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Newsletter deadline is the 25th of the month prior to the month of issue.

Meeting is 2nd Sunday of each month, at 2 PM
Kraemer Memorial Park
Backs Community Building, Main Room
201 N. Bradford Ave., Placentia
(Chapman and Bradford, parking off Bradford)

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Laelia anceps and Its Hybrids

Arthur Pinkers

Arthur has been an orchid enthusiast since age 16 (over 40 years) when he acquired a plant of Slc. Glittering Jewel (Sl. Gratrixiae x Slc. Hermes) and was infected by the orchid bug. He lives in Santa Clarita where the conditions are extreme for growing orchids and very different from his native Pacific Northwest where a greenhouse was a must because of the many cold rainy days.

He grew up in the Seattle area and attended Western Washington University graduating with a B.S. in Chemistry and Biology. He worked for many years as a chemist and had the fortune of having his dream job as the Lab Director for Beall Orchid Company until shortly before its close in 1990. Arthur's interest in orchids goes over a broad range of types though botanicals are a special draw. He has served most executive positions on the Board of the Northwest Orchid Society and is a Past President. He is an Accredited Orchid Judge of 20 years and serves as a one of the center photographers and as Center Judging Chair for the Pacific South - San Marino Judging center and before that as center photographer for the Pacific Northwest Judging region. Arthur was recently elected President of the San Fernando Valley Orchid Society for 2016-2017.

This talk will take an in-depth look at *Laelia anceps*, one of the most robust and adaptable orchids that one can grow. It imparts its vigor and cold-tolerance to the hybrids that derive from it as well.



@Arthur Pinkers

L. anceps 'SanBar Pink Persuasion' HCC 78 pts.

President's Message

A "special" invitation is extended to every member to stay after the speaker and Show and Tell portions of the June meeting. We will have a session to discuss the future of the Southern California Orchid Species Society, and every voice should be heard.

Yolanda Brown, President

Editor's Potting Bench

Check out the events calendar.... Lots going on this summer. And yes, it is nearly summer... May gray and June gloom are really appreciated by many of my orchids. I'm seeing some very nice growth and spikes on the Draculas that I bought at the San Francisco show in February. I just hope they will forgive the summer heat that will certainly happen eventually.

There were plenty of blooms in May, when we skipped meeting because of Mother's Day on the second Sunday. I am sorry to have missed the orchids that

bloomed for you, but I'll take the opportunity to show you a few of mine. *Phragmipedium lindenii* is a weird one. The species has a third petal instead of a lip. One has to wonder what pollinator utilizes this unique feature, and how.

Phragmipedium lindenii



I can't take full credit for the blooming of this *Dracula benedictii*, since spikes were starting when it got it in February. But it has produced many more, and is blooming profusely. I do hope that I can keep it as happy as it is now.

One that probably won't make it to a meeting is *Sobralia crocea*. It's in a heavy clay pot, and the flowers only last a few days. The flowers are only about an



Dracula benedictii

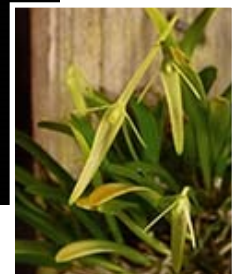
inch front to back, and about a half inch wide, don't fully open. The dark green leaves are maroon on the back side. It is grown in a rather shady area, so the flowers really stand out.

Sobralia crocea



Here is a cutie, *Barbosella cucullata*. There is a dark form, this one is alba, or close to it. The yellow-green flowers don't stand out from the foliage, so one has to look carefully to not miss it.

Barbosella cucullata



Roberta Fox, Editor

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

- **Orchid Digest Speakers Day “Orchids in the Wild”***
June 9, 2018; 12 PM–8 PM
The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens, San Marino
Info: www.orchiddigest.org
- **San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists Annual Auction***
June 21, 2018; 6 PM Preview, 7 PM Auction
L. A. County Arboretum and Botanic Garden, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia
Info: www.sgvoh.org
- **Andy’s Orchids Summer Open House**
June 22-24, 2018; 10 AM–4 PM
734 Ocean View Ave., Encinitas
Info: www.andysorchids.com
- **Sunset Valley Orchids Open House***
June 23, 2018; 9 AM–4 PM
1255 Navel Place, Vista CA 92083
Info: www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com or (760) 310-0778
(Fantastic discounts, raffles, lots of fun. Authentic hand-made “street tacos” 10 am–2 pm,)
- **Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Summer Open House**
July 13-15, 2018
1250 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara
Info: www.sborchid.com
- **Cal Orchid’s Summer Hummer**
July 13-15, 2018; 9 AM–5 PM
1251 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara
Info: www.calorchid.com
- **International Phalaenopsis Alliance Summer Symposium***
July 21-22, 2018
The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens, San Marino
Info: www.phal.org
- **Orchids in the Park***
July 21-22, 2018; 10 AM–5 PM
San Francisco County Fair Building “Hall of Flowers, San Francisco
Info: 222.sforchidsinthepark.org
- **NHOS Summer Orchid and Exotic Plant Festival**
August 17-19, 2018; Friday and Saturday 10 AM–9 PM, Sunday 11 AM–6 PM
Westminster Mall
Info: www.nhosinfo.org
- **Fascination of Orchids International Show and Sale***
September 29-30, 2018; 10 AM–5 PM
South Coast Plaza Village, 1621 W. Sunflower, Santa Ana (across from South Coast Plaza)
Info: www.ocorchidshow.com

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