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Meeting is 2nd Sunday of each month, at 2 PM
Placentia Library
411 E. Chapman Ave, Placentia
(Corner of Chapman and Kraemer)

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Note meeting location change!!

The Placentia Library will be closed.
Meeting will be at the home of Roberta Fox
1854 Kentucky Pl, Costa Mesa

From the 405 Freeway, get off at Harbor and go south. Turn west (right turn) on Gisler, the first street south of the freeway. Landmark is In-n-Out Burger. Continue west on Gisler past two stop signs. After the second one, look for a yellow sign that says "Road Narrows". This is Washington (street sign is small, the "Road Narrows" sign is easier to see). Turn right on Washington, left on Illinois (first left), follow the road as it curves to the right and becomes Indiana. Second right off Indiana is Kentucky Pl. Phone is 714-435-8015.

We will have Show and Tell, as usual. Please be aware, though, that we don't have as much space as we usually do. If you have hanging plants, please bring something to hang them on. We also will have some Silent Auction plants for sale. The meeting will start at the regular time, but come early (1 PM) if you'd like to look around.

Cattleya Species and Their Culture

Doug Overstreet

Douglas Overstreet was born and raised in southeastern New Mexico. Mr. Overstreet comes by his interest in plants and animals naturally. His family has been American farmers since 1684. He began growing orchids at the age of 10. The first orchid he purchased in 1972 was *Cattleya Trimos*, a primary hybrid between *C. trianaei* and *C. mossiae*. The first orchid he flowered was a *Phalaenopsis* hybrid.

Doug moved to California in 1975 and continued his love affair with orchids. In 1984, his collection began to grow by leaps and bounds with his first professional job. He also became an active participant in the local orchid community. Over the years, Doug has served on the Board of the Orchid Society of Southern California, is a Past President and active board member of the

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Southland Orchid Show Committee. He is a former Ribbon Judging Chair for OSSC and is an Accredited American Orchid Society Judge in the Pacific South Region. Doug has written several articles for *Orchid Digest* and has served on the Editorial Committee of that publication as Assistant Editor. In 1998, he wrote, produced and hosted *Anyone Can Grow Orchids...Even You!*, a how-to video about growing orchids in the home. Currently, Doug owns and operates Nature's Bounty Orchids, a small boutique nursery serving the southern California hobbyist and gift plant community through local certified farmer's markets. When not playing with orchids, Doug enjoys playing with his seven birds (six cockatiels and a Senegal Parrot).



In Memoriam

Virginia (Ginny) Worthington

Ginny Worthington, 80, long time member of SCOSS, was fatally struck by a car on September 26, 2012. She was an accredited AOS judge, an artist, and musician. She and her late husband Pat were orchid species growers without peer. Their greenhouse provided the conditions to grow orchids to perfection, and the range of species was extensive. She was President of SCOSS in 1994-1995. She was also a founding member and active supporter of Friends of the Hortense Miller Garden.

Douglas (Doug) Adams

Doug Adams, 59, passed away suddenly on October 5, 2012. He and his wife Phyllis have been long-time members of SCOSS. Doug was President of SCOSS in 2008-2009. He was born in Niagara Falls, NY, and probably acquired his love of nature growing up only blocks from the Falls. He had a mechanical engineering degree from SUNY at Buffalo, and worked in the pump industry for 37 years. He loved species orchids, and had as many as 200 of them. He also adored his cats. Doug's interests were varied. He was active in OCOS, and in clubs devoted to coins and to clocks.

From the Member's Corner

WOW!!!! What an auction, what great bidders, what great donations and what great food and drinks. Thank you to everyone for a truly wonderful day. Needless to say a very big THANK YOU to our auction donors and from me personally to the following people who stepped up to make Darrell's and my job a lot easier: Darrell, Marshall, Tim, Susan, Sharon, Irma, Roberta, Erika, Phyllis, Yolanda, Barbara, food and drink providers and without a doubt Peter for being such a great auctioneer.

We also had 4 new people join our family of orchid enthusiasts: Donald Hume, Karen Hyman, Darlene Maeda and Karina Zaragosa; welcome aboard and we're very glad that you've joined us.

There were 9 guests that stopped by and bid on our various items: Lee Berglund, Phil Doran, Jim Gomes, Brian Hench, Greg Orozco, Kathy Prosser, John Schroeder, Andy Tao and Kathy Watt; thank you for coming and we look forward to seeing you again at another meeting very soon.

What else can I say but....THANK YOU!!!!

Eddie Gulrich, Membership Secretary

President's Message

Hello everyone – it's good to be back! I had a great time on vacation. My wife and I visited her family in Missouri and got to do a little fishing on the Lake of the Ozarks. Thank you to Barbara Olson for filling in while I was gone.

Our annual auction was phenomenal! Peter Lin did a fantastic job as auctioneer. We had a great turnout (including 9 guests and 4 new members), and the bidding got heated a couple of times. The large number of plants and plant-related items sold resulted in one of the most successful auctions we've had in the past 10 years! I would like to thank all of our sponsors and all the individuals who donated plants, as well as everyone who worked diligently behind the scenes. Thanks also to all of you who brought refreshments. I would like to give a special shout out to Edie Gulrich and Roberta Fox who have

worked tirelessly for many weeks to put this event together.

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 11th. Since the Placentia Library will be closed for Veteran's Day, we will be meeting at the home of Roberta Fox at the regularly scheduled time. There will be a board meeting immediately following. One of the agenda items will be election of officers for 2013.

On a sad note, we have recently lost two members of the SCOSS; Douglas (Doug) Adams, past president, and Virginia (Ginny) Worthington, longtime member. Our condolences go out to both families.

