

# Southern California Orchid Species Society

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Newsletter deadline is the 25th  
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Meeting is 2nd Sunday of each month, at 2 PM

Kraemer Memorial Park

Backs Community Building, Main Room

201 N. Bradford Ave., Placentia

(Chapman and Bradford, parking off Bradford)

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



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## ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION

Sunday, October 13, 2013

Kraemer Memorial Park

Backs Community Building, Main Room

201 Bradford Ave., Placentia

Chapman and Bradford

Parking off Bradford, north side of park

Preview at 12:30 PM

Auction starts at 1 PM

Featuring

Species and Hybrids

Including many plants not readily available from other sources

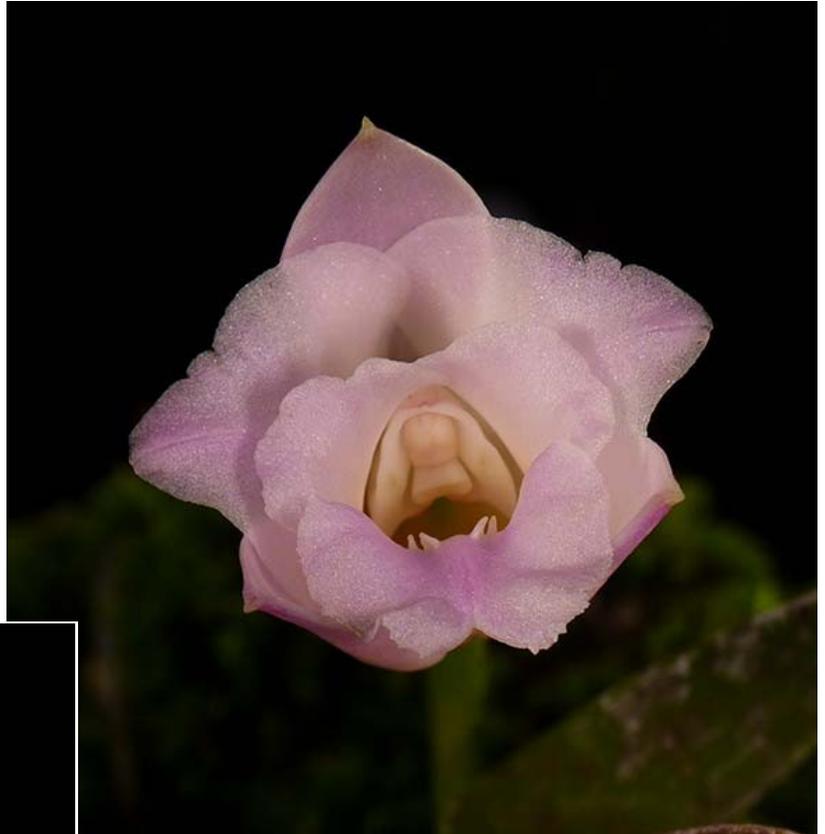
## Auction! Auction!

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.

Bidding makes people hungry, so any snacks that you might want to bring will be very welcome!

## Speaker's Choice

September speaker Peter Tobias picked *Laelia alaorii*, grown by Roberta Fox, as his Speaker's Choice. The plant was small, with one charming, fragrant flower—certainly not as spectacular as many on the show-and-tell table. Peter selected it because it was part of the “back story” of his exploration of the Serra Bonita Reserve in Brazil, the topic of his talk. He said that he nearly stepped on a fallen branch with blooming *Laelia alaorii* plants. They were not listed on the spreadsheet of species that had been found in the reserve—they normally grow in trees 60 ft or



***Laelia alaorii***

more above ground level, and had not been noticed.

*L. alaorii* grows in a relatively small area of the Brazilian Atlantic rainforest. According to Charles Baker in *Orchidwiz*, it has been found around 1600 ft (500 m). Although this is a relatively low altitude, and in an area that is generally rather warm, it clearly can tolerate cooler temperatures. Roberta grows this plant on a small mount, outside all year around. It receives filtered sun and at least daily watering.

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## From the Member's Corner

Welcome to our guest Camillia Sonstine as our September guest. We hope to see you again very soon. Well, it's that time of year... to fill those empty spaces on our growing shelves, patios and greenhouses. It's auction time, in our new facility. Snacks are always welcome, plants definitely and guests absolutely. Previewing at 12:30, with the auction starting at 1:00 PM. It should be a great event as Peter Lin will be our auctioneer with his vast knowledge of orchids. Save the day, but spend some money, it's all for a very good cause. Proceeds help with room rent and allows us to bring great speakers for your benefit and more knowledge about orchids. See you there!!!

*Eddie Gulrich, Membership Secretary*

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## President's Message

Hello all! I'm sorry I missed last month's meeting. I was out of town on some personal business.

