

# Southern California Orchid Species Society

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## Cal Orchid Bus Trip

### No meeting at the library!

Thank you to all who have signed up for our trip, we have quite a group, members and non-members and family guests. Lauris & Jim are expecting us around 11:00 AM. Please be at the Brea Mall around 8:30 to load your plant carriers and yourselves as we **must leave at 9:00AM SHARP**. For non-members, maps have been sent out. (Map on Page 2). PLEASE observe the noted parking area. It is important that we don't impact the mall's customer parking.



Mesquite-grilled tri-tip

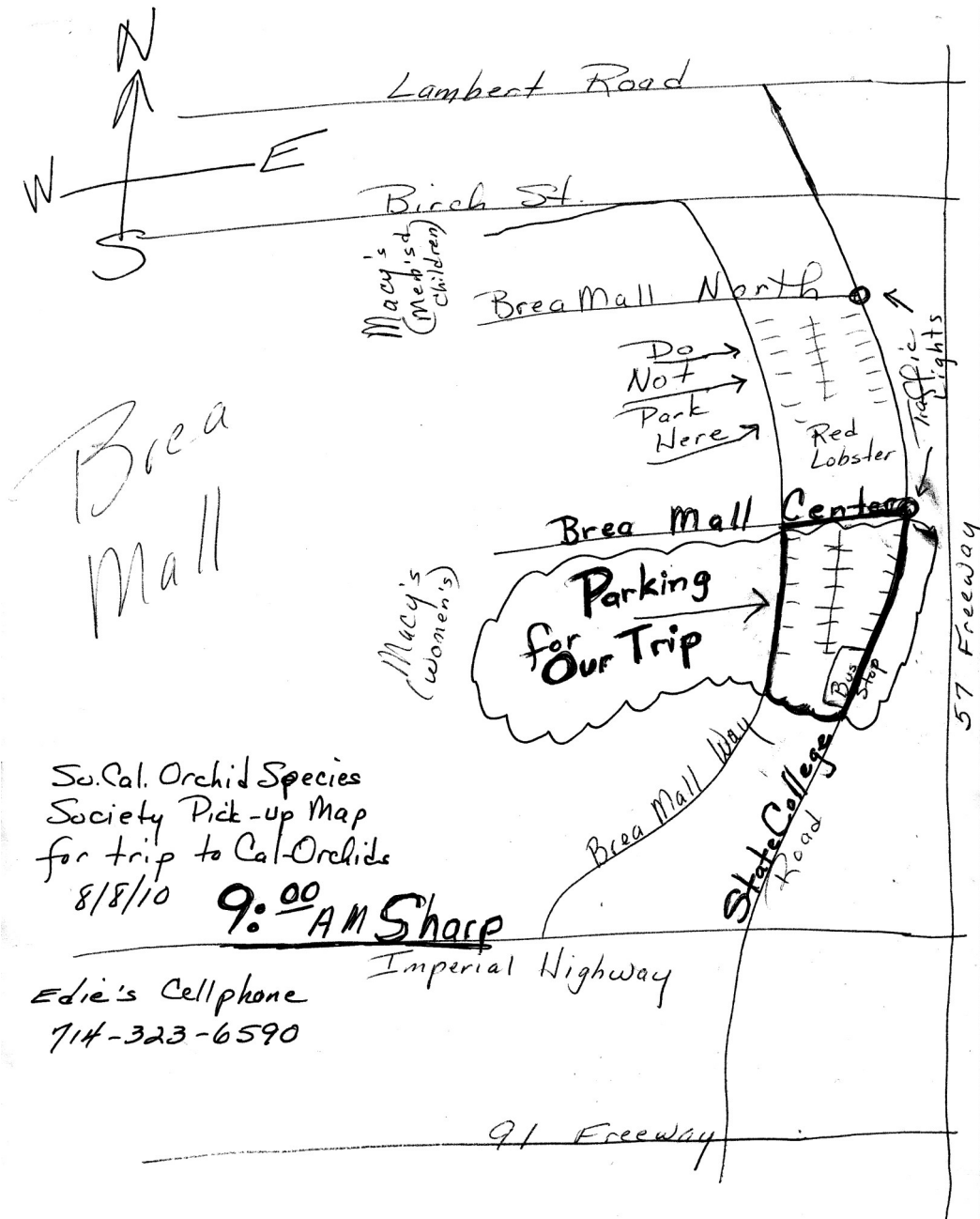
Bring cameras if you'd like, and com-

fortable walking shoes. See you  
on the 8th of August at 8:30 AM.

