

# Orchid Society of Santa Barbara



**Meeting: Wednesday, December 12, 2001**

**MacKenzie Adult Building**

at MacKenzie Park

**3111 State Street (at Las Positas)**

*Potluck begins at 6:30 pm*

## **HOLIDAY POTLUCK AND SLIDE SHOW**

Come enjoy a social evening in conjunction with the Santa Barbara Cymbidium Society. This is your chance to eat, discuss our recent show, bid in the silent auction, and view **Tom Ball's Slide Show of members, orchids and growing areas**. Bring a dish to serve 6-10 people. If your last name starts with: **A – I: salad or side dish; J – Q: dessert; R – Z: main course dish**. Don't forget to bring dishes, silverware and drinks. Also, here's your chance to help raise money for the society: donate a plant to the silent auction. And bring your wallet so you can bid on the auction plants!

*Note the early meeting time for the potluck!*

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

*Looking ahead ...*

**57<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa Barbara International Orchid Show**

March 8-10, 2002

Earl Warren Show Grounds. This year's theme: "Lights! Camera! Orchids!"

**27<sup>th</sup> Annual Cymbidium Congress**

March 9, 2002

Our own AI and Sandy Svoboda have planned another extravaganza of lectures on cymbidiums, paphiopedilums and phragmipediums in this congress held in conjunction with the spring show. For

more information, contact Al and Sandy at 969-4536 or by email at stillisch@pol.net Remember that early registration is cheaper than registering at the door and that registrants for the congress get into the show for free.

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

### Summary of the November 2001 Meeting

- President Sandy Svoboda thanked Vice President Rob Hofberg for stepping in for her during the last two meetings. She welcomed new members and asked everyone to come to the OSSB show.
- Show chair Tom Ball spoke to the membership about volunteers needed for the show and reminded everyone of the purpose of the show: To educate visitors on what orchids are about. He challenged members to invite at least three people.
- Al Svoboda, the society's AOS representative and on the AOS Conservation Committee, noted that AOS membership is down to 27,000 from 30,000. He noted that the AOS serves orchid lovers in a number of ways. It publishes Orchids, which contains articles and advertisements, in addition to publishing specialty journals, Awards Quarterly and Lindleyana. The AOS manages and oversees the awards process. It provides a forum through Orchids for growers to ask questions. It supports scientific research on orchids. Sandy Svoboda observed that the new AOS headquarters truly is a world class education center and visitor site, while Paul Gripp suggested that the Board support AOS and our own society by purchasing orchid books for our library from AOS.
- Treasurer Carole Cowan reported that the financial sheet would be available to members on the back table; those who did not pick up a sheet will find it in their newsletter.
- Tom Ball asked to take photos of members and what they do with orchids. He will show slides at the December

meeting.

- Don Brown reported on the activities on the nominating committee. See the announcements section for the results of the vote for the 2002 Officers and Board of Directors.

#### Program

Vice President Rob Hofberg introduced our November speaker, **Christina Holenda**, a native of North Carolina who, with her husband Eric, grows orchids here on the Central Coast. Holenda has traveled extensively to photograph orchids in their native habitats in North America. With some 230 species known in North America, this means a large number of different habitats. At the November meeting, she discussed perhaps the richest of the North American orchid regions, the state of Florida.

Holenda began with a beautiful Calipogon found in North Florida. These orchid are dormant until fires reduce competition from grasses and shrubs. In the swamps and bogs near Disneyworld can be found *Spiranthes* and other orchids, not far from developed areas.

Western Florida yielded *Vanilla interdena*, a Mexican import favoring very wet bogs. Holenda noted that some experts feel Florida's orchid diversity is the result of many such orchid "imports" via storms or human activity. Western Florida wetlands and grasses hosted such beauties as *Calipogon pulchella*, *Eulophia alta*, and the rose pogonia.

Florida orchid habitats often are inhospitable toward humans, containing lots of thorns and mosquitos. In such areas in the Everglades, Holenda found *Enc. tampensis*, *Bletia purpurea* and *Onc. floridanum*. A *Galeandra* species was happily guarded by pygmy rattlers.

The Audubon Nature Preserve in Western Florida was a little more easily accessed with boardwalks. It was home to such orchids as *Harisella erecta* and *Polystachia* and *Habenaria* species.

The Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve is

home to fish-eating spiders, cottonmouths and alligators. It is also home to orchids which, like the cottonmouths, prefer Pond Apple Trees. Some of the orchids Holenda found were Epi. anceps, Epi. rigidum, Ionopsis and Pleurothallis. Holenda noted that the best way to see the orchids is to wade through the swamp. (Editor's note: eeeek!)

Of course, Holenda's favorite

photographic find was the famed leafless orchid, *Polyrhiza lindenii*, also known as the "Ghost Orchid" for its snowy flowers. When not in bloom it is identifiable from other leafless orchids by the white striations on the roots. The flowers, which bloom at the end of June to early July, are two to three inches, with a six inch spur.

## OSSB 2001 Show Report

Let me begin with a very big thank you to everyone who worked on our show. Since I am writing this the day after the show, I do not have lists of everyone who worked or loaned plants. Be assured that your society appreciates your efforts! I will thank a few folks who did a great deal for the show. First, many thanks to our show chair Tom Ball for all his work. Thanks to Carole Cowan for running the sales area. Thanks to Jeff Thompson for his work on the society display. And thanks to our Board and our President for taking care of advertising and judging.

Here are the results of AOS and Ribbon judging. Congratulations to everyone who won an award and congratulations to the society exhibit!

