

# Orchid Society of Santa Barbara



**Meeting: Wednesday, January 10, 2001**

**MacKenzie Adult Building**  
at MacKenzie Park  
**3111 State Street** (at Las Positas)  
*Meeting begins at 7:30 pm*

## PROGRAM

Our own **Paul Gripp** will speak about  
**Orchid Travel**

Ever wish you could travel to visit orchids in other lands? Our own Paul Gripp has done quite a bit of orchid travel and is very well qualified to entertain us with tales of orchids in their native habitats. If you haven't heard Paul speak before, this is your chance to hear some of his great stories. Don't forget to bring your wallets for the raffle table!

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**Santa Barbara Chapter Cymbidium Society Meeting**                      Wednesday, January 17, 2001

Cymbidium Society of America judging at 7:15 pm, meeting at 7:45 pm, at Carpinteria Public Library.

## Spring Show Schedule, 2001

February 9-11, "Fascination of Orchids," South Coast Plaza, Costa Mesa  
March 3-4, Five Cities Orchid Society Show, South County Regional Center, Arroyo Grande  
March 3-4, Palomar Orchid Society Show, San Marcos Community Center, 3 Civic Center Drive  
March 16-18, San Diego County Orchid Society Show, Scottish Rite Center  
March 17-18, San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists Show, L A County Arboretum  
March 23-25, **Santa Barbara International Orchid Show**, Earl Warren Showgrounds  
March 31-April 1, Desert Valley Orchid Society Show, Baker Nursery, 3414 N. 40<sup>th</sup>, Phoenix

See OSSB on the web at [www.west.net/~orchidsb](http://www.west.net/~orchidsb)

### Summary of the 2000 December Holiday Meeting

Thanks to everyone who brought a dish for our December potluck. What a feast! Not one but *two* blown projector bulbs prevented us from enjoying Tom Ball's review of how our members grow orchids, but we look forward to seeing that slide show in the future.

President Sandy Svoboda expressed thanks to everyone who helped make our winter show a success. She reported that the judges were pleased with the show and awarded three HCCs (Highly Commended Certificates), including one to our own Norm Wieder. As a society, we learned a lot for next year in this new venue.

President Svoboda presented the AOS Affiliated Society Award for Meritorious Service to Show Chair Tom Ball for his efforts in organizing the show in its new venue. On behalf of the society, she thanked Carole Cowan for general service to the society. The following is a partial list of everyone who deserves thanks for their efforts with respect to our show. Good job, all!

Publicity and Signs: Frank Methmann and Randall Umland

Society Plant Sales: Carole Cowan, Michael Ling, Joe Rubin, Kitty Lynn, Marie Sue Parsons  
Dick Swain, Norm & Joyce Wieder, Carol Rogers, Sally Jones, Mike Hersh

Society Display: Jeff Thompson, Dan Fuller, Don Brown, Randall Umland

Lectures: Paul Gripp

Host & Hostess: Josh Davis, Paul Gripp, Don Brown

Ribbon Judging: Frank Methmann, Josh Davis, Alan Chovil, Fred Lukas, Laura Cogan, Pat Siordia

Displays: Bill Robson, Gallup & Stribling, Santa Barbara Orchid Estate, Paul Gripp, Five Cities OS,  
Bob Weltz, Ethel & Buzz Seeburg, Norm & Joyce Wieder, Lance Schroeder, Al Svoboda,

Orchids of Los Osos, Long N'Go Orchids, Chaotic Exotics, The Orchid House, Orchid

Society of Santa Barbara, Butterfly Orchids, Blossom Wide, Devine Orchids, Jim Haburay

Thanks also to everyone who brought plants for the OSSB display.

### OSSB 2000 Show Awards

AOS Show Trophy

Santa Barbara Orchid Estate

Orchid Digest Trophy

Orchid Society of Santa Barbara

HCC/AOS

*Lycaste* unnamed 'Sunrise,' – The Orchid House

HCC/AOS

*Paph.* Meditation 'Robert Weltz,' – S. Robert Weltz

HCC/AOS

*Sl. Orpetii* – Norman Wieder

Paul Gripp *L. anceps* Perpetual Trophy      *L. anceps* 'Santa Barbara Super Splash,' – SBOE

