

# Orange County Branch Cymbidium Society of America Newsletter Founded in 1979

Cymbidium Society of America, Orange County Branch

Meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Next Meeting is May 13, 2009  
@ Anaheim's Downtown Community Center  
250 E. Center Street Anaheim Starting at 7:30 pm

| 2007 / 2008 Officers:   | One-Year Directors;   | Two-Year Directors; | Three-Year      |
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| Directors<br>President, Theo Johnson  | Robin Lane  | Helen White         | Ted Tucker      |
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## Presidents Message

The weather is finally starting to warm up now and I've been repotting like a fiend. Make sure you have the proper watering and fertilizing schedules for your orchids. I like to lessen both in the winter and increase both in the growing season. It's time to buy the repotting media and pots to divide those monster Cymbidiums. Also make sure your plants have the proper light requirements. Maintain your shade cloths, etc. or move plants towards sunnier areas.

I hope while you are repotting you are saving those special divisions for our November Auction. Our main source of revenue is now the Auction, so please be mindful when repotting to save a division for your Society. Tell a friend about the Auction. Get together with a friend(s) and have a repotting party. I'm sure it will be a lot more fun than doing it by yourself.

Also, we have scheduled July as our repotting meeting so bring those plants you have been putting off until someone comes over to help you. Please see Helen White if you would like to lead repotting for a specific genus (e.g., cymbidiums, paphiopedilums, phragmipediums, cattleyas, mounting, etc.). We thought this year we would do 20 minutes per genera so everyone can listen and watch all the repotting.

Please bring in your extra divisions for the Silent Auction table. Also, don't forget to bring in those back bulbs for someone who can wait for one bulb to grow to flower size (free give away).

It's that time of year when we nominate the OCB Board for the next year. We will be holding a vote for all offices with 2 or more candidates at the May meeting. Also let Helen White know what topics you would like us to present at the monthly meetings. I'm sure she would like to hear from you.

CSA Judging is also back to their regular schedule, so bring your award quality plants in for judging. Let me know if you're looking for something to do, I'm sure someone needs some help.

See you Wednesday Theo

## CULTURE/LECTURE

David Alexander will again do our culture session. If you have a large plant David will assist you in the repotting. You will need to contact us and reserve a spot. Due to time constraints only one or two plants will be repotted each session. You will need to bring new pot or pots and your potting media. If there are divisions they will be given to the plant table and the original plant given back to you.

The lecture will be with Norito Hasagawa. He will speak on Paphiopedalums and Phragmapediums. Norito will also supply the plant table. As you all know Norito is very knowledgeable with these types of orchids. He has been growing them for several years.

## REFRESHMENTS

We had a very very great variety on our refreshment table last meeting. The slices of the fruit bread was delicious - As I said before not only do you grow beautiful orchids but we really have some fine cooks. Thanks to all of you who brought goodies - let's do it again and remember to pick up your plates after the meeting. I will put your raffle ticket under your plate.

#### CONDOLENCE

I want to send my condolences and sympathy to the Osterheus family. I will miss Al - he made a point every meeting to stop at the refreshment table and thank me for the lovely table. He offered me great support after my recent loss. We have lost so many of our men and I find comfort in believing they are all together still talking orchids. Rest well Al.

Helen White Refreshment Coordinator

Don't forget to pay your 2009 membership dues.

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| <p>Got Cymbidiums? Need to repot?<br/>I've got your pots!!!! In 4 sizes with<br/>Lots of drainage holes and hanging holes<br/>for those pendulous beauties. See my<br/>flyers at the meetings or call me at<br/>714-991-8661 or e-mail me at<br/><a href="mailto:egulrich@att.net">egulrich@att.net</a>. Edie Gulrich</p> | <p>This is a sample size Ad.<br/><br/>Your advertisement must be all text.<br/><br/>About the size of a business card</p> |
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#### *Upcoming Events*

May 16 Casa de las Orquideas **2009 Seedling Clearance**  
170 S. Nardo Ave. Solana Beach, CA 92075 Solano Beach, CA 92075  
[casa@orquideas.com](mailto:casa@orquideas.com) (858) 755-7572 [www.orquideas.com](http://www.orquideas.com)

#### 35th Annual Spring Plant Sale

May 17 (Sunday) 10:30 a.m.—4 p.m.

Thousands of rare and beautiful plants will be offered at The Huntington's popular annual sale, including many uncommon varieties that are hard to find at commercial nurseries. Look for a wide assortment of roses, camellias, orchids, bromeliads, palms, cacti, trees, shrubs, perennials, herbs, heirloom vegetables, and much more. Admission to the sale is free. Huntington Members can shop early at a preview sale on Saturday, May 16.

#### NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY'S ANNUAL AUCTION

May 19th Newport Harbor Orchid Society will hold its Annual Orchid Auction on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 6:30 to 10:00 PM. The auction will be held at the Costa Mesa Neighborhood Community Center, 1845 Park Av. Costa Mesa, CA 92627, located two blocks from the end of the 55 Freeway and 19<sup>th</sup> St.. Many outstanding plants been donated by commercial orchid nurseries and members for the auction. Beautiful blooming hybrids as well

as species will be auctioned off. Ample parking is available adjacent to the community center. Refreshments will be served.

**June 13, 2009 Orchid Digest Speakers' Day** Celebration of the Diversity of Slipper Orchids  
Huntington Library San Marino, CA [orchidsimone@aol.com](mailto:orchidsimone@aol.com)

Palm and Cycad Sale Saturday, May 30th, 9 am - 3 pm

This one-of-a-kind event features limited and rare palm and cycad species from exceptional Southern California nurseries. At 11 am, there will be a tour of the palms and cycads at Quail Botanical Gardens. At 1 pm, there will be a talk by Mark Riedler about Palms of Madagascar based on his travels there. This event is co-hosted by the Palm Society of Southern California and Quail Botanical Gardens. For more information call Phil Bergman at 619/ 291-4605.

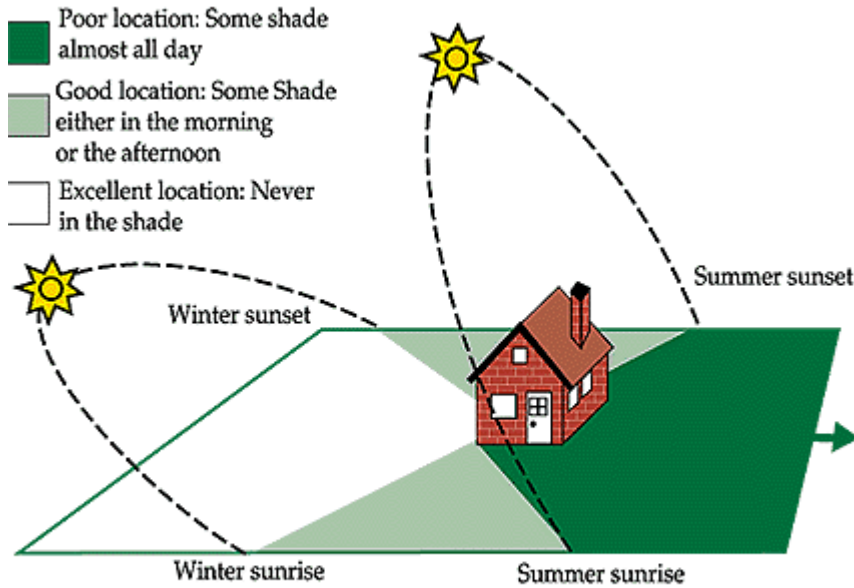
Cost: Free with [admission](#) to the Gardens.

A note from Charley's Greenhouse



## Choosing a Greenhouse Site

## Locating the Greenhouse



Check where the shadows of fences, buildings, and trees will be cast by both the summer and winter sun. Locate the greenhouse where there is a minimum of shade.

If possible, locate the greenhouse where it will receive at least 6 hours of direct sunlight during the winter months. A good site would also be sheltered from high winds, close to water and electricity, and easily accessible from your home and garden. Avoid a site that is boggy, soft landfill, near a children's play area, or shaded by buildings or trees during the winter.

The best orientation is to position the greenhouse with length running east and west. This will provide more heat gain from the sun during the winter. If the southern exposure is restricted, but open to the east, southeast, southwest, or west, turn the greenhouse to the winter sun. Remember that the sun is much lower during winter.