



6TH NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL ORCHID EXTRAVAGANZA

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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 are hosting the national daffodil show 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.

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