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Meeting is 2nd Sunday of each month, at 2 PM
October Auction starts at 1 PM!!

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Placentia Library
411 E. Chapman Ave, Placentia

ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION

Sunday, October 9, 2011

Placentia Library
411 E. Chapman Ave, Placentia
Corner of Chapman and Kraemer

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

September speaker Nico Goosens selected *Sobralia macrantha*, grown by Dorothy Goldberg, as his choice. This species is a wonderful outdoor-growing orchid. Dorothy's plant was beautifully grown and groomed, with lush, clean foliage and those magnificent pink-purple flowers. This plant was just barely portable, in a 3-gallon pot. Many of us have *Sobralias*, but they're just too big to bring to a meeting. So special thanks go to Dorothy for wrestling this plant into the car and sharing it with us.

Sobralia macrantha is native to a very large area of central and southern Mexico and Central America to Costa Rica. It grows in a very wide range of habitats and at elevations from around 150 ft to 10,000 ft. Plants grow in leaf litter on rocky outcroppings, in tree crotches, in forest debris, in sandy soil along stream banks, in wet soil in ravines, and on rocky canyon walls (*Charles Baker, in Orchidwiz*) In short, in its natural range, it grows under just about any conditions. That makes it a fantastic backyard plant.

While it can grow epiphytically, it is mostly terrestrial. It grows well in a fairly moisture-retentive mix, and kept moist. *Sobralias* don't like their roots disturbed, and so when one outgrows its pot, just put it in a bigger one without trying to untangle the root ball. It can bloom more than once a year, though primary blooming is either early summer or late summer into fall. The flowers only last a



few days, but a growth will produce several flowers in succession. When the floral bracts turn brown and it is clear that blooming is done on a growth, it can be trimmed, but don't be too hasty.

From the Member's Corner

We had some great guests in September: Mike Selbo, Chris Villapando and Teresa Bartens. Welcome to all and we hope to see you again soon. Welcome to our new members: Emilia Joaquin, Ro Meadows, and Melissa & Kent Lovelady. Glad to have you on board. For those members who do not have a name badge and would like one, or a replacement, please contact me at the meeting or by e-mail or phone, 714-991-8661 or egulrich@att.net, the cost is \$5. Auction, Auction, Auction, think divisions, something you can't grow or simply downsizing your collection. Snacks are very good also. Bring a friend and have some fun. Set-up is at 11:00 AM. Looking forward to seeing you all.

Eddie Gulrich, Membership Secretary

President's Message

.Hello to everyone,

The vacation was wonderful.

Alaska is an exciting place to visit and there is nothing like a cruise. The buffet was delightful and the very first thing that we saw beside the food, of course, was , miniature Phals on all the tables. Surprise they were always fun to see. The food was the most incredible spread, everything you could want, different nationalities, you name it and they had it. The weather was interesting, rain off and on and wind. But we also had sun at the most perfect times. Glaciers were incredible. We were in Glacier bay and saw one

calve. Also the Mendenhall glacier, we were right at the base of it and they had special viewing rooms in case of bad weather, but the weather was great that day. The high point of the trip was the float trip down the river where we saw a grizzly bear chasing salmon in the water and bald eagles in trees and on nests and in flight. Also getting out of shallow water by bouncing the raft and lightening the load, that was fun. Too many things for this small space to share.

Good things were said about our speaker and the meeting last month. Darrell, thanks for filling in for me. Exciting things are coming at our next

meeting. The auction is always a highlight of the year and our vendors have all been very generous for the auction, lots of special plants plus products to make them grow and abound. Plus our members offerings are pretty special also, so do come ready to buy because this auction is going to be a BIG one and lots of FUN.

As always bring some friends this is too great to miss. (Ed. And bring snacks to share. Bidding makes one hungry!)

Barbara Olson, President

AUCTION REMINDER: The October auction will take place in the patio outside the meeting room, as it has in the past. The auction will start at 1 PM (an hour earlier than the regular meeting) to allow us enough time to sell all of those wonderful items.

AUCTION ITEM PREVIEW: Check website <http://socalorchidspecies.com> for a preliminary list of auction donations we have received. This will be posted starting on Thursday, October 6, and will be updated as we get new items up to Sunday morning.. Start your "Wish List"! Then, come early and check out the plants, since we always get some more right up to auction time.

