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Multifloral Paphiopedilum Species and Some of their Hybrids

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Norito Hasegawa is a retired dentist, an overextended hobbyist (considered commercial for tax purposes), is a 3 million miler travelling to many foreign countries talking and/or judging in places such as Japan, South Africa, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Germany, New Zealand, Taiwan, England, France, Switzerland and many many cities in the USA.



He is primarily a hybridizer of Slipper Orchids (Paphiopedilum) although his interests and collection of 15,000 orchids include miniature cattleyas, phalaenopsis, cymbidiums and variegated orchids of all sorts. He first became interested in orchids after seeing orchids in mass at the World Orchid Conference held in Long Beach in 1966. After he bought his first orchids, he failed miserably, but persisted in trying to grow them outdoors, and in no time he had hundreds. Now, he can't imagine his life without orchids. Orchids are an endeavor of science, taxonomy, hybridizing, art, sociability, quiet reflections, and mad parties—join the addiction and fun.

He is married to Joyce, with three children Lisa, Todd and Mark with paphiopedilums named after each of them. He is owner of Paphanatics, unLimited; a judge in both the American Orchid Society and the Cymbidium Society of America for over 35 years.



Paphiopedilum lowii

In this talk, Norito will try to cover all simultaneous flowering multifloral Paphs, how they are distinguished from one another, their characteristics passed onto some of their hybrids and some historical aspects.

Speaker's Choice

November speaker Ron Kaufmann wrestled with the difficult decision of determining his Speaker's Choice orchid. One that he had talked about in his presentation, or the one that he most wished that he could take home with him. The latter criterion won, and he selected the big, multi-spike *Stenoglottis longifolia* grown by Roberta Fox.



This South African native grows outside, in medium coconut husk chips with Perlite, in a 10" bulb pan. it

prefers open shade or filtered sun. With good light, the spikes tend to be longer, and there are more of them. Last year, it was overflowing a 6" pot, and next spring it will probably move to a 12" bulb pan. The shallow bulb



pan seems to be advantageous, giving the plant lots of surface area to spread out without having a lot of extra media to hold excess water.

From the Member's Corner

Welcome to our newest member Teresa Bartens, so glad you joined our family. Also, welcome to new member Yolanda Brown, who joined at OCOS, and also volunteered to serve as Orchid Show Rep along with Barbara! It was great to see Natalie Goldberg again, way too long between visits, come again real soon.

Well, the slate of officers for 2012 has been approved by the attending members at the November meeting. Here are the new Officers and Board for the new year to be voted on and installed at the December meeting: President - Darrell Lovell, Vice President - Barbara Olson, Secretary - Edie Gulrich, 2014 Directors - Wilma Wilson and Roberta Fox. The Southland Show Rep will now be known as the Orchid Show Rep. The Orchid Digest Rep - will be Barbara Olson., and Orchid Show Rep position will be shared by Barbara Olson and Yolanda Brown. Still open for volunteers (2 are better than just 1) is the Refreshment Chair. If no one steps up, each member will have to bring their own drink and snack. Dues are due on or before January 1, please renew on time so the roster can be completed in a timely manner. Thanks to everyone for their contribution.

Edie Gulrich, Membership Secretary

President's Message

As my time in office as President draws to a close, you all deserve a big thank you for your support that you have given so freely, and your kindness through these two years. They have gone so fast, and what fun it has been. Looking back at the things that have gone on, "amazing"; the group has grown in size and you supported all our serious projects with the Orchid Conservation Alliance to help raise money to support them and our Society.

Our trip to Cal Orchid and the barbeque, that was a delicious trip and fun also. We are selling calendars for OCA, don't forget to order your 2012 one for next year.

These projects help the society and help others to see what is being done through the Orchid Conservation Alliance to help save the orchids and the pollinators that pollinate the orchids. It certainly is a give and take situation, plus the conservation of the land. We must be good stewards of the land even if the land is in small parcels, every little bit helps.

Another way that we help to support orchids is through the subscription to Orchid Digest, as they are on the cutting edge and also discuss historical aspect of orchids. It contains any very interesting articles that blow your mind about the science of orchids and history and a few about the lat-

est news in Café from around the world. It has the most beautiful pictures of orchids you could ever want; they are like pinup pictures.

Ron Kaufmann, thank you for a glimpse at Colombia's beautiful country, gorgeous orchids and a very interesting talk. Hope to hear you share again.

Our installation is this next month and hope all of you will be able to be there. We will be having something special along with the installation so please put us on your calendar for that day. As always bring a friend.

