



Orange County Orchid Society, Inc.

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Hello Everyone,

Well... we have certainly been challenged these last few months. However, in spite of not having our regular meeting place, we actually had a very vibrant and active meeting. Those who stayed were sequestered into the children's reading room. Albeit the seating is bleacher-type, it was fairly comfortable. The room was air-conditioned and carpeted. The sound was just right so we did not need to use a microphone. I counted about thirty people and there was room for more.

Dorothy Goldberg and Peter Lin were kind enough to stay and share their knowledge. We learned that growing orchid from flasks to flower takes a long, long time. I learned a new term in growing orchids, 'plunk'. If you want to know, ask Dorothy. There were a lot more

questions that were not asked because we ran out of time. We definitely will have a panel session again.

Nohline did a wonderful job with the judging even though we did not have the room.

Candy and Dan said they were swamped with people signing up for the Zuma trip. There will be more than thirty people going. Good job Dan and Candy!

Some members lucked out when Peter sold the plants at a bargain price since we could not use them for the opportunity table. We were not able to use the plants because we could not bring any plants in at the children's room. I thank Peter for his gracious and understanding nature.

Barbara Moody got stuck with the beginner's (no) table. We made \$48.00. That is incredible. Thank you

MEETINGS
3rd Wednesday
of each month at

Yorba Linda
Public Library
18181 Imperial Hwy
Yorba Linda, CA 92886

6:45 pm
Cultural Lecture

7:00 pm
Orchid Judging

7:30 pm
Guest Speaker

9:00 pm
Opportunity Table

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OCOS Auction - January
Fascination of Orchids

Barbara and Janet for bringing the plants.

Overall, the meeting went well. I am sure we will laugh about it someday. The OCOS members continue to amaze me. Your support and patience is astounding. I cannot express my gratitude enough. Thank you, thank you, and thank you.

Our speaker for August is Robert Lauri. Bob is a cohort of mine. I met Bob when I represented the OCOS at the Southland Orchid Show Committee. He is the current president of the committee. He will talk about Piperia, Platanthera and Native Orchid Hunting in the Western U.S. I look forward to hearing his travel adventures.



**OCOS Members
Participate in Orchid
Digest Speaker's Day
and Distinguished
Lecture Event**

The event started at noon with a welcome introduction by Dr.

Harold Koopowitz, the Editor in Chief of Orchid Digest Magazine. Harry Phillips talked about 'Vandaceous Alliance' and H. P. Norton talked about 'Breeding Phalaenopsis'. There was a break for refreshments and plant sales. We went back to hear Butch Wecker-Thrun talk about 'Growing Neofinetias and Sarcophilus'. Martin Motes enlightened us about 'Intergeneric Vandaceous Hybrids'. We had another break for more libations and sales, and a banquet.

We went back to hear the distinguished lecturer, Joyce Stewart, who traveled all the way from England. Her topic was 'The Vanda Alliance in Africa and Madagascar'. Joyce Stewart is one of the world's foremost authorities on orchids cultivation. She held the Sainsbury Orchid Fellowship at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (1985 – 1995) and is the current president of the British Orchid Council. She is the author of 'Angaecoid Orchids', Species from the

African Region, 2006 by Timber Press.

Joyce was presented with the Orchid Digest Gold Medal. The OD Gold medal is awarded to someone who has worked on behalf of orchid culture & preservation.

Enough about details. Now, the fun part. I was joined by many of our members from OCOS: Susan Scheffler, Dorothy Goldberg, Bob Laughlin, Jan Anderson, Joan Bailey, Richard & Sarah Hess.

Believe it or not, time was spent discussing the correct pronunciation of neofinetias. I learned that Phalaenopsis is from the Vanda family. I validated that OCOS members were (and still are) a lot of fun to hang around with. Three of the four speakers have spoken at our society meetings.

The food was delicious. The silent auction was a lot of fun. It was very exciting to see if I was the highest bidder or if someone outbid me. The silent auction offered plants, books,

prints, and other orchid paraphernalia.

I bought orchids even though I promised myself I would not, not this time. I even left my checkbook at home so I would not be tempted. After I spent all my cash, I found one I could not live without. I love besseae. The vendor said that a yellow besseae is hard to find. What do I do? I have no more money. He suggested that I find a friend to borrow money. I told him I did not think I could borrow that kind of money. My plan was to approach as many people as I needed to purchase my dream plant. I was only going to borrow \$5.00 per person until I collected enough. Would you believe it, people trusted me? They actually donated to my cause with joviality and laughter. One person did not want to see me beg anymore so she loaned me the rest of the money. I went home proud of my new collection. I am happy to report, to date, it is still alive.

This yearly event is really informative and a lot of fun. I wanted to

write about it so more members would go next year. Once you attend, you will look forward to the next one. I thank Orchid Digest for continuing to educate us about orchids in a fun way. The staff puts a lot of thought into the topic and the presenters. They want everyone to have a good time. Shall we meet next year, at the Huntington for the 2008 event?

Speaker's Bio

Bob Lauri has been an avid orchid hobbyist for over 25 years and specializes in growing orchids outdoors. He is the current president of the Southland Orchid Show Committee and lives in San Diego. He has a Master's of Science degree in Evolutionary Biology and Floristics, and he is currently working on his Ph.D. dissertation at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden in "The Phylogenetic and Systematic Study of Piperia". His talk this evening will focus on the diverse group of native orchids including Piperia and Platanthera, and their conservation. He will also share some insites into hunting wild

orchids in the western U.S. including Alaska and Montana.

Zuma Canyon Update

WOW! At the July Meeting, Dan Warren and Candy Jester were overwhelmed with members wanting to sign up for the August 18th event. There are now 38 people participating in the event. We could use a few more drivers as we have at least 3 people who need a ride. Please call Candy (714-637-9439) if you can help out.

It's a good idea to bring a box (for plants) with your name on it, or extra sticky nametags, so you can tag the plants your want. It is a good way to avoid any confusion about whose plant is whose.

Any other suggestions for the trip, please share with Candy or Dan, or speak up at the August meeting, which is only 3 days before the trip.



Membership

I want to give a warm welcome Lucia Suana Aguirre, who joined our society at the July meeting. It was her first time to observe us, yet she joined us amidst the chaos. What a trooper.

It is not too late to pay for your 2007 -2008 membership. Please call Candy or Brenda if you intend to remain a member. They are working on the Roster and they need to know your intentions.

Congratulations:

5 Years Anniversary:

Douglas and Phyllis Adams
Richard Hess
Tom Raley

10 Years Anniversary:

Jonel Lancaster

15 Years Anniversary:

Dan & Cathy De Yo
Robert Laughlin
Johanna Oremus

25 Years Anniversary:

Al & Thalia Paul

Thank you for your membership.

Thank You's

I want to thank everyone who made the July meeting a success

- Nohline & her husband Jerry for their wonderful work

on the website and awards

- Dan & Candy for taking care of the Zuma trip
- Barbara and Janet for bringing plants for the beginner's table
- Dorothy Goldberg for her participation in the panel session
- Peter Lin for his participation in the panel session.
- All members who stayed and gave us a chance
- Those who brought refreshments. I am sorry we did not get a chance to taste them.
- All the members who renewed their membership

If I missed mentioning you, please let me know. I sometimes do not know things that are happening because I am occupied.

Upcoming Events

August 6th

7:30 pm

Orange County Orchid Society
Board meeting, Nohline's house

August 11th

1:00 to 7:00 pm

Plant sale at Jan Hennessey's
No early birds please.
Large variety of hybrids and species at bargain prices.
17937 Mariposa, Yorba Linda, CA 92886
e-mail : catt@sprintmail.com

August 15th

7:30pm

Orange County Orchid Society
Monthly meeting
Speaker Robert (Bob) Laurie
Topic: Piperia & Plantanthera native orchids

August 18th

10:00 am

Zuma Canyon Orchids Field Trip
5949 Bonsall Drive, Malibu, CA 90265
(310) 457-9771
\$25.00 per person – includes lunch and drinks
Contact Candy for car pool and further information

September 8 – 9

10:00 am

Orchids at the Village Show & Sale
South Coast Plaza Village, Santa Ana
www.ocorchidshow.com

October 5th -7th

San Diego International Orchid Fair
Quail Botanical Gardens
230 Quail Garden Drive
Encinitas, CA
www.sdorchids.com

October 8th

1:00 pm

Southern California Species Society Auction
Placentia Library, 411 E Chapman Ave, Placentia
www.socalorchidspecies.com

October 19th-21st

ORCHIDELIC
Southland Orchid Show
Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens
www.orchidshow.org

January 23rd-27th 2008

19th World Orchid Conference
Miami, Florida
www.19woc.com

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RIBBON JUDGING RESULTS

July-07

Dendrobium

1st Vassellii Bob Laughlin

Paphiopedilum

1st Phrag. caudatum Dorothy Goldberg
2nd Paph Ho Chi Minh Nohline L'Ecuyer
3rd Mexipedilum Dorothy Goldberg
Culture Paph Henrietta Fujiwara Nohline L'Ecuyer

Phalaenopsis

1st Phal Spanish Dancer Barbara Moody

Botanical

1st Bulbo lepetium Dorothy Goldberg
2nd Lobbia 'Kathy's Gold' Dorothy Goldberg
3rd Max. tenefolia Bob Laughlin

Oncidium

1st Gower Ramsey 'White Fancy' Vergil & Marilyn Hettick
2nd Onc. Unknown Tim Roby

Large Laelia

1st Catt. 'Mary Ann' Anne-Line Anderson
2nd L. purpurata 'Santa Barbara' Harold Buist
3rd L. purpurata ?

Small Laelia

1st Pot. 'Little Toshie Yellow' Anne-Line Anderson
2nd Slc Bright Angel x Mem Jerome Anne-Line Anderson
3rd L. speciosa x L Pumila Harold Buist
Culture B. Digbiana 'Kodama' x 'Carra Punta' Harold Buist

Species

1st Brassia veracosa Harold Buist
2nd Enc. Honburii Harold Buist
Culture Dendrochilum filiforme Dorothy Goldberg
Pleurothallis grobyer Dorothy Goldberg

Vandaceous

1st Ascda Princess Mikasa Dorothy Goldberg
2nd TLG Harold Buist





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Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 15, 2007

Board meeting: August 6, 7:30 pm at Nohline L'Ecuyer's home. Everyone is welcome.