

Orchid Society of Santa Barbara

An Affiliate of the American Orchid Society



Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 11, 2007

Location: Louise Lowry Davis
Recreation Center
1232 De La Vina (at Victoria)

Potting Demo: 7:00 PM

Meeting: 7:30 PM

Chris Ehrler will speak about Masdevallias, Draculas and Other Pleurothallids you can grow on the Central Coast

Come learn about these small South American gems from the president of the Five Cities Orchid Society. Chris Ehrler will also present information on the recent division of the genus *Masdevallia* into a number of new genera. He grows orchids in his home, outside, and in a small backyard greenhouse. Unfortunately, his job as a marine biologist and jack-of-many trades for an environmental consulting company in San Luis Obispo cuts into his time for growing orchids.

Potting Demonstration: Jeff Thompson continues his series on potting orchids in various different media. This month's installment features sphagnum moss, which Jeff finds to be a good choice for masdevallias. Come learn how to give your orchids the repotting they need this spring.

OSSB Officers for 2007:

President - Don Brown Vice President - Carole Thompson
Treasurer - Angela Watt Secretary - Heidi Kirkpatrick

Visit the OSSB Web Site!

www.orchidsb.net

Calendar of Events

April 6-8, 2007

Torrance Cymbidium Society Show

California Hotel, 12 E. Ogden Ave., Las Vegas, NV. Contact:
Carol Siegal 702-254-4168 or growlove@cox.net

April 7-8, 2007

Golden Gate Cymbidium Society Show

Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. Free
admission. 9 am to 5 pm. Call 510-276-2851.

April 14-15, 2007

Newport Harbor Orchid Society Show

Roger's Garden, 2301 San Joaquin Hills Rd., Corona del Mar.
Jim Miller at 949-707-0728 or jim_miller100@hotmail.com

April 21-22, 2007

Sacramento Orchid Society Show

Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 6151 H St., Sacramento. For
information contact Galen Carpenter at 530-672-0776 or
www.sacramentoorchids.org

May 5-6, 2007

Carmel Orchid Society MayFaire

American Tin Cannery, Pacific Grove, CA. Contact Ida Hale,
831-646-8724.

May 17, 2007

San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists Auction

Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden. 301 N.
Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA. Info: 626-966-1197.

June 2-3, 2007

Express Orchid Exhibition

Holiday Inn Express, 1350 N. 4th, San Jose, CA. Contact:
408-467-1789 ext 601 or bdaivison@sjcexpress.com.

June 9, 2007

Orchid Society of Southern California Auction

First Christian Church, 221 South 6th St., Burbank, CA., www.orchidssc.org or 818-845-0492.

Summary of the March 2007 Meeting

Program

Editor's Note - Many thanks to Jeff Thompson for the use of his notes.

Our own Don Brown spoke to the membership about the prestigious Tokyo Dome Show, the largest and most highly attended orchid show in the world. Don was fortunate enough to receive an invitation to travel to the show with AOS and CSA judge Norito Hasegawa, the world renowned paphiopedilum expert. As an assistant to Norito Hasegawa, Don was allowed to view the show during judging. He was also admitted to the show two hours prior and two hours after general show hours. This is a significant viewing advantage at a show with a daily attendance in the thousands.

The Tokyo Dome Show, formally known as the Japan Grand Prix, features displays from local societies, and commercial growers, with a few foreign growers. Displays range from the large and elaborate to the small and elegant. Some displays require several days for installation and use massed plants to good effect.

Don's particular interests at the show revolved around plants from the genus *Cymbidium* and the ceramic pots in which these plants were displayed. The Japanese have a particular appreciation for cymbidiums, although they favor the smaller, more graceful Asian species over the showy hybrids seen in Southern California. *Cymbidium goeringii*, for example, is often grown in Japan, and numerous varieties are recognized by Japanese growers.

To highlight these elegant plants, Japanese use decorative ceramic pots. These pots, often tall and slender to mimic the plants they contain, can be very expensive, sometimes ranging in hundreds of dollars. Pots have three feet and sometimes are beautifully decorated. Motifs on the pots Don showed included chrysanthemums or cranes.

Don's attention was caught by several displays in particular that featured cymbidiums. One used beautifully finished driftwood to support the pots. Another had alternating black and white tiles. Another was designed by an artist and contained a central image of a cymbidium silhouette on a white wall, with a fan placed carefully so that the silhouette danced gently against the white background.

