Menzies	Scotland
Dennis Diehm	New South Wales	Roy Takunaga	Hawaii
Norito Hasegawa	USA	Kevin Western	South Australia
Rudolph Jenny	Switzerland	Phil Tomlinson	New Zealand

Sponsorship:

The committee will be actively seeking for financial support through sponsorship. If you are aware of any possible sponsors we would like to hear from you.

The Committee has agreed that any local sponsorship obtained to help finance displays can be advertised in the display though this must not be too obtrusive – this will be defined in the show rules accompanying the show schedule.

Trophies:

At the last committee meeting it was decided that all trophies will be monetary.

Council AGM 2009:

As previously advised the Council AGM in 2009 will be held in Palmerston North to give opportunity to all participating Societies to view the facilities well beforehand. You can make a note in your calendar now that this will be held over the weekend of 12/13 June.

Timetable:

A likely timetable of events from this now till the show will be;

Society Displays - registration of interest: now

Commercial Sales Booths: late in 2008

Pre registration booklet: early in 2009

National Fundraising Raffle: mid 2009

Early Registration commences: late in 2009

Show Schedule: early in 2010

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