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Whitten Community Center

900 S. Melrose , Placentia

(until further notice)

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ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION

Sunday, October 9, 2016

Whitten Community Center

900 S. Melrose St., Placentia

Preview at 12:30 PM

Auction starts at 1 PM

Auction! Auction!

Note the earlier starting time. We will have lots of outstanding plants and orchid-related items for you to buy. This is the principal source of funds for the society—the proceeds support the speaker programs for the year. Come early to preview the plants, then **BID, BID, BID** and go home with some wonderful treasures! Start checking the website Wednesday, October 5 and come back often to see what we have, and information about the plants.

Speaker's Choice

September speaker Doug Overstreet selected the group of *Habenaria medusa*, grown by Richard (Dick) Hess, as his speakers's choice. There were three plants, each with a long spike of wonderful, fringed flowers. During the warmer months, Dick grows these outside in a sheltered area next to his greenhouse. In winter and early spring, these terrestrial plants go completely dormant. They can move into the greenhouse taking up minimal space, and receive little water until late spring when the cycle begins again.

Habenaria medusa is native to the islands of Sumatra, Java, Borneo, and Sulawesi, at elevations of a few hundred to 3000 ft. They experience a significant dry period. They do receive dew, so do want a little moisture while they are dormant.

Your editor got a second chance to photograph the plants at the Cool Growing Orchid Society meeting a few days later (one spike broke, so only got two, but photos are better.) These really did need the portable black background to show the beauty of the flowers.



Habenaria medusa



From the Member's Corner

From the Members' Corner, we had 2 guests in September, John Woodhouse and Glenda Urmacher, who also became a member and represents the the Botanical Gardens in Palos Verdes. Welcome to both, see you next month.

Now for the great news, it's **Auction Time** and time to get some new beauties for your collection. This year, in addition to our regular group of wonderful vendors, we will have plants from the Thornton and Huntington collections, all outstanding plants. We need a volunteer to help with the paddles and some folks to bring some finger foods for snacking. You know how we are about snacks!! If you think you'll have something to donate to the auction, please let me know and I'll send you a registration list with stickers for your items; that way Roberta can put together a list. We'll also have a new auctioneer this year, Janet Roberson, a very funny gal, will lead the bids this year. So brings friends, snacks and money and get ready for a wonderful day! So looking forward to seeing all of you on October 9th. See the front page flyer for location and times. Volunteers, please be there at 11:00 AM for setup.

Edie Gulrich, Membership Secretary

Editor's Potting Bench

The big news is our annual auction! This is where you can provide the support that the club needs to operate for the year, and also enhance your own collection. I have a bit of a preview of what will be offered since I'm doing the data-management including getting all those plants and their numbers into the computer. We don't have everything yet as I write this, but already we have one of the most interesting, diverse collections of plants to sell that I have ever seen. Janet Robertson, Susan Scheffler, Edie Gulrich, and myself are working on assembling photos and cultural information on each plant, and that information will be on the website along with the listings starting approximately Wednesday before the auction. Keep checking back, because I expect that we'll be adding to it right up to auction time. Bring your friends, neighbors, anyone who might be persuaded that they need an orchid (or another orchid). Donations of snacks, of course, are needed and welcomed—bidding makes people hungry.

Don't forget the other orchid-acquiring activities that the month brings, either. The weekend of Sept. 30—Oct 2 is open house at Andy's Orchids. Oct, 21-23 is the show and sale at the Huntington. There will be some vendors who don't usually come to southern California, who are coming because this is also the AOS Trustee's Meeting. Thanks to the AOS meeting, Tom Miranda the Orchid Collection Specialist at the Smithsonian, will be the speaker at the regular meeting of the Orange County Orchid Society Wednesday, October 19. See <http://ocos.net> for details.

This is a prime blooming season for bifoliate *Cattleya* species. One that I especially love is *Cattleya schilleriana*. This one blooms at least twice a year. I grow it outside all year around, under a polycarbonate "hard cover" to keep it dry during the winter. I have found that this is helpful for quite a few *Cattleya*-group species that otherwise would probably prefer a greenhouse. Don't confuse this species with the hybrid *Lc. Schilleriana* (note capitalization) that is *C. intermedia* x *L. purpurata*; with reclassification of the Brazilian *Laelias* as *Cattleya*, the hybrid becomes *C. Schilleriana*, which has no relation (other than genus) with the species *C. schilleriana*. <sigh>

Cattleya (now *Guarianthe*) *bowringiana* blooms around



Cattleya schilleriana

this time. There is some variation on when particular plants bloom, which is lovely since each has a chance to shine. *C. bowringiana* f. *coerulea* bloomed for me last month. Now, it is *C. bowringiana* 'One in a Million'. Take a good look... There's a plant of this one ('One in a Million x self) for auction.