Darrell Lovell, President

Orchid Digest: Pinup Magazine for Orchid Lovers

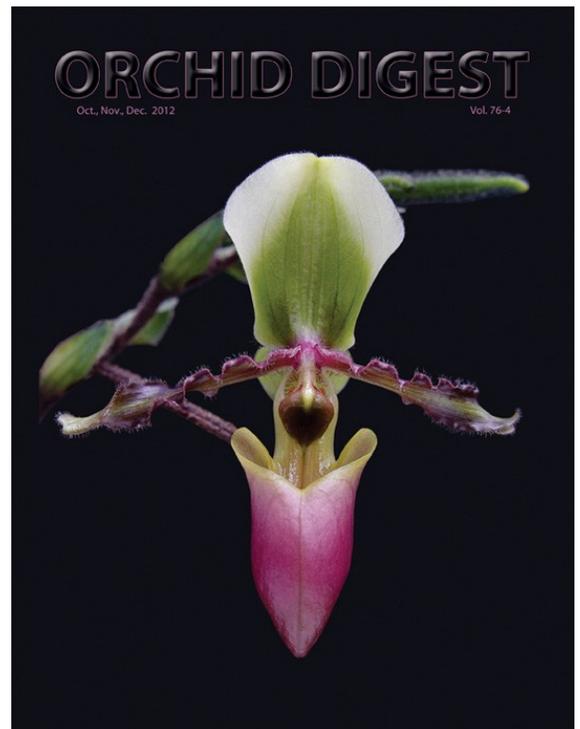
Every time I see the big gray envelope with the Orchid Digest I can hardly wait to open it, and quickly leaf through to get an idea of what the editors are showing in this issue. This magazine is the Playboy magazine of the Orchid World. Yeah.

Oh, happy days, we again have the 3D pictures, in fact 6 pages of them and being of good size it is great fun putting them together.. and having them slowly come forward so you can see them and their shape. I have missed this feature lately. You can see details that possibly you wouldn't see otherwise, although the Digest's pictures are always so clear and sharp.

The article on the Paphiopedilums is all -encompassing and very informative about the new species from the past decade and their new names . It almost consumes the whole issue but not quite. There is an article about the Ratcliffe's Story. It is a love story about 2 people; their romance starts at the first date with an orchid corsage, a huge Cattleya. AH THOSE WERE THE DAYS when romance was the thing !! Then he says..he wants to grow orchids one day . But you have to read it for yourselves.

Plus a new Vanda from the Philippines has been found!. Very simple and beautiful. The color is a soft white into dark purple in the center, lovely. It has a blush about it. Please read this issue and check out the pictures of the Paph species. They are beautiful! Especially look at the picture of the Paph sanderianum. Wow!

Barbara Olson



Paphiopedilum victoria-mariae.
Photo courtesy of Orchids Limited

Editor's Potting Bench

Barb Olson isn't the only one who grabs for her Orchid Digest the minute it hits the mailbox. Now, I'll have to admit, I usually just skim the articles describing new species. I find the discussions of habitats interesting, but the technical details are a stretch for this non-botanist. This one, though, made me sit up and pay attention when I reached the discussion of the provenance of the orchid being described. A group of plants was obtained from White Oak Orchids (where I have done a considerable amount of shopping, sadly no longer in business) labeled *Vanda javierae* but most were different from the verified *V. javierae*. Wait a sec... I have one of those! From that source! I took a look at my photo—a perfect match with the photo of the newly-described *Vanda barnesii*. The red-brown pattern on the side-lobes of the lip is very dramatic. This is one tag that I definitely



Labeled *Vanda javierae*, almost certainly *Vanda barnesii*

am willing to change.

I knew that White Oak grew it in their cool greenhouse, so that outdoor growing wouldn't be a problem. From the article, I learned that *V. barnesii* comes from a mountainous part of the Philippines, at an elevation of around 9500 ft. where it may experience frost. It will certainly be happy in my outdoor collection of cool-growing *Vanda* species.



With a bit of luck (if the Santa Ana winds don't damage the flowers), you will very likely be treated to an explosion of *Laelia anceps* when you come to my place for the November meeting. The hot summer seems to have delayed the *Cymbidiums*—the spikes are only starting to get big enough to stake, where I'm usually doing serious staking by mid-September. However, the *Laelia anceps* seem to have accelerated. The first ones will be already done by the second week of November, but there are plenty more opening and getting ready to open. *Laelia gouldiana* will be done by that time, so I am sharing it here. (That one is also about a month early... usually blooming mid-November to early December). I have not succeeded in capturing the pearly iridescence of those *L. gouldiana* petals in the sunshine in a photograph.

Also likely to be finished by the meeting, *Laelia superbiens* is one that isn't going to be transported very far. The pseudobulbs are about 2 ft. tall, and the 4 ft. inflorescence emerges from the top of the pseudobulb. Do a little math... the head of flowers towers above me at around 6 ft—with the basket on the floor.

It's easy to miss the little gems with all this activity from the big orchids, but don't forget to look closely—they are beautiful too. *Restrepias* bloom on and off throughout the year, as do many of the other *Pleurothallids*. Enjoy!

Roberta Fox, Editor

Calendar of Events

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

- **Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Fall Open House**
November 3-4
1250 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara
Info: sboe@sborchid.com or (800)553-3387
- **Orchid Society of Santa Barbara Show and Sale***
November 17-18, Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-3
Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, 2599 Puesta del Sol Rd, Santa Barbara
Info: www.orchidsb.com or fmorchids@hotmail.com
- **Casa de las Orquideas Open House***
December 1-2, 9 AM—4 PM
170 S. Nardo Ave, Solana Beach
Info: www.orquideas.com, info@orquideas.com or (858)755-7572
 - Special guests: Andy's Orchids and other growers



Restrepia antennifera type



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