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Paphiopedilums: Parvisepalum Group A Discussion of the Species and Their Hybrids

Norito Hasegawa



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.

In this talk, Norito will discuss the species of the parvisepalum group of Paphiopedilums, how they are distinguished from one another, their characteristics passed onto some of their hybrids and some historical notes.



Paphiopedilum delenatii

Speaker's Choice

November speaker Edie Gulrich selected this very floriferous *Catasetum callosum*, grown by Richard (Dick) Hess. Dick grows the plant in a greenhouse, hanging above his *Phragmipediums* (so, in an area with lots of moisture, and quite a bit of light). These plants need to go quite dry during the winter.

Like *Catasetums*, the plants are capable of producing either male or female flowers (or sometimes both at the

same time, or in the same season). These are all male flowers. If touched, the triggers on the front of the flower can throw the pollinia several feet.

Ctsm. callosum is native to much of northern South America, growing primarily at elevations from 1600-5600 ft. They are most common in warmer regions of the coastal areas.

Catasetum callosum



From the Member's Corner

There were no visitors this past Sunday, but some very nice surprises on the refreshment table. Thank you to whoever brought them.....so good! We will have a new President come January, Tim Roby has agreed to lead us for the next two years. Please give him your support in any way possible. We were all new to our positions when we started and it's good to have help when needed. Thank you Tim!!

As I mentioned in my talk (thank you for putting up with me), Jay Pfahl's website (www.orchidspecies.com) is a great source of info, so it is very worthwhile to contribute a minimum to \$10 to help him continue to acquire the resources that he uses. As a club, it's something to consider as well, which we can bring up at the next meeting.

This is a reminder that 2014 dues are due on Jan 1. Thank you to all who paid at the auction. IF you didn't take that opportunity, I will be happy to take your payment at the meeting!

For those who attended Sunday's meeting and thought my talk was little short, well, yes it was, I forget the last page of my notes! Most important aspects of *Bulbos* as well as other orchids: Water - varied according to how its contained, hung, potted or in baskets by location and season, Air - always good air circulation, Light - know what your *Bulbos* require, check resources available to get it as close as possible to what they need, Pests/Problems - check regularly, while watering really look at your plants. If a plant is not doing well where you have it, try moving it a short distance away from that location, but be sure to give it time to adjust to its new location, water air and microclimates caused by nearby plants can have an effect, so give it time. Thank you for your patience at the meeting.

Edie Gulrich, Membership Secretary

President's Message

Hello everyone,

Our November speaker was our very own Edie Gulrich! Edie's presentation topic was Bulbophyllums. Her collection contains over 100 different Bulbophyllums, and she does a pretty good job of keeping them alive (unlike me)! Edie shared some helpful information on cultivation and care of these challenging plants.

Thanks to all who participated in the Show & Tell portion of the meeting. We had a great variety of plants.

One of the varieties presented by Daniel Geiger was so small that he brought a microscope with which to view it.

I'm happy to announce that the Board of Directors voted unanimously to name Edie Gulrich and Susan Scheffler as honorary members for their outstanding service to the society. Thank you and congratulations to both of these hard working ladies! The board also discussed the possibility of having a display at the Newport Harbor Orchid Expo in February. More information will be forthcoming.

I hope to see you in December as we wrap up another productive year!

Darrell Lovell, President

In memoriam

Howard Gunn, who managed a trip from Sacramento to speak to us nearly every year for many years, passed away on October 27. His vast knowledge of orchid species was gleaned from many world travels as well as his long experience as an orchid grower. He was a founding member of the Paph Guild, and a long-time member of SCOSS.

His wife, Joan, is committed to learning to grow orchids, and maintaining his orchid collection. We hope to see her soon.

Editor's Potting Bench

I want to second Edie's appeal for members to give a bit of financial support to Jay Pfahl's website www.orchidspecies.com (Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyclopedia, IOSPE) I feel very strongly that one should support "free" resources that one uses—like public radio and TV, access to IOSPE is free but the production is not. Everything Jay gets is plowed back into the website, either to obtain the reference books for the information or for the hosting service to keep it on the Web. Subscription information is on the site. While I'm in fundraising mode, do remember that the Orchid Conservation Alliance is raising funds to purchase additional land in the Serra Bonita Reserve in Brazil. Peter Tobias presented a program to us on the subject a few months ago. Every dollar contributed before the end of the year will be matched by the World Land Trust, so they get even more bang for the buck. Information on the Reserve, and on contributing to the project, can be found on the newly-redesigned OCA website www.orchidconservationalliance.org.

