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**Newsletter deadline is the 25th of the month prior to the month of issue.**

Meeting is 2nd Sunday of each month, at 2 PM  
Kraemer Memorial Park  
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(Chapman and Bradford, parking off Bradford)

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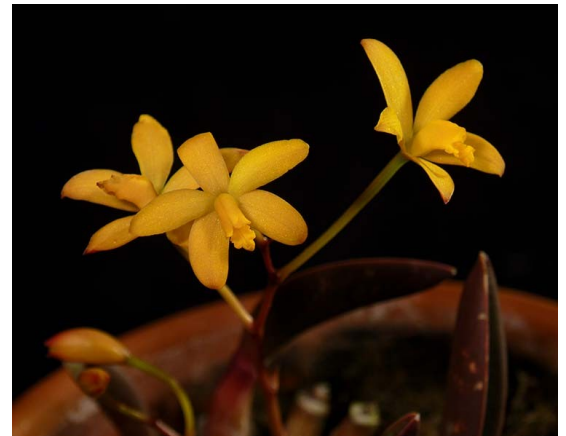
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**January 11, 2015**

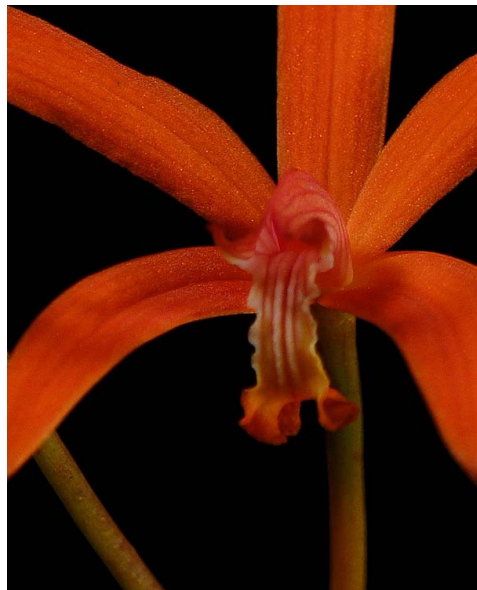
## Rupicolous Laelias of Brazil

**Tom Biggart**

Tom Biggart is the owner and head grower of GRANITE HILLS ORCHIDS IN El Cajon, California (a small town 15 miles east of San Diego). His nursery is a hobby business which means he doesn't make a living growing plants. It is more of a labor of love! Tom loves plants in general, and orchids are his main passion. He is very interested in Encyclias and has a large collection of Encyclia species and hybrids. The Australian cool growers are a current interest as well as Brazilian rupicolous Laelias. He is a retired elementary school teacher with orchids as his new students. He would love to have anyone stop by to talk orchids should one be in



**Laelia bradei**



**Laelia sanguiloba**

the San Diego area.

The past few years he and his wife, Neal, have gotten interested in Ceramics. In typical Biggart fashion they now have a throwing building, a glazing building, and a kiln yard with 3 kilns. His pottery is designed primarily for plants and can be seen at most of the local orchid shows and at the nursery. He would love to talk orchids and pottery with anyone interested!

## Speaker's Choice

December speaker Tim Culbertson selected *Mystacidium venosum*, grown by Peter Lin, as his Speaker's Choice because he loves little Angraecoids, and this one is beautifully grown. Peter grows this one in a greenhouse that gets down to 45 deg. F at night. He suspects that this plant would do fine outside, especially in more temperate areas closer to the coast. He does grow the related species *Mystacidium braeboniae* and *Mystacidium capense* outside.

According to Charles Baker, in [Orchidwiz](#), *Mystacidium venosum* grows in a wide variety of habitats in South



*Mystacidium venosum*



Africa and neighboring countries. It grows in hot, humid forests at sea level, and cooler mountains up to 4900 ft. (1500 m), as far south as the Cape, and north to Swaziland, near the Tropic of Capricorn. It also grows both in shaded and more exposed areas. It does like humidity, but needs to dry out, and had a rambling growth habit, so grows well mounted. This genus has prolific roots, and small leaves.

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## From the Member's Corner

We did not have any guests in December. My thoughts for the coming year....it's been wonderful to have new folks join us, to keep old friends with us and to move forward in our Society. Thank you one and all for a very good 2014 and many good wishes for a fantastic 2015! Happy Holidays.

Just an additional note, 2015 dues are now due. If you haven't renewed yet, you will receive a renewal form with your newsletter. The board meetings for 2015 will be in Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept and Nov.

*Eddie Gulrich, Membership Secretary*

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## President's Message

It's hard to believe that another year has passed! We ended the year with an excellent presentation on Sobralias by Tim Cuberson at our December meeting. Welcome to all the new board members. I'm looking forward to working with you in 2015.

On behalf of the Society, I would like to extend best wishes for a speedy recovery to Nick Braemer. We look forward to seeing Nick at future meetings.

Our first meeting of 2015 is scheduled for January 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be a board meeting immediately following the regular meeting.

Happy Holidays to all!

*Darrell Lovell*

## Editor's Potting Bench

Winter has finally put in appearance. The more tender orchids are safely tucked in the greenhouse, and the other 90 percent will persevere, as they always do. A very pleasant activity for a chilly winter evening is to curl up with a good book, and a special one has come to my attention (and then to my bookshelf), [Orchids of Tropical America: An Introduction and Guide](#) by Joe E. Meisel (Vice President of the Ceiba Foundation for Tropical Conservation), Ronald S. Kaufmann (UCSD professor, Director on the Board of the Orchid Conservation Alliance, and friend of, and sometime speaker at, our Society), and Franco Pupulin (Orchid Curator at the Lankester Botanical Garden in San José, Costa Rica) Each genus is described, identifying characteristics that distinguish it. The discussion includes information about the name (often with delightful wit, e.g. "The genus *Dracula* is named not for the Transylvanian plasma connoisseur but rather for the little dragons whose faces the flowers resemble...."), a bit on the habitat, and a discussion about the history, ecology, and challenges faced by the plants of the genus. A few species for each are illustrated as examples, since it would be impossible to cover very many of them within the scope of a very portable volume. Ron Kaufmann and Andy Phillips contributed many of the photos. Behind the succinct summaries there is an immense depth of knowledge possessed by the authors, so that within a very small space for each genus there is a wealth of information that is a pleasure to read. It is available on Amazon.com.

Take a look at the Events page of this Newsletter. We are moving into a very busy season for orchid events. The Orange County Orchid Society auction always has a huge selection of wonderful plants. Also in January there will be liquidation sale of plants of the Rowland Collection. Many of the Cymbidiums are in spike or in bloom. Pat Rowland's

breeding program was directed toward small and miniature Cymbidiums, so there are many plants that are floriferous in 1-gallon pots, great for those with limited space. (I don't know anybody whose space ISN'T limited...) Along with the Cymbidiums, there are Cattas, Paphs, and other groups. You will not hear "That one is not for sale"... All are for sale. February we'll discuss in the next newsletter... there will be lots of activity coming up.

With cooler weather, I think many orchids are breathing a sigh of relief. *Cleisocentron merrillianum* blooms several times a year. It produces new growths, and each of those has the potential for another group of slate-blue flowers. At the moment, my plant has two groups of flowers and another just starting, that will probably open about the time that



*Cleisocentron merrillianum*

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the first bunch fades. This Vandaceous species grows outside easily. An interesting note, when I brought this plant in for Show and Tell in August, the color was much paler, no doubt due to the heat.

Not quite so blue, but more of the classic coerulea is *Cochleanthes wailsiana*. This one does better in the greenhouse. Individual flowers don't last all that long, but it produces several of them at a time, and then produces some more in a month or two. It is lightly



**Cochleanthes wailsiana**

fragrant.

A delightful little Pleurothallid that does not seem to care about the weather (bloomed in the August heat, and is blooming now in the late December cold) is *Restrepea cuprea*. Individual flowers don't last long but there are quite a few of them, so maybe it will be cooperative at meeting time.

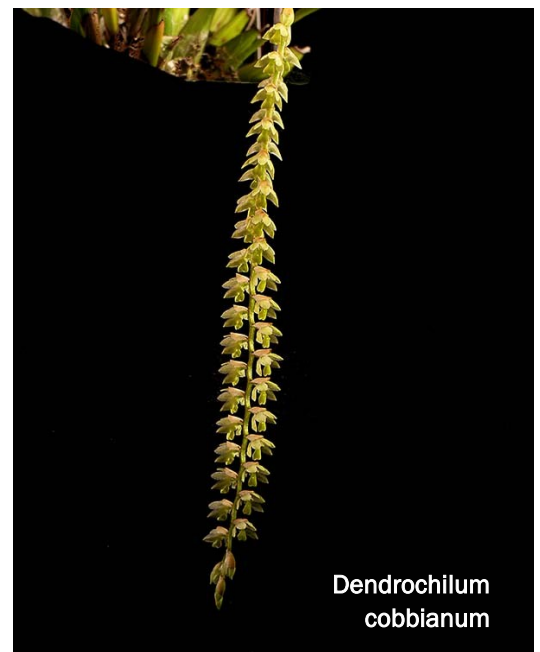


**Dendrochilum cuprea**

*Dendrochilum cobbianum* is just finishing for me. Greenhouse-grown plants bloomed earlier, but, as is often the case, the ones grown outside are delayed a bit. *Dendrochilum javieriense* is just getting started. Now, if it will just open more than one spike at a time to make a nice display...

Winter is an adventure because prediction is difficult—we have all had the experience of buds, that look ready to open, just sit there when the weather turns cold. I'm looking forward to seeing what YOU have blooming for the meeting.

*Roberta Fox, Editor*



**Dendrochilum cobbianum**



**Dendrochilum javieriense**

## Calendar of Events

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

- **Orange County Orchid Society Annual Auction\***  
January 21, 2015; 6:30 Preview, 7:00 Auction begins  
Yorba Linda Public Library Community Room, Lower Level, 18181 Imperial Hwy, Yorba Linda  
Info: Edie Gulrich 714-991-8661 [egulrich@att.net](mailto:egulrich@att.net) or Susan Scheffler 714-777-9553 [chefinyl@gmail.com](mailto:chefinyl@gmail.com)
  - **The Rowland Collection Orchid Plant Clearance Sale\***  
January 24-25, 2015: 10AM –3:30 PM Saturday and Sunday  
12446 Georgian St., Garden Grove  
Info: Theo Johnson 714-345-6578 or Roberta Fox 949-735-0699
  - **San Diego County Cymbidium Society Annual Auction\***  
February 7, 2015; Preview at 11 AM, Auction 12:00 PM  
Lake San Marcos—Lake Pavilion, 1105 La Bonita Dr, Lake San Marcos  
Info: [orchldy1@mac.com](mailto:orchldy1@mac.com) or (760)732-0555
  - **Cool Growing Orchid Society Annual Auction\***  
February 11, 2015; 6:30 PM Preview, 7 PM Auction Begins  
Garden Grove Masonic Lodge, 11270 Acacia Pkwy, Garden Grove  
Info: [www.coolorchids.org](http://www.coolorchids.org)
  - **Newport Harbor Orchid Expo\***  
February 13-15, 2015; 10 AM-9 PM Fri, 10 AM-7 PM Sat, 11 AM-6 PM Sun  
Westminster Mall  
Info: [www.nhosinfo.org](http://www.nhosinfo.org)
  - **Pacific Orchid Exposition\***  
February 20-22, 2015; 10 AM-6 PM Fri, 9 AM-9 PM Sat, 10 AM-5 PM Sun  
Fort Mason Center Festival Pavilion, San Francisco  
Info: [www.orchidsanfrancisco.org](http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org) or 650-548-6700
  - **South Bay Orchid Society Show and Sale\***  
February 21-22, 2015; Sales 10 AM—5 PM Sat and Sun , Show 12 PM—5 PM Sat, 10 AM—6 PM Sun  
Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Dr, Torrance  
Info: [www.southbayorchidsociety.com](http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com)
  - **Santa Barbara International Orchid Show**  
March 13-15, 2015 9 AM-5 PM  
Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara  
Info: [www.sborchidshow.com](http://www.sborchidshow.com)
  - **Orange County Orchid Society Orchid Mounting and Potting Workshop\***  
April 15, 2015; Orchid judging 7 PM, Orchid Workshop 7 30 PM  
Yorba Linda Public Library Community Room, Lower Level, 18181 Imperial Hwy, Yorba Linda  
Info: Nohline L'Ecuyer orchids @nohline.com 714-491-6660
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