We will be having our annual auction in our new home on October 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a great way to acquire some really nice plants at great prices! I hope to see you all there at Backs Main Room at Kraemer Memorial Park (upstairs).

*Darrell Lovell, President*

## Newport Harbor Orchid Society Greenhouse and Garden Tour and Plant Sale Announcement

The annual Greenhouse and Garden Tour will be held on October 19. The hosts and times are: Dorothy Goldberg from 9 AM to 10:15 AM, Tom Harrison from 10:45 to 11:45 AM, and Joe and Ann Rupp from 12:15 to 1:30 PM. Lunch will be served at the Rupps', free to NHOS members and \$8 for non-members and guests.

In conjunction with the tour, there will be plants for sale at Dorothy Goldberg's and the Rupps'. If Species members want to visit Dorothy's garden and sale during the 9 AM to 10:15 AM time frame, they are welcome to do so whether or not they want to attend the rest of the tour. Dorothy's address is in the Species roster. For information about the other sites, contact Dana Seelig (also in the Species roster)

## Editor's Potting Bench

A fringe benefit of being the "data manager" for the auction is that I get an advance preview of what we are going to be selling. There are still a lot of items that have not yet been picked up or recorded, and the list is already impressive. I will be posting a preliminary list of auction items on the website, starting approximately Wednesday, October 9 (or sooner if the items picked up in San Diego get logged before then). I will then update the list as additional items are received, so do check several times before the auction to build your "wish list".

I am writing this the day after the end of Fascination of Orchids. It is nice to sit down for a little bit after a weekend on my feet. However, much of today was spent potting and mounting those interesting bare-root species orchids that followed me home. Still to be potted is that 12' *Sobralia mandonii* that I just had to have., since it is climbing out of its 15" pot. Tomorrow's project. When it blooms, I'll share photos in this space. I will not bring it to a meeting, I guarantee.

This is a tricky time of year for the orchids. The "monsoon season" seems to finally be over, giving way to bone-dry Santa Ana winds and wild temperature swings. Nights are starting to be chilly. About two more weeks, and it will be time to consider protecting some of the more tender plants, and the lows head toward 50 deg. F. Remember that a dry orchid will tolerate cold

better than a wet one, therefore consider watering in the morning so that things are dry by nightfall.

In the rest of this column I will share some of my blooming orchids that will probably not make it to November, the next opportunity for Show and Tell. In fact, the inspiration for the "virtual show and tell" photos on the website was the large number of species that bloom in October, therefore can't be shared in person.

I am totally delighted by *Habenaria medusa*. This plant goes completely dormant in the winter, after it has



*Habenaria medusa*

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bloomed. It is one of those that must receive little or no water until the new growth appears. I do give it some heavy misting about every two weeks while it is dormant. It does need to grow in the greenhouse.

One of my most reliable plants is *Arpophyllum alpinum*. It has no problem with winter cold. It grows in nearly full sun. The bright magenta flowers attract hummingbirds, but do not seem to get pollinated by them. The flowers don't last very long, but the plant produces new spikes over a period of several weeks.



***Arpophyllum alpinum***

*Haraella retrocalla* is a charming little Vandaceous species that clearly mimics an insect. It is quite cold-tolerant. It has done better for me outside than it did in the greenhouse., and after going through two winters, I think I can safely say that it can handle considerable cold. It is very fragrant.

This is the best blooming I have ever had of *Tricopilia rostrata*. At the time of the photo, there were six inflorescences, with two or three flowers each, and at least two more spike on their way. This plant usually blooms twice a year. It grows in the greenhouse.

*Spiranthes odorata* is native to most of the southeastern United States. It goes somewhat dormant in the winter but does not lose all its leaves, and I don't hold back on the water. It has no problem with our win-



***Haraella retrocalla***



***Spiranthes odorata***



## Calendar of Events

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

- **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](http://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](http://www.socalorchidspecies.com)
- **Southland Orchid Show "Orchid Masquerade"**  
October 18-20  
Huntington Library, Art Collection, and Botanic Garden, San Marino  
Info: [www.southlandorchidshow.wordpress.com](http://www.southlandorchidshow.wordpress.com)
- **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](http://www.southcoastorchidsociety.com)
- **Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Fall Open House**  
November 2-3; Saturday 8 AM–5 PM , Sunday 9 AM–4 PM
- **Orchid Society Of Santa Barbara Orchid Show and Sale\***  
November 23-24; Saturday 10 AM–5 PM, Sunday 10 AM–3 PM  
Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, 2599 Puesta Del Sol Rd, Santa Barbara  
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ters, which are, in general, more mild than those of many of the areas where it grows naturally. As the name implies, it is fragrant, although not overwhelmingly so.

Roberta Fox, Editor



Trichopilia rostrata

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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