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Kraemer Memorial Park
Backs Community Building, Main Room
201 N. Bradford Ave., Placentia
(Chapman and Bradford, parking off Bradford)

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Orchids Alfresco: Best Orchid Species to Grow Outdoors

Peter Lin

Peter Lin will be presenting his newest talk on: Orchids Alfresco! Best Orchid Species to Grow Outdoors. This fast paced PowerPoint presentation will show you some of the best orchid to grow outdoors in Southern California. Peter will also discuss some of the challenges to growing outside and some great tips to overcome them.

Peter started growing orchids over 30 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 11 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again. He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society and a hybridizer of mini-catts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts, and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country. He also has hundreds of photos of his orchids that he maintains on Flickr. You can view them by typing this address into the internet: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/minicatt/collections/>



Dendrobium tetragonum



Cattleya aurantiaca

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His other interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He maintains a collection of a thousand or more orchids at his home in Southern California in 3 small greenhouses, as well as in the house under fluorescent lights.

Speaker's Choice

August speaker Peter Tobias selected a many-flowered *Phragmipedium pearcei*, grown by Richard Hess, as his Speaker's Choice. The first major project of the Orchid Conservation Alliance was support of Reserva Rio Anzu in central Ecuador, near the town of Baños, a reserve acquired and managed by Fundação EcoMinga, led by Lou Jost. This area is home to a large population of *Phrag. pearcei*. It grows in a valley on the banks of a river. When it rains, the river may flood, completely submerging the *Phrag. pearcei* plants, which will lose their flowers, only to produce new ones when the water recedes.

Richard grows his plant in a greenhouse. The plant sits in a saucer which holds water, maintaining moisture



Phragmipedium pearcei



around the roots. He uses Styrofoam "peanuts" or other inorganic material at the bottom of the pot, so that the roots are not actually submerged, since they do need air as well as moisture. He uses reverse-osmosis water.

From the Member's Corner

We did not have any guests this past month, but we did see a long-absent member who came back, Mary Rupp. So good to see you and hope you'll be back more often.

Please remember, the auction is coming up in October, so...we'll need snacks, plants and orchid related items and Janice will be contacting you for volunteering for the various tasks. For those contributing items please see me for the registration and plant tag sheets, the same goes for those of us who will be picking up items from growers at various locations. The sheets will be available at the September meeting. If you don't think you'll be able to attend the meeting, contact me and I'll send them to you. See you at the meeting.

Eddie Gulrich, Membership Secretary

Southern California Orchid Species Society—ENDANGERED!

We are rapidly approaching the time for choosing Officers and Directors for 2015. A group of your fellow members will serve as a nominating committee, and in October will ask some of you to participate. Last year, the response was poor. We had an interim president (who had served full terms before, has heavy family obligations and can no longer serve), NO Vice President (programs have been arranged by a committee of the board, but mostly by Edie Gulrich and Roberta Fox who also fill other roles), NO secretary (Membership Secretary Edie Gulrich took on this additional task, along with everything else she does).

When everybody wants to enjoy a society but nobody wants to participate in its leadership, the society dies. We have the example of Torrance Cymbidium Society fresh in our minds. This was a large club, but nobody was willing to step up to lead it when Everett Stockstill, who had done the job for about 25 years, said “Enough!”. It no longer meets, has been reduced to an occasional emailed newsletter (when there is anything to report) and a holiday party. It is over. Do you want the same for Southern California Orchid Species Society? If so, do nothing, and it will die... But if you value this club, it is time to say “Yes!” if you are asked, and to raise your hand and volunteer if nobody approaches you, since we can’t know everyone who might be willing to participate. It is crunch time!

Editor’s Potting Bench

I am looking forward to traveling to Madagascar with the Orchid Conservation Alliance. This island is a biological “hot spot” with flora and fauna found nowhere else. I am eager to see the Madagascan orchids in their native habitats. To experience the environment in which a species grows, to feel it as well as to see it, is to gain orchid-growing insights beyond what one can gather any other way.

