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APRIL MEETING:

WHEN? Wednesday 18 May 2016

WHERE? Mt Albert War Memorial Hall, New North Road, Mt Albert

TIME? Meeting commencing at 7.30pm

WHAT? Annual General Meeting, Phalaenopsis culture, & Slide
Presentation of NZOS 2015 awards

Find out who your new President and executive are going to be, and how the club is doing in general, at the AGM. This too, is YOUR chance to step up, and make a difference.

We will also be having a look at the plants that got awarded by the judges last year.

Did they get it right? Did some deserve a higher award? See what plants the judges thought made the grade in 2015.

And for those of you wanting to get more from your Phalaenopsis, Ross Tucker will giving you some tips on getting the best form them.

Although the executive have been reluctant to do it, unfortunately we have had to move with the times like a lot of other clubs who face continuing increases in cost due to the council's hefty hall hire price rises, so from this month on we will be starting a \$2 entrance fee per meeting. This will give you entry, plus include you in the Raffle each month as well. For many, who already support the raffle each month this will mean no change, but it will allow us to at least recoup some of these additional costs of the hall hire each month.

Notes from the President

Our next meeting will be our AGM, Election of Officers and Executive Committee. We are looking for members to take office or just join the committee.

I will be standing down as President and Betty will not be continuing on as Treasurer. Betty has done the job for 16 years in total and I have been President 3 times in the last 25 years so it seems like it's time for a change. I am sure the existing officers would be glad of some new blood so come along and step up to the mark and get involved.

At our last meeting our own Alf gave us a very comprehensive presentation, both overhead and practical on how he grows his Odont/Oncidiums. Alf went to some lengths to show us the finer points of his culture so if you are growing Odonts you would have picked up a few good tips. At our next meeting Ross will show us how he grows his Phalaenopsis, and Jeanette will run us through last years awards. See you there

Joe.

Report from the April meeting

Oncidiums – no longer just incorporating the ‘dancing ladies’ orchids we knew as Oncidiums, this now also encompasses Odontoglossums and other groups that we were familiar with under different names.

As our guest speaker Alf Day, and resident expert on all things Oncidium pointed out, what was known as an intergeneric in the past (e.g. Wilsonara) gave you some indication of the different requirements that that plant may want, however, with the reclassifications, all Wilsonaras are now known as Oncidiums, giving you no quick insight into it's likely requirements, so he prefers the old names.

That aside, Alf talked about why this group of orchids has become his passion, and what those years of growing them have taught him, and coming from diverse areas, what those different types required – more light, less light, warmer, cooler, etc.

From the use of bark with additives such as Perlite for water retention, and using an inverted pot to reduce the centre ball of roots which are prone to rot, to the right time to repot, and the need to take care of the roots when repotting, Alf covered the Oncidiums for us, in a practical and easy to understand way.



Alf gives advice on when to, and not to, repot young Oncidium plants

Thanks Alf, for your talk on one of my favourite orchids.

Noel

NZOS subscriptions**SUBSCRIPTIONS****Membership Renewal**

The subscriptions for 2016 – 2017 were due by April 30th 2016.
There are no forms to fill out unless your details have changed.

Please pay your \$30 by

- cash at the meeting or
- direct credit to Bank account number 06-0115-0179194-00 or
- cheque to the Treasurer at
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Annual General Meeting

Last month's newsletter gave you the notification of the Annual General Meeting, and the election of officers. This is your chance to understand where the club is at, at present, and have some input into how the club will run in the future. To do this we need a President, Treasurer, Secretary, and members to help run the club. These are the positions that need to be filled:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Newsletter Editor
Executive Member (x6)
Librarian



Don't leave it to others- become part of the team.

Orchid & Flower Show 2016 Registrations

The registration books for the 2016 National Show to be held at the ASB Showgrounds are out. These will be available on meeting nights.

All the local and international speakers are confirmed and listed in the booklet. You can also register for other events such as the dinner, and of course being a registrant means that you can get into the venue each day **an hour earlier than the public**, so you can have a leisurely wander through the show, take photographs, or check out the commercial sales area, before it gets busy.

For more details about the show, speakers, and the conference, you can also visit the 2016 Show's great new website at: <http://orchidplusflowershow.co.nz>



Note: if you want to participate in JUDGING at this show, you need to be registered

This is a show not to be missed!

