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Orchids of the Shan Plateau

Winn Winmaw

Winn was born in Shan State, eastern Burma, where *Cymbidium lowianum*, *Vanda coerulea* and *Paphiopedilum charlesworthii* are found abundantly in the wild. The first orchid that Winn collected from the forest floor was a dendrobium species. He was 7 years old. With this he began taking care of orchids in his family's garden.

As an undergraduate studying physics at the University of Rangoon, Winn was a member of the Department of Botany's orchid society. Later he lived in Japan for four years for further study and training. In 1988, he moved to the United States and settled in Orange County. Eventually he began collecting and growing orchids here.

Today he has a large orchid collection, many of which are vandaceous orchids. He grows his plants in a shade house and greenhouse. He has been a member of the Newport Harbor Orchid Society since 1995.

Recently Winn has made several trips back to Burma and has explored orchids in nature. He shares his orchid experiences by giving presentation to orchid societies. Last December Winn made another orchid expedition to the Shan Plateau the eastern part of Burma. The Shan Plateau can reach an altitude of over 2,000 meters (6,562 ft) with beautiful landscapes and humid subtropical climate. It is pleasantly warm during the day time and cool at night.

Winn will cover the following during his presentation: His orchid talk at the closing ceremony of a vocational education class on orchid growing; a mountain near his hometown, where he collected his first orchid, when he was seven years old; the camping experience at Ashe-Myin Anauk-Myin Mountains that run North to South with the highest peak at 2115 meters (7,070 ft); wild orchid collecting; and of course, pictures of orchid habitats that are difficult to reach with out experienced guides and porters. According to Winn, this journey was the most adventurous and treacherous compared to his previous orchid expeditions.



Speaker's Choice

June speaker Curtis Gean selected this particularly dark example of *Laelia* (*Cattleya*) *tenebrosa*, grown by Ed Wise. Ed also brought two other examples of *L. tenebrosa*, including the relatively rare *aurea* form (visible at the bottom of the wider-view photo), but Curtis was particularly drawn to this one.

Laelia tenebrosa (now classed as *Cattleya*) is native to Brazil. According to Charles Baker in *Orchidwiz*, citing the scholarly literature, the habitat is limited to a small area in southern Espírito Santo state, where the plants grow on tall trees in dense forests. However, this habitat has been destroyed, and *L. tenebrosa*, which was always rather rare, is no longer found in the wild. Few details of habitat and elevation can be



determined.

Ed grows his *L. tenebrosa* plants in a greenhouse. However, they also do nicely outside, at least in the coastal area. Outside, this species seems to prefer a little less light and a little more protection from cold than *Laelia purpurata*, to which it is closely related.

From the Member's Corner

There were no guests this past month. But we would like to remind everyone that the AUCTION is coming up. We (Janice and I) will be needing volunteers, plants and orchid supplies for putting on the auction table. Also finger foods, for the hungry, buying masses. If you have any questions, please contact me at egulrich@att.net or by phone at 1-714-991-8661. Since this will be Janice's first year at this exciting endeavor, please help her out as you have helped me in the past. Thank you.

Eddie Gulrich, Membership Secretary

President's Message

It was a real pleasure to see Curtis Gean again. His presentation on California's orchids was a reminder that that they are the most diverse and far flung flowering plants in nature. Orchids in your own area is a really nice concept.

It is also a real pleasure to see all of you and your

very beautiful and varied collections of plants. Keep up the good work!

See you next time

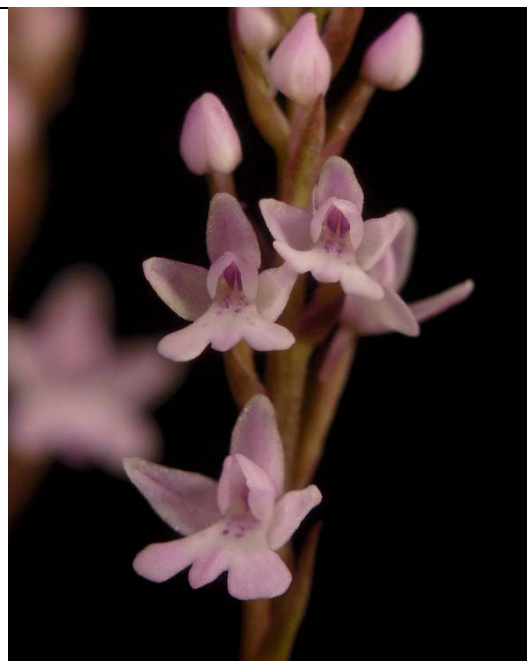
Tim Roby, President

Editor's Potting Bench

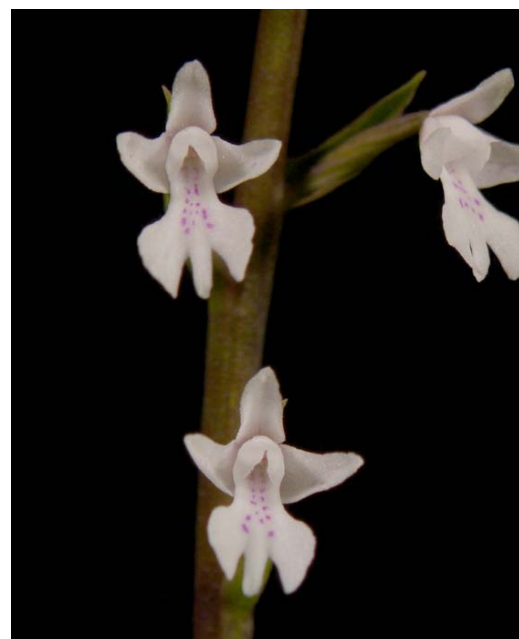
Those who did not attend Orchid Digest Speakers Day missed some excellent presentations. I hope that you will be able to go next year.

