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Kraemer Memorial Park
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201 N. Bradford Ave., Placentia
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Tolumnia Species and Hybrids

Nico Goossens

Nico Goossens will discuss the genus Tolumnia, the new genus name for 'equitant oncidiums', and their culture. Why do we have a hard time growing these wonderful little gems? Why are they such attractive little bloomers?

He started growing orchids in around 1976 and had been mainly outdoor growing till 1996. This is when he and Lisa built their backyard greenhouse and started their business, Lico Orchids and Flowers, selling orchid flowers wholesale to the floral trade. This eventually led to selling orchid plants retail (into the new millennium) to the public mainly at orchid shows. He and Lisa love species orchids and their selection of sale plants grew from their experiences and purchases to their collection. They strive to make available species and hybrids that are easy to grow in southern California. However, they have and continue to learn how to manage the much harder plants to grow and thus expand their offerings.

Nico's first love for Tolumnias came during the late seventies, when these little jewels became very popular through the breeding of W.W. Goodale Moir out of Hawaii. He first struggled to grow them well and suffered many losses. When he started to understand the culture of these, then called Oncidiums, he learned why plants growing spectacularly in Hawaii, struggled to grow here.



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Tolumnia variegata

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Now with hybrids becoming available from other breeders outside of Hawaii, and understanding their culture, we now can grow these wonderful bloomers much more easily in Southern California. He will cover their culture and what to do when conditions are somewhat fatal for these orchids

Speaker's Choice

December speaker Norito Hasagawa selected *Paphiopedilum insigne* 'Harefield Hall', grown by Ed Wise. Ed describes this as "Paph. insigne on steroids". It is much larger than a "normal" *Paph. insigne*. A question arose during the discussion of this plant as to whether it was of higher ploidy (more sets of chromosomes) than the normal diploid. Ed did not have the answer at that time, but reference to the award description provided it. The plant received an AM/AOS in 1994, exhibited by Stewart's, and was described at that time as a triploid (three sets of chro-



mosomes instead of the normal two). So, as is often the case, the extra set of chromosomes did lead to an increase in size.

Ed grows this plant in a greenhouse. However, *Paph. insigne* also grows well outside, and can tolerate more sun than most *Paphs*. It is native to northeast India, at elevations from 3280–4920 ft (1000-1500 m). Plants grow in the light shade of shrubby vegetation. They often occur on outcrops of dolomitic limestone overhanging rivers, or near waterfalls. The roots are normally embedded in soil or moss. (Reference: Charles Baker, in [Orchidwiz](#))

From the Member's Corner

Welcome to our latest member, Rose Marie Rodriguez, who came to the auction and is now a member. There were no guests this month. This month is the start of a new year, please remember your dues are now due. Yolanda provides the drinks, please help her out by bringing finger foods. Thank you, Happy Holidays.

Edie Gulrich, Membership Secretary

President's Message

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday with family and friends.

This will be my last President's Message. I must admit that I was very apprehensive at the beginning of my term. Public speaking is way out of my comfort zone! I became a bit more comfortable with each meeting, and I now realize that I would not have traded this experience for anything! I've met so many wonderful people and learned so much. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support and input.

Congratulations to our new president, Tim Roby. Tim has been a great help and an enthusiastic supporter of our society.

See you at the next meeting!

Darrell Lovell, Outgoing President

BOARD MEMBERS NOTE: *There will be a board meeting after the general meeting.*

Editor's Potting Bench

Great job, Darrell! Thanks, Tim, for taking the baton (or gavel, as the case may be)!

Oh, I love California! While the rest of the country is battling the white stuff or torrential rain or both, orchids are blooming and budding all over my garden. I think, in fact, that things are blooming at a more "normal" time than they have for awhile. The Mexican



Laelia anceps

Laelias (anceps, gouldiana, and autumnalis) are putting on a spectacular show. For *L. anceps* in particular, the flowers don't last all that long, but an advantage of having 'way too many plants is that I get treated to several months of them. The first ones bloomed in mid November, but there are still a few that are waiting in the wings so I should have some until the end of January, at least. *Laelia superbiens* (*Schomburgkia superbiens*) doesn't bloom every year for me, but this year it teased

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Laelia superbiens

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Laelia gouldiana

me for about 6 months with a spike that just kept getting longer. It finally bloomed. That's one that won't make it to a meeting... the spike is nearly 5 ft. long, I don't think it will fit in the car. The flowers are a bit floppy and the arrangement tends to be rather unruly,, but think of it as a burst of fireworks. And the flowers only LOOK fragile—actually, they have good substance, and tend to last quite a bit longer than *L. anceps*.



Laelia autumnalis

Just because they are all in bloom at the same time, I thought it would be fun to share photos of all of this group. *L. anceps* of course has many, many color forms. So for that one, I just picked one that fits with the color scheme.

All of these grow under pretty much the same conditions. They don't do much in pots until they get past the edge, so they clearly don't want to be potted. All of them are either in baskets or mounted. *L. anceps*, *L. gouldiana* and *L. autumnalis* grow hanging above the *Cymbidiums*, getting maximum light and air movement. *L. superbiens* prefers just a little less direct light, so it's in a somewhat shadier spot. All four of them are fine with winter night temperatures into the low 30's.

Just a note, if you are planning on mounting any of them, now is the time because if they aren't already doing so, they'll be putting out new roots very soon. Even if they're in bloom, if new roots start to appear, don't wait, because those are the ones that will grab the mount.

Take a look at the Events page—show season (with a couple of auctions) is right around the corner. The first show is the Newport Harbor Orchid Expo at the Westminster Mall, February 7–9. I'm looking forward to helping on our Species display. If you have blooming plants, we need them! We'll be setting up in the morning on Thursday February 6.

Roberta Fox, Editor

Calendar of Events

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

- **Orange County Orchid Society Annual Auction**
January 15 , 2014 - 6:30 PM preview, 7 PM Auction starts
Yorba Linda Public Library, Community Room, Lower Lever, 18181 Imperial Hwy, Yorba Linda
Info: Anne-Line Anderson 714-446-9283 or Rosa Laursen 714-528-7003
 - **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
 - **Orange County Branch CSA Annual Auction**
February 12, 2014–6:30 PM preview, 7 PM Auction starts
Garden Grove Masonic Hall, 11270 Acacia Pkwy, Garden Grove
Info: www.ocbcsa.com
 - **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
 - **San Diego County Orchid Society 2014 Show and Sale***
March 21-23, 2014: Friday 3 PM-7 PM, Saturday 9 AM-6 PM, Sunday 10 AM-4 PM
Scottish Rite Center, 1894 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego, CA; Adult admission \$7
Info: www.sdorchids.com or (760)529-2947
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