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Meeting is 2nd Sunday of each month, at 2 PM
Kraemer Memorial Park
Bucks Community Building, Room 7 (Lower Level)
201 N. Bradford Ave., Placentia
(Chapman and Bradford, parking off Bradford)

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Bucks Community Building, Kraemer Memorial Park, is our new permanent meeting place. See Website for map.

September 8, 2013

Reserva Serra Bonita: Orchid Conservation with the Orchid Conservation Alliance *Peter Tobias*

Peter Tobias started growing orchids in the early 1970's with a white phalaenopsis on a Chicago windowsill. His hobby really 'bloomed' after moving to Encinitas, California, a coastal town just north of San Diego, in 1980. There he became involved in the local orchid society and was a founding member of the San Diego County Orchid Society's Conservation Committee in 1991. The local success of that committee suggested that a national orchid conservation effort could be successful. The Orchid Conservation Alliance was incorporated by Tobias and three friends in 2006 with the primary goal of fostering development of orchid reserves. This talk, "Reserva Serra Bonita: Orchid Conservation with the Orchid Conservation Alliance," will present the OCA's new initiative to expand an orchid reserve in Brazil. For his day job, Tobias is an Associate Professor of Immunology at The Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, California



Reserva Serra Bonita, Bahia, Brazil

Speaker's Choice

August speaker Ron Kaufmann selected *Encyclia phoenicea*, grown by Roberta Fox, as his Speaker's Choice orchid. He was particularly drawn to its fragrance, which is reminiscent of fine dark chocolate (without the calories). Roberta grows this species in the greenhouse.

Encyclia phoenicea is native to Cuba and the Cayman Islands. It grows at sea level and low elevations, so it experiences lots of heat and humidity. It can probably tolerate winter temperatures down to around 50 deg. F. if kept dry, but somewhat warmer minimum



Encyclia phoenicea



would be preferable. Light should be bright, but diffused. Flowers last a month or more, opening successively

From the Member's Corner

Welcome to our guest Scott McGregor who became member. We're glad to have you with us. Remember the auction is coming up in October, I still need a few volunteers for moving plants from the tables to the auctioneer and then into the security area. Snacks and of course plants are always welcome. If you need plant registration forms see me at the September meeting or contact me and I'll mail them to you. Stay cool and see you in September.

Edie Gulrich, Membership Secretary

President's Message

Hello All!

With the exception of a couple of small glitches, our new meeting location is working out quite well. I will attempt to get the AC turned on earlier so the temperature is comfortable when we arrive.

For the past couple of months I have been meeting our speakers for lunch prior to the meeting. When Ron Kaufmann and I arrived at the restaurant before the August meeting, we were faced with the dilemma of what to do with the Masdevallas I had picked up for Barbara at a recent plant show. I did not want to chance leaving my car windows down; nor did I want to deliver dead plants to Barbara! Our solution was to take the Masdevallas into the restaurant with us. I felt a bit awkward, but to my surprise, many people (including the restaurant manager) admired the plants

and inquired about them. In addition to orchids, Ron and I discussed marine biology and his extensive travels. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience as well as Ron's presentation, and I look forward to having him back again.

At the expense of sounding like a broken record, please remember that our annual auction is coming up in October and we are in need of volunteers. This event is our primary means of covering expenses. We will have sign-up sheets as well as plant labels available on the desk at the September 8th meeting. I hope to see you there!

Darrell Lovell, President

Editor's Potting Bench

Take a good look at the Events page. I don't think that I have ever seen it quite so full. Spring brings us lots of shows, but now, added to shows nearly every weekend, there are auctions too. This is more than an orchid feast, there are serious opportunities for orchid glut-tony! I am looking around my back yard, thinking about where I can build another shade structure without trashing the landscaping too badly. There's always room for one more orchid, but I think that this fall, there will be a lot more than one or two that move to my house.

