

Orchid Society of Santa Barbara

An Affiliate of the American Orchid Society

Next Meeting:

**Wednesday,
June 15, 2011**

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

Meeting: 7:30 PM

Weegie Caughlan
will speak about
Cymbidiums of 2011

Come take a leisurely tour through the cymbidiums at the major shows in Northern California as seen through the eyes of an accredited AOS judge. In addition to being an AOS judge, Weegie Caughlan is one of the most esteemed amateur growers of our time, specializing in superior cymbidiums. In addition to receiving numerous AOS and CSA awards, she has shown five Grand Champions and five Reserve Champions at the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show. Weegie also is president or past president of three societies in the Bay Area and a founding member of two CSA branches. We couldn't ask for a better guide on our armchair tour of cymbidium trends at 2011 shows!



Photo: The AOS judges gave an Award of Merit of 84 points to this beautiful and uncommon *Pleione yunnanensis* 'Clara Wolgamott' exhibited by Josh Davis. Photo by Larry Vierheilig.

AOS Judging:

The American Orchid Society's Central Coast Judging Center meets concurrently with OSSB in the small room at Louise Lowry Davis. To enter a plant in AOS judging, bring it by 6:30PM for registration. Note that AOS judging is separate from our society's monthly show table.

Refreshments:

Have pity on our refreshment chair and sign up for refreshments! No one has signed up for the June meeting refreshments! Call or email Frank Methmann if you can bring refreshments. fmorchids@hotmail.com or 805-566-0839

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❁ Announcements

Thanks to Betty Watt for bringing treats to our May meeting. Thanks to Carol Rogers for promoting our monthly meetings with local media. Thanks to members Kevin Sullivan and his orchid-loving son Nolan for hosting our May speaker overnight.

Be sure to take a look at Meryl Wieder's fine photos of displays and individual flowers from the show. Her gallery of show photos is featured as a link on the International Orchid Show website. www.orchidsb.net

❁ Orchid Digest Speaker's Day

The 9th Orchid Digest Speaker's Day is coming up Saturday, June 18, 2011. The topic will be "Oncidiinae." Held at the Huntington Library & Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California, the OD Speaker's Day is a lecture event with orchid sales, a small flower display, and the popular dinner. Lectures start at 12:30 pm.

This year's speakers will be Cordelia Head, Jim Rassmann, Steve Beckendorf, Howard Liebman. The dinner speaker will be Mark Chase. Vendors are J&L Orchids, Cal-Orchid, Andy's Orchids, Sunset Valley Orchids and Orchid Inn.

Tickets are \$60 for the lectures and dinner, or \$70 at the door. Reservations are recommended. For information, contact Simone Friend, 4349 Dogwood Ave., Seal Beach, CA 90740, 562-431-1247, orchidsimonef@aol.com.

Editor's note: I have been to a few of these and they are great fun, not only for the event itself but for the orchid camaraderie. If you decide to go, ask around as you might be able to carpool with other attendees from our area; the ride down with orchid buddies can be part of the fun!

❁ Special July Meeting

Mark your calendars! Our July meeting will be Friday, July 8, 2011, held at Louise Lowry Davis Center in conjunction with the Santa Barbara Cymbidium Society. This special date is to take advantage of the special guest author brought in by the Santa Barbara Orchid Estate for SBOE's International Orchid Fair. This year, we will hear from Steve Manning, whose

new book, *Discovering New World Orchids*, contains a good deal of information about the genus *Pleurothallis*. In addition, Mr. Manning has the "British National Scientific Collection of Pleurothallidinae," containing over 1000 species.

Mr. Manning will speak to us about James Bateman (1811-1897) and his work for *Orchids of Mexico and Guatemala*. Note also that the SBOE International Orchid Fair at Earl Warren will be July 8-10, 2011, so it will be an orchid weekend for us!

❁ Calendar of Events

June 11, 2011 ~ Orchid Society of Southern California Auction, Meeting Hall, First Christian Church, 221 S 6th St, Burbank. Doors open 1 PM; auction starts 2 PM

August 6, 2011 ~ Palomar Orchid Society Annual Auction, Woman's Club of Carlsbad, 3320 Monroe Street, Carlsbad, preview at 11 AM, auction at 12 NOON

September 24 & 25, 2011 ~ Fascination of Orchids Show & Sale, South Coast Plaza, 1631 W Sunflower, Santa Ana, 10 AM to 5 PM

November 13-20, 2011 ~ 20th World Orchid Conference, Singapore.

❁ Report on the May Meeting

Curtis Gean, past AOS judge and a semi-retired photographer/videographer, gave a delightful and detailed view of native orchids in California. Your editor would be even more delighted if she could find her notebook from that meeting. By memory, I will note that Gean spoke highly of a GPS unit for recording locations of native orchids and enabling one to return to them in future years. Most native orchids he finds are located by the side of the road or on easy hikes off the road. The trick seems to be an awareness of the type of habitat preferred by native orchids. Gean has an eye for the look of orchid habitats and can spot it from the car, even if he can't see the orchids themselves. Many native orchids have modest flowers, but some, like the cypripediums (or terrestrial lady slippers), can be very showy. For more information on native orchids, Gean recommended Ronald Coleman's *Wild Orchids of California*.

❁ AOS Awards

Posted here are the AOS awards from the June meeting, plus a few that I did not have room to publish earlier. Thanks to Larry Vierheilig for forwarding the photos. Note that I receive very high resolution, crisply focused photos. However, to keep the newsletter to a manageable size for email recipients, I save the pdf at “smallest size.” As a result, email recipients may notice that the photos are not so crisp. Those who receive via US Post get black and white newsletters.

Below: Bryce Augustine brought in a very clean and shapely alba form of the species *Paphiopedilum hennisianum*. Known as forma *christiansenii* and given the charming cultivar name ‘Sweet Pea’, it earned an Award of Merit of 80 points.

Right: Jim Sloniker exhibited this *Phalaenopsis amboinensis*, with a clonal name after his daughter, ‘Kaitlyn’. This shapely flower with attractive barring earned a 77 point Highly Commended Certificate from the AOS. And if you think Jim only grows paphs and phals, below right is *Masdevallia* Tangerine Dragon ‘Kaitlyn’, which received an 81 point AM in November of 2010.



Upcoming Meetings

July ~ Special Orchid Fair Meeting

See page 2 for details.

August ~ Christopher Croom

Use your nose in August! Christopher Croom will speak about orchid fragrances.

September ~ Arthur Pinkers

AOS Judge Arthur Pinkers will introduce us to the joys of Oncidinae.

Take a Look at a Book!

Now that three brick & mortar bookstores in our area have closed, I feel compelled to extol the virtues of the orchid in paper form. For Mother's Day, my spouse gave me Isobyl la Croix's 2008 *The New Encyclopedia of Orchids*. I enjoyed Pridgeon's earlier encyclopedia for years, but this recent addition to the orchid literature is wonderful. The photos are delicious and each entry has basic habitat and elevation information. This is a reference book you can leave on your coffee table because it is so pretty!

AOS & Show Table Results

Your editor has faith that her notebook with the show table results for May will turn up. In the meantime, here is a *Paphiopedilum* from the September AOS judging session. Don Brown exhibited this dark-colored *Paphiopedilum* Magic Lantern with a clonal name of 'Cherri'. The judges awarded it 81 points, giving it an Award of Merit. Congratulations to Don and to the May AOS award recipients: Bryce Augustine, Josh Davis & Jim Sloniker. Thanks to Larry Vierheilg for photos.