Editor's Potting Bench

This month, I have a few comments that I hope will whet your appetite for the auction. I have been compiling the pre-registered donations as they come in, so that we can provide a good preliminary list for you to drool over. Be sure to check our website often in the days immediately before the auction, to see some of what we will have. (Don't just look at the end of the list for new things – several members have asked for labels to pre-register their donations, and those numbers will appear in the numerical sequence when we get them.

The publisher of Orchidwiz has generously donated a copy of the latest update of the software to our auction. This is a \$300 package, and one lucky bidder will go

home with it, probably getting a real bargain. I seem to be acquiring a reputation as one who knows something about orchid species, their names, classifications, and sometimes growing conditions. Well, I'm a "backyard grower", just like many of you. I have greatly improved my success rate by being able to quickly obtain information about the plants that I buy, so that I can give them something close to the conditions that they need (and stay away from the ones that I can't possibly do that for). For the most part, Orchidwiz is my reference. For the majority of the species that I acquire, there is a Baker Reference Sheet available, and those alone are

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worth the "price of admission" to me. Even for most of the obscure ones, there is at least temperature and location information. Then, there are the thousands of photos, from some of the top species collectors and photographers, to help with IDs. For hybrids (yes, most of us grow lots of those too) this tool is even more important. The growing conditions for a hybrid are typically something close to an average of the species that make it up. Orchidwiz gives you that information, and calculates a very good estimate of the cultural requirements for each one. It also "translates" the currently accepted genus names into the more familiar ones, and lists all of the synonyms by which a plant may have been known, permitting you to look them up based on the tag that you may have, even though the name has gone through multiple changes. The taxonomic changes aren't likely to settle down any time soon, so having a good cross-reference is a sanity-



saver. As for photos... approaching the 100,000 mark I think. This includes award photos from Brazil (think *Cattleya* and *Laelia* especially), Taiwan (*Phalaenopsis* and *Vanda* especially), South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Germany, and probably some others that I have forgotten. If you don't have a computer, my condolences... If you do (Windows or Windows emulator) you need this. Be sure to bid on this one!



Cyrtorchilum falcipetalum

For those of you that visited my place for the Mother's Day meeting a year and a half ago, or some other time, you might recall my *Cyrtorchilum falcipetalum* with its spike that reached, then ran along the shade cloth. At a couple of points where it bumped into the "roof" it grew a keiki. When the spike was truly done, and the keikis started rooting well, I clipped them off and potted them. They took off beautifully, with lots of good roots. One of those keikis will be on the auction table. I'm waiting for a new spike on the mother plant, but when it appears, I'm ready for it this time... a tomato cage. I have also seen these "controlled" by winding the spike in a circle between two stakes. So, it doesn't really need to have 12-15 feet of free wandering room, though it is certainly lovely when it grows that way. Think of it as an "Oncidium on steroids". Flowers are about 3" across. Bid, bid, bid!!! See you at the auction.

Roberta Fox, Editor

Calendar of Events

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

- **San Diego International Orchid Fair ***
October 1-2, Sat, 9 AM—5 PM, Sunday 9 AM—4 PM
San Diego Botanic Garden (Formerly Quail Gardens), 230 Quail Gardens Dr, Encinitas
Admission: Saturday FREE, Sunday \$12 adults/\$8 seniors and students
www.SDBGarden.org
- **Southland Orchid Show***
October 14-16, Friday 12 PM—4:30 PM, Saturday and Sunday 10:30 AM—4:30 PM
Huntington Library and Botanic Gardens, San Marino
- **San Diego County Orchid Society Show and Plant Sale***
October 22-23, Sat. 12 PM to 5 PM, Sun 10 AM to 4 PM
Casa del Prado Building, Rm. 101, Balboa Park, San Diego
Parking and admission FREE
www.sdorchids.com/shows.htm
- **South Coast Orchid Society Annual Auction***
Monday, October 24 at 6:30 PM
Whaley Park Clubhouse, 5620 Atherton St., Long Beach
www.southcoastorchidsociety.com
- **Cal-Orchid Open House**
November 4, 5,6
www.calorchid.com
- **Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Fall Open House**
November 5-6, Saturday 8 AM—5 PM, Sunday 9 AM—4 PM
Laelia Anceps, Cymbidium Season Kickoff, lots of other fall bloomers, and those great \$7.50 specials
www.sborchid.com
- **Casa de las Orquideas Open House**
December 3-4, 9 AM—4 PM
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