Of course, my first love is Fascination of Orchids. This year we have added to the lineup two exciting new international vendors who sell mostly species. For the first time in southern California, Ooi Leng Sun Orchids Nursery and Laboratory from Malaysia and Phrao Orchids Nursery from Chiang Mai, Thailand will be participating. I have seen Ooi Leng Sun at the San Francisco show, and they have a large selection of unique plants (including species of jewel orchids that I have not seen anywhere else.) I have seen the list of genera that Phrao Orchids will be bringing, and I am drooling. Of course, many of the vendors (international and domestic) who have participated in Fascination of Orchids in prior years also have a wonderful selection of species, as well. Go to the vendor list on

<http://ocorchidshow.com> for contact information.

Many of those vendors will take pre-orders to be picked up at the show. Nobody can possibly bring all of the species that they have, so if there is something in particular that you want, make sure that the vendor knows, so that they can bring it for you. Particularly for the international vendors, it is important to get those orders placed very soon, since it takes time to get paperwork done and ship the plants.

Also note that during the weekend of the show at San Diego Botanic Garden (Quail Gardens) Andy's Orchids will be holding Open House. This is a rare opportunity to browse the entire nursery at your leisure. If you have never been to Andy's, be prepared to be overwhelmed in a good way. For those (like myself) who grow their orchids predominantly outside, it is especially interesting to see what grows where. The temperature codes on the tags don't tell the whole story, since those must be printed for sales all over the country. Also, Andy is always experimenting, and he often finds that plants with a reputation for needing a greenhouse can actually take winter temperatures outdoors.

Don't spend ALL your money at the shows, though! Our

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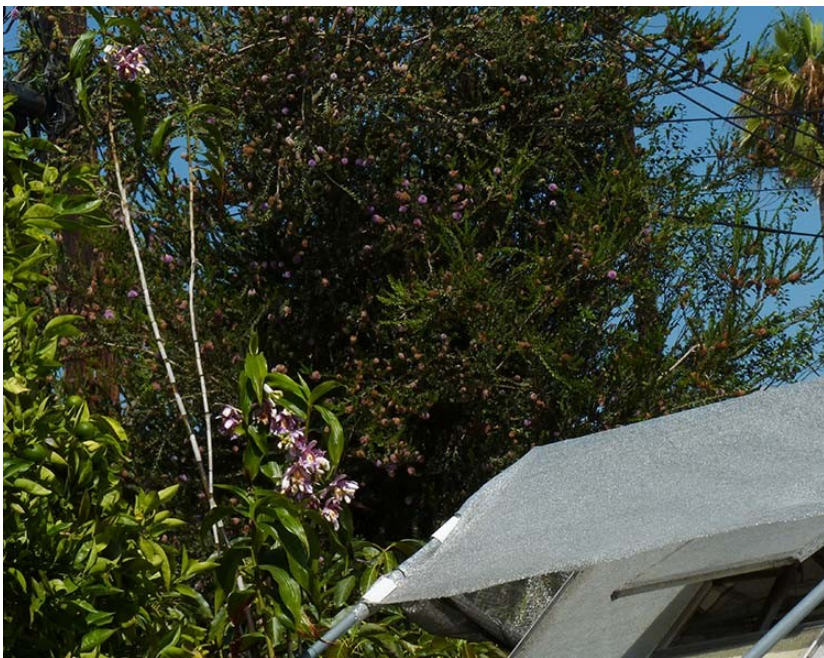
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October meeting is our annual auction. Along with the generous donations of many commercial growers, we will have outstanding, unique plants contributed by members. (Hint, hint... you need to make room for those new acquisitions.) Those duplicate plants that you have acquired as you have divided your orchids, or perhaps those that might do better in a different environment, can help the club to raise the money that pays for our fine speaker program. Dues don't cover much more than the newsletter. It's the auction that we depend upon to finance the club. So... donate plants, and then buy, buy, buy.