Barbara Olson, President

Editor's Potting Bench

I can hear my orchids laughing. All sorts of things are blooming, and there is a shortage of orchid club meetings to show them off. Most of the clubs have holiday potlucks in December (meaning no Show and Tell). But at least for the orchid species, we'll be there! Bring them in... At any time of year, we miss some very beautiful orchids that have short-lived flowers that perversely bloom right after a meeting, or collapse and drop just before. Keep your camera ready—capture those wonderful blooms whenever they occur, and I will be delighted to put them up on the website. Here are a few tips. First, look at your photos right after you take them. (Digital photography gives us the luxury of instant feedback.) It's sad to discover two weeks later, after the flowers are gone, that the photo was out of focus. One can fix a lot of flaws in a suitable editor - crop to improve composition, adjust color to more accurately match the flower, even "patch" a bug bite or botrytis spot. But if the edges of the flower are fuzzy and fine detail is blurred, there's not much that can be done. If it is out of focus, take another picture. Also, consider the background. Some plants just can't be moved. If so, it is possible to "de-emphasize" a distracting background in Photoshop IF the "target" is sharp and well defined.

But it is better if that's not necessary. I use a piece of black velour (a very inexpensive remnant) as a background for almost everything. The black sets off the flower colors beautifully, and has the added benefit of hiding any stray shadows. Most photos benefit from at least a little optimizing. Photoshop Elements provides most of the Photoshop functionality that you are likely to need for a much more affordable price. If you just want to be able to do the basics, such as crop and adjust color/lighting, take a look at Irfanview, downloadable from www.irfanview.com. Price is right... it's free, and does have a lot of functionality in a very small package.

Here are a few orchids that may not make it to the December meeting because their bloom cycle just doesn't mesh with our meeting cycle. *Bulbophyllum echinolabium* is a sequential bloomer. The flower is about 12" tall. Unfortunately, each one does not stay open very long. After one drops, the next one takes two or three weeks to develop. The bud elongates until it is almost 8" long, then the dorsal sepal springs up to reveal the petals and the fascinating lip. I am quite sure that my big, beautiful *Laelia autumnalis* won't still be blooming

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Bulbophyllum echinolabium

producing one or two flowers at a time, so it might have at least one in bloom for the meeting. Actually, each “flower” is a cluster of little flowers with long, wispy segments.



Bulbophyllum medusae

by meeting time, so here it is with its three big spikes. This plant clearly likes to be mounted. I grow it in almost full sun, above the Cymbidiums. *Bulbophyllum medusae* is



Laelia autumnalis



I have written before about the value that I derive from Orchidwiz, especially for species. You may have looked at it and decided that you really did not need all the features that it offered, and so was not cost-effective for you. In the last month or so, the publisher of the program has introduced Orchidwiz Express, oriented toward the hobby grower. It does not have as many pictures (4,000 instead of 80,000), awards data, or the full Baker culture sheets. However, it still includes all of the basic culture data (including the habitat summaries from the Baker sheets), the hybrid references, including the species percentages and calculated culture information, the cross-references from the new genus and species nomenclature to the more familiar Sanders names (the names likely to be on your tags) and the Journal for keeping track of your own plants. At \$95, it is (in my humble opinion) a very reasonable investment in one’s orchid collection. For the price of three or four plants, it contains lots of information useful in keeping all of one’s plants alive and growing, both species and hybrids.

Roberta Fox, Editor

Calendar of Events

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

- **Orchid Society of Santa Barbara Show and Sale***
November 26-27, Saturday 10 AM—5 PM, Sunday 10 AM—3 PM
Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, 2599 Puesta del Sol Rd, Santa Barbara
Free with museum admission (\$10 adults, \$7 Seniors and Ages 13-17, \$6 Ages 3-12)
- **Casa de las Orquideas Open House**
December 3-4, 9 AM—4 PM
New seedlings, divisions of show and breeding stock Cymbidiums, and more.
Andy's Orchids will be special guest.
170 S. Nardo Ave, Solana Beach
- **Sunset Valley Orchids Open House**
December 3-4, 9 AM—4 PM
1255 Navel Place, Vista
Once-a-year discounts on all stock; New Zealand 'Kiwi Orchid Bark' \$20/bag
- **Mariposa Gardens Winter Festival***
January 14, 2012, 9 AM—3 PM
6664 South Street, Lakewood
www.mariposagarden.com 562-920-5528
Select from hundreds of pendants, thousands of standards in a broad spectrum of colors.
- **Orange County Orchid Society Annual Auction***
January 18, 2012 Preview at 6:30 PM, auction begins at 7 PM
Yorba Linda Public Library Community Room, Lower Level, 18181 Imperial Hwy, Yorba Linda
Info: dwarren@shipandshore.com or 909-396-0172
- **Newport Harbor Orchid Expo***
February 10-12, 2012
Westminster Mall
- **Pacific Orchid Exposition***
February 23-26, 2012
Fort Mason, Can Francisco
- **South Bay Orchid Society Show and Sale***
March 3-4, 2012 Sales 10-5, Show Sat. 12-5, Sun 10-5
Torrance Cultural Arts Center
3330 Civic Center Dr, Torrance
- **Santa Barbara Orchid Show***
March 16-18, 2012 9AM-5 PM
Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara



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