



Orchid Society of Santa Barbara

Meeting: Wednesday, January 12, 2005

▶▶ **TEMPORARY LOCATION!** ◀◀

MacKenzie Adult Building

at MacKenzie Park

3111 State Street (at Las Positas)

enter parking lot on Las Positas

PROGRAM

Our Own **Sandra Svoboda** will speak about
The Genus *Telipogon*

Our new year begins with a talk by member Sandy Svoboda. Sandy is an American Orchid Society Trustee and Chair of the AOS Publications Committee. She is also a judge for the AOS and the CSA. Sandy will speak to us about a genus less common in cultivation: the genus *Telipogon*. These small members of the Maxillaria tribe are natives of South America and have been referred to by some as "among the most spectacular and interesting of orchids." Come learn about these fascinating orchids.

Don't forget to go to MacKenzie Adult Building while the city refurbishes Louise Lowry Davis Recreation Center.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

February OSSB meeting -- speaker Fred Clarke

March OSSB meeting -- speaker Harry Phillips on mounting orchids

March 4-6, 2005 -- 60th Annual Santa Barbara International Orchid Show "Celebration of Orchids"

Check out our web site! www.west.net/~orchidsb

Send newsletter materials to your newsletter editor, Heidi Kirkpatrick, at hkorchid@juno.com

OSSB Officers for 2005: President – Phil Watt Vice President – Don Brown Treasurer -- Angela Watt Secretary – Heidi Kirkpatrick

Summary of the December 2004 Meeting

Many thanks to everyone for the delicious holiday potluck at the December meeting.

► **New OSSB Board of Directors.** In November, the membership approved a new slate of officers for 2005. At the December meeting, the new board of directors for 2005 was presented to the membership, with a unanimous vote of acceptance. The board of directors will be: Jeff Thompson, Bryan Davis, Josh Davis, Dick Swain, and Carol Rogers.

► **Fall Show Trophies Presented.** The Paul Gripp Perpetual Trophy for Best *Laelia anceps* was presented to Norm Wieder for *L. anceps* ('Helen' x 'Ultimo'). Bryan Davis received the first ever Carole Cowan Perpetual Trophy for Best Orchid in Show with his *Psychopsis Mendenhall* 'Monarch' AM/AOS. Davis, who has been growing orchids for only a few years, noted that his win should be inspiration for other new growers.

► **New Meeting Location at MacKenzie Park!** The City will be renovating Louise Lowry Davis Recreation Center beginning in January. While this is in progress, OSSB monthly meetings will be at MacKenzie Park. Check future newsletters carefully to note the location for the monthly meeting.

Program

Our December speaker was our own Paul Gripp, already familiar to the membership via previous lectures and his monthly commentary on the plant show table. Gripp, who is an AOS and CSA judge (and, your editor notes, a virtual encyclopedia of general orchid knowledge and stories), spoke about a subject dear to his heart: Mexican Laelias and *Laelia anceps* in particular.

Gripp called Mexican Laelias among the "most remarkable of orchids." Many are "wonderful" for us in Santa Barbara, doing well outside here in a climate that is similar to that of their native habitat.

However, Gripp noted that the genus *Laelia* is soon to be dismantled by taxonomists. *Laelia superbiens* is more correctly *Schomburgkia superbiens*. *Laelia purpurata* probably will find a home in the genus *Sophranitis*.

Among the laelias Gripp discussed:

- *L. albida* - white flower sometimes ages

orangy.

- *L. rubescens* - found in areas of coffee plantations at 1000-3000 feet; not too hardy outdoors in Santa Barbara. Gripp noted that an example of *L. rubescens* genes at their best is *L. Sylvan Sprite*.

- *L. furfuracea* - not happy outdoors here.

- *L. gouldiana* - plants generally bloom earlier here than *L. anceps*. Gripp's 1913 Orchid World book referred to 7000 in bloom at a show!

- *L. autumnalis* - color forms range from dark lavender to white and semi-alba.

- *L. superbiens* - very tall spike can reach 12 feet in nature.

- *L. speciosa (grandiosa)* - native of an arid region. "Ornery" to grow in Santa Barbara.

Of course, Gripp's favorite is *L. anceps*. Like *L. purpurata* of Brazil, it has many color forms and varieties. Gripp observed that Mexican horticultural varieties differ from those recognized by the British and the US. Among the many varieties and types of *L. anceps*:

- 'Bull's Alba' - a very old RHS awarded variety. Gripp noted that whites of many commonly colored orchids are rarely found in the wild and are often of inferior shape. This variety has the distinction of breeding true whites when crossed with other white cattleya alliance members.

- Oaxquena type - a tinted white with lines in the throat. Blooms better on large plants, where it can produce 5-7 flowers per spike.

- Schroederiana type - old white.

- Veitchiana type - white sepals and petals with blue lip.

- Roeblingiana type - peloric lavender; probably a jungle mutation.

- Striata type - example is variety 'Disciplinata'. Good growers with some transmission of stripes to progeny.