AOS Show Trophy for Best Exhibit – Orchid Society of Santa Barbara  
Orchid Digest Trophy for Best Amateur Society Exhibit – Orchid Society of Santa Barbara  
Paul Gripp Laelia Anceps Perpetual Trophy – *L. anceps* Oaxaquana type, exhibitor Paul Gripp?

### AOS Awards:

Award of Merit to Don Brown's *Laelia superbiens*  
Highly Commended Certificate to Frank Methmann's *Masdevallia Jewel*  
Highly Commended Certificate to Bill Robson's *Bulbophyllum phalaenopsis*

### Ribbons:

#### Best pink/purple/lavender cattleya alliance plant

First: *Lc. Molly Tyler 'Black River'* – Starbek Farm      Second: *C. percivaliana* – Santa Barbara Orchid Estate  
Third: *Lc. Peak Season 'Carpinteria Nights'* – Frank Methmann

#### Best red/orange cattleya alliance plant

First: *Blc. Chua Yeah 'Yi Esen #1'* – Bill Robson      Second: *Blc. Goldenzelle 'Orbit Orange'* – Starbek Farm  
Third: *Slc. Golden Wax 'One Star II'* HCC/AOS – Bill Robson

#### Best other cattleya alliance plant

First: *C. percivaliana semi-alba* – Santa Barbara Orchid Estate  
Second: *Blc. Momilani Rainbow 'The Gypsy'* – Lance and Pat Schroeder  
Third: *C. Winter Mantle* – Frank Methmann

#### Best multiflowered paphiopedilum or phragmipedium

First: *Paph. Red Dragon* – Five Cities Orchid Society      Second: *Paph. (kolopakingii x glaucophyllum)* – B. Robson

#### Third: *Paph. haynaldianum* – Bill Robson

#### Best single flowered paphiopedilum or phragmipedium

First: *Paph. micranthum* – Orchids of Los Osos      Second: *Paph. Bruno 'Model'* – Lance and Pat Schroeder

#### Third: *Paph. Gold Dollar* – Santa Barbara Cymbidium Society

#### Best cymbidium

First: *Cym. DAG* – Santa Barbara Orchid Estate      Second: *Cym. traceyanum* – Santa Barbara Orchid Estate  
Third: *Cym. Culpaulin* – Santa Barbara Cymbidium Society

#### Best dendrobium

First: *Den. Cuthbertsonii* – T. J. Orchids      Second: *Den. (Rinnapa x Jacquelin Concert)* – Gallup and Stribling  
Third: *Den. Avril's Gold* – Don Brown

#### Best phalaenopsis

First: *Phal. Malibu Tidings x Dtps. Malibu Icon* – Santa Barbara Cymbidium Society  
Second: *Phal. Sand Pebbles* – Five Cities Orchid Society  
Third: *Phal. Bright Lights x Phal. Georgia Seaman* – Five Cities Orchid Society

#### Best oncidium/odontoglossum alliance plant

First: *Onc. Star Wars* – Don Brown      Second: *Psycopsis Papilio* – Five Cities Orchid Society  
Third: *Odm. Maculatum x Onc. serratum* – Starbek Farm

#### Best masdevallia/dracula

First: Masd. Morning Glory – Don Brown                      Second: Masd. Jewel – Frank Methmann  
 Third: Drac. vlad-tepes 'Jaime' – Orchid Society of Santa Barbara  
 Best other botanical, miniature (less than 8 inches)  
 First: Aerangis mystacidii – Five Cities Orchid Society    Second: Soph. Rosea – Santa Barbara Orchid Estate  
 Third: Dracula cordobae 'Angel' – Five Cities Orchid Society  
 Best other botanical, plant over 8 inches  
 First: L. superbiens – Don Brown                                  Second: Rossioglossum grande – Orchids of Los Osos  
 Third: Enc. cochleata – Four Season Orchids  
 Best specimen plant  
 First: Bulbophyllum phalaenopsis – B. Robson    Second: Cym. Isle 'Flamingo' – Santa Barbara Cymbidium Society  
 Third: Zygo. intermedium – Don Brown  
 Best Plant in Show  
 L. superbiens – Don Brown

## Announcements

- **New Officers and Board of Directors for 2002.** As voted on by the membership at the November meeting, the new slate of officers and board members is as follows. President – Jeff Thompson. Vice President – Frank Methmann. Treasurer – Carole Cowan. Secretary – Heidi Kirkpatrick. Board Members: Dan Fuller, Tom Ball, Sandy Svoboda (one year term), Carol Rogers.
- **Membership Renewal!** It is time to renew your membership for the 2002 calendar year. The membership fee is \$20 per household. Checks should be made payable to OSSB. Carole Cowan will accept your renewals at the December and January meetings, or you may send a check to her at 209 Cedar Lane, Santa Barbara, CA 93108. Make sure your address and phone number are correct for the society member roster. *If corrections need to be made in your name, address or telephone number, PLEASE notify Carole Cowan.*  
 Remember that your renewal allows you to continue to receive the monthly newsletter and to participate in society sponsored events, such as the annual summer BBQ. Your dues support the society and your generosity with donations allows the society the funds to attract high quality speakers to our monthly meetings.
- **16<sup>th</sup> World Orchid Conference Proceedings.** Treasurer Carole Cowan received a notice from the proceedings publication committee that the Proceedings from the 16<sup>th</sup> WOC should be ready to mail mid February or early March. (Finally!) Those of us awaiting our proceedings can expect them to be accompanied by a CD of about 200 photos from the conference, sent as an apology for the tardiness of publication.

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