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FEBRUARY MEETING:

WHEN? SATURDAY, 20 February 2016 (note, NOT our normal Wednesday)

WHERE? The Yolland home

TIME? Meet at **5.30pm**, to view the gardens followed by a BBQ starting around 6pm

WHAT? **View the gardens, and then relax with a BBQ**



Firstly, as this is the first newsletter for the year, Happy New Year to all of you. I hope you had a great time.

Our first meeting of the year will be a chance to see Madeleine's wonderful gardens, and catch up with her and other members while viewing the orchids growing throughout her gardens and orchid houses.

We have moved this to an earlier time, and changed the date from our regular meeting time to give everyone a chance to view her wonderful gardens in daylight, by moving it to a

Saturday, so it is not such a rush for everyone after work during Auckland's peak traffic.



So, come along for a catch up with other members, find out what they have been up to, and see orchids growing like they would in nature.

WHAT TO BRING: Bring a small dish of your choice (nibbles/salad/dessert) to compliment the meal. The NZOS will be providing the rest.

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Notes from the President

Once again a new and exciting year is upon us. Our last meeting, our Christmas meeting again a great success. Many thanks to all who supplied the great food and to everyone who donated goodies for the hampers. We had enough goodies to make up five which in turn spread the winners around the hall.

Shirley Sidnam was presented with life membership of the Society. This was in return for many years of her support and kindness to new and current members of the Society. She is also part of the judging system and has attended many shows around New Zealand and the world. Many thanks Shirley.

There were a number of fabulous plants on display, one of which was *Angraecum germinyanum* 'Khloe', owned by William and Man Lo. A very well grown plant which received a CC with 88 flowers. Well done William. The Evening was completed with Noel's quirky Christmas movie clip, very funny indeed.

The year ahead should be exciting for all orchid growers around the country with the 8th NZOE coming up in September, the time left to the event will just fly by. For all those who plan to take part, you should note that early bird registration closes on 31st March.

Our next meeting will be at Madeleine's home on 20th February, Madeleine has very kindly agreed to hold the event at her home again. Please come along and enjoy this social event. Please bring any plants you have in flower and we will have a plant on display table and do what we normally do on a meeting night.

Hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Joe

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Report from the December meeting

The December meeting and BBQ went very well, with a good attendance, a great meal, and for a bit of fun, a quiz (with prizes), and to round out the evening, my granddaughter's favourite TV character at the moment, Shaun The Sheep, putting in a special Christmas appearance.

With everyone bringing something for a number of Christmas Hampers instead of the usual raffle, many people took home a little something extra that night as well.

There was also a large number of plants on display again, indicating that the main flowering season was not quite over yet, giving a nice backdrop to the evening.

And someone else also took home something special that night, as it was also the night that long time member and studious worker on behalf of the orchid society, Shirley Sidnam, was bestowed Life Membership of the NZOS by President Joe Vance. Congratulations Shirley.



Noel

Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting

Notice is hereby given to all members that an Extraordinary General Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 16th March 2016, at the Mt Albert War Memorial Hall, New North Road, Mt Albert at 7.30pm to discuss the Winding Up of the Geoff Laird Memorial Trust.

A bit of background to this:

Older members will recall Geoff Laird, who was a staunch supporter of the NZOS. Upon his death, he set aside a sum of money in a trust, the interest of which was to be used to help further the interests of the society, however the term of the trust has now come to an end, and the original amount he set aside returned to the Laird family, but there is still some money left from the interest earned. As part of the terms of the trust he put in place, a meeting of members is required to vote in favour of winding up the trust and authorizing the current administrators to pay out the residual amount to the NZOS, hence the need for the meeting.

NZOS awards for ratification

Angraecum germinyanum 'Khloe'

William and Man Lo

CC



Photo E. Ong

NZOS new annual award for the best awarded plant for the year

In honour of the NZOS's founder, Fred Powell, the NZOS executive has decided to create an annual award - **The Fred Powell Orchid of the Year** in his honour, and also to highlight what the judges consider to be the best plant of that year. So, at the end of this year, one plant will be selected and bestowed with the first ever Fred Powell Orchid of the Year. Will yours be the winning plant?

**The NZOS is now on the internet**

The NZOS has launched its brand new website: www.nzorchidsociety.nz. Go check it out, we will keep developing it, but the basics are there for you and the public to get information about meetings, our upcoming shows etc.

Go in, have a look, and see what you think. If you have any ideas for improvements, or things you would like to see added, let Terry or Noel know, or email it to: secretarynzos@yahoo.co.nz and we will try to incorporate them.

**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.

If you get in early, you can take advantage of the early bird registration saving you money, and also ensure that you don't miss out.

A reminder: the price goes up early in the New Year, so make sure you secure a place, and get your ticket at the best price.

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>

This is a show not to be missed!

Another blast from the past – when we were young(er?) – the Spring Show 2007

Like the photo from the last newsletter, here is another photo from the past, this time from the NZOS Spring Show from 2007.

As you can see, cymbidiums still dominated the shows.





Look at the show they put on. If you don't have any in your collection, maybe it is time you started!

Noel

Lunch at the NZOS 2016 Autumn Show

The Autumn Show will be held on Saturday 7 May. Anyone wishing to have a luncheon there, this will be available at \$6.00 per head.

For that you will get a sandwich, a slice (or scone), a piece of fruit, and a drink – either hot or cold. A pretty good deal.

So, if you would like to have lunch made for you and ready on the day, you can order these through Anjo.

Either call her on (09) 473 3213 or email her at:

mckernans@xtra.co.nz with your order prior to the show.



2015/16 FUTURE PROGRAMME & UPCOMING EVENTS:

20 February 2016 Garden Visit, BBQ, and catch up with Madeleine and fellow members from 5.30pm

5 March 2016 Waitakere Orchid Club Ribbon Show at the Whenuapai Hall. Staging of plants 8.30am to 9.30am. Fun judging 10am. Open to public 1pm - 3pm. \$6.00 per person for BBQ lunch and show entry - bring a salad or dessert to share. Anyone wishing to go please advise Glenys MacRae by Wednesday 2nd March for catering purposes. Email her on: macraeg@gmail.com or call her on: 09 8351216

16 March 2016 Meeting night, culture is the theme this year, with the aim of getting your plants into the best shape for the 2016 show

7 May 2016 NZOS Autumn Show
For anyone wishing to have a lunch, this will be \$6.00 – details elsewhere in the newsletter

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.

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Orchid news from the Interwebby thing:

Orchid spotters map shifting blooms

- From the BBC - [Science & Environment](#)
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Some rare orchids like the white helleborine have been spotted in previously unknown locations



Members of the public can upload their own photos to be identified

A citizen science project to study when and where orchids bloom around the UK has already revealed 200 new flowering locations for particular species.

Members of the public are submitting and identifying orchid photos, and also annotating historical specimens.

Called **Orchid Observers**, the initiative aims to measure the effect of warming, and other environmental changes, on the distribution of 29 different orchids.

Reports have already been received from more than 1,500 locations.

"We're really, really happy about the number of people who've got involved," said Kath Castillo, a researcher at the Natural History Museum in London.

She said the 200 new locations were a pleasant surprise.

"People have actually photographed, and uploaded their field record, for locations where the BSBI [Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland] had previously not had a record. That's potentially quite interesting."

Orchid Observers is a collaboration between the museum and **Zooniverse**, the citizen science platform established at the University of Oxford.

The data it yields will not only be used by researchers at the museum, but will feed into the biological records data held by the BSBI.

"The results are identifying new locations for some of our commoner species, as well as providing information on flowering times," said BSBI president Ian Denholm.

The team is also pleased that several rare species, such as the green-winged orchid and the white helleborine, have been spotted flourishing in some of those 200 locations that were not yet in the records.

Studying the timing of seasonal events like flowers blooming or frogs spawning - a field called phenology - offers insights into how the living world is affected by environmental change. It also helps scientists try to predict the results of continued change.



Blooms like the fly orchid are charismatic, much-loved plants - but some orchid species are

The project will eventually compare the data from this year's field work with the historical orchid records from the Natural History Museum's herbarium. Verifying and annotating those records is another task volunteers can help with on the Orchid Observers website.

A preliminary look at the data has already suggested that two orchids which bloom early in the season, early-purple and green-wing, flowered on average at least 10 days earlier this year than in the museum's records.

"This is all new data and we don't know how significant it is yet," Ms Castillo said. "We have to do a lot more analysis.

"But it's kind of an interesting thing, and it shows that it works. You can get people to go out and collect records, and they don't have to be experts. They can submit their data and the results are interesting."

Those preliminary results are not unprecedented, either: the early spider orchid is already known to flower several days earlier each year than it did at the turn of the 20th Century.

Image caption

"Understanding how changes in the environment are affecting orchids may help us plan and protect key populations and areas," said Dr Mark Spencer, a senior curator at the Natural History Museum and the project's lead scientist.

If flowering times change, Dr Spencer explained, this can affect other species.

"A major concern is that certain species that are dependent on others may not be responding in the same manner or at the same pace."

The season for the project's fieldwork is past its halfway point, but there is much more data still to collect. Some of the 29 orchid species on the list are yet to flower at all.

Perhaps this something could also be done in NZ to get a better understanding of NZ native orchids?

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Raffle

Thanks to the following for their donations that made up the Christmas Hampers at the last meeting:

EVERYONE!

You all deserve a pat on the back.

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Export Quality Bark for Sale.

Number 9 - for seedlings
Number 5 - for cymbidiums
Number 5A - for cattleyas etc

Villa Orchids
Phone 09 236 0225

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PLANTS ON DISPLAY 16/12/15

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

William & Man Lo

Angcm germinyanum –
see photo under awards for ratification

POPULAR VOTE –OPEN

1st William & Man Lo

Angcm germinyanum

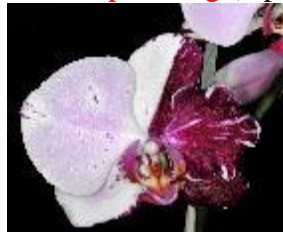
OTHER OPEN SECTION PLANTS ON DISPLAY

Unknown owner

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Ross & Susan Tucker

Phal Shu Long Sunflower Diamond (not RHS reg'd)
Phal Top Billing (2 plants)



Phal Yu Pin Dream Girl (2 plants)

Noel Townsley

Phal cornu-cervi ‘Red Wan Chiao’
Ctt Seagulls Adam Michael



Onc Daphne ‘Awahuri’

Zga Kiwi Jade x Z Kiwi Beach

Cym Pee Wee

William & Man Lo

Den Hamana Lake



Euph andamanensis

Shirley Sidnam

Ons Margarete Holm
C Quinquecolor x Mari’s Love
Phal bastianii
V falcata



Cty Summer Sangria (syn Stanfieldara or Sfdra)

Grahame Leafberg

Den Paradise Elizabeth
Sarco coccinea alba?? (Sophronitis or ceciliae?)
Sarco Lois
Bif atropurpurea



Sarco Elise x Nicky

Y Tapsell
G & M Poffley

Den Show Jump
Phal Brother Buddha x Brother Jungle Cat
C intermedia alba
V Phairot x Yip Sum Wah
Phal Kung's Green Star
Phal Brother Love x Black Ball (Phal Brother Love is not reg'd. However, Phal Brother Love Baron x Black Ball is registered as OrchidKonnection Love Black)

Onc Jane Frear
C Lulu Land



V Kathleen Ngo (= Sarapee Blue x Doctor Anek)

Phal japonica
C Milpurat (= milleri x purpurata)
V Princess Mikasa 'Pink'
Sarco Coral Ice (ceciliae x Melba)
Sarco Kathy
V Freckled Beauty (= Butterfly x Srakaew)



Aranda Noorah Alsagoff

Roly McKinlay

Phal Yu Pin Golden Wing



Disa unknown (3 plants)

Den victoria-reginae

Meanings of some of the abbreviations from above:-

Cty – Catyclia

Euph – Eulophia

W – Warczewiczella

Aranda = Arachnis x Vanda

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

Susan

CHANGES ARE AFOOT!



Starting at our **next meeting** we intend to change the format of the Plants on Display. Instead of having just Open and Novice, we will split it into more categories. There will be Novice (as required), Species, and Hybrids. Depending on the plants presented on the day (and the number of people presenting certain plants) we may also have categories like Phalaenopsis, Cattleya or Cymbidium or whatever else may be decided upon. Each category will have a 1st place to be voted on. The Cultural Award selected by the commentating judges on the night will remain.