I certainly enjoy my annual "adventure trips" but am also always frustrated by the orchid blooms that I will miss while I'm gone. Most of the flowers last long enough that if I don't get to see them before I leave, they'll still be at least somewhat presentable when I return in a couple of weeks. But there are some short-lived ones for which I just have to sigh and "wait until next year". I think especially of *Laelia anceps*. The only fault that I find with these wonderful, robust plants is that the flowers tend to last not much more than a week. Fortunately, I have a lot of them, at different stages of development, and most of the early ones are large enough to have more than one spike—so I might get at least some early-bloomers holding until I get back. I don't know if my experience is matched by yours, but this year I'm noticing the *L. anceps* are running somewhat later than they did last year when they started in October and were mostly done by the end of December. This year, the first is just opening in mid-November. So I may be in luck. This one is the first of my *L. anceps* collection to open.

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Laelia anceps var. *lineata* 'Disciplinata'

My conditions are marginal for many *Masdevallias*, and I have killed quite a few, so when one reblooms and thrives, I am particularly delighted. I got this *Masdevallia ignea* at the San Francisco show in February, and its bud is just about ready to pop. I really do hope to see it either before I leave or when I return.

Paphiopedilum insigne has opened about three



Masdevallia ignea

months earlier than it has done for me in the past. It is possible that it still may produce another bloom cycle at the usual time. As *Paphs* get larger, the individual growths do have the potential of blooming at different times. This robust, cold-tolerant species (and the closely-related *Paph. villosum*) seem to thrive on much more light than most of the genus. I grow both with some of the *Cattleyas*. These flowers tend to be pretty long-lived, so will probably still be fine upon my return.

The secret to keeping the orchids happy when one is absent for awhile is a good watering system. Mine has served me well. Anything that isn't reached by the automatic sprinklers can be temporarily moved so that it gets watered. The greenhouses are also on autopilot. Even when I'm home, that system makes caring for my orchids much easier. I'd be happy to dispense advice for anybody



who wants to set up a system! It is easy and relatively inexpensive.

Roberta Fox, Editor

Calendar of Events

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

- **Orchid Society Of Santa Barbara Orchid Show and Sale***
November 23-24; Saturday 10 AM—5 PM, Sunday 10 AM—3 PM
Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, 2599 Puesta Del Sol Rd, Santa Barbara
Info: fmorchids@hotmail.com
 - **Casa de Las Orchideas Open House***
December 7-8; 9 AM—4 PM
170 S. Nardo Ave, Solana Beach
Info: casa@orquideas.com, www.orquideas.com, 858-755-7572
 - **Sunset Valley Orchids Open House***
December 7-8; 9 AM—4 PM
1255 Navel Place, Vista
Info: www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com, 760-310-0778
 - **Andy's Orchids Open House***
December 7-8; 9 AM—4 PM
734 Ocean View Ave, Encinitas
Info: info@andysorchids.com, www.andysorchids.com, 760-436-4239
 - **Newport Harbor Orchid Expo 2014***
February 7-9, 2014; Friday 10 AM—9 PM, Saturday 10 AM—7 PM, Sunday 11 AM—6 PM
Westminster Mall,
Info: www.nhosinfo.org
 - **South Bay Orchid Society Show and Sale***
February 15-16, 2014; Saturday and Sunday Sale 10-5, Show Saturday 12-5 and Sunday 10-5
Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Dr., Torrance; Adult Admission \$7
Info: www.southbayorchidsociety.com
 - **Pacific Orchid Exposition***
February 21-23, 2014 Friday 10-6, Saturday 9-6, Sunday 10-5
Fort Mason Center's Festival Pavilion, San Francisco
Info: www.orchidsanfrancisco.org
 - **Santa Barbara International Orchid Show***
March 14-16, 2014 9 AM—5 PM
Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara
Info: www.sborchidshow.com
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