Summer has a reputation as a "downtime" for orchid blooming, but I have not found that to be



Huntleya meleagriflora



Sobralia calloglossa

the case. The secret lies in variety. One, that I have shared before in this forum (the only way, unless you come over to my house) is *Sobralia calloglossa*. I have had this plant for nearly three years now, and the newer canes are blooming profusely. Because it gets lots of light (probably more than ideal, but no choice... no way of getting shade cloth that high, so only surrounding trees help cut the sun a bit) the new canes are blooming at about 7 ft, instead of the 12-14 ft of the first blooms, making it much easier to

see them (without binoculars). But the tall old cane is also blooming for about the third time.

In orchid-growing, for every rule there are exceptions. I think I have finally learned how to not kill *Huntleya*. I knew from the start they need to grow warm. Definitely greenhouse. But, when leaves started to drop, I feared that it was getting over-watered (a common problem, the usual solution is to water less or improve drainage.) Leaves dropped faster... and death. So, after two tries, I asked Andy what I might be doing wrong, because he had a lovely one that I really wanted. His answer—"sopping wet". I put that plant where the greenhouse misters would hit it three times a day (a spot everything else that I put there languished, rotted, and died) and behold! A year later, a husky plant with new growth and a new bloom. So perhaps I have it. After one year, I am not yet prepared to say that I have truly conquered this one. (I have had successes "for awhile" with other things only to still lose after several years, but an important part of orchid-growing is hope...)

Roberta Fox, Editor

Calendar of Events

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

- **South Bay Orchid Show and Sale***
September 21-22, Sales Sat 9-5, Sun 9-4; Show Sat 11-5, Sun 9-4
South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes
Admission to gardens includes show
Info: www.southbayorchidsociety.com or 310-707-7097
 - **Fascination of Orchids International Show and Sale***
September 28-29, 10 AM–5 PM
South Coast Plaza Village, 1631 Sunflower, Santa Ana (Across from South Coast Plaza)
Many international vendors, especially with species. For pre-orders, see vendor list on website.
Info: www.ocorchidshow.com, www.fascinationforchids.com, or phone 949-735-2930
 - **San Diego International Orchid Fair**
October 5-6 9AM–5 PM
San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas
Included in admission to the gardens, free to members, and AOS members (show card)
 - **Open house at Andy's Orchids**
734 Ocean View Ave., Encinitas
www.andysorchids.com
 - **Southern California Orchid Species Society Annual Auction (*That's US!*)***
October 13; Preview at 12:30PM, 1 PM Auction Begins
Bucks Community Building, Room 7 (Lower Level), Kraemer Memorial Park, Placentia
Info: www.socalorchidspecies.com
 - **Southland Show**
October 18-20
Huntington Library, Art Collection, and Botanic Garden, San Marino
 - **South Coast Orchid Society Annual Auction**
October 28; Preview at 6:PM, 6:30 PM Auction begins
Whaley Park Clubhouse, 5620 Atherton St., Long Beach
info: www.southcoastorchidsociety.com
 - **Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Fall Open House**
November 2-3; Saturday 8 AM–5 PM , Sunday 9 AM–4 PM
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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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<p>Casa de las Orquideas Contact: Nancy & Karl Batchman 170 S Nardo Av Solana Bch, CA 92075 858-755-7572, www.orquideas.com</p>	<p>Diamond Orchids Contact: Peter Lin 834 Featherwood Dr Diamond Bar, CA 91765 909-396-0334, www.diamondorchids.com</p>	<p>Ecuagenera Contact: Ivan Portilla PO Box 01011110 Cuenca, Ecuador www.ecuagenera.com</p>
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<p>Mr. Fertilizer Contact: Don Knipp 247 23rd St Costa Mesa, CA 92626 949-548-2678</p>	<p>Orange County Farm Supply Contact: Chris Roy 1826 W Chapman Av Orange, CA 92868 714-978-6500, www.ocfarmssupply.com</p>	<p>Orchids by Zeny Contact: Zeny Harrington 22920 Cajalco Rd Perris, CA 92570 951-236-0291</p>
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	<p>The Rowland Collection Contact: Pat Rowland 12446 S Georgian St Garden Grove, CA 92841 714-892-3502</p>	