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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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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

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 Lin selected *Epidendrum medusae*, grown by Roberta Fox, as his Speaker's Choice. Roberta grows this plant outdoors, in a fairly shady area. The plant is very soft and floppy, and must grow in a pendant manner. It was purchased attached to a small mount, but it was clear that the roots needed grow upward, with the plant hanging down. A flat mount seemed too restrictive. The solution was to use a small wood basket, inverted. The mount and roots were surrounded with some sphagnum moss inside the basket and tied in place. The wire hanger was attached to the bottom of the basket, so that the plant could grow in its natural position, hanging downward. The roots have started to grow into the side slats of the basket, so clearly the plant likes this arrangement.



Epidendrum medusae

Epi. medusae originates in Ecuador, where it grows on trees in wet cloud forests at an elevation of 5900–8800 ft (1800-2600 m). According to Charles Baker (cited in [Orchidwiz](#)) it grows in the southern Andes in several locations, including the area between Loja and Cuenca. In its native habitat it encounters cool nights, so our winters are not a problem. It would prefer more moisture than we typically get, so that this one gets watering and heavy mist every day at a minimum, more on hot summer days.



From the Member's Corner

Let's give a nice welcome to our two guests from this month's meeting: Regina Krisek and Al Serrato. We hope to see you again at the auction and after that at other meetings. **Please check your upcoming newsletter for the change of meeting room for November only.**

From me, personally, thank you to those of you who have stepped up to fill the upcoming Board and Officers positions for our Society. The new Officers will be: President - Darrell Lovell, Vice president - Nick Braemer, Secretary - Phyllis Adams, Treasurer - Susan Scheffler, Membership - Edie Gulrich. Board of Directors for 2015 - Ed Wise and Janet Roberson, 2016, Scott McGregor and Roberta Fox, 2017 - Marshall Lai and Dick Hess. Other positions: Newsletter Editor and Webmaster - Roberta Fox, Opportunity table - Dana Seelig, Refreshments - Yolanda Brown, Orchid Show Rep - Yolanda Brown, Orchid Digest Rep - Edie Gulrich. Thank you again for your help.

Edie Gulrich, Membership Secretary

President's Message

First of all, I want to thank everyone who stepped up and volunteered to hold office to keep our Species Society going. Our society was on the brink of dissolving because we lacked sufficient officers and board members to function within our bylaws. We are always open to your ideas and suggestions to help our Species Society grow and attract new members.

Our next big event is our annual auction on October 12th at 1:00 p.m. This is an important event for us as

the proceeds enable us to pay the monthly cost to rent our facility as well as other expenses. This is a great opportunity to acquire new plants for your collection. We will begin setting up at 11:00 a.m. and could sure use some volunteers to assist. I look forward to seeing you there.

Darrell Lovell

Patricia Rowland—In Memorium

Patricia I. (Pat) Rowland passed away on August 31, 2014 at her home in Garden Grove, CA. Pat was born in Garden Grove on May 15, 1923. Early in Pat's life she was a dry dock machinist for the Long Beach Naval Shipyards in CA during the war years. Pat married Lee Rowland in 1943. She was an avid artist, sculptor, jeweler, and potter making many art pieces, jewelry, and paintings throughout her life. She was still working on drawings and paintings within the last few months. Her and Lee's biggest passion in the past 50-60 years was raising and hybridizing orchids, specifically pioneering the hybridizing of upright miniature cymbidiums. The Patricia Rowland Collection produced many award winning orchids throughout Pat's hybridizing career or through collaboration with others, beginning in 1964. In 2000, Pat placed 2nd for the American Orchid Society Award for Outstanding Hybrid for a Significant Achievement in Hybridizing. As an American Orchid Society and Cymbidium Society of America accredited orchid judge, Pat participated in orchid judging at judging centers and orchid shows in the United States and abroad. She was one of the founding members of the Orange County Branch of the Cymbidium Society of America, as well as Orange County Orchid Society and Newport Harbor Orchid Society. She was also one of the founders of the Fascination of Orchids Show. The Rowland Collection supported many orchid societies throughout southern California. Although physically frail for many years, Pat's mind was always sharp and active. She will be profoundly missed.

Editor's Potting Bench

The auction team is hard at work collecting plants, and will be getting as many as possible pre-logged before the auction. The preliminary list will go up on the website, probably starting on the Friday before the auction, and being updated as we get items logged, up to Sunday morning. Check it and prepare your "wish list". For those who have taken log sheets, please send me your list of items and their lot numbers as soon as you can (either Excel or text, just send it). The auction is our source for the money to run the club, so come and bid actively! We will have some terrific items.

On a sad note, another light in the orchid community has gone out... Jane Brecht passed away on Sept. 15 at the age of 95. Many of us remember her and her husband Paul. Some of my earliest orchid acquisitions came from Brecht's Orchid Garden on Harbor Boulevard

in Costa Mesa. She and Paul were very active in several local clubs over many years.

My trip with Orchid Conservation Alliance to Madagascar was interesting, instructive, tiring. I still have to start the process of sorting through photos. We were a little early in the season for peak orchid blooming, but we did see some in bloom. It was a real treat to have Harold Koopowitz in our group, sharing his knowledge and indentifying so many of the plants. When one visits the habitat of the orchids that we grow, one gains insights that really can't be obtained any other way. We were definitely at a tropical latitude in the northern part of the island, at altitudes of only about 3000 ft (1000m) and it was quite chilly—45 degree nights, 60 degree days. Quite a few Angraecums are rather cold-

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tolerant, more so than one would guess from the elevation information. As an example, *Angraecum eburneum* grows at sea level (where it is fairly warm) but



Angraecum eburneum

also at the higher elevations where it was quite cool. More later...

As is always the case when I am away from my orchids for a couple of weeks, it takes several days to catch up with what is blooming. The sprinklers did their work, and nothing seems to have suffered much in the heat. Lots of new blooms greeted me, fortunately not too

many had done their thing completely in my absence.



Cycnoches herrenhusanum

I caught *Cycnoches herrenhusanum* just before the flowers faded—it had been tantalizingly close to blooming when I left. This photo I took the night that I got home, already a bit past its prime but at least I did get a brief look.

A little terrestrial orchid, *Pectelis sagarikii*, was just opening for the meeting, and it will be done by November, so I share it here. I obtained it as a dormant tuber in February. I kept it fairly dry until it sprouted, then started watering. The plant originates in the tropical areas of Thailand



Pectelis sagarikii

and Myanmar. It grows in the greenhouse.

I will see you at the auction at the October meeting. Also, this is a reminder that the November meeting will be at a different location (another park community building in the area) due to a schedule conflict. Be sure to check your November newsletter for directions!!

Roberta Fox, Editor

Calendar of Events

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

- **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
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- **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

- **Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Open House**
November 1 8 AM –5 PM, November 2 9 AM—4 PM
1250 Orchid Dr, Santa Barbara
Info: www.sborchid.com, sboe@sborchid.com, 800-553-3387
 - Laelia anceps Parade, Cymbidium Season Kickoff
\$7.50 specials
Other great fall bloomers

- **Cal Orchid Open House**
November 1-2
1251 Orchid Dr, Santa Barbara
Info: www.calorchid.com, calorchid@cox.net, 805-967-1312

- **Orchid Society of Santa Barbara Fall Show and Sale**
November 15 10 AM—5 PM (museum admission), November 16 10 AM—3 PM (free admission)
Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, 2559 Puesta del Sol , Santa Barbara
Info: fmorchids@hotmail.com or call SBOE



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