Cattleya bowringiana
'One in a Million'

Trichoglottis bracheata var. *philippinensis* doesn't come to meetings because it is too hard to transport. It tends to send out branches in all directions. However, it is really a beauty, and I love it for its dark segments and fascinating lip. It started as a cutting from Ed Wise, and now is big enough that I will share a branch in the auction. This one does need a greenhouse. Ed taught me how to get these going. They have roots all over the

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place, and once established they do just fine in the air. However, to get it started, some of the roots should go into bark in a pot, with the plant supported on some sort of substrate—hapu'u slab, or even just some plastic "egg crate" light diffuser will work.



Roberta Fox, Editor

It's certainly important to give a nod to the Catasetinae, some of which are starting to bloom just before they go into their winter dormancy. This year, I put them all outside once nights warmed up to about 55 deg. F. I am seeing much better growth than I got in the in the greenhouse, and fewer pests, especially spider mites. When it starts to get cold, they go back into the greenhouse, but by then they'll be losing leaves (taking up less space), and they'll be protected from rain and all watering.



President's Message

Can you believe it's Fall? Hopefully everyone had a chance to attend the Summer Orchid and Plant Sale at Westminster Mall last August and, recently, the Fascination of Orchids at South Coast Village. Coming up is the AOS Annual Meeting at the Huntington Gardens and Library October 19th to 23rd. I am sure I am not alone that while attending these shows I see orchids I can't live without and a list of others that I did not know I needed in my collection!

This is what we all need to do - this month is our Auction, go out of your way to invite your friends, family, or even complete strangers you see looking at Orchids. The society counts heavily on the Auction for most, if not all, of its operating budget. The funds raised go to pay for speakers and supplement the raffle plant table.

The Auction team is working very hard to obtain some unique and interesting plants. It is important to the Society that this event is well attended.

Watch for online e-mail listings of available plants; make a list of the plants you are interested in; and show up early to the Auction. (Many of the plants will cost less than the plants you paid dearly for at the last Orchid show you attended.) Your bid price goes a long way to providing interesting speakers throughout the year for your club.

See you in October!

Dana Seelig, President

Calendar of Events * indicates that event flier is on the website.

- Andy's Orchids Fall Open House**
 September 30–October 2: 10 AM–5 PM
 734 Ocean Ave., Encinitas
 Info: www.andysorchids.com or 888-514-2639
- Southern California Orchid Species Society Annual Auction***
 Sunday, October 9; 12:30 PM Preview, 1:00 PM Auction begins
 Whitten Community Center, 900 S. Melrose St., Placentia
 Info: www.socalorchidspecies.com
- International Show and Sale at the Huntington***
 October 21–23; Friday Noon–5 PM, Saturday and Sunday 10:30 AM–5 PM
 Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Garden, San Marino
 Info: www.huntington.org/OrchidShow or btam@huntington.org
 Presented in conjunction with the American Orchid Society Fall Members' Meeting October 19–23
- South Coast Orchid Society Annual Auction***
 October 24; 6 PM Preview, 6:30 PM Auction
 Whaley Park Clubhouse,
 5620 E Atherton St, Long Beach
- Cal Orchid Fall Open House**
 November 5–6; 9 AM–4 PM
 1251 Orchid Dr., Santa Barbara
 Info: www.calorchid.com
- Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Fall Open House**
 November 5–6; Sat. 9 AM–5 PM, Sun. 9 AM–4 PM
 1250 Orchid Dr., Santa Barbara
 Info: www.sborchid.com
- Orchid Society of Santa Barbara Show and Sale***
 November 19–20
 Saturday 10 AM–5 PM, Sunday 10 AM–3 PM
 Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History,
 2559 Puesta Del Sol Road, Santa Barbara
 Info: fmorchids@hotmail.com

Elegant Orchids
 2nd Annual International Orchid Show
 and Sale at The Huntington

October 21–23, 2016
 Presented in conjunction with
 the American Orchid Society
 Fall Members' Meeting

Friday: Noon–4:30 p.m.
 Saturday & Sunday: 10:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

- Exhibits by Southern California orchid societies and international growers
- Orchids and related merchandise for sale from vendors from around the world
- Lectures for beginners and experts alike

THE HUNTINGTON
 Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens
 1151 Oxford Road | San Marino, CA 91108
 More information: huntington.org/OrchidShow

Paphiopedilum
Neeri-Gold

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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