

Orchid Society of Santa Barbara



Meeting: Wednesday, May 14, 2003

**Louise Lowry Davis Recreation Center
1232 De La Vina (at De La Vina and Victoria)**

Meeting begins at 7:30 pm

Potting Demonstration begins at 7:10 pm

Program

Mark Bentow

will speak to us about

Orchids of Belize

Armchair orchid tours are popular with many of our members, particularly those of us unable, for one reason or another, to visit orchids in their native habitats. Come hear about some of the orchids found in the tropical country of Belize. This Central American country boasts such well-known species as *C. bowringiana* and *Epi. nocturnum*, plus others often found in cultivation. Mark Bentow specializes in species and will take us on a photographic excursion of discovery.

Potting Demonstration: No demo this month, but check out upcoming demos, including, possibly, repotting *Masdevallias* and how to pollinate orchids.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Santa Barbara Cymbidium Society Monthly Meeting

2003

Carpinteria Public Library. 5141 Carpinteria Ave., Carpinteria

May 21,

Coastal Valley Orchid Society

Lompoc Public Library, North and D Streets. 7 pm. Speaker: Sue Fordyce

May 20, 2003

Santa Barbara International Orchid Show

Next year's theme: "Wonderful World of Orchids." Start working on ideas for our exhibit now!

March 19-21, 2004

President – Jeff Thompson Vice President – Phil Watt Treasurer – Carole Cowan Secretary – Heidi Kirkpatrick

Summary of the April 2003 Meeting

- President Jeff Thompson welcomed guests and new members and reminded everyone to donate to the special speakers fund.
- President Thompson reported that the Orchid Society of Santa Barbara received an award for best society display under 100 square feet at the 2003 Santa Barbara International Orchid Show. He noted that this year's plants seemed to be of particular quality and thanked everyone who participated by lending plants or working on the display. (Editor's note: Thanks are due to Jeff Thompson, for creating the fine faux piano that was the centerpiece of our exhibit. I've overheard many complimentary remarks on that piano!)
- Sandy Svoboda encouraged everyone to join the American Orchid Society. The newly constructed International Orchid Center has been renamed the American Orchid Society Visitor Center and Botanic Garden. Sandy reports that this facility, located in Del Ray Beach, Florida, contains lovely, orchid-laden gardens and a fine visitors' center complete with tempting gift shop. She notes that anyone in that part of Florida would be well rewarded by an excursion to the AOS Visitor Center and Botanic Garden.
- The Society's Fall Show is scheduled for 15-16 November, 2003, at the Museum of Natural History. Many thanks to Bill Robson, Frank Methmann, and Randall Umland, who agreed to oversee publicity efforts. Many thanks to Sandy Svoboda, who volunteered again this year to arrange for AOS judging, and to Tom Ball, our returning Show Chair. **However, we still need someone to organize the judges' luncheon!** Please call Tom Ball or Jeff Thompson for more information.

Program

Our April speaker was our own Don Brown. Don, a well-known grower of superb, award-winning specimen plants, spoke about growing orchids outdoors in Santa Barbara.

Don has grown orchids outside for some 27 years. His shadehouses are in full sun, with screening all the way to the ground to

discourage pests and four foot doors so blooming plants can be removed for exhibit. He lives in the foothills, where frosts are rare to non-existent, but winds can be brutal. On the windiest days, he activates misters on the upwind side of his shadehouses. Don irrigates every 3 to 4 days, using automatic sprinklers and city water.

When asked how he always has something special in bloom, Don exclaimed, "It's greed! It's greed!" He never gives up on a plant and buys quality plants and seedlings for his collection. More importantly, he has learned what sorts of plants do well in his growing conditions. The following is a partial list of the many wonderful plants Don found to be good growers outdoors.

- *L. anceps* – a perennial favorite in Santa Barbara
- *L. superbiens* – large pseudobulbs and long spikes growing similar to *L. anceps*.
- *Reed stem epidendrums* – along with cymbidiums, among the first orchids Don grew. Flower all year in Santa Barbara.
- *Cym DAG* – including clones 'Littler Jewel' and 'Lollipop'. Satisfying smaller grower.
- *Slc. Jewel Box 'Fire Goddess'* – best clone for outdoors of this well-known red grex.
- *C. bicolor 'Bronze Age'* – good clone outdoors
- *Lc. Pink Perfume* – cross of *C. loddigesii* and *L. autumnalis* exhibiting hybrid vigor. Very fragrant with multiple flowers per spike.
- *C. Tomiko 'Kirsh' HCC/AOS* – the *C. intermedia* parent of this cross generally makes good outdoor-growing progeny.
- *Paph. hirsutissimum* – one of the few paphs that is completely reliable outdoors, short of a frost.
- *Neofinetia falcata* – smaller clones seem to fare worse outdoors. Fragrant, especially in the evening. Used to make cool, easy vandaceous hybrids.

- *Lyonara* Mem. Doug Lace 'Rosminah' HCC/AOS – this clone of the schomburgkia hybrid with its upright spikes of orange flowers is being mericloned.
- *Den. linguiforme* – small plant with white flowers, good mounted.