For any questions that you might  
have, please contact Edie Gulrich  
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Fresh guacamole



Parking Map for Cal Orchid Trip

### From the Membership Corner

Thank you to our long distance guests for coming: Susi & Ben Machado and Irma Adams, thank you also to Norma Goble for visiting and we hope to see you again very soon.. Welcome to Darrell Lovell as a new member.

Edie Gulrich, Membership Secretary

## President's Message

Orchid Lovers Unlimited ,

Wow! what a great group of people! We appreciate the time and effort it takes to get your orchids ready to come to the meeting ready to show them to us ,now that is loving your orchids, thanks to you all. Especially when it is hot!

Thanks to Howard and Joan Gunn for making a trip down from Sacramento to share pictures of different and very interesting orchids .It was a long trip but worth it as we did enjoy and learn a lot about the Stanhopeas. A fun afternoon, thanks again.

It is always exciting to see lots of people coming in to our plant table with their treasures for our very large treasure chest . They fill it with beautiful and very special

jewels that we can share with each other and we never know what they will bring. Now that is exciting.

We are sorry the whole group will not be able to attend our trip to Santa Barbara and Cal Orchid for this month's meeting as it looks like it is going to be a very special day. Be sure and take your wish list with you and purchase a few while there. It is a wonderful opportunity and they do have great orchids!

See you on the bus heading for Santa Barbara have a great time all of you and we'll see those that couldn't go at the September meeting and as we always add bring a friend.

Thank you all for bringing goodies , it makes Joy's job easier plus lots more to eat , yeah!

Those of you that were in Species in June of 2006 might remember Hendrik van der Hoven from South Africa, who is a judge and was President of the Cape Orchid Society and was our speaker for the day. I needed to get hold of him to identify a very small plant that I purchased from him.It is a lovely little plant that is beginning to take off in growing it is supposed to be a *Liparis remota*. But it doesn't look anything like an orchid. Enough of an introduction... the internet is great for information and I Googled Hendrik's name and in 18 seconds there is his name and what he does plus the Cape Orchid Society information.

Great, we have now gone around Robins barn and let's get to the heart of what this about.

(See: **President's Message, Page 4**)

## Speaker's Choice

July speaker Howard Gunn selected Nick Braemer's big and beautiful *Laelia purpurata* as his "Speaker's Choice". As noted last month, this species is now classified as "*Cattleya purpurata*", but the taxonomy of the *Cattleya* tribe is still very much in a state of flux.

The plant is grown outside. Nick commented that the plant had not been potted in about 10 years. It contains a series of pots with no media, following the procedure used by Santa Barbara Orchid Estate. As the roots climb out of the pot, they are not disturbed, but the plant is simply dropped into the next size pot.

(See: **Speaker's Choice, Page 5**)



*Laelia purpurata*

## Preseident's Message, (From Page 3)

Opening the Cape Orchid Society page there were wonderful things to read and one was "Growing Orchids". It was extracted from their year book "Orchids" South Africa 2000 written by Angela van Rooyen. If you get a chance go to <http://capeorchids.itgo.com/hints.htm> and check it out. There are great ideas plus the reasons for the suggestions that she makes, for instance in her words and quote, "One is always tempted to give your orchids a spray of lovely cool water or open the sprinklers when very hot to cool them off.". It has taken many years to learn that we are actually causing more harm than helping the plants. If leaves are wet the stomata on the undersides of the leaves will close and photosynthesis will stop.

This can cause the leaf to overheat as it cannot cool itself by the process of evaporation and thus growth is slowed down. So wait to evening time or earlier in the morning".

Also another way to cool your green houses and shade areas is to water the floor and get it wet (but not the plants ) as there is gravel under the benches with lots of surfaces to get wet and the evaporation will cool it down. Now you people who have been growing a long time already know this but for those that are new may not.

This is what Angela said that I thought was wonderful "Never lose the wonder and magic of seeing a new hybrid flowering for the first time, or an old plant you had forgotten about, bravely pushing up another bud to remind you that some of the oldies are still as beautiful as the best of today". I'll let you know about the results of my plant next month.

*Barbara Olson*  
*President*

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## Editor's Potting Bench

Following up on Barbara's research that directed her to the website of the Cape Orchid Society in South Africa, I checked it out. The site that she found contains archives of the society, but they now have a new website

<http://www.capeorchidsociety.co.za/> with some more material. I had to dig down a couple of levels, but found the page <http://www.capeorchidsociety.co.za/COS/Indigenous.html>

that lists the indigenous genera of South Africa, and has links to photos and more detailed information about some of them. I am sure that they will add more examples as they are able, but the genus list itself is a place where one could start to explore the orchids of that country.

I am starting to see a little action from my *Stenoglottis woodii*, which is a South African terrestrial. I expect to see flowers in a week or so. Like the more familiar *Stenoglottis longifolia* (which, for me, blooms in October-November) it goes completely dormant in the winter. After it

blooms, the leaves wither, and there's nothing much left in the pot. I don't make a point of drying it out much when it is dormant, but if it doesn't get watered, it doesn't mind. Then in the spring, rosettes of new (See: **Editor's Potting Bench, Page 6**)



**Stenoglottis woodii**

## Calendar of Events

\* See flyer at [www.socalorchidspecies.com](http://www.socalorchidspecies.com), select the [Events](#) link

- **South Bay Orchid Society Fall Show and Sale**  
September 18-19  
South Coast Botanic Garden  
26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes Peninsula  
[www.southbayorchidsociety.com](http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com)
- **Fascination of Orchids International Show and Sale\***  
September 25-26 10 AM–5 PM  
South Coast Plaza Village  
Corner of Bear and Sunflower  
[www.ocorchidshow.com](http://www.ocorchidshow.com)
- **San Diego International Orchid Fair, 16th Annual Show and Sale\***  
October 1-3: 1-5 PM Friday, 9 AM-5 PM Saturday, 9 AM-4 PM Sunday  
San Diego Botanic Garden  
230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas  
[www.sdbgarden.org](http://www.sdbgarden.org)
- **Southern California Orchid Species Society Auction**  
October 10 1 PM  
Placentia Library  
411 E. Chapman Ave, Placentia  
(That's US! Save extra divisions to donate, and make room for more orchids!)

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### Speaker's Choice (From Page 3)

At this point,, the pots are not even visible – all that one can see is a ball of roots. For a plant that does not want to stay in a pot, if one just lets the roots going where they wish, the result is often a large, healthy specimen.

*L. purprata*, individual flower



## Editor's Potting Bench (From Page 4)

leaves appear, and the number of rosettes multiplies from year to year.

With this very cool summer, I am seeing a different mix of blooms than I did last year, which featured a hot spring and summer. Last year, it was the Vandas that put on a fabulous show. This year, fewer of the Vandas and related species have bloomed, but the Masdevalias and Draculas are doing much better. When you are at Cal Orchid, you'll see lots of beautiful Masdevallias like this one. If you live near the coast, or can find a cool, shady spot for them, they do pretty well, though they're easier to grow farther north. I have found that putting them in clay pots helps a lot—the clay is porous, and therefore absorbs water. When the air heats up, that water evaporates, cooling the roots. That approach is also helpful for other orchids that come from high elevations, such as Odontoglossums and related genera.



*Masdevallia coccinea*

Roberta Fox  
Editor

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