



# Orchid Society of Santa Barbara

*Meeting: Wednesday, April 12, 2006*

**MacKenzie Adult Building**

at MacKenzie Park

3111 State Street (at Las Positas)

*enter parking lot on Las Positas*

**Meeting begins at 7:30 pm**

## **PROGRAM**

Our Own **Michael Glikbarg** of Orchids of Los Osos will speak about  
**Specimen Plants: How to Grow Them**

Want to grow your orchids into huge specimens? This is the talk for you. Michael Glikbarg, owner of Orchids of Los Osos, will speak to us about growing specimen plants, with particular attention to what sorts of orchids most easily make specimens. Glikbarg is always popular at our monthly meetings. He knows our local growing conditions well and can make useful recommendations. (Editor's note: one of my favorite specimen paphiopedilums is a golden yellow cross of *Paph. armeniacum* x *Paph. rothschildianum* owned by Michael Glikbarg; it always wins him awards when he brings it to shows.) And don't forget to bring your wallets. Raffle tickets are 3 for \$1 and 25% of the winning bid on auction plants goes to the society; the money raised helps the society support our fine monthly programs.

## **Calendar**

*April 22, 2006*

**Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Show and Sale**

10am to 4 pm. San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA

*May 6-7, 2006*

**Carmel Orchid Society, Inc. Mayfaire Orchid Show and Sale**

Crossroads, Highway 1 and Rio Road, Carmel, CA. Free admission. 20 vendors.

*July 7-9, 2006*

**26<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa Barbara Orchid Estate International Orchid Fair**

Earl Warren Showgrounds, Fri & Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4. Free admission, \$5 parking. [www.sborchid.com](http://www.sborchid.com)

*July 12, 2006*

**OSSB Monthly Meeting**

Brian Gerhard of Down Under Native Orchids will speak about easy-growing Aussie Dendrobiums

## Summary of the March 2006 Meeting

- **President Don Brown** welcomed guests and visitors and reminded them to sign the guest book.
- **Monthly Plant Judging:** Please remember to vote for your favorite plant on the monthly show table. If you brought in plants, please put a number (available on the show table) on each plant and sign your name in the log with the list of numbers belonging to you. We want to keep accurate track of show table results!
- **Refreshment Volunteers:** Please remember to sign up to bring refreshments. Each month, the society needs two volunteers. The snack volunteer brings in food. The drinks volunteer picks up the drinks supplies and brings them to the next meeting. Volunteers earn a blue ticket to the first raffle draw of the evening (first shot at the plant table)!

### Program

President Don Brown introduced our March speaker, George Hatfield of Hatfield Orchids. His specialty is cymbidiums, produced in collaboration with Mukiyama and Andy Easton. (Editor's note: one of Hatfield's cymbidiums won Grand Champion at the 2006 Santa Barbara International Orchid Show.) Hatfield led us on a visual, armchair tour his very recent trip to Japan to attend the Tokyo Dome Show.

The Tokyo Dome Show, held in the Tokyo Giants baseball stadium, is the largest orchid show in the world. For comparison, Hatfield noted that our spring show here in Santa Barbara garners some ten thousand visitors over three days. The Tokyo Dome Show has an attendance of about fifty thousand a day and lasts for ten days for a total of half a million visitors.

Exhibitors put an immense amount of effort into their displays. Larger commercial exhibitors will have 25 people working in shifts around the clock for four days to install a display. Some displays are constructed as masses of flowers, with the plants often sacrificed at the end of the show. For example, plants would be removed from their pots wrapped in moss that is held in place with rubber bands, and tied into the display. Leaves that would interfere with the massed flower effect are removed from the bulb, such as those of oncidiums. And before an exhibitor is finished with the display, the show committee must sign off on it, thus insuring that the display meets show standards.

Among the displays Hatfield showed the membership were a number of naturalistic exhibits, with trunks of trees hosting clumps of similar genera and color. A display entitled "Orchid Wedding" used white phals and lavender cattis. Massed cattleyas made stripes of red, yellow and peach in the shape of a giant dress.

Display sizes ranged from large to small. A local society, for example, installed a display roughly 40 by 20 feet. Other displays were tabletop size. Additionally, flower arranging is very popular in Japan, as reflected by the number of arrangements in the show.

Hatfield highlighted a display of the orange form of *Cym. goeringii* in a naturalistic setting under deciduous trees. Japanese growers have success with this plant by growing it similar to how it grows in nature: high humidity; high light in winter (when the deciduous trees lose their leaves) and low light in summer. A preferred medium is rounded, pea-sized pumice. Hatfield uses this medium and waters his *Cym. goeringii* like his other plants.

Plants to be judged are not installed in displays. General orchid judging is done by teams following the rules in a 100 page booklet. Hatfield noted that judging is very polite; if someone on a judging team nominates a plant, it is considered disrespectful not to give the plant at least 75 points.

Winning plants earn their owners real money. The grand champion wins \$20,000 and a Mercedes. This honor does not go solely to the commercial folks. This year's winning plant was a hobby-grown masdevallia owned by a 50 year old woman. Last year's champ was grown by another amateur, a 23 year old man.

In the six years that Hatfield has attended the Tokyo Dome Show, he has noticed some trends. Phals and neofinetias are down, but paphs and cym are up. Prices among the 100 some vendors can be average to stunning. Hatfield saw phals with average blooms running \$35-40. Species cymbidiums were \$400-500 and nice paphs were up to \$2000.