- *Den. x delicatum* – another Aussie dendrobium that does superbly outdoors.
- *Den. speciosum* – Don's famous clone of this, which he sold to Paul Gripp, flowered at some 25 years of age with an estimated 100,000 blooms on a 9 foot plant!

2003 Vendor Donors

All volunteer societies such as our own are constantly looking for funding. Donations of money or plants can be an important part of helping a society present its members with worthy monthly programs. This year, the Orchid Society of Santa Barbara again asked for donations from the vendors at the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show. Their generous donations of plants will support our raffle and silent auction tables, which you support by buying raffle tickets or bidding on plants. The following is a list of donors with some addresses. Look for them at the July Orchid Fair or at next year's show. Please reward their generosity with your business when you shop for orchids in the future! If you are thinking of visiting, please contact the nursery first; some are open only by appointment, or are listed here by mailing rather than sales address.

Adelaide Orchids
www.adelaideorchids.com
www.sworchids.com

Andy's Orchids
734 Ocean View Ave.
Encinitas, CA 92024
888-514-2639
www.andysorchids.com

Bangkok Botanical Garden
39333 Colleen Way
Temecula, CA 92592

Baron's Orchids
465 Harbor St.
Morro Bay, CA 93442

Botany Bay Botanicals
365 Rio Vista Road
Nipomo, CA 93444

Butterfly Orchids
P. O. Box 324
Newbury Park, CA 91320-0324

Carmela Orchids
P. O. Box 277
Hakalau, HI 96710
808-963-6189
www.carmelaorchids.net/home/

Chaotic Exotics
5375 Campbell Rd.
Lompoc, CA 93436
805-736-0040
www.chaoticexotics.com

Clayton Orchids

Divine Orchids
4781 Wendell St.

Ecuagenera Cia Ltda.
P. O. Box 01.01.1110
Cuenca, Ecuador
593-7-255-237
www.ecuagenera.com

Evergreen Pacific

Islander Delights
14568 Twin Peaks Rd.
Poway, CA 93013

J & M Orchids
1291 Leaf Terrace
San Diego, CA 92114

Kollenborn Orchids
410 Canada Larga Rd.
Ventura, CA 93001

Kyodai Nursery USA

Long N'Go Orchids

Marty's Orchids
41-679 Mokulama St.
Waimanalo, HI 96795
808-259-8000
www.martysorchids.com

Menifee Orchids

Norman's Orchids
11039 Monte Vista Ave.
Montclair, CA 91763
909-627-9515
www.orchids.com

O. V. Orchids
20843 Fuerte Dr.
Walnut, CA 91789

The Orchid Place
6111 Penbroke Dr.
San Diego, CA 92115

Orchids and Gardens

Orchids of Los Osos
1614 Sage Ave.
Los Osos, CA 93402
805-528-1081

www.webcom.com/orchids/

P. M. Orchids

Pacesetters/Desert to Jungle

Paphways Orchids
4030 N. Virginia Rd.
Long Beach, CA 90807

Petite Plaisance
P. O. Box 386
Valley Ford, CA 94972
707-876-3496
www.sonic.net/orchids/

Sunset Orchids
429 D St.
Colma, CA 94014-3152
650-994-9049
www.orchidmall.com/sunset/

Supana Orchids

Swift's Orchids
6658 Carnelian Ave.
Rancho Cucamonga, CA
909-483-5590
www.swiftsorchids.com

Valley Orchids
635 Miramonte Ave.

Announcements

- **Report on the OSSB-donated Laelias at the Zoo.** Joyce Wieder reported that Jeff Thompson, Norm & Joyce Wieder went to the zoo on Saturday, April 19th. They checked the condition of previously mounted plants, tested the drip/sprinkler system and mounted additional orchids. Most of the orchids are responding well to the OSSB-donated sprinkler system. This system turns on automatically every morning at about 7 am. Some of the plants bloomed this season; in future years, when the plants have grown, they should put on quite a show.
- **Lc. Memoria Jerry Rehfield.** With the permission of Louella Rehfield, Frank Methmann and Randall Umland have registered the cross of Lc. Indigo Mist x C. Dupreana as Lc. Memoria Jerry Rehfield. The name has been accepted by the RHS. This cross was one of the last crosses made by the late Jerry Rehfield. He used the clones 'Magic' and 'Coerulea', respectively, to create the blues of which he was so enamoured. Randall Umland suggests that this might be a decent outdoor grower in our area.
- **Umlandara.** Randall Umland has registered a new "nothogenus" or artificial hybrid genus (notho = Greek for "bastard"). Hybrids of this genus contain the genera of Brassavola, Cattleya, Caularthron (formerly Diacrium), Laelia, and Schomburkia.
- **For sale.** A specimen Laelia anceps var. chamberlainum with 60+ pseudobulbs and new ones coming. Almost 3 feet across. In a hanging basket. Chamberlainianum has long arching spikes and large flowers. \$200. Call Don Brown at 687-3040.
- **Addendum.** Omitted from last month's report on the show were several awards given to area growers including Best Display Less Than 100 Square Feet Open Category going to Chaotic Exotics.

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