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Genus Dendrobium: a family portrait of Dendrobium species

Peter T. Lin will be presenting a fast paced PowerPoint presentation on this fascinating genus of over 1000 species!

Dendrobiums are primarily found in Asia, New Guinea and Australia. There are many different classifications within the genus, with species ranging from tiny miniatures to huge giants. They grow in climates ranging from hot and steamy lowlands, cool and moist mountain ranges, to seasonally dry savannas. Many are quite temperature tolerant

and can be grown outside in frost free areas.

Peter will review a few of the important species in each classification. He will provide some basic cultural advice for each species, and there will be time for questions at the end of the program.

Peter started growing orchids over 25 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 7 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again. He is currently a probationary judge with the American



Den. unicum

Orchid Society and a hybridizer of minicatts. He enjoys meeting with other Orchid enthusiasts, and can often be found at various Orchid shows and societies around the

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Peter Lin

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country. He also has hundreds of photos of his orchids that he maintains on Flickr. You can view them by typing this address into the internet: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/minicatt/collections/>

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS



Dendrobium palpebrae



Dendrobium victoria-reginae

awards. His other interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He maintains a collection of a thousand or more orchids at his home in Southern California in 3 small greenhouses, as well as in the house under fluorescent lights.

Peter will be providing the plants for this month's raffle table.

From the Members Corner

Thank you to everyone who came to the meeting and brought plants and/or goodies for snacking. The discussion panel with our more experienced growers, Dorothy Goldberg, Ed Wise and Peter Lin, really helped with some issues some of us had with our plants. Their knowledge is invaluable to us, so share what you learned with other members who could not attend.

Don't forget that your 2010 dues are due now. Please see me at the meeting or send it in to me,
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Anaheim, CA 92802-2106.

Thank you.
Edie Gulrich

Editor's Potting Bench

I hope that you have had a chance to check out our website, <http://socalorchidspecies.com> I have received contributions from several members for the "virtual show-and-tell" pages. I have been sorting through my own plants, to recall what was blooming in which month over the previous year, just to have a starting point. The site is not about my modest collection of backyard-grown orchid species. It's about all the wonderful plants that we share with

each other every month. The collective knowledge within our society is vast. The website is a tool to share our enthusiasm for orchid species with people who we have not yet met.

As your plants bloom, take a photo. The flower will fade, but the picture won't. You can email them to me, or just let me know that you'd like to send photos and I'll give you instructions to upload them to a folder on our web server where I can pick them up and add



Dendrobium laevifolium

them to the website. Let me know the month of bloom, and any notes that you have on how you grew it. In time, the website will start showing up in Google searches. People will look for infor-

mation on a plant, and be directed to us! Not only will we be able to share our orchid-growing knowledge, we may even bring new

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President's Message

Happy New Year, and greetings to you all! The holidays are over and hopefully the worst of the cold weather is over. We can only hope! One master gardener who used to be on the radio would say after March 15 you don't have to be concerned about a freeze. You hope!!! All of you who have green houses should be in good shape with the cold and hoping those with shade cloth are doing okay too. We certainly have had our ups and downs in temps.

This year could be a challenge

with the economy as it is, so be kind to our vendors and start making your investments in beautiful blooming plants that they sell.

Joy, thanks for the faithful job of doing the table every month and going the extra mile to have a very festive table at Christmas, Edie, thanks so much for the sparkling cider. It was delicious and all those who brought goodies yum yum! A very special thanks to Ed Wise, Dorothy Goldberg and Peter Lin for the expertise in

answering all the questions that were asked and the discussion after.

We missed those that were unable to come and are looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting. By the way, we will be having a board meeting. All board members, please be there.

Thanks,

Barbara Olson

Editor's Potting Bench *(From Page 3)*

people into our society. Our website also has links to some other resources. In this column I'll share some orchid resources on the Web that I have found. I hope that you will send me information on websites that YOU discover. Just send an email, to roberta@orchidcentral.net.

