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Regular Meeting Schedule
Doors open at 6:30 pm
Table/chair setup, plants in place
Ribbon judging starts 7:00 pm
Culture session
Speaker starts 7:30 pm
Opportunity drawing
Table/chair teardown
Doors close at 9:30 pm

South Coast Orchid Society

Newsletter

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The Orchids of California

Carlos Ruiz

Monday, April 25, 2011

Culture Class: Repotting Cymbidiums
Espie Quinn

Carlos Ruiz grew up in the Mojave Desert and fell in love with plants at a young age. He attended California Polytechnic University at Pomona, earning a bachelor of science degree in Horticulture. Since graduating, he has been working with plants for all of his professional life. For the past 5 years he has been working with Flowerdale Nursery. He loves teaching and teaches horticulture classes at Victor Valley College. He tries as often as possible to pass on his enthusiasm for plants on to other interested people. He is thankful for the opportunity to speak to the South Coast Orchid Society.

Refreshments

Last names starting with **Q through Z** please bring refreshments.

President's Message

Speaker: Our speaker this month will discuss orchