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Kraemer Memorial Park
Backs Community Building, Main Room
201 N. Bradford Ave., Placentia
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Meeting begins at 1:00 PM this month!

Cattleyas of Brazil

Francisco Miranda



**Cattleya leopoldii
var. alba**

Francisco Miranda was born in Rio de Janeiro on February 6, 1956. He got his degree in Biology and begun his taxonomic studies in the orchid family in 1981. During the next 4 years, he lived most of the time in Manaus where he studied Amazon orchids and began his Master's degree. Shortly after returning to Rio de Janeiro, the Master's was completed on "section *Cattleyodes* of the genus *Laelia*". Since then, the main interest has been on the Brazilian laelias and cattleyas. He is the author of several papers ranging from species

descriptions to subjects of growers' interest in Brazilian, German and U.S. publications. He is also author of two books. Since 2000, he lives in Haines City, Florida, where he operates Miranda Orchids, an orchid nursery specializing on Brazilian species and the *Cattleya* alliance. He also guides trips to Brazil and frequently visits Brazilian habitats to find new and/or interesting orchid species.

Francisco will discuss the *Cattleya* species of Brazil. The talk will include discussion and photographs of the habitats in which these orchids are found.



Cattleya warneri

Speaker's Choice

May speaker selected *Epidendrum lacustre* 'Wow Fireworks', grown by Roberta Fox, as her Speaker's Choice. (You get to see these photos again...) This is the purple Panama form of the species. The Peruvian form has little or no red. This plant needs to be kept quite wet (sopping wet, actually), but also wants very bright light—essentially full sun, which is a bit of a challenge. It grows hanging above the *Cymbidiums*, with the *Laelia anceps* to get the light that it needs. The contradiction between the *L. anceps* that need to dry out and the *Epi. lacustre* that needs to stay wet in the same area is handled by the media—the *L. anceps* are mounted or in baskets with very large bark (or no media at all) and the *Epi. lacustre* is in moisture-retaining sphagnum in a plastic pot. It also is placed so that the misters that water the mounted plants daily also hit it. It has upturned leaves that capture water and channel it toward the roots.

The species grows from Central America through northern South America, as far south as Peru. It grows at an elevation of 1800–2400 m (5900-7800 ft) which explains its cold-tolerance.



Epidendrum lacustre 'Wow Fireworks'

From the Member's Corner

We had one guest in May, his name is Ken Krause. Glad to have you visit us, Ken, and hope we'll see you again real soon. **Note that we meet one hour earlier in June at 1:00 PM, not 2:00 PM (doors open at noon)**, due to a scheduling conflict with another group right after us. No new changes or additions this month. See you on June 14th at 1:00 PM.

Edie Gulrich, Membership Secretary

President's Message

Summer is almost upon us. I know this because my greenhouse has been invaded by ants, aphids and mealybugs! I decided to tackle the ant problem first. A fellow orchid enthusiast (Edie Gulrich) recommended Triazicide which is safe for pets once it dries. I mixed it according to the directions on the bottle and sprayed between plants, on the benches, and around the bench legs with good results. Now for the aphids and mealybugs! Bayer Advanced works well on aphids. No mixing is needed, but because it has a low residual, you may

need to spray more frequently. If I have a heavy infestation on a couple of plants, I spray Neem oil straight from the bottle. (*Ed. note: This would be a Neem oil product—pure Neem is waxy, like very thick molasses*) Neem oil is very effective but is more costly. This method seems to have solved my problems, and I didn't even need to wear a haz mat suit!

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting. (at 1 PM!) Until then, happy growing!

Darrell Lovell

Editor's Potting Bench

First, this is a reminder that the June meeting will start **an hour earlier than usual, at 1 PM**, so that we can vacate the premises at 3 so that the next event can be set up.

Orchid Digest Speakers' Day is coming up soon—the day before our meeting. If you are serious about orchids, this is the event of the year. Along with the usual quality speaker line-up, there are opportunities to purchase plants from a select group of vendors (who bring their best plants for the discriminating group of orchid lovers who attend), and an excellent dinner. This is an afternoon and evening to wallow in orchids. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://orchiddigest.org>, or by mail. Space is limited, so it is best to get your ticket in advance. I hope to see you there!

Mid-July brings the open houses at Cal Orchid and Santa Barbara Orchid Estate. Both growers will have lots of blooming orchids and some wonderful specials. On Friday, July 10 at 7:30 PM, Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Guest Author will give a lecture on Vanilla Orchids at the Fellowship Hall, Trinity Lutheran Church, 909 North La Cumbre Rd., Santa Barbara at a joint meeting of the Santa Barbara Cymbidium Society and Orchid Society of Santa Barbara. He will then be at the SBOE Open House for the rest of the weekend, with copies of his book on Vanilla species, cultivation, and production. At Cal Orchid, on Saturday July 11 starting at 10:30 AM there will be a session on *Neofinetia falcata*. There will be judging, Japanese style, and short talks by Jason Fischer (Orchids Limited), Satomi Kasahara (Seed Engei) and Kristin Uthis, who brought Glen Lehr of New World Orchids. In addition, Cal Orchid will feature their wonderful barbecue lunch.

After a little bit of a lull when the spring-bloomers were finishing up and the summer-bloomers not yet in bloom, things are heating up

Please mark your calendars and save the date:
Saturday, June 13, 2015.

Orchid Digest Speakers' Day:

Orchid Potpourri

Ahmanson Classroom in the Botanical Center
at the
Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical
Gardens, San Marino, CA

12:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Expert Lectures-Orchid Displays-Orchid Sales-
Silent Auction-AOS Judging-Dinner

Scheduled Speakers:

Steven Beckendorf—

"Searching for Orchids in Southeastern Peru"

Marc Hachadourian—

"Orchid Species You Should Not Try to Grow!"

Harold Koopowitz and Steven Hampson—

"Madagascar: Leaping Lemurs and Orchids"

Peter Lin—

"Trending Phalaenopsis Novelty Hybridizing"

Distinguished Orchid Digest Lecture:

Carol Woodin, "An Artist on the Orchid Trail"

Tickets:

\$65 (\$80 at door) for afternoon seminars, wine and
cheese happy hour, dinner and evening entertain-
ment.

Reservations available online at
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include phone number, e-mail address and mailing
address.

There is limited space, so don't wait to buy your ticket.

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Cuitlauzina pendula

again in my back yard. (I always have SOMETHING in bloom, as a result of having lots of orchids, from various sources and habitats acquired throughout the year, but it's a matter of degree.) *Cuitlauzina pendula* is in full bloom. It may still be in bloom for the meeting but I probably won't try to transport it—last year I discovered the hard way that while those spikes are pendulous, once they are ready to open, they harden and become very brittle. Therefore, I share it here. It is lightly fragrant as well as being, in my humble opinion, one of the most beautiful of the *Oncidium* tribe. This native of Mexico grows very well outdoors. It should be grown in a basket—the spikes emerge from the new growth, which may develop down the side of the basket and come out near the bottom.

Dendrobium cinnabarinum lives in the greenhouse. Its growth habit is similar to *Den. papilio*, with the flowers emerging from old, leafless, very thin canes. The canes act like they want to grow sideways, but when I unpotted the plant to consider mounting it, the large, fleshy roots looked like they needed some media. I used a mesh bag, surrounded the roots with medium bark, tied the bag at the base of the canes, and put the “sack” into a wood basket. I am hoping that the



roots will escape from the confines of the bag, and attach to the basket. I hang the basket sideways, and the plant looks much more natural than when I was trying to prop it up in a pot. The intense red of the flower is not all that unusual in other genera such as *Sophranitis*, but in *Dendrobiums* it is quite unique. I try to imagine what it would be like to encounter that intensely red flower floating in space in a forest in Borneo! According to Charles



Dendrobium cinnabarinum

Baker, It grows at a range of elevations, and would probably be OK outside most of the year. However, I don't want to mess with success so I think I'll pass on the temptation to try (unless I get another one).

My *Laelia purpuratas* are starting to emerge from their sheaths—these outdoor plants always run a bit later than those that are greenhouse-grown. The first to open this season is *L. purpurata* var. *roxo-violeta*. I am hoping that it will still be beautiful for the meeting I think this one is one of the most spectacular of this beautiful Brazilian species. There will probably be more to remind our speaker of home. Because of the huge number of color forms, one can never have too many of this species. Easy for me to say... I just added another growing area especially geared to providing more hanging space for those *Cattleyas* and *Laelias* that I just can't resist. I have found that all them, especially the larger plants, grow much better hanging in the breeze than on a bench because they dry out faster.

Roberta Fox, Editor

Calendar of Events * See flyer at www.socalorchidspecies.com, select the Events link

- **Orchid Digest Speakers Day***
June 13, 2015
Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens, San Marino
Info and ticket purchase: www.orchiddigest.org
- **Orchid Society of Southern California Annual Auction**
June 20, 2015; Doors open 1 PM, Auction begins 2 PM
Meeting Hall, First Christian Church, 221 South 6th St, Burbank
Info: www.orchidssc.org
- **Cal Orchid's Summer Hummer**
July 10-12, 2015
1251 Orchid Dr., Santa Barbara
Info: www.calorchid.com
 - Neofinetia falcata judging Japanese style Saturday Jul 11. Meet Jason Fischer, Satomi Kasahara, Kristin Uthis
 - Lots of specials all over the nursery. Sobralias blooming.
 - Delicious barbecue
- **Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Summer Open House**
July 10-12, 2015
1250 Orchid Dr., Santa Bargara
info: www.sborchid.com
 - Fragrant and exotic beauties of summer—Cattleyas, Laelias, Stanhopeas, and many others
 - Those wonderful \$7.50 specials
 - Guest author Dr. Ken Cameron, Vanilla expert
- **Fascination of Orchids International Show and Sale***
September 26-27, 2015, 10 AM—5 PM
South Coast Plaza Village, 1631 W Sunflower, Santa Ana (Corner of Sunflower and Bear)
Info: www.ocorchidshow.com



Laelia purpurata var. *roxo-violeta*

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