*Ribbons*

Best Display

1 <sup>st</sup>	SBOE
2 <sup>nd</sup>	The Orchid House
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chaotic Exotics
Best Educational Display	Paul Gripp
Cypripedium Alliance	
Best Paphiopedilum Hybrid	<i>Paph. Meditation</i> 'Robert Weltz,' – S. Robert Weltz
Best Paphiopedilum Species	
1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Paph. fairrieanum</i> 'Denie' – Orchids of Los Osos
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Paph. spicerianum</i> – Chaotic Exotics
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Paph. lowii</i> – OSSB display, Dan Fuller
Best Phragmipedium Species	<i>Phrag. Caudatum</i> – Lance Schroeder
Best Phragmipedium Hybrid	<i>Phrag. Mary Bess</i> – Lance Schroeder
Best Phalaenopsis	<i>Phal.</i> (unknown white) – Five Cities Orchid Society
Best Oncidium	
1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Odcdm.</i> Mayfair 'Golden Gate' – Long N'Go
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Oncidium</i> Star Wars – OSSB display, Don Brown
Best Miltonia	<i>Miltonia</i> Hamburg 'Dark Tower'
Best Cymbidium Species	<i>Cym. tracyanum</i> – SBOE
Best Cymbidium Hybrid	<i>Cym.</i> IWB 'White Thanksgiving' – Gallup & Stribling
Best Dracula	<i>Dracula vampira</i> – OSSB display, Harriet Roberts
Cattleya Alliance	
Best Cattleya Hybrid	<i>Blc.</i> Magic Meadow 'Green Fantasy'
Best Cattleya Splash Hybrid	
1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Lc.</i> Mishima Beauty – OSSB display, Dick Swain
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Lc.</i> Irene's Song – Long N'Go
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Lc.</i> Gila Wilderness – Ethel & Buzz Seeburg
Best Encyclia	<i>Enc. radiata</i> 'Gigantea' – Orchids of Los Osos
Best Epidendrum	<i>Epi. ciliare</i> -- SBOE
Best Laelia	
1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>L. anceps</i> 'Santa Barbara Super Splash' – SBOE
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>L. anceps</i> guerraro – Norman & Joyce Wieder
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>L. anceps</i> 'Helen' – Norman & Joyce Wieder
Best Calanthe	<i>Calanthe vestida</i> – Orchids of Los Osos
Best Lycaste	<i>Lycaste</i> Unnamed 'Sunrise' – The Orchid House
Best Zygopetalum	<i>Zygo.</i> Kiwi Geyser – Orchids of Los Osos

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## Sex, Lies and Kidnapping

### Or a Look at the Wild World of Orchid Pollination

By Heidi Kirkpatrick

#### Introduction

Most of us grow orchids for the beauty or uniqueness of their flowers, but we often forget that our plants produce those blooms for one reason only: sex. The flowers we find so beautiful or extraordinary or outright weird evolved for the specific purpose of attracting a pollinator that will help the plant propagate itself.

Orchids as a group fascinate not only enthusiastic hobbyists but also scientists, who see these plants as prime examples of coevolution with their specific pollinators. In fact, in 1862 Charles Darwin wrote a whole book on the subject, called The Various Contrivances by which Orchids are Fertilised by Insects. He found the subject so worthy

that he reworked the book for a second edition in 1880.

What makes the topic of orchid pollination so fascinating and so much more complex than, say, daisy pollination? Most flowers are fairly straightforward and indiscriminate in attracting pollinators; their color or scent cues offer pollen or nectar in exchange for moving pollen to the female parts of the flower. Orchids, however, are much sneakier, promising more than they usually deliver. In other words, they often lie to insects and birds, tricking them into transporting pollen for what seems like little

or no real reward.

Over the next few months, I'll take a look at some of the methods by which orchids entrap their pollinators. I admit that I'll focus shamelessly on the more sensational pollination relationships. We'll learn about orchids that lie about the amount of nectar on offer, orchids that prey upon the sex drives of male insects, orchids that virtually attack their pollinators, and even orchids that engage in temporary kidnapping to get pollinated.

So the next time you look at what you have in bloom, take a moment to wonder about its pollination tricks.

### Announcements

- **Annual Dues are Due!**

Congratulations to Mike Hersh for being the first member to pay 2001 dues! The rest of us need to pay our dues now that it is a new year. Dues are \$20, payable to OSSB. Pay Carole Cowan at the meeting or send her a check at 209 Cedar Lane, Santa Barbara, CA 93108. Please make sure we have your correct, up-to-date address, telephone and email! Include these in a note with your check if you mail your dues to Carole.

#### **Meeting Speakers**

If you have ideas or requests for speakers at upcoming meetings this year, please notify Robert Hofberg, our new Vice President and program chair, 683-9598. The society would also like to thank Harriet Roberts for her two years as Vice President and program chair; great job!

#### **CSA Congress**

The annual CSA Congress, held in conjunction with the spring show here in Santa Barbara, will be on March 24, at the Holiday Inn in Goleta. The morning programs will cover cymbidiums, while the afternoon will be on paphs and phrags. The evening banquet will feature cocktails and the annual auction. Contact Al or Sandy Svoboda for more details.

#### **Sad News**

The Society would like to extend condolences to Sandy Svoboda, whose mother passed away in December.

#### **Congratulations, Alan Chovil**

Check out Dr. Chovil's book, Just Call Me Stanley, published under the alias Alec Chumley. It's a fantasy for the computer era about a miniature talking hippo. The book is available from iUniverse.com (1-877-823-9235) for \$12.95.

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