### Looking Ahead: Next Month's Newsletter

OSSB was the grateful recipient of a number of donated plants at this year's Santa Barbara International Orchid Show. Donors of these plants will be acknowledged in the May newsletter; please show your support to our donors by wearing your OSSB badge and shopping at their booths at future shows!

## Report on the 2006 Santa Barbara International Orchid Show

I would like to begin the show report by commending our own Al and Sandy Svoboda for their work with the show. Despite ill health (and we wish Al all the best!) Al has been show president. Sandy Svoboda was this year's assistant show manager. They've also organized the Cymbidium Society of America Congress.

OSSB volunteers also came through on the society's display and sales booth; OSSB is very grateful to *Santa Barbara Orchid Estate* for splitting the booth fee with the society. Thanks go to *Phil and Angela Watt* for taking time off from work to be at the society's sales booth for the duration of the show. Thanks also to all the volunteers who made our sales booth so financially successful. Thanks to *Jeff Thompson* for all the hard work he put in to create the society's display, with help and/or plants from a number of society members, including *Gene Hagerty, Carol Rogers, Santos Ojeda, Don Brown, Frank Methmann, Norm Wieder, Joe Rubin, Don Thorn, Ed and Shirlie Carter, Fred Lukas*, and some names I'm sure I missed. Particular thanks to *Randall Umland* and *Elizabeth Ralston* for their artistic plant placement which made our display really delightful. Congratulations to all the trophy and ribbon winners; trophy winners who are members of our society are marked with a ►.

► <b>Best Orchid in Show:</b>	<b><i>Schomburgkia undulata</i> - Santa Barbara Orchid Estate</b>
Grand Champ Cym of Show:	<i>Cym.</i> (George Formby x Red Beauty) - George Hatfield
Reserve Champ Cym of Show:	<i>Cym.</i> Lillian Fujimoto 'Irish Lass' AM,CCM/AOS - Weegie Caughlin
Design of Distinction:	Andy's Orchids
Most Artistic Display in Show:	Cal-Orchid
Sweepstake Best Display in Show:	Ventura Farms
Best Theme of Show:	Malibu Orchid Society
Best Table Display, Open:	Orchids & Gardens/SLO Gardens
► <b>Best Table Display, Amateur:</b>	<b>Shirlie and Ed Carter</b>
Best Table Display, Society:	Ventura Orchid Society
Best Display 100sq.ft. or more, open:	Ventura Farms
Best Display 100 sq. ft. or more, amateur:	Jim Sloniker
Best Display 100sq. ft. or more, society:	Malibu Orchid Society
Best Display under 100sq.ft., open:	Ontario Orchids, Inc.
► <b>Best Display under 100sq.ft., amateur:</b>	<b>Alsan's Orchids</b>
Best Display under 100 sq. ft., society:	Pleurothallid Alliance, San Francisco Branch
Best Display any size:	Malibu Orchid Society
► <b>Best Educational Display:</b>	<b>SB Orchid Library and Gardens (Paul Gripp)</b>
Best Species Cym. Potted Plant:	<i>Cym. canaliculatum</i> 'Alice' - Orchids Royale
Best Cyripedium Alliance Plant:	<i>Paph.</i> Jared Pierre 'Starlight' - Orchids Royale
Best Lycaste Alliance Plant:	<i>Lyc.</i> Koolena - Orchids Royale
Best Misc. Genera:	<i>Ansellia africana</i> 'John Hope Franklin' - Cal-Orchid
► <b>Best Cattleya Specimen:</b>	<b>L. Santa Barbara Sunset 'Showtime' - Don Brown</b>
Best Other Orchid Specimen:	<i>Ansellia africana</i> 'John Hope Franklin' - Cal Orchid
► <b>Best Corsage:</b>	<b>Betty Watt</b>

• Several members installed their own displays: Shirlie and Ed Carter; Bryan Davis and Josh Davis; Phil and Angela Watt; Dick and Louise Swain; Al and Sandy Svoboda (Alsan's Orchids); Lance and Pat Schroeder. Two of the commercial exhibitors are also OSSB members: Santa Barbara Orchid Estate and Orchids of Los Osos.

• Plants in OSSB's display won a number of ribbons and awards, including Don Brown's aforementioned Best Cattleya Showing Excellence of Culture. Jeff Thompson's *Ansellia africana* 'Amy' received a 77 point HCC from the AOS despite the fact that he neglected to enter the plant in judging. Ribbons included the following:

Blue Ribbons: *Epc.* Green Dragon and *Den. kingianum* 'Almond' of Randall Umland; *Epi. magnoliae* 'Bayou Blue'; *Odont.*

*Crispum* 'Easter' (Gene Hagerty?); *Cochleanthes discolor* (Fred Lukas?)

Red Ribbons: *Slc.* Mini Doris 'Carmela'; *Soph coccinea* 4N 'Marthe Methmann' (Frank Methmann); *Cym aloifolium*; *Odont.*

Janet White (Gene Hagerty?)

Yellow Ribbon: *Paph.* Sunglow 'Heidi K' (Don Brown)

• Members also won ribbons in other displays; a partial list follows. Bill Robson won blues for *Porroglossum muscosum* and *Oberonia seligera*. Josh Davis and Bryan Davis won blues for *Ascofinetia* Cherry Blossom and *Psychopsis* Butterfly, a yellow for *Dendrobium spectabile* and a green (honorable mention) for *Masd. coccinea* 'Purple Banner'. Al and Sandy won a blue for *Cym.* Dorothy Stockstill 'Forgotten Fruit' AM/AOS.

• The AOS Show Trophy went to Ventura Farms and the Orchid Digest Trophy went to Malibu Orchid Society.

