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**Newsletter deadline is the 25th
of the month prior to the month
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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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Coelogyne Arthur Pinkers

Arthur Pinkers has been an orchid enthusiast for almost 40 years. He grew up in the Seattle area, and Western Washington University, graduating with a BS in Chemistry and Biology. He and his wife currently live in Santa Clarita, California, where Arthur is learning to grow orchids under extreme conditions (hot and dry), very different from those in his native Pacific Northwest where a greenhouse is a necessity. He worked for many years as a chemist, and also held his dream job as lab director for Beall Orchid Company, until shortly before it closed in 1990.

His interest in orchids covers a broad range of types, with botanicals (the ones that are not commercially popular—the ones we love...) being of special interest. He has served most executive positions in the Northwest Orchid Society, including President. He has been an accredited orchid judge for 20 years, and is the center judging chairman for the AOS Pacific South-San Marino judging center. He was the center photographer for the Pacific Northwest judging region, and now serves as a center photographer for the San Marino and Long Beach judging centers.

Arthur will talk about the genus *Coelogyne*. This genus includes around 200 species, many of them very showy, growing throughout eastern Asia, the Philippines, Indonesia, New Guinea, and the southern and eastern Pacific islands.

Coelogyne sarasinorum



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Speaker's Choice

January speaker Janet Plested selected *Laelia praestans*, grown by Peter Lin, as her Speaker's Choice. Peter grows this plant in an intermediate greenhouse, with about 2500 foot-candles of light. He waters it about once a week. It blooms once a year, but produces growths twice a year, so gets large fast.

Laelia (Cattleya) praestans is native to southeastern Brazil, in the state of Espírito Santo. It grows on southeastern slopes (the shady side of slopes in the southern hemisphere) at elevations of anywhere from 1950-3300 ft. (600-1000 m). It receives heavy rain in summer, but throughout the year humidity is high and when rain is absent there is plenty of dew. It is part of the *Hadrolaelia* group, in which the flowers emerge from the new leaves, without a sheath.



Laelia (Cattleya) (Hadrolaelia) praestans



From the Member's Corner

Let's welcome the two guests that we had in January - Pam Austin and Betti Clarke. We hope you enjoyed your visit and look forward to seeing you again very soon.

Remember, in **March, April, and May** we will be meeting at the Whitten Community Center on Melrose. The detailed information will be in the newsletter for those months. During those months, the Backs Community Building will be undergoing renovation.

Edie Gulrich, Membership Secretary

President's Message

- February may actually be the start of our El Nino, so be sure to check your potting mix and protect your plants that need a dry rest (i.e., Catasetum, certain Dendrobiums). Continue to protect your plants from the cold. Try using a string of Christmas lights on your bench at night to add a few degrees of warmth.
- Hold off from watering if rain is in the forecast, most orchids like to be kept drier until Valentines Day. If there is additional humidity, I tend to hold off on watering. If the temperature is warm or Santa Ana conditions are being predicted, then water to avoid dehydration. This goes without saying, avoid watering excessively. Water in the morning and avoid wetting buds and flowers to minimize botrytis (fungal) spotting.
- Most of the medium that orchid plants grow in will

break down within one to two years. Continue to repot as you see new growth develop. When repotting, remove the old mix from the pot being careful not to break or crush too many roots. Hollow or mushy roots are considered dead and can be trimmed off (however, sometimes the dead roots have been helpful to stabilize the plant). Roots that feel solid are generally the living roots. The type of pot will be based on your individual watering practice, plastic, basket or clay.

- If you take the time to read this, e-mail me by 5:00pm on February 12, 2016 at atarrowbear@gmail.com. George will give you a ticket at the plant opportunity drawing at the February 14th Meeting.

Dana Seelig, President

Editor's Potting Bench

SCOSS will be putting in a display at the Newport Harbor Orchid Expo at Westminster Mall. We need plants! If you have blooming orchid species, you can bring them to the Westminster Mall on set-up day, **Thursday, February 11**, We'll need them by about 10 AM. We don't yet know exactly where the display room will be, so you can contact Yolanda Brown, Edie Gulrich, or me a day or two before for the latest instructions.

Do be sure to visit the Orchid Expo—I expect that some of the best plants will be there in our display, and so won't be on the Show and Tell table. And of course, it is a very convenient shopping opportunity. The next month or two is going to be packed with orchid-acquiring opportunities. A couple of vendors who donated to our auction (contact information on the last page) asked for mention of opportunities. Mariposa Garden will have sale days Feb 13, March 12, and April 9. Gustavo Aguirre of Orquideas Katia will be selling at the Santa Barbara show. If you would like to pre-order any of his Colombian orchids, contact me and I will send you a link to his plant list.

I think that the very long summer and late fall cool-down has affected a lot of plants. I am finding that a lot of the "winter regulars" such as Cymbidiums and Aus-

tralian Dendrobiums are a month to 6 weeks later than normal. (My Dens are just starting to show spikes.) On the other hand, the Laelia anceps season is still in full swing at my house, where it is usually pretty much over by now. I expect that the mix of plants at the early-spring shows is going to be very



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different this year. Should be interesting.

In the rest of this space, I will share a few things that will probably not make it to the meeting because, with any luck, they will be in our display. *Oncidium hyphaematicum* has two 6-foot spikes, and a third smaller one. I grow it outside most of the year, but did move it to the greenhouse when temperatures got down into the 40's, since it does prefer a bit of warmth. Fortunately, the spikes slowed their vertical growth and started to develop buds. Last year I had a spike that outgrew my longest stake, developed a nice arch, and then snapped from the weight of the flowers. That was sad!

Maxillaria scalariformis is very dramatic, with pink flowers among dark green leaves. It almost looks like a miniature azalea. This is definitely an outdoor grower that likes to be shady, and very wet. It thrives in sphagnum in a plastic pot. If it dries out, it will sulk and perhaps die. This is my second one, and I think I have figured it out. The first started to drop leaves and looked like it had crown rot—so I cut back water. Wrong. When damp, it does side shoots. Drier, it just gives up. This is my best blooming yet. This type of *Maxillaria* has been assigned to the genus *Camaridium*. However, I read in the current Royal Horticultural Society magazine *Orchid Review* that the splits in *Maxillaria* are being lumped again. Not changing tags...



Maxillaria scalariformis



Osmoglossum pulchellum



Osmoglossum pulchellum has been teasing me for several months, but I think (hope) that it will bloom in time. It grows outside nicely and is extremely fragrant. The flowers are quite long-lasting, and because all the spikes do not open at once, it can be in bloom for a couple of months. It may well make it to the March meeting.

Roberta Fox, Editor

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

- **Newport Harbor Orchid Society Orchid Expo***
February 12-14, 2016; Friday 10-9, Saturday 10-7, Sunday 10-6
Westminster Mall
Info: www.nhosinfo.org
 - **Newport Harbor Orchid Society Annual Auction**
February 16, 2016; Preview 6:30, Auction 7 PM
Costa Mesa Community Center, 1845 Park Ave, Costa Mesa
Info: www.nhosinfo.org, email auction@nhosinfo.org
 - **Pacific Orchid Exposition***
February 26-28, 2015; Friday and Saturday 9-6, Sunday 10-5
Fort Mason Center's Festival Pavilion, San Francisco
Info: <http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/poe.html>
 - **Santa Barbara International Orchid Show***
March 4-6, 2016
Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara
Info: www.sborchidshow.com
 - **San Diego County Orchid Society Show and Sale***
March 11-13, 2016; Friday 3-7, Saturday 9-6, Sunday 10-4
Scottish Rite Events Center, 1895 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego
Info: www.sdorchids.com or (916) 543-9078
 - **Central Coast Orchid Show and Sale***
April 2-3, 2016; Saturday 9-5, Sunday 10-5
South County Regional Center, 800 W. Branch St., Arroyo Grande
Info: www.fcos.org
 - **Cool Growing Orchid Society Annual Auction***
April 13, 2016; Preview and registration 6:30 PM, Auction begins 7 PM
Garden Grove Masonic Lodge, 11270 Acacia Pkwy., Garden Grove
Info: www.coolgrowingorchids.com
 - **Palomar Orchid Society Orchid Sale and Auction***
April 30, 2016; Sale and preview 9:30-11, Auction 11-3
The Pavilion at Lake San Marcos, 1105 La Bonita Dr., San Marcos
Info: www.palomarorchid.org
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