If you haven't yet registered, then unfortunately you have already missed the Earlybird special price, so make sure you don't miss out altogether, and register NOW.

2015/16 FUTURE PROGRAMME & UPCOMING EVENTS:

18 May 2016 AGM – your chance to have your say about the club, nominations for the committee, Phalaenopsis, and award slides for 2015

15 June 2016 – Meeting night

20 July 2016 – Meeting night

22-24 July 2016 - NZOS Winter Show

And don't forget the big one:

September 2016 Orchid & Flower Show

Note: because of the big show at Ellerslie there will be no Spring Show for us in 2016, although we are still holding our Autumn and Winter Show as normal.

Raffle

Thanks to the following for their kind donation to the March raffle:

Shirley Sidnam
Villa Orchids
Graham Leafberg
Mick Hughes
Tuckers Orchids



And of course, thank you all those who bought tickets, and congratulations to the winners who took home some excellent prizes!

A brief report on the NZOS Autumn Show 2016

Trophy Winners:



Barnes Trophy – Most Spectacular Flowering Plant
Bert & Evelyn Ong – *Den nobile* var. *virginialis* (note: possibly incorrectly labelled)



Carpenter Trophy – Best Masdevallia
Bert & Evelyn Ong – *Masdevallia* Tuakau Goldstrike



Dominey Wine Plate – Best Cattleya
Lito Teope - C Circle of Life x Rlc Ryo Iwata



Novice:
Brindle Trophy – Best Flowering Plant & Dominey Wine Plate – Best Cattleya
Barry & Penelope Gasson - C Burana Beauty

Congratulations to all the winners, and big thank you to all those who brought plants and helped with the set up and running of the show, and especially to Manee Poffley who did a wonderful job of extracting money for the raffle in return for “free” entry into the show, and Anjo & Yvonne who made sure the workers never starved.

Noel

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PLANTS ON DISPLAY 20th April 2016

Collated by Susan Tucker

(Use of italics denotes that the plant or parent plant is a species)

Plant names in bold type denote label changes are recommended

Plant names in Red denote cross has been registered. Please change label

MONTHLY CULTURE AWARD



Grahame Leafberg

Den subclausum var pandanicola

HYBRIDS



Ross & Susan Tucker

V Pure's Wax 'Violet Blue' 1st

Phal Hwa Yuan Princess

V Pat's Delight x Kultana Delight Golf (= Krailerk x

Wirat)

Noel Townsley

Milt Moir Moir 'Golden Holiday

Milt Anne Warne 'Alim' AM/AOS

Sngl Neptune

W amazonica x lobata

Ron Reeves

Phal Golden Taipei

William & Man Lo

Paph Purple Velvet (= Voodoo Magic x Fremont Peak)

Paph Krishna

SPECIES



Shirley Sidnam

Zygo maxillare 1st



William & Man Lo

Milt clowesii

Paph sukhakulii

Ross & Susan Tucker

Milt clowesii

Noel Townsley

Milt spectabilis

Ron Reeves

Epi catillus

Coel speciosa

Lana

Coel mooreana

Milt clowesii

CATTLEYA ALLIANCE

Shirley Sidnam

C pumila 1st



Bct Little Mermaid 'Janet' AM/AOS
Lc Angel Love 'Pinky'
C bicalhoi (syn *L dayana*)

William & Man Lo
Grahame Leafberg
ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE



Onc spectatissimum (syn *Odm triumphans*) **1st=**
Onc Promising Gold x George McMahon
Basket of 5 plants **1st=**

R & S Tucker
Alf Day



Rst Bic-ross
Milt Rio's Tropical
Mtdm Mem Mary Kavanaugh
Ons Bittersweet 'ROH' ('Roll of Honour')
Onc Sugar Baby

N Townsley
Grahame Leafberg
Lana
Yvonne Tapsell

DENDROBIUM

Grahame Leafberg
William & Man Lo

Den subclausum var *pandanicola* **1st**
Den Paradise Lorna
Den subclausum var *pandanicola*

Meaning of some of the abbreviation from above:-

W – Warczewiczella

Bct – Brassocatanthe (Brassavola x Cattleya x

Guarianthe)

Sngl - Stenoglottis

Note: Many genera have been reclassified recently and I have used the currently accepted name and abbreviation above.

Note: There are two specie name changes this month. Odontoglossum triumphans is now known as Onc spectatissimum and Laelia dayana is now known as Cattleya bicalhoi.