Any time that I am away for a couple of weeks, I do miss some flowers. I’m sure that the orchids are laughing at me. I am really hoping that the early *Laelia anceps* at least wait until my return... those spikes are getting very long, very fast. And they tend to not last very long. I usually don’t have any until close to November, but this year is decidedly different and there should be several in October if they keep developing at the current pace. This moment does seem to be in a bit of a lull in blooming—I always have something in bloom (the result of having a lot of plants, obtained at various times of the year), but not in the profusion of other months. So, I don’t think there will be TOO many disappointments. Some interesting things in the queue...

Here are a few things that will no doubt have to be enjoyed in pictures. *Dendrobium amabile* is a delightful outdoor grower. It already produced one spike (which didn’t cooperate for a meeting... besides, the plant is pretty big to transport) Now it has another ready to pop.



Dendrobium amabile

The inflorescence develops quite rapidly, and tends to catch one by surprise because it is hidden under the

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leaves until it becomes quite long.

A delightful miniature vandaceous species that also grows outside is *Haraella retrocalla* (also known as *Haraella odorata*). It is necessary to check this one occasionally, since the flowers tend to hide under the foliage, it is small, and since it needs shade tends to be tucked behind other things. It does produce several flowers sequentially on an inflorescence, so that if I miss one, I might get to see the next one. I tried this first in the greenhouse, where it didn't do well at all. Since I moved it outside, where it has lived for the last two years, it has bloomed quite regularly, typically once about now (late summer) and again in about two



Haraella retrocalla

months,. It is lightly fragrant

Scaphosepalum verrucosum, which I obtained as a \$7.50 special about 4 years ago, is finally getting big enough to have multiple spikes, and more than one flower at a time. It has the potential to be a non-stop bloomer, but it's not there yet. It does have more flowers than I have ever seen on it, so I am hoping that it will keep up the good work, and be suitable to bring to

a meeting eventually. It is probably better appreciated in a photo anyway, being quite tiny.

In the other direction, in the not-to-be-transported category, *Sobralia caloglossa* is just about to bloom with multiple spikes. It will start to bloom while I

am gone, but there should still be plenty of flowers to enjoy upon my return, since they are relatively long-lived as *Sobralias* go, and open sequentially. Growing fairly bright, it started blooming on new growths at only 7' or



Scaphosepalum verrucosum



Sobralia caloglossa

so. It is fragrant, I have only to get on a ladder for a whiff (easier at 7' than 15'!). A photo can be taken with a zoom lens, but there is no way to zoom one's nose!

See you in September!

Roberta Fox, Editor

Calendar of Events

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

- Riverside-San Bernardino Counties Orchid Society Show***
 September 12-14 (Friday 11 AM–5 PM, Saturday 9 AM–5 PM, Sunday 9 AM–3:30 PM)
 Sunshine Growers Nursery, 34017 Yucaipa Blvd., Yucaipa
 Info: rsbcos.org
- South Bay Orchid Society Show and Sale***
 September 20-21, 2014 (Sales Sat. 9-4 and Sun. 9-4, Show Sat 11-4 and Sun 9-4)
 South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes
 Info: www.southbayorchidsociety.com
- Fascination of Orchids International Show and Sale***
 September 27-28
 South Coast Plaza Village, 1631 Sunflower Ave, Santa Ana (Across from South Coast Plaza)
 Info: www.ocorchidshow.com
- San Diego International Orchid Fair**
 October 4-5
 San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas
 Info: www.sdbgarden.org
- Southern California Orchid Species Society Annual Auction***
October 12: Preview 12:30 PM, Auction begins 1:00 PM
 Kraemer Memorial Park, Backs Community Building, 201 Bradford, Ave. Placentia
 Info: www.socalorchidspecies.com
THIS IS OUR AUCTION!!!
- Southland Orchid Show***
 October 17-19: Friday 12-4:30 PM, Saturday and Sunday 10:30 AM–4:30 PM
 The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens, San Marino
 Info: www.orchidshow.org
- South Coast Orchid Society Annual Auction***
 October 27: Preview 6:00PM, Auction begins 6:30 PM
 Whaley Park, Clubhouse, 5610 Atherton St., Long Beach
 Info: www.southcoastorchidsociety.com



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ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION

Sunday, October 12, 2014
 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

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