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Norito Hasegawa

Phalaenopsis Species and their Influence on Hybrids

We all know Dr. Norito Hasagawa as an expert on slipper orchids. As an AOS judge, of course he is also very knowledgeable about the other genera. This month he will share with us an exploration of the genus *Phalaenopsis*. He will begin with a close-up look at the *Phalaenopsis* species, and then discuss their influence on the hybrids.

Norito is the owner of **Paphanatics, Unlimited**, located in Santa Ana, California. Paphanatics, Unlimited has been specializing in *Paphiopedilum* since 1975, and he has been collecting, growing and studying orchids for over 30 years. His involvement has been at many levels as a hobbyist, author, and com-



Phalaenopsis bellina

mercial grower. He is co-author, with Harold Koopowitz, of the book "Novelty Slipper Orchids". He is also a former trustee of The American Orchid Society and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Orchid Digest Corporation. Norito travels internationally to keep orchid fanatics up to date on *Paphiopedilum* topics.

There will be a plant table. Along with the Paphanatics plants, there will be some treasures that we didn't have time to sell at the auction.



Phalaenopsis equestris

Editor's Potting Bench

Auctions are great! Along with supporting the club (that's what pays the rent and brings us all those outstanding speakers) we also get to ACQUIRE MORE ORCHIDS! And we didn't get through all of them... we will be making the remaining plants and other items available on plant tables and silent auctions in the coming months.

The downside... Early fall is a prime time for orchids to bloom (second only to spring) so I think that all of us had plants that were all dressed up with no place to go. That situation was, in fact, my inspiration for developing the current version of our website

<http://socalorchidspecies.com>

Have you looked at it lately? Along with my photos, I have been receiving contributions from several members (and would like to get MORE!) It's organized like a monthly Show and Tell session. Each plant appears in the month when I first received a photo (or mine bloomed). If I get another one later, I add the reference to the original entry. If you don't recall when a plant bloomed, or you search in the month when YOURS bloomed and don't find it, take a look at the Index of Plants, which is arranged alphabetically by genus and species, and gives you a link to



the month where the picture and discussion appears.

I think I have finally learned to grow *Phragmipedium besseae*! I had killed a couple of them by pampering in my greenhouse, and had another that was not looking good. Then I went to Ecuador, and saw them growing on exposed cliffs and road cuts! I decided that my surviving plant was not getting nearly enough light, and was staying too wet—in nature, they may have their roots in running water, but that water is aerated. I moved my plant outside, below the mounted plants. It is much brighter than the greenhouse (though light is still indirect), and being below my mounted plants, it gets daily watering. The mix is half coconut and half diatomite,

holding moisture but also lots of air. Southern California is cooler than the *Phrag besseae* habitat, but my plant (and other Phrags) seem to be fine, having gone through a winter. (Last winter was mild, if we had a harsh one, I'd probably try to get the Phrags into the greenhouse just through the worst of it).

I have a *Stanhopea oculata* that I got about 3 years ago. Each prior year, it would get ready to bloom, then the inflorescence would rot. I had this, and other Stan- (See: **Editor's Potting Bench**, Page 4)

From the Members Corner

Wow, what a day for the auction! Our crazy California weather went from nice and cool to HOT! Despite the slightly uncomfortable weather we did very well. The new computer system went very smoothly thanks to Janet and her brother Don...congrats. We had a few guests join us and I noticed quite a few orchids going out to their cars... Nohline L'Ecuyer, David Alexander, David Smith, Janice Krauss and Dean Rajudin. Thank you for coming and we look forward to seeing you at other meetings in the future.

From me personally, I would like to thank the following people, without whose help this would have been very hard to complete. Listed alphabetically: Phyllis & Doug Adams, Nick Braemer, Don Buist, Stephen Drake, Roberta Fox, Dorothy Goldberg, Jan Hennessey, Richard Hess, Irma Hughes, Joy Keyser, Marshall Lai, Bob Laughlin, Peter Lin, Darrell Lovell, Barbara Olson, Janet Roberson, Tim Roby, Susan Scheffler, Helen White, and Ed Wise....Thank you, thank you. Several people brought food, I didn't get your names, but a very big thank you for feeding us.

To our vendors, your generosity was fantastic, thank you.

Edie Gulrich, Membership secretary

President's Message

Dear Orchid Lovers,

We did it! The auction is over.....or is it???? We ran out of time - the auctioneers were fast and very knowledgeable but time is a hard task master to work with and very unforgiving . But the things that we didn't get a chance to bid on you will have an opportunity starting this coming meeting. We could have had more people but those that were buying were very generous and even though it was warm it was lively and lots of fun.

Prior to the auction we went over to Riverside to Cal West Tropical to pick up items for the auction. it is a treasure trove of products that work well for those of us that don't have greenhouses and want to grow miniature plants inside. That is the place to go - if they can't help you, there is Charley's Greenhouse which sells small things to help you with a set up.

There are lots of miniature plants. Each has a place in our homes and yards and "greenhouses" that we can all appreciate just as well as the large orchids by comparison. They are all so wonderful, some more than others, but still all beautiful. When you look at a very small species orchid you will truly say that they are incredibly and wonderfully made and so little! Besides you can grow them in a small area like an apartment in a large pickle jar. That is really exciting, to see an *Oncidium* bloom 2 blooms with a 3rd on the way. Save your large jars so you can have some fun too. Charley's also has tiny lights, and tiny fans. (<http://charleysgreenhouse.com>)

My thanks to all who helped with

their time, plants, food , picking up plants, all the many small things that were done to make this whole auction work and to be successful, which it was. Many thanks to Edie Gulrich for being the chairman and doing such a great job. Thank you all who worked on security. It truly went fast and accurately. Plus a Giant Thank You to Janet Roberson and Don Buist who worked on their new computer program to help us out. Thank you both, that program is a real keeper plus you both did an incredible job. We can't thank you enough, both of you.