Spring show season is behind us, and there has been a bit of a lull in orchid-acquiring opportunities (except for Speakers Day, which was awesome...) However, there are some great opportunities coming up. The Open Houses at Santa Barbara Orchid Estate and Cal Orchid in July are always a treat. Both establishments will have some special and unique plants available, and Cal Orchid will have their outstanding barbecue lunch. In August, Newport Harbor Orchid Society will have their Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival at Westminster Mall. September brings Fascination of Orchids, with several international species vendors. The advantage of acquiring blooming orchids throughout the year is that you then always have something in bloom.

Andy Phillips, when I was talking to him at his booth at OD Speakers Day, told me that a very charming miniature *Stenoglottis* that he had sold as *Sngl. woodii* was actually *Sngl. macloughlinii*. This confirmed my hunch that the plant (which I obtained in 2011) was truly different from the *Sngl. woodii* that I also had. The flowers were pink vs. white with a few spots on the *woodii*, the plant was much smaller (and has remained so, a true miniature), the flowers are about half the size of those of *woodii*, and much more closely arranged on the inflorescence. It consistently blooms about a month earlier than *Sngl. woodii*. Then I was further surprised, when I looked up *Sngl. macloughlinii* in *Orchidwiz*, that Kew considers it to be a synonym of *Sngl. woodii*. Andy's response... "Kew is often wrong". I do think that the criteria for what defines a species is still in flux. At the moment, DNA is king and morphology (the appearance of the plant and flowers) has been significantly reduced in importance. I would not be surprised if the pendulum swings back and forth a few times before the nomenclature settles down. Here are some photos that show



Stenoglottis macloughlinii
(closeup)



Stenoglottis woodii
(closeup)

some of the differences. The *Stenoglottis macloughlinii* may be blooming enough to bring to the July meeting (it

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Sngl. macloughlinii
inflorescence

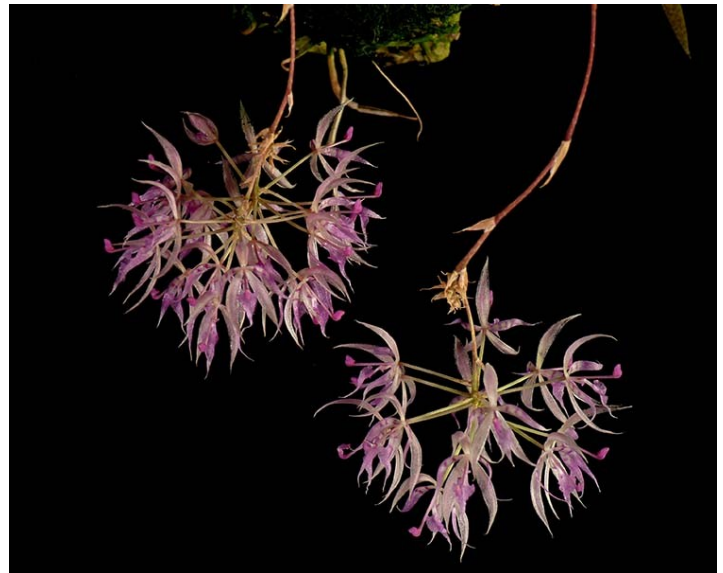


Sngl macloughlinii on left, in 5" clay bulb pan, up-potted last fall from the 3 1/2 pot that it came in . Sngl. woodii in 6" plastic bulb pan on right.



Sngl. woodii
inflorescence

before. Each inflorescence of *Macroclinium manabinum* is about an inch across. The plant is about 2 inches, with succulent leaves arranged in a fan and no pseudobulbs. The spikes should not be cut after the flowers fade, because they can rebloom several times. (If this blooming doesn't last until the meeting, perhaps a subsequent one will be timed better) This little mounted plant grows in the greenhouse, and does like to dry out a bit between waterings though it seems to love humidity. The genus is a member of the *Oncidinae*.



Macroclinium manabinum

is just getting started). *Stenoglottis woodii* will probably be blooming for August. Both of these species, as well as *Stenoglottis longifolia* (which blooms in the fall) grow very well outside. After blooming, they lose their leaves, but I don't top watering, since the new ones start to develop within a month or so.

Here's a mini-orchid that will probably miss the meeting, since it just opened as I write this about two weeks

Calendar of Events

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

- **Cal Orchid Open House**
July 11-13
1251 Orchid Dr., Santa Barbara
www.calorchid.com
 - Great deals on great plants
 - Guest vendors - check out presale lists for all of these at www.calorchid.com
Seed Engei, Orchids Limited, Tokyo Orchid Nursery, Suwada Orchids
 - Barbecue lunch and fresh guacamole
- **Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Open House**
July 11-13
1250 Orchid Dr., Santa Barbara
www.sborchid.com
 - Huge variety of great plants, including lots of \$7.50 specials and many selected divisions.
 - Dr. Phillip Cribb of Kew Gardens, UK will be chatting with visitors and signing his books, including three new ones. Dr. Cribb will also be speaking at 7:30 PM July 11 at the SB Museum of Natural History.
- **Newport Harbor Orchid Society Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival**
August 22-24
Westminster Mall
- **Fascination of Orchids***
September 27-28
South Coast Plaza Village, 1631 Sunflower Ave, Santa Ana (Across from South Coast Plaza)
www.ocorchidshow.com

It is approaching time to say farewell to *Laelia purpurata* for the year, though there may be one or two late-blooming varieties still to come. So, here is a bit more eye candy for you to enjoy.

Roberta Fox, Editor



Laelia purpurata var. *carnea*



Laelia purpurata var. *alba*

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