



9th New Zealand National Orchid Expo

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2 months to go and counting!

Many of us have managed to get highly excited by the spectacle in London and by the showing of the Black Caps. They got it all together at the right time and put in a good performance when it counted but unfortunately were pipped at the post. Now it's time to get highly excited about the Extravaganza in September but for now the big question remains – are your orchids going to get it all together at the right time and put in a good performance?

REGISTRATION:

The number of people registering has been very encouraging and at the time of writing this newsletter we have received over 120. This is a very pleasing response in the current economic climate. We also have a good response for dinner on Saturday night. Numbers may become limited so if you are still considering this option you will need to be quick.

All the registration information can be obtained direct from our website at www.orchids.org.nz.

For those planning daily visits the entry charge will be \$10 with free entry for children 10 and under. For groups of 10 or more the cost will be \$9. Is your Society organising a tour group? To avoid queues on the day you can order by email and prepay. Tickets will then be available when you arrive.

SHOW SCHEDULE:

This document has now been finalised and copies are being forwarded to all Societies with this newsletter. Copies are being posted to any others entering a display and they are also being emailed to judging panels and registrants. It is also available to view or download on the website.

There is a class for a tabletop display by a society or individual grower. The tables will be supplied and are of 1.5m diameter. How you arrange it and how much of that 1.5m you use is over to your imagination. If for any reason you exceed this area the display will be considered as one of the small (3x3m) displays. One point to note though is that so we can have sufficient tables in place we do need prior notification (an email or phone call will do) – thank you to those who have already done this.

JUDGING:

The judging system to be used will be the computer based system used in previous shows which is an 'entered' show. This works on the basis that the details of any plants that are to be judged must be entered into the computer register prior to judging. The judges are then able to work from lists of plants for each class showing the name and location of the plant. The system is also used to produce prize certificates.

Refer to page 17 of the Schedule for details relating to the entry of plants and displays. You should ensure that those responsible for your display and/or the entry of plants are fully aware of these requirements. Note that the displays must be entered in addition to the plants.

Note that to avoid keeping the computer team up all night we have established a **deadline of 6.00pm Wednesday** for entry of plants. This will be strictly enforced.

There has been a request for additional helpers, who need not currently be involved in judging, to act as stewards. This would mainly involve finding the plants in displays which have been entered for judging, so if you have registered, would like to help, and have not already so indicated please let us know by email or post as soon as possible.

DISPLAYS:

At the end of this newsletter is an important section with information about your display and the organisation of the show. Please note the deadlines carefully and ensure that after this document has been seen by your Committee it is passed on as soon as possible to those responsible for your display.

The arena floor will be carpeted which will provide some protection to the floor surface which has recently been completely renewed. The basic outline of your display area will be marked out. While it is your choice how much of the requested area you use it is important that your display does not exceed those boundaries.

VOLUNTEERS:

We have also included a list requesting names and details for all those who would be prepared to assist as volunteer workers during the show. While the majority of volunteers will come from the Societies close at hand previous experience shows that helpers will come from all around the country. It would be appreciated if Society Secretaries could complete and return this list to us. If you have received this newsletter as a registrant, are coming to the show and are willing to assist please let us know as soon as possible – an email or phone call will do.

FLORAL ART:

We have been approached by the local floral art community to be involved in the show as they had previously. Details are currently being sorted with them. It is likely they will run their own competitive classes and have a sales stall.

FLOWERS AND GREENERY:

We will be selling posies and small floral arrangements and will need supplies of orchid flowers and suitable greenery. While we will be drawing heavily on local resources this will not be enough to meet the demand. If you are able to help we would appreciate whatever you can supply. It would be helpful if you were able to let us know ahead of time with an email or phone call if you can boost our supplies.

FRIDAY EVENING GET TOGETHER:

As there is no organised conference activity on the Friday evening it has been decided the host Societies (Hawkes Bay and Manawatu) will sponsor an open night for all registrants who may be at a loose end. A light supper will be provided so we need to know the number attending for catering and as we feel that some have overlooked that box on the registration form we will be asking everyone again at the time of registration. The rosters for volunteers will also be available at that time.

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INFORMATION RELATING TO DISPLAYS

SETTING UP:

A reminder that the times allocated for setting up of displays are as follows;

Tuesday 17th 1.00pm – 6.00pm

Wednesday 18th 8.00am – 9.00pm

The show concludes at 4.00pm on Sunday afternoon so that there is ample time for displays to be dismantled that day. Note that our hiring of the facility ceases at midnight on Sunday so everything must be removed and cleaned before that time.

ENTRY OF DISPLAYS AND PLANTS:

Refer to page 17 of the Show Schedule for these details. Do not forget that the display must be entered as well as the plants. A spreadsheet for digital entries and sample document for written entries will be provided closer to the date.

Don't forget that the deadline for entering of plants for judging is 6.00pm on Wednesday.

PLANT LABELS:

From the section of the Schedule relating to judging of displays you will have noted that 10% of the marks relate to labelling. The choice of colour and size of labels to be used for this purpose is over to you. They will be the only labels seen on the displays after completion of judging and should not be confused with the entry cards required for judging of entered plants and displays.

The entry cards will have a computer generated label attached and will be placed in the display beside the entered plant. The judges will ignore these cards when judging displays and the cards are to be removed after judging has been completed.

To The Show Committee
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From:

Orchid Society_____

Contact Person_____

VOLUNTEERS

Please indicate below if you have a preference for day/days (Fri, Sat, Sun), duty (raffles, security, or posy bowl) and time available.

Security will include such tasks as the information booth, plant creche, receipt of tickets, pass outs and floor walking). We are planning on a roster of two and a half hour stints but of course with plenty of names this could be shorter.

Could we please have names and preferences entered below;

Name	Day	Duty	1 st shift	2 nd shift	3 rd shift

Please complete and return to us by 31 August by post as shown or email to orchidexpo@xtra.co.nz.