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Meeting is 2nd Sunday of each month, at 2 PM
Kraemer Memorial Park
Bucks Community Building, Main Room
201 N. Bradford Ave., Placentia
(Chapman and Bradford, parking off Bradford)

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ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION

Sunday, October 11, 2015

Kraemer Memorial Park

Bucks Community Building

201 Bradford Ave., Placentia

Chapman and Bradford

Parking off Bradford, north side of park

Preview at 12:30 PM

Auction starts at 1 PM

Featuring

Species and Hybrids

Including many plants not readily available from other sources

Auction! Auction!

Note the earlier starting time. We will have lots of outstanding plants and orchid-related items for you to buy. This is the principal source of funds for the society – the proceeds support the speaker programs for the year. Come early to preview the plants, and then BID BID BID and go home with some wonderful treasures

Speaker's Choice

Ron Parsons, our September speaker, decided that there were two plants that he wanted to select for Speaker's Choice. These were *Sophronitis bicolor* and *Laelia dayana* semi-alba. *Sophronitis bicolor* got caught in the nomenclatural turmoil that placed all *Sophronitis* in the genus *Cattleya*. There already was a *Cattleya bicolor*, so it became *Cattleya dichroma* (making a switch from Latin to Greek with the same meaning)

Peter grows *Laelia dayana* in an intermediate greenhouse, with a temperature range of 55-90 deg. F. It is potted in a bark-perlite mix, and watered once a week. It can produce two growths per pseudobulb, and so multiplies rapidly. *Sophronitis bicolor* is grown in a cool/intermediate greenhouse, with a temperature range of 45-85 deg. F. It is potted in New Zealand sphagnum moss, in a clay pot, and is watered twice a week just to get the moss moist, but not sopping wet.

Laelia dayana is native to southeastern Brazil. It grows in bright, indirect light on moss-covered trees, mostly near streams or seeps, at elevations of 2950-4550 ft. (900-1300 m) Charles Baker (in [Orchidwiz](#)) indicates that the temperature in its habitat can get down to freezing. High humidity appears to be an important requirement.



Laelia dayana f. semi-alba



Sophronitis bicolor

Sophronitis bicolor also comes from southeast Brazil, in a small habitat in Espiritu Santo state. It comes from a mountainous region, so can tolerate cool temperatures.

From the Member's Corner

Please welcome Karen and Peter Shore as new members; glad to have them on board with us.

Auction time is here. Please remember your divisions that you might want to share and help the club, and snacks. I need help in 2 areas. Irma needs someone to help her with the registration of bidders and handing out bid numbers and I need someone to help Susan check out bidders before they collect their plants. Please contact me, either by phone or email, if you can help. Thank you for your great cooperation.

Edie Gulrich, Membership Secretary

President's Message

Hello everyone!

What a great turn-out we had for our September meeting! After a slight equipment glitch, we had a wonderful presentation by Ron Parsons about his trip to Ecuador and some of the unusual orchids and plants that he observed there.

The clock is ticking down on our annual auction scheduled for October 11th. If you have plants that you plan to donate, please notify Roberta Fox as soon as possible. If she is able to log them in and assign a number ahead of

time, things will go much smoother on auction day. We will begin setting up at 11:00 a.m. If you didn't have a chance to sign up but would like to help, please feel free to join us – the more the merrier!

As I write this it is over 100 degrees, and my orchids are not happy. I did lose 6 of my Masdevallia in the last heat wave, so I'm hoping for a cool down very quickly!

I hope to see all of you at the auction next month!

Darrell Lovell, President

Editor's Potting Bench

I hope that you had a chance to visit Fascination of Orchids. There were some outstanding orchid species available from quite a few of the vendors. Yes, I indulged. How could I possibly resist the temptation with all that exposure? Now, on to the next big orchid-buying event, our very own auction! When you buy plants at the auction, think of it as paying yourself... the money that you spend comes right back to you in the form of speakers in our excellent meeting space. If you have divisions that you'd like to donate and give someone else a chance to enjoy your plant also, please do! Some of my best plants were member donations to past auctions. Let Edie or me know, so that I can get them pre-logged into the computer—that saves a lot of time—and pressure—on auction day. Oh, and bring snacks to share—bidding makes people hungry! And then bid and bid and bid!

As focused as we are on the auction, I would be remiss if I didn't remind you of the Andy's Orchids Open House Friday October 2 to Sunday October 4. Note that the Quail Gardens show that usually occurs the first weekend of October has been canceled. The Huntington Gardens show will be on October 16-18. They have an excellent lineup of vendors. (That's of course, if you have any money left after our auction)

I am really tired of being warm and sweaty, and having those warm, muggy nights. But I think we really are getting close to fall nighttime cool-down. We can hope. In the meantime, most of my orchids have been pretty happy with the humidity. I find which ones object to the heat, have lost a few. It does help to spray a bit of water in the afternoon, and especially the evening when the

temperatures are staying above about 65 deg. F. The lawn doesn't look great, but the orchids have been doing fine—reducing water from 5 minutes to 4 minutes is 20% reduction, and doesn't seem to do any harm.

Two of my rupicolous Laelias, *L. colnagoi* and *L. sanguiloba*, are very happy with what nature has thrown their way—they love it hot and humid, that is what they experience at home in Brazil. This is the best



Laelia colnagoi



Laelia sanguiloba

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blooming I have had from either of these, and I also see sheaths on some of the other plants in this group.