Did you know that 18 species in the genus *Teagueia* have been discovered on 3 mountain tops near Baños, Ecuador? Have you seen pictures of

these orchids? **YOU CAN SEE them and learn more about the Orchid Conservation Alliance (OCA) in one of the most unique calendars we have seen..**It is a great learning tool and fun to study. The pictures were from a tour organized by OCA to view orchids in their natural habitat in Ecuador, and put in the calendar in a very different fashion,. **To support OCA, we are selling them for \$10** (standard price is \$15). These are a very inexpensive Christmas gift even if you use your phone as your calendar!

Bring a friend, to the next meeting!

Barbara Olson, President



Barbara's *Oncidium pusilla* growing in a pickle jar

Editor's Potting Bench (from page 2)

hopeas, under a tree fern right next to the mounted plants—shady and pretty wet. While the thin leaves of Stanhopeas do need protection from direct sun, I have seen them grown pretty bright. I moved this, and other Stanhopeas, into one of my new shade areas where they get lots of breeze, brighter light, and a little less water. That seems to have done the trick, because I got two spikes, the first of which had 4 flowers (the other had 2). It is a wonderful experience to go past a Stanhopea just as it opens with a burst of perfume. These flowers are frustrating to photograph, since they are so complex. There is not just one angle from which one can capture the essence of the flower. This view shows a lot of the detail of the



flower. However, looking from below, one can see that there is another set of dark spots, similar to the “eyes” that are visible in the side view. This feature is



easy to miss entirely if one does not peer underneath the flowers

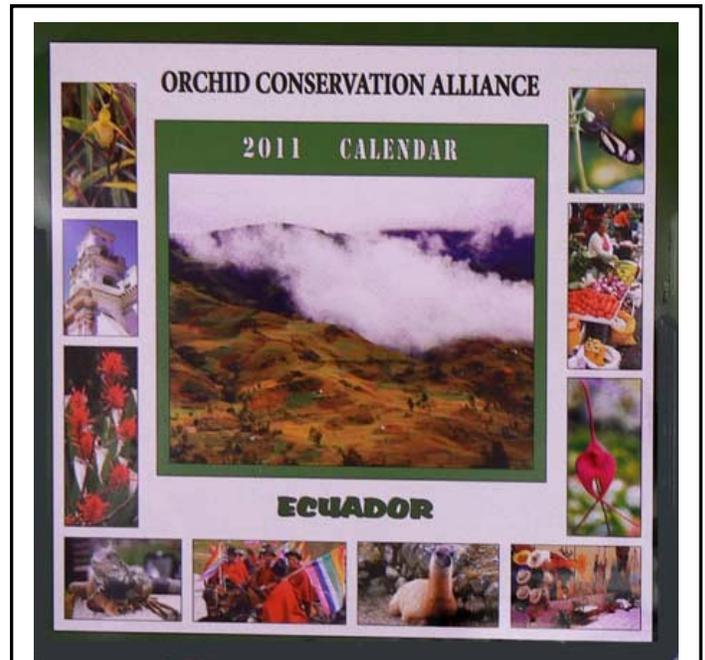
One more that I just have to share is *Laelia superbiens*. I got this one

at last year's auction, as a bare-root division. It seems to like its 10" basket with a 50-50 coconut and .diatomite mix, because this is what it did! The



pseudo-bulbs are almost 2' and the spike is 3', growing from the top of the pseudo-bulb. The head of flowers is about 1' across. This is not a miniature!

Roberta Fox,
Editor



Get your OCA Calendar (and more for gifts) at the November meeting. Dozens of photos, and loads of information about orchids, Ecuador, and OCA.

Only \$10!

Calendar of Events

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

- **52nd Annual Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Fall Open House***

November 6 8 AM to 5 PM, November 7 9 AM to 4 PM
1250 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara
sboe@sborchid.com— 800-553-3387 – www.sborchid.com

Laelie anceps in a wide variety of colors, Cymbidiums, lots of \$7.50 specials, and lots of other fall-bloomers. Annual silent auction (bidding now in progress). Contact by email, phone, or check website

- **Cal Orchid Open House**

1251 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara
November 5-7 9 AM to 5 PM
calorchid@cox.net—805-967-1312—www.calorchid.com

Lots of things breaking with sheaths, promising winter blooming. Maybe some orchids from South Africa. Light refreshments

- **Orchid Society of Santa Barbara Fall Show and Sale—"Orchids Run Amok"**

November 27 10 AM -5 PM, November 28 10 AM-5 PM (Thanksgiving weekend)
Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History
Contact sboe@sborchid.com for information

- **Casa de Las Orquideas Open House**

December 4-5 9 AM to 4 PM
170 S. Nardo Ave, Solana Beach
casa@orquideas.com—858-755-7572—www.orquideas.com

7000 new seedlings in 3" pots, thousands of Cymbidiums and Zygos in spike, Rowland Collection seedlings in 3" and 6" pots. . Andy's Orchids will also be participating

- **Sunset Valley Orchids Open House**

December 4-5
1255 Navel Place, Vista
fred.clarke@worldnet.att.net—760-639-6255—www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com

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