



The New Zealand Orchid Society Inc.

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NEXT MEETING:

WHEN? Wednesday, 19 April 2023

WHERE? **Meeting location:** Mt Albert Senior Citizens Hall, 3B Wairere Ave,
Mt Albert (Next to our old haunt, the Mt Albert War Memorial Hall)

TIME? 7.30pm

WHAT? with Peter Jenner – Watering Solutions



Maybe you have an orchid house like this, or perhaps it's just a little bit smaller?

Peter Jenner will be talking about the variety of water systems available, what they do, and how you can utilize them in your orchid house, comparing how a commercial operation is run, and how you can do something similar, just on a much smaller scale, at home.

Plants need water, and too much, or not enough, and they can suffer or die, so trying to ensure they are watered well, and you don't waste water, will keep your plants in their best condition.

And, if you are away some of the time, an automated system could be just the thing you need, rather than relying on a forgetful neighbour.

Find out what is available, and how you can then utilize that in your growing area at this month's meeting.

Notes from the President

Last month we had a double presentation from both Martin Bonham and Terry Austin, all judging related, with a run down by Martin on how the computerized judging system came about, making that job easier, and also what other uses it has both on the day, and in terms of history.

And then Terry gave a presentation of the plants that we awarded in 2022, one of which will become the Geoff Laird Orchid of the Year for 2022. That will be revealed at the upcoming AGM in May.

And yes, as the AGM is coming up, that also signals that the end of the financial year has come, and it is time to renew your membership for the next year.

It is also time to consider who you want to administer the club for the coming year, so please see the accompanying forms, and consider who you would like to nominate, or if you would like to be part of the committee to steer the society through 2023.

Coming up this month, our guest speaker is Peter Jenner, talking on how you can create a watering system to suit your needs. Setting this up correctly can save you time, save water, and get water to the plants to ensure they are growing optimally.

And then next month, we turn 75, and we have organised a special dinner, conference and two day show to celebrate. We would love to see as many people as possible to this – old members, new members, ex-members, to reflect and celebrate 75 years, the oldest orchid society in the country.

See the latest on this event later in the newsletter – excitingly, we have decided to make the conference free to all, so if you can't make all of it, you can still catch some of it.

These are 3 great speakers – make sure you don't miss this golden opportunity!

Hope to see you all at the next meeting.

Noel

Report from the March Meeting



This was our first meeting at the Mt Albert Senior Citizens Hall.

We had two different speakers this time, with Martin Bonham first up with an interesting talk on the history of the computerized judging system that has become part of our judging process now, but at the time, when it was first designed and used for the massive 1990 World Orchid Conference held in Auckland, it was something new and different to the manual way it was being done up until that point.

And with **thousands** of plants on display at that show, it was also its first, and biggest test – basically, it was thrown in at the deep end to see if it could swim.

Well it did, and it performed well, and has become part of our show judging, and the national show's judging, ever since. Not only does it provide the judging platform, but it also prints out the prize cards that are on display at the show, all made possible by recording each plant entered, and giving them a unique number.

Judging on the day is made easy due to the system – never a bad thing - and it is easy to look back on earlier shows etc to see how they have changed, something that is far easier to do, than it would be if we were using a manual system.

Thanks, Martin, for an interesting talk, and also for continuing to maintain and grow the computer system over the years.

The second talk was by Terry Austin, and covered the plants that we awarded last year – our first year that was not interrupted by Covid limiting the amount of shows, and thus the number of plants we were able to see, as occurred over the previous two years.

This meant we again had a large number of plants to view, and potentially award, with a number of AM, HCC and Cultural awards issued.

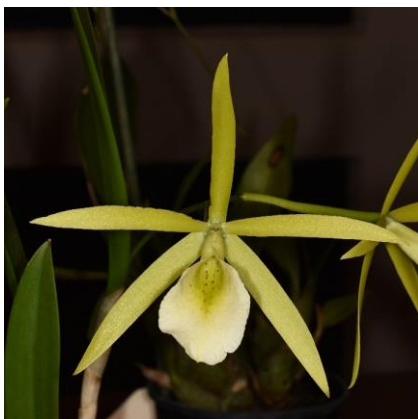
Terry ran through these various plants, which interestingly also covered a number of genera, and highlighted the AM plants, one of which was voted on by the judges to be the Geoff Laird Orchid of the Year for 2022.

The winner of that award will be announced at the May meeting.

Thanks Terry for reminding everyone of just how many plants we did award last year.

As well there were some plants on display at the meeting:





Plants on display compiled by Noel Townsley

Greg & Lyn Barnes

Paph. superbiens (was *Paph. curtisii*) var. *sanderae*
Paph. micranthum v. *eburneum* x In-Charm Space
 Hwra. Chian-Tzy Lovely 'CT Goldmine'
C. bicalhoi (was *L. dayana*)

Richard Legg

Milt. spectabilis
Milt. Moirmoir (3 plants)

Paph. Shillianum
Milt. Bluntii

1st

Yvonne Tapsell

Pcv. Key Lime Stars
Masd. Cuzco Gold
Psh. *prismatocarpa* (was known as Epi. *prismatocarpum*)
Milt. May Moir x Goodale Moir
Den. *chrysanthum*
Rst. Bic-Ross

R & S Tucker

Rth. Memoria Jim James
Onc. *alexandrae* x Eric Young
Rth. Nobile's Ambar 'Meny' x 'Eeny'
Rth. Memoria Jim James
Zba. Phyllis Paice

2nd

J & B Vance

Cthy. Mae Bly 'Ching Hua Splash'

An update on the 75th Celebrations

If you have read your earlier email from me you will know that the executive have decided to make the conference portion of this event free to all NZOS members, and further, to extend that to other orchid enthusiasts as well.

Getting these three great speakers together was really a lucky break, but the executive thought it was too great an opportunity, and one that won't be repeated any time soon, so we wanted **everyone** to get as much out of their visit as they can.



So the conference is now free. Don't miss it!

You will need to register for the conference so we know the numbers, and of course you will need to register and pay if you are coming to the 75th dinner as well.

We would love to see you all at the dinner to celebrate that event as well.

Don't miss this chance to hear what must be the best and most knowledgeable speakers we have managed to gather together in one place since the 1990 World Orchid Conference.

Membership renewal & election of officers

Yes, it is that time again. If you are simply renewing your membership, then there are no forms to fill in, you can simply renew by using one of the payment methods shown below.

If any of your details have changed, then please advise Noel Townsley or the secretary at: secretarynzos@yahoo.co.nz

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Membership Renewal

The subscription for the 2023 – 2024 year is due by April 30th 2023.

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

It is also that time of the year when the various positions on the executive come up for re-election.

The society needs your help.

This is your chance to join the committee to help run the society.

Our AGM is coming up on 17th May and so now is the time to:

- 1) book it into your calendar
- 2) get thinking about what you might like to see happen in the club over the next year
- 3) think how you might like to contribute to your club next year



To use well-worn phrases: Many hands make light work. It's more fun in a group.

Please take note of this official notification of the:

New Zealand Orchid Society 2023 AGM

Date: Wednesday 17th May 2023

Time: 7.30 pm

Venue: Mt Albert Senior Citizens Hall

We always love new ideas and new blood (so to speak) so if you would like to join do let us know.

If you'd like to find out what it might involve, we'd be happy to chat to you.

Please send in any nominations you may have for the listed positions, either on the form, or by email to the secretary - if you are going to nominate someone - please do ask them first!

2022/2023 FUTURE PROGRAMME AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Please note, there may have been some changes of venue since the last newsletter due to the Auckland Council's booking system, check here

19 April 2023 - NZOS Meeting Night – Mt Albert Senior Citizens Hall

12 May 2023 – NZOS 75th Year Celebration Dinner – Western Springs Garden Community Hall 2

11-13 May 2023 NZOS 75th & Autumn Show – Western Springs Garden Community Halls 1

17 May 2023 - NZOS Meeting Night & AGM - Mt Albert Senior Citizens Hall

21 June 2023 - NZOS Meeting Night – Mt Albert Senior Citizens Hall

24-25 June – North Shore OS Show, Albany Village Hall

