



Orange County Branch  
Cymbidium Society of America

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# NEWSLETTER

Cymbidium  
Society of America  
Orange County Branch

Meetings are on  
the 2nd Wednesday  
of the month

Community Center  
11300 Stanford Avenue  
Garden Grove

Wednesday, October 9th, 2002  
Garden Grove Community Center

Bring your blooming plants to show  
Meeting starts at 8:00 PM

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### Newsletter

Mandy Salzedo

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**SPEAKER : Norita Hasegawa**  
**TOPIC: "Paphiopedilums"**

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## President's Message

It's October already and the time of year when all the Orchid shows are upon us. There's the Del Mar Show at the Fairgrounds, the OCBCSA Show at South Coast Village, (See inside for dates and places). If you saved your allowance throughout the year, now is the time to break the piggy-bank. It's the time of year when a lot of your cattleyas and other orchids should be blooming as well. Bring your bloomers in and show everyone your pride and joy. Hope to see you there as I'm sure Mandy has someone exciting on tap as this months speaker. See ya there.

October also marks the start of the CSA Judging at the Garden Grove Community center. If you have any Cymbidiums, Paphiopedilums, Phragmapediums, or Phalenopsis you want judged bring, CSA judging starts at 7:00 PM.

Theo

## ORCHID EVENTS

**October 12-13**, South Bay Orchid Society Fall Show, Orchids "Autumn Splendor"  
South Coast Botanical Gardens, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd. Palos Verdes Peninsula. Nominal  
Botanic garden admission fee only. For info. Tel 562 531 3018.

**October 19-20th** South Coast Plaza Village, (across the street from the main south  
coast plaza) Sun flower at Bear. Santa Ana, Admission and parking FREE. 10-3pm. For Info  
Tel. 714 964 3265

**November 2-3rd**, UCI Arboretum Fall Orchid Festival, Irvine. 10am-3pm Admission \$2

**November 16- 17**, Orchid Society of California Show, Lakeside Garden Center, 666  
Bellevue, Oakland, Ca.

On Tuesday, November 26 at 8:00pm ET on PBS, NOVA presents, *Orchid Hunter*. For nine months  
in 2000, Tom Hart Dyke was a captive of guerrillas who seized him while he was collecting wild  
orchids in the Colombian rain forest. Now Hart Dyke is at it again in the most orchid-rich and  
politically unstable part of Papua New Guinea. NOVA investigates an all-consuming passion that for  
some people is more precious than life itself. And you thought you have a problem!

## OCTOBER Speaker

is our very own Norita Hasegawa, most people within the society are aware he has been a  
major aficionado of Paphiopedilums'. so I am sure he will be very interesting to listen to and  
learn from...



## ORCHID OF THE MONTH

Paphiopedilum Purpuratum, originally from Hong Kong and adjacent to the  
Chinese coast, It was first described in 1837 though Messrs Loddige's  
Nursery in England could not induce it to flower until 1841, these cute plants  
are supposed to be one of the easiest of the species to grow, I am still  
waiting to see if that is so! They are considered Cool to intermediate warm  
growers, they prefer dappled shade and to be kept moist, though obviously  
not wet. According to Simon and Schusters guide they do best when grown  
in deep but small pots as the roots prefer to grow down rather than out.

The leaves are about 5 inches long, pale green with darker green blotches,  
(properly called Tessellation) the stem is up to 7 inches tall and bears  
normally only one flower. The dorsal sepal is large and broad, white with a  
greenish stain centrally. The petals are purplish crimson with dark purple  
veins. The lip is brownish purple with darker veins, the sides lobes fold  
inwards and bear small glistening warts. The Ventral sepal is smaller than  
the dorsal and light green in color. the staminode is whitish green, stained  
with purple at the edges.

I won this orchid from the plant table provided by Andy's Orchids, at this  
stage it was almost in bloom. It has now been in bloom for over 2 months  
and still looks great.

Synonyms: Cordula purpurata, Cypripedium purpuratum, Cypripedium  
sinicum and Menephora bicolor,

## V.P.'s Message

I wanted to say a really big thank you to Lauren Batchman of Casa de las Orquideas who was so gracious as to step in at the last minute last month when our speaker had to cry off, due to ill health. For those of you who weren't there, you missed a great plant table and some fantastic slides of orchids that are being awarded. Most of these pictures were so new that they hadn't even been printed or recognized in the Orchid Digest. Can you get more cutting edge than that?

Mandy Salzedo

## SCHEDULE PACIFIC SOUTH Judging Centers American Orchid Society

Judging Entries Accepted 6:30 - 7PM

Second Monday Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, San Marino, CA

Fourth Monday ( 3rd Monday in Dec.) Whaley Park, Long Beach CA

## Culture Sessions (NEW)

Also if you would like to be a presenter for one of our monthly meetings or know of someone who would, please contact Ms. Helen White at (714) 772-7852. REMEMBER: Culture is not limited to repotting and dividing orchids, but should be expanded in a way that makes the growing of our plants more enjoyable. September's culture session will be given by Guy Gottschalk, who will be sharing some of his knowledge with the less experienced of us.

## REFRESHMENTS

The society will provide the usual coffee/punch beverages and snacks.

Members are encouraged to help out at the refreshment table and/or bring their favorite snack to the monthly meetings. Let Helen know what your bringing. Any questions contact Helen @ (714) 772-7852.

## OCB-CSA Awards

There were no awards in September, but we will be judging this month. Bring your blooming babies so we can all enjoy them

## Did you Know???

The genus Vanilla, has climbing stems which often reach lengths of several hundred feet???It is monopodial in its growth pattern and sprouts new plants of by developing its auxiliary shoots. There are Ancient Aztec inscriptions that tell how the fruit was used to flavor a traditional drink made from cocoa beans. And in the 18th century it was even reputed to be an aphrodisiac, it was quoted how all the noblemen were constantly harassing the kitchen staff after they had been baking with vanilla, apparently not even the most mature cooks escaped the master's attention!!!