- Guerrero type - paler sepals than petals, dark lip, and dark color on end of petals. Beautiful, but often tough to bloom; when buying plants, look for evidence of previous bloom.

- Mendenhall - a tissue culture mutation of 'Irwin's' that produces bigger, more powerful lavender flowers.

- San Bar Gloriosa - more tissue culture mutations with pelorics and feathering.

2004 Fall Show Report

Editor's note: My apologies for the errors in the show report that appeared in the December newsletter. Printed here is the correct and official list of awards and ribbons presented at our Fall Show. Our new treasurer, Angela Watt, reports that the society made \$400 profit from the show. Thanks to everyone who participated by volunteering time or putting plants in the show. And congratulations to everyone who won a ribbon or award!

AOS Show Trophy for Best Display:	Cal-Orchid
Orchid Digest Show Trophy for Best Non-Commercial Display:	Orchid Society of Santa Barbara
Trophy for Display Showing Best Adherence to Theme:	Coastal Valley Orchid Society
Paul Gripp Perpetual Trophy for Best <i>Laelia anceps</i> :	<i>L. anceps</i> ('Helen' x 'Ultimo') - Wieder Orchids
Carole Cowan Perpetual Trophy for Best Orchid in Show:	<i>Psychopsis</i> Mendenhall 'Monarch' AM/AOS - Bryan Davis
AOS Certificate of Botanical Recognition:	<i>Pleurothallid chamaensis</i> - Bill Robson
AOS Award for Educational Exhibit:	Santa Barbara Orchid Estate

Ribbon Judging:

Angraecum

1. *Angm.* Lemford 'White Beauty'
2. *Angm.* leonus

Psycho Orchids (Bryan Davis)
Five Cities Orchid Society

Botanicals

1. *Psychopsis* Mendenhall 'Monarch' AM/AOS
2. *Pleurothallid chamaensis* CBR/AOS
3. *Stigmatostylax radicans*
3. *Bulophyllum orientale*

Psycho Orchids (Bryan Davis)
Bill Robson
Orchids by TJ (TJ Bloominger)
Frank's Orchid Empire (Frank Methmann)

Cattleya Alliance

1. *C.* Nippon 'Livinza'
2. *C.* Giant White
3. *Lc.* Molly Tyler
3. tag unreadable

Five Cities Orchid Society
Psycho Orchids (Bryan Davis)
Coastal Valley Orchid Society
N'Go Orchids

Best First Bloom Seedling:

Blc. Goldenzelle - Bill Robson

Best Blue Cattleya:

Lc. Gran - Frank's Orchid Empire (Frank Methmann)

Best Laelia Grouping

Commercial:

Santa Barbara Orchid Estate

Amateur:

Wieder Orchids (Norm and Joyce Wieder)

Cymbidiums

Standard

1. *Cym.* Starbright 'Sirius'
2. *Cym.* Valambrosa x *Cym. tracyanum* 'Doris'

Santa Barbara Cymbidium Society
Carter's Orchids (Ed and Shirlye Carter)

Pendant

1. no tag

Bill Robson

Grouping of Cymbidiums

1. Orchid Garden and Library (Paul and Janet Gripp)
2. Santa Barbara Cymbidium Society

Most Unusual Intergeneric

1. *Phaiocymbidium* Chardwarensen

Orchid Garden and Library

Dendrobium

1. *Den.* Ekapol 'Small Panda'
2. *Den.* Allyn Gem 'Kamiya'
2. *Den.* Aloha Parade
3. *Den.* Lim Chong Min

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Coastal Valley Orchid Society

Oncidium Alliance

1. *Onc. endocharis*
2. *Dgmra.* Good Morning
3. *Mtssa.* Royal Robe

Orchids by TJ (TJ Bloominger)
Coastal Valley Orchid Society
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Paphiopedilum

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| 1. <i>Paph.</i> Battle of Egypt | Alsan's Orchids (Al and Sandy Svoboda) |
| 2. <i>Paph.</i> Magic Mood 'Butterscotch' | Bill Robson |
| 3. <i>Paph.</i> Carolina Park | Alsan's Orchids |

Best Paphiopedilum Grouping: *Paph. spicerianum* - Cal-Orchid

Phalaenopsis

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| 1. <i>Phal.</i> (x Georgia Scaman) | Five Cities Orchid Society |
| 2. <i>Phal.</i> (Pinlong Cinderella x Super Stupid-Brother Purple) | Five Cities Orchid Society |
| 3. <i>Phal.</i> [Sogo Mountain x (Taisuco Snow x <i>unreadable</i>)] | Carter's Orchids (Ed and Shirlye Carter) |

Zygopetalum

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| 1. <i>Zygo.</i> Kiwi Geyzer | Orchids of Los Osos |
| 2. <i>Zygo.</i> <i>mackeyi</i> | OSSB (Santos Ojeda) |

Pay Your OSSB Dues!

OSSB Membership renewals are due this month! You may pay our new treasurer, Angela Watt, at the meeting, or send her a check for \$25, payable to OSSB. Do not send cash!

Angela Watt, OSSB Treasurer
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