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Spectacular Orchid Specimen Plants

Peter T. Lin

This fast paced PowerPoint presentation will feature specimen plants of Orchids, including both species and hybrids. We'll take a look at how good culture, environment, and grooming can produce these spectacular plants. Be prepared to be inspired to create your own specimen plants at home!

Peter started growing orchids over 25 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 9 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again. He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society and a hybridizer of mini-catts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts, and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country. He also has hundreds of photos of his orchids that he maintains on Flickr. You can view them by typing this address into the internet: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/minicatt/collections/>

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His other interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He maintains a collection of a thousand or more orchids at his home in Southern California in 3 small greenhouses, as well as in the house under fluorescent lights.

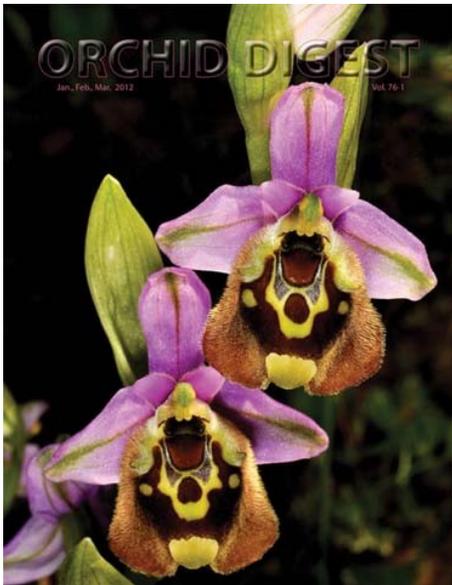
Peter will be providing the plants for this month's raffle table. There will be a nice selection of orchids, so be sure to buy your tickets! There will also be an assortment of species for sale.



Speaker's Choice

January speaker Carlos Ruiz chose the "most terrestrial" of the show-and-tell orchids, *Eulophia clitellifera*, grown by Tim Roby. Tim grows this plant in sand, outside. It goes completely dormant in the fall. In late winter, it sends up the flower spikes first. A month or so later, the leaves appear.

In its native habitat of southern and eastern Africa, it grows in grasslands that may be subject to seasonal prairie fires. Because the pseudobulbs are safely underground, they are protected. With the clearing of the grass due to fire and drought, *Eulophia* can emerge with the spring rain with less competition for water, sun, and pollinators.



Orchid Digest

To those who don't subscribe to Orchid Digest.... Why not ??? Look at the picture on the cover, don't you wonder where this orchid comes from? Well, it comes from Crete. You can see the picture on the front desk where Edie sits, the magazine is in a stand. Have a look, you can't beat this magazine with any other, it is quality through and through. Information galore and great reports from a variety of authors. You love orchids? You'll love Orchid Digest. Order it now and get the next issue for your own.

Barbara Olson, Orchid Digest rep.

From the Member's Corner

Unfortunately there were no guests or new members this month, but a good selection of plants for sale! Keep them coming. If you haven't paid your dues by now, you will not be included in the 2012 Roster, and this is your last newsletter. We still need someone to step up to help with the snacks, coffee, etc. Just think about it, it doesn't take a lot of effort and the thank you's that you'll get will be worth it!!!

One of our fellow members has been in the hospital, Wilma Wilson, and is currently recuperating at her daughter's, but she's not out of the woods yet, so let's keep her in our minds and prayers. Thanks. See you at the meeting.

Edie Gulrich, Membership Secretary

President's Message

In case you missed our February meeting, you missed a good speaker – Carlos Ruiz. The topic of his presentation was California Orchids. It's amazing to know there are a number of orchids that grow wild in Orange County, some in Santiago Canyon. There are even orchids growing wild in Death Valley of all places!

We won 3rd place at the Westminster Mall Orchid Expo. There were

many people eyeing our table even before set-up was completed! Congratulations to our own Roberta Fox who won 2 individual trophies. I would like to thank all those who donated plants. Special thanks to all those who helped set up and take down our display: Barbara Olson, Yolanda Brown, Roberta Fox, Edie Gulrich, and Marshall Lai.

The weekend after our March meeting is the Santa Barbara Orchid Show (March 16-18). This one is not to be

missed! Two years ago, even Huell Howser was there!

Sadly, we have lost a member of our society. On January 30, 2012, Harold Buist passed away after suffering a stroke. Harold was the father of Janet Roberson who is also one of our members. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Janet and her family.

Darrell Lovell, President

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all that helped to make the Westminster show successful! We can't say enough about our wonderful, and generous growers that brought and sent flowers for the show, and those that helped to set up, get everything in order. Numbered tags were used to help find the plants instead of labels, and it looked great. Thanks, too, to all those that helped to take down and pack up the plants etc. All you people are indispensable, it is so special to have willing people to work with.

We had 39 plants; we only expected 15 to 20 max. We were able to shift the design around to take the abundance so you could still see the incredible orchids without crowding them, before we finished we had people taking pictures of our unusual orchids with lots of oohs and ahs. It was fun to see and when all was said and done lots of ribbons and trophies and our exhibit took 3rd place and we're really grateful for that! ...Thank you all, it really did take many individuals and effort to make it happen.

Barbara Olson, Orchid Show Representative (and Designer-In Chief)



Editor's Potting Bench

This month, the Potting Bench is dedicated to a tribute to our prize-winning display, and the intrepid team that made it happen. Planning a display is always a bit of a shot in the dark. Particularly with the species orchids we love, one can never be sure what is going to be in bloom and at its prime. So many of the very charming ones are too little, or have a bad habit of closing up during the day, or otherwise not helpful. Last year there just wasn't much to show, and so Barbara and Yolanda came prepared with a beautiful plan that would let us "stretch" the plants to make good showing. But, this year the weather has been perfect for many, and early, blooms, and we had a bumper crop of excellent plants. So, with much debate, and trying of multiple approaches, they, and the rest of the team, melded the core of the planned concept with the plants, used the best of the plants to great advantage. The result was a design that showcased the orchids in an overall



A label for every plant is an important judging criterion.

rosette and a blue ribbon. Expect to see a piece of it on the auction table next year, there should be some bulbs to spare. Some of my other "orclectic" plants got blue ribbons too... The odd ones do get attention. YOUR turn next year! It's fun to share our orchid species passion!

Roberta Fox, Editor



The team at work

pleasing design. The AOS judges who judged the displays thought so too, and we won a third-place trophy!

OK, your editor did clean up... my *Pterostylis curta* (pictures in the February newsletter) won the Best of Class and Species Culture trophies, along with a



Finishing touches

Calendar of Events

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

- **South Bay Orchid Society Show and Sale***

March 3-4, 2012 Sales 10 AM-5 PM, Show Sat. 12 PM-5 PM, Sun 10 AM-5 PM
Torrance Cultural Arts Center
3330 Civic Center Dr, Torrance

- **Mariposa Gardens Open House***

March 10, 2012, 9 AM—3 PM
6664 South Street, Lakewood
www.mariposagarden.com 562-920-5528
Come early for best selection. New varieties and “show only” Specials at every show

- **San Diego Orchid Society Show and Sale***

March 9-11, 2012, Friday 3-7 PM, Saturday 9 AM—6 PM, Sunday 10 AM—4 PM
Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino del Rio South, San Diego
Info: www.sdorchids.com or 760-529-2947

- **Long Beach Amateur Orchid Society Annual Auction***

Monday, March 12, 6:30 PM Preview, 7 PM Auction Starts
St. Gregory's Episcopal Church Hall, 6201 E. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA
Info: www.lbaos.com, email info@lbaos.com, phone (562) 431-7025 or (714) 897-2892

- **Santa Barbara Orchid Show***

March 16-18, 2012 9AM-5 PM
Earl Warren Showground, Santa Barbara

- **Central Coast Orchid Show and Sale***

March 31—April 1, 2011 Sat 9-5, Sun 10-5
South County Regional Center, 800 W. Branch St., Arroyo Grande
Info: www.fcoc.org or 805-929-5749

These vendors have generously supported our Society at the last Auction, and throughout the year. Please support them with your business. When you visit them, let them know that you are a member of our society. They need to know that our Society supports them.

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