

Orchid Society of Santa Barbara

An Affiliate of the American Orchid Society



Next Meeting:

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

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

Meeting: 7:30 PM

Jim Kotsybar
will speak about
Orchid IQ

Last month, we saw our first AOS judging session here on the central coast. This month, while the judges examine the plants, we will learn more about the judging process from accredited AOS judge Jim Kotsybar. Jim is owner, with John Seykoski, of Chaotic Exotics, between Buellton and Lompoc. Jim always has an entertaining take on the orchid world, so this will be your opportunity to boost your "Orchid IQ" and have some fun with a little orchid poetry.

Note: This month, the judges will still be busy in a corner of our meeting room, but in June, they will move to the room next door.

Setup Help: President Randall Umland can use some help with setting up tables and chairs!

OSSB Officers for 2008:

President - Randall Umland
Treasurer - PJ Sanderson

Vice President - Carole Thompson
Secretary - Heidi Kirkpatrick

Visit the OSSB Web Site!

www.orchidsb.net

Calendar

May 17, 2008

Casa de las Orquideas Seedling Clearance Sale

10AM to 4PM. 170 South Nardo Ave., Solana Beach, CA.
858-755-7572. www.orquideas.com. Sunset Valley Orchids, nearby, also has its open house.

May 17-18, 2008

Petite Plaisance Closing Business Sale

Sat. 9AM to 4PM, Sun 10AM to 4PM. 1177 Valley Ford-Freestone Road, Sonoma County. Questions: Marni Turkel at marniturkel@gmail.com or 707-579-9511.

May 17-18, 2008

D&D Flowers Spring Open House

9AM to 4PM. Half Moon Bay, 1/3 mile east of Main Street off Hwy 92. Call Heidi 805-563-2894 or orchidtrain@cox.net for more detailed directions.

May 30-31, 2008

Hatfield Orchids End of Spring Orchid Sale

9 AM to 4 PM. 3793 Dufau Rd., Oxnard, CA. 805-901-0340.
www.hatfieldorchids.com.

Wednesday, June 18, 2008

OSSB Meeting

Eric and Christina Holanda will speak.

July 11-13, 2008

Santa Barbara International Orchid Fair

David Du Puy will be the featured guest, promoting his new edition of *The Genus Cymbidium*.

Wednesday, July 16, 2008

OSSB Meeting

Brian and Phena Gerhardt of Down Under Native Orchids from Australia will speak.

Summary of the April 2008 Meeting

❁ Instead of a formal program, attendees to the April meeting had the opportunity to watch the first judging session of the newly formed Central Coast Judging Center. Members socialized over the plentiful potluck appetizer spread, while watching the judges examine plants from the large and impressive number of plants. Members and guests brought out the quality plants for this inaugural judging, earning 1 Certificate of Cultural Excellence, 2 Certificates of Cultural Merit, 5 Awards of Merit and 2 Highly Commended Certificates. Thanks to everyone who brought a plant for the very fine display and congratulations to the award winners! And many thanks to guest Larry Vierheilg of Lompoc for providing all the photographs in this issue of the newsletter.

Cover photo: George Hatfield's *Cym. Gone West* 'Geyserland', which received an Award of Merit of 81 points from the judges.

Below: Judges George Hatfield, Jim Kotsybar and Paul Gripp consider paphs while clerk Josh Davis looks on. In the background are Bryce and Nandy Augustine and Phil Watt

Middle left: Paphs on display; yes, they're Bryce Augustine's.

Middle right: Members including Ed Carter and Betty and Conrad Watt enjoy food, company and orchids.

Bottom left: Phil Rietz's big dendrobium waiting to be judged.

Bottom right: The Augustines prepare for judging.



Announcements

✿ Since last month's plea for a new secretary received either dead silence or exhortations that I couldn't quit, I will modify my request this month. I am looking for someone to help with the mailing. This would entail picking up the newsletter from Bill's Copy Shop either the Wednesday or Thursday before the meeting, folding the newsletters in thirds for mailing, applying address labels and stamps, and putting the newsletters in the mailbox to arrive to members by Friday or Saturday (earlier, if I am timely in getting the newsletter to the printer). Most members receive their newsletters via email, but those who receive newsletters via US

Post plus guests and publicity make up about 50 newsletters. Our treasurer PJ Sanderson reimburses the cost of the newsletters and stamps at the meeting. Please contact Heidi Kirkpatrick (563-2894 or orchidtrain@cox.net) if you are interested in helping out. I will provide the mailing labels unless you are an organized sort good at maintaining membership lists, in which case I will worship at your feet and happily hand over my box of OSSB blank mailing labels, suitable for inkjet or laser printer.

✿ Because of our special meeting last month, there was no voting on show table plants. Voting resumes at the May meeting.

April AOS Judging Results

Dockrilla striolatum 'Santa Barbara', 92 point CCE—SBOE

Dockrilla schoenina 'Santa Barbara' 86 point CCM—SBOE

Dendrobium x delicatum 'Zia', 81 pt CCM—Phil Rietz

Paphiopedilum philippinense 'Monsoon Maroon', 83 point AM—Bryce Augustine

Phragmipedium ecuadorensis 'Christeria', 83 point AM—Eric Holenda

Cymbidium Gone West 'Geyserland' 81 point AM—George Hatfield

Paphiopedilum Mount Toro alba 'Monsoon Matador', 80 point AM—Bryce Augustine

Paphiopedilum Yellow Tiger 'Golden Dragon' 80 point AM—Bryce Augustine

Cymbidium Alida Valli 'Jaruwan' 77 point HCC—Bill Robson

Lycaste Elizabeth Powell 'Garnet' 75 point HCC—Frank Methmann

Congratulations to the award winners at the first Central Coast Judging!