You will also want to check out this newsletter on the Website. The photos in the electronic version are in color. It's so much prettier that way! If you decide that you like it, just let our membership secretary, Edie Gulrich, know that you would like to receive your newsletter by email. You will get the benefit of color and better detail in the photos, and the club will save some money on postage and printing. If enough people choose this option, it could add up to a significant sum, which could be better used for speakers and plant tables.

I don't know if my *Eria coronaria* flowers will

last until the meeting, so I will share them here. They're wonderfully fragrant, so I hope that they do. This plant comes from southern China, the eastern Himalayas, and the south-east Asian countries between, at altitudes ranging from around 1500 feet to 7500 feet. Andy's tag says "Intermediate". I can grow it outside near the coast, in bright shade. It wants to be fairly moist. The subject came up at the discussion last month about when to cut old spikes. On this plant, old spikes are pretty obvious, but old pseudobulbs definitely are not. The plant drops the leaves on older growths, and they turn black and dead-looking. But then flowers can appear from the tops of those pseudobulbs. They are very much alive. I inadvertently clipped a brown-black one that could have been considered a back bulb, to find that it was still green under the black covering. On the photo of the plant, note that the currently-blooming inflorescence



Eria coronaria

is coming out of one of those leafless canes, and there are two more buds coming out of another one. All of the pseudobulbs in the photo are alive. The

inflorescence growing from the pseudobulb with leaves is already spent, having been the first to bloom.

Roberta Fox



Calendar of Events

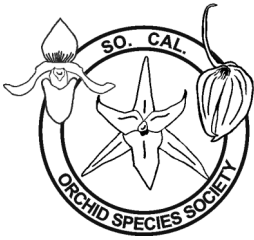
- **January 20, 2010**
Orange County Orchid Society Annual Auction, 6:30 PM
Yorba Linda Public Library, 1818 Imperial Hwy, Yorba Linda
- **February 12–14, 2010**
Oceans of Orchids Show and Sale, sponsored by Newport Harbor Orchid Society
Westminster Mall
Friday, 10 AM to 9 PM/Saturday, 10 AM to 7 PM/Sunday 11 AM to 6 PM
For more information: www.nhos.org/shows/2010/home.html
or Denise Claycomb 949-859-4238
See flyer at www.socalorchidspecies.com, select the [Events](#) link
- **February 16, 2010**
Newport Harbor Orchid Society Annual Auction, 6:30 PM
Costa Mesa Community Center, 1845 Park Ave, Costa Mesa
- **February 26-28**
San Francisco 58th Annual Orchid Exposition
Fort Mason Center Festival Pavilion, San Francisco, CA
For more information: www.orchidsanfrancisco.org
- **March 6-7, 2010**
South Bay Orchid Society Show
Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Dr., Torrance
For more information: Marla Correy, 310-707-7097, marlacorey@sbcglobal.net
See flyer at www.socalorchidspecies.com, select the [Events](#) link
- **March 12-14, 2010**
Santa Barbara International Orchid Show
Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara, CA
For more information: www.west.net/nonprof/sborchid/

The Southern California Orchid Species Society brings together a dynamic group of people who are fascinated by the endless variety of orchids as they have evolved in nature– the beautiful, the weird, the huge and the tiny. We bring our blooming orchid species plants to meetings to share information about how we grew them, share our successes and our “opportunities”.

We learn from our excellent speakers, and we learn from each other. We grow some of our orchids in greenhouses, on windowsills, or in our homes wherever we can find the space, but many of them grow outside in our back yards. By learning about the habitats in which orchids grow, we can understand the conditions that they require to thrive in our care.

In October, we have our eagerly-anticipated auction. This is opportunity to acquire some unusual and unique plants that our members donate.

Meetings start at 2 PM on the second Sunday of each month (except May) but come early to socialize, and bring your blooming orchid species plants.



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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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