Notably, these displays featured only a few carefully placed plants. Elegance and simplicity were the hallmarks of these displays, rather than the lush abundance we are accustomed to seeing in Santa Barbara shows.

Don noted that he did not spend his entire time at the Japan Grand Prix. He is also a fancier of fine Japanese food and there are many very good restaurants near the Tokyo Dome Stadium.

For those who have the opportunity, Don highly recommended aiding a judge at the Tokyo Dome Show. A visit to this show is a highlight for anyone who loves orchids, orchid displays, fine pottery and fine food.

Show Report:

2007 Santa Barbara International Orchid Show

The good news is that this year's show attendance was up! OSSB did quite well at the 2007 spring show, for which all the members who volunteered deserve a heartfelt thanks. Jeff Thompson, Angela Watt and Phil Watt deserve special recognition for display installation and sales booth management. Your editor apologizes for not contacting Angela in time to include a list of sales booth volunteers. Jeff Thompson provided the following list of volunteers and plant owners, with apologies to those he missed: Don Brown, Clara and George Brown, Len Jarrott, Gene Hagerty, Norm Wieder, Anita and James Merriman, Frank Methmann, Santos Ojeda, Carol Rogers and Dick Swain. He particularly thanked PJ Sanderson for providing the wooden car for the display and Randall Umland for plant placement and overall design of the final display.

A number of OSSB members won trophies and ribbons at the show. The following is a partial list of awards, trophies and ribbons, with OSSB members highlighted in bold and preceded by a **✂**. Check the show website or our own website for photographs.

Display Awards

Sweepstakes "Best Display"	Ventura Farms
Best Theme of Show	Ventura Farms
Orchid Digest Show Trophy	Ventura Farms
America Orchid Society Show Trophy	Ventura Farms
Best Display, any size, non-commercial	Malibu Orchid Society
Best Display > 100 sq ft, societies	Malibu Orchid Society
Best Display < 100 sq ft, open	Valley Orchids
✂ Best Display < 100 sq ft, societies	OSSB
✂ Best Table Display Amateur	Phil & Angela Watt
Best Table Display, Open	Seed Engei
✂ Most Artistic Display	Santa Barbara Orchid Estate
Design of Distinction	Cal-Orchid
✂ Best Educational/Scientific Display	SB Orchid Garden & Library
	(Paul Gripp)
Best Display >100 sq ft., open	Andy's Orchids
Best Display <100 sq ft., amateur	Weegie Caughlan

Plant Trophies

Best Orchid in Show	<i>C. amethystoglossa v. coreulea</i> 'Winston' Ken and Amy Jacobsen
Grand Champion Cym.	<i>Cym.</i> (Mad Hatter x Kalimpong 'Emerald Fire') Joe Santy, Long Beach, CA
Reserve Champ Cym.	<i>Cym.</i> Mae West 'Jerry' - Hatfield Orchids
✂ Cymbidium Beauty	<i>Cym.</i> Mt. Vision 'Hallelujah' - SBOE
Best Mini Cym	same as grand champion
✂ Best Mini Cym potted	<i>Cym.</i> Dr. Baker - Shirlie and Ed Carter
Best Novelty Cym	<i>Cym.</i> Eastern Zenith - Hatfield Orchids
Best Pendulous Cym	same as grand champion
Best Species Cym	<i>Cym.</i> <i>goeringii</i> - Jim Sloniker
Best First Blooming Cym	<i>Cym.</i> Frank Kageyama
Best group of 3 cym	Hatfield Orchids

Best Cattleya Alliance	<i>C. amethystoglossa v. coreulea</i> 'Winston' Ken and Amy Jacobsen	Primary/Novelty Hybrid Paphs, multiflowered, sequential bloomers 1st	<i>Paph.</i> Druid Spring 'Mount Whitney' - Bryce Augustine
Best Cattleya Specimen	<i>C. amethystoglossa v. coreulea</i> 'Winston' Ken and Amy Jacobsen	2nd	<i>Paph.</i> Diane Vickery 'Monsoon Freckles' - Bryce Augustine
Best Group 5 or more excluding cym and catts	paph group - Orchids Royale	Primary/Novelty Hybrid Paphs, species, Polyantha, Cochlopetalum	
Best Group 5 or more blooming seedlings, same cross	<i>Cym.</i> Nancy Miyamoto - Gallup & Stribling	1st	<i>Paph.</i> haynaldianum 'Purple Rain' - Bryce Augustine
Best Dendrobium	<i>Den.</i> Gracious Cascades - Orchids of Los Osos	2nd	<i>Paph.</i> victoria-regina 'Monsoon Victory' - Bryce Augustine
Best Lycaste	<i>Lyc.</i> macrobulbon - Cal-Orchid	Phragmipedium hybrids	
Best Miltonia	<i>Milt.</i> (Timberline x Pearl Ono) Blossoming Orchid Nursery	1st	<i>Phrag.</i> DonWimber - Patricia Schroeder
Best Odontoglossum	<i>Odm.</i> Frechdachs - Cal-Orchid	1st	<i>Phrag.</i> Mem. Ann Stuckey 'Bright Lights' - Bryce Augustine
Best Other Oncidinae	<i>Onc.</i> reichenheimii - Ken and Amy Jacobsen	2nd	<i>Phrag.</i> (longifolium x Sorcerer's Apprentice) - Bryce Augustine
✂ Best Paph Alliance	<i>Phrag. caudatum</i> 'Monsoon Waterfall' Bryce Augustine	3rd	<i>Phrag.</i> Hanne Popow 'Moue' - Bryce Augustine
Best Paph Std Complex -	Dr. Albert Svoboda, Jr. Trophy <i>Paph.</i> Sizzler - Orchids Royale	Phragmipedium species	
Best Paph Specimen	<i>Paph.</i> Snow Bird - Ventura Farms	1st	<i>Phrag. caudatum</i> 'Monsoon Waterfall' - Bryce Augustine
Best Phal	<i>Phal.</i> V3 - Evergreen Agri-Tech	2nd	<i>Phrag. besseae</i> 'Garibaldi' - Bryce Augustine
International Phalaenopsis	Alliance Show Trophy <i>Phal.</i> V3 - Evergreen Agri-Tech	Angraecum species, hybrids	
Best Vanda	<i>Ascocentrum</i> Fuchs Gold	1st	<i>Angraecum sesquipedale</i> 'Garnet' - Frank Methmann
Best Miscellaneous Genera	<i>Masd. coccinea v. xanthina</i> - Weegie Caughlan	Other Oncidinae, Brassia, Miltonia and Miltoniopsis intergenerics	
Best Specimen Cym.	<i>Cym.</i> Asian Tower 'Abundance' Mariposa Gardens & Tony Velardi	1st	<i>Dgma.</i> Winter Wonderland - Eugene Hagerty
Best Botanical Specimen	<i>Dockrillia linguiforme</i>	Dendrobium species, Australian types	
✂ Best Needlepoint and Tapestry	Betty Watt	1st	<i>Den. speciosum v. Hillii</i> 'Don Brown' - SBOE
	Orchids - Japanese embroidery Bunka Shi Shu	Dendrobium hybrids, Australian types	
Best Jewelry	Romy Reicker - 18 kt gold pin	1st	<i>Den.</i> Gracious Cascades 'Los Osos' - Orchids of Los Osos
Best Oil & Acrylic	Tom Boenisch - " <i>Angraecum sesquipedale</i> "	3rd	<i>Den.</i> Golden Angel - Clara & George Brown
Best Pen, Ink, Charcoal	Terri Taber - "Winged Beauty"	Lycaste hybrids	
Best Photograph	Janice Gilbar Treadwell	3rd	<i>Lyc.</i> Sunray 'Adeyaka' - Frank Methmann
Ribbons of OSSB members		Specimen, botanical	<i>Dockrillia linguiforme</i> 'Santa Barbara' -SBOE
Std Potted Cym, Polychrome (3 or more colors)		Specimen, other orchid	<i>Cochleanthes discolor</i> 'Los Osos' - Orchids of Los Osos
1st	<i>Cym.</i> Piñata 'Ripped' - SBOE	AOS Awards	
3rd	<i>Cym.</i> Piñata 'Freckled Fantasy' - SBOE	AM, 81 points	<i>C. amethystoglossa v. coreulea</i> 'Winston' Ken and Amy Jacobsen
Miniature Cym, potted, Reds, Bronze, Brown		AM, 80 points	Phal (Little Gem Stripe x Yun Pin Summer) Evergreen Agri-Tech
1st	<i>Cym.</i> Dr. Baker 'Hyacinth' - Ed & Shirle Carter	HCC, 79	Epi (Joseph Glow x Pacific Girl) 'Firebug' Cal-Orchid
2nd	<i>Cym.</i> Sola 'Cinnamon' - Ed & Shirle Carter	HCC, 79 points	Epi. (Pacific Shangrila x Pacific Girl) 'Victory' Cal-Orchid
3rd	<i>Cym.</i> Morning Shower 'Tiny Jewel' - Carters	HCC, 78 points	<i>Phrag. caudatum</i> 'Monsoon Waterfall' Bryce Augustine
Novelty Cym, green shades		HCC, 76 points	<i>Cym. grandiflorum</i> 'Wejok' - Weegie Caughlan
3rd	<i>Cym.</i> Green Thumb 'Hidden Valley' - Dick Swain	HCC, 76 points	<i>Den. nobile</i> - Ken & Amy Jacobsen
Pendulous Cym, polychrome		HCC, 75 points	<i>Cym.</i> (Mad Hatter x Kalimpong 'Emerald Fire') Joe Santy
2nd	<i>Cym.</i> Mission Hills - Gene Baum	JC	<i>Cym.</i> Gilgamesh 'The Clown' Casa de las Orquideas
Standard Complex Hybrid Paphs, red		CSA Awards to OSSB members	
3rd	<i>Paph.</i> Night Heat 'FM Orchids' - Frank Methmann	Bronze to Bryce Augustine's <i>Paph.</i> S. Gratrix 'Scandalous' and <i>Phrag. caudatum</i> 'Monsoon Waterfall'.	
Standard Complex Hybrid Paphs, mahogany/chocolate/tan/orange		Bronze to SBOE's <i>Cym.</i> Paternoster 'Santa Barbara'	
2nd	<i>Paph.</i> Bodacious 'FM Orchids' - Frank Methmann		
Primary/Novelty Hybrid Paphs, white/pink or near white			
3rd	<i>Paph.</i> S. Gratrix 'Scandalous' - Bryce Augustine		
Primary/Novelty Hybrid Paphs, green/yellow			
1st	<i>Paph.</i> Franz Glanz 'Big Winter Moon' - Paphanatics (Norito Hasegawa)		
3rd	<i>Paph.</i> [(fairrieianum x Gwenpur) x Psyche] - Patricia Schroeder		
Primary/Novelty Hybrid Paphs, multiflowered			
1st	<i>Paph.</i> Lynleigh Koopowitz 'Kismet' - Bryce Augustine		

Announcements

► Old American Orchid Society Bulletins

Joyce Schumann, Librarian of the Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society, has come by a number of old AOS Bulletins. Since the main focus of their club is cacti and succulents, she is looking for an appropriate home for some thirty or so assorted issues from the years 1974-1987. If you are interested, please contact me (Heidi Kirkpatrick, 563-2894 or orchidtrain@cox.net) and I will get you in contact with Joyce Schumann.

► Orchids at the Flower Fields, April 27-29

"A unique shopping experience with millions of ranunculous flowers as a backdrop." 25 vendors. 9am-6pm. 15 to Palomar Airport Road in Carlsbad (look for the Windmill). Go east about one block to Paseo Del Norte (first intersection) and turn left. Turn right into the parking lot. Parking is free. \$3 off admission coupon is available. 760-431-0352. www.theflowerfields.com.

► Upcoming OSSB Speaker

May's speaker will be Helmut Rohrl on Oncidinae.

OSSB Rosters

Traditionally, the annual OSSB roster is enclosed with the April newsletter. At press time for this newsletter, the roster is still incomplete and chances are it will not be completed in time to be mailed with the April newsletter. Your editor apologizes for the delay. When it is complete, the roster will be emailed to those members who receive email newsletters. Members who receive newsletters via the US Postal Service can pick up the 2007 roster at the April meeting. The roster will be sent with the May newsletter to anyone who has not already received one.

Check Out the OSSB Website!

Our own Meryl Wieder maintains the OSSB website, which has an updated address. Check out the gallery section, which features Meryl's photography of local orchid events. It already contains photos from the spring show.

March Show Table Results

Jeff Thompson reports that James Merriman took 1st, 2nd and 3rd on the March show table, and that new member Len Jarrot also displayed on the show table.