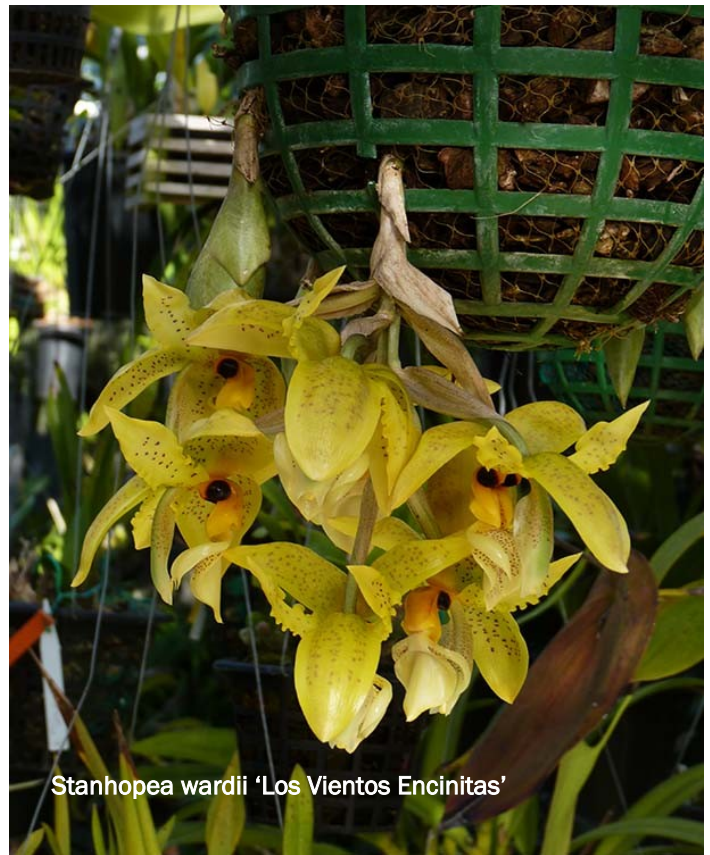
I had thought that *Brassavola nodosa* was done for the summer, when I saw another group of buds emerge. They fill the warm nights with their perfume. This plant has been blooming since mid-July. For the cooler part of the year I have found that it does better in the greenhouse, but I bring it outside when it is blooming in the summer. It will grow outside - I acquired it in very early orchid career and it lived outside for years, but now it is much happier. I dropped the clay pot into a plastic basket to make it easier to hang as it grew outside the pot, and the outside roots have grown nicely into the basket.



Brassavola nodosa

At the top of the “fragrance scale” is the genus *Stanhopea*. My reliable *Stanhopea wardii* is blooming right on schedule (or perhaps a bit early) For me, these all seem to bloom in the morning—perhaps they develop the necessary hydrostatic pressure overnight, since they open with a pop and a sudden burst of perfume. On my website <http://orchidcentral.org>, I have a link to a YouTube video that I made of this plant opening—when it was just showing the beginning signs of opening, I started up a camcorder on a tripod, and captured the moment—1.5 minutes from first opening to full bloom. This one is a division of a plant from Jan Hennessey that I got at a silent auction at one of our meetings. It originally came from Bob Marlin, who gave it the cultivar name “Los Vientos Encinitas”. A couple of years ago it lived up to its name, blooming as the Santa Ana winds

were howling. This year the winds are late, but it bloomed anyway.



Stanhopea wardii 'Los Vientos Encinitas'

I am running out of space, and there are many more orchid species blooming for me. I guess I just have to make choices. *Gomesa recurva* doesn't jump out and

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Gomesa recurva

Calendar of Events * See flyer at www.socalorchidspecies.com, select the [Events](#) link

- **Andy's Orchids Open House**
October 2-4, 2015 10 AM–4 PM
734 Ocean View Ave, Encinitas
Info: www.andysorchids.com
- **San Diego International Orchid Fair**
October 3-4; **Canceled**
San Diego Botanic Garden, Encinitas
- **Southern California Orchid Species Society Annual Auction (THAT IS US!)***
October 11, 2015; Preview and registration 12:30 PM, Auction at 1 PM
Kraemer Memorial Park, Backs Community Building, 201 Bradford Ave., Placentia
(Our regular meeting place, but note earlier start time)
- **The Huntington Botanical Gardens First Annual International Orchid Show and Sale***
October 16-18, 2015; Fri. Noon-4:30, Sat. and Sun. 10:30-4:30
The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino
Info: Huntington.org/OrchidShow
- **South Coast Orchid Society Annual Auction***
October 26, 2015: 6-9 PM
Whaley Park Clubhouse, 5620 Atherton St, Long Beach
Info: www.socalorchidsociety.com
- **Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Fall Open House**
November 7-8 2015; Sat. 8-5, Sun. 9-4
1250 Orchid Dr., Santa Barbara
Info: www.sborchid.com or (800) 553-3387
- **Cal Orchid Fall Open House**
November 7-8, 2015 9-4 both days
1251 Orchid Dr., Santa Barbara
Info: www.calorchid.com or (805) 967-1312
- **Orchid Society of Santa Barbara Show and Sale**
November 21-22, 2015; Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-3
Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, 2599 Puesta del Sol Rd, Santa Barbara
Info: fmorchids@hotmail.com

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say "notice me" since it has very light green foliage, and greenish-yellow flowers. But the flowers are lightly fragrant, and there are lots of them. This was one of those \$7.50 specials that has done very nicely. It hangs outside on the patio. One has to pay close attention to not miss these little gems that are less dramatic.

Roberta Fox, Editor

These vendors have generously supported our Society at the last Auction, and throughout the year. Please support them with your business. When you visit them, let them know that you are a member of our society. They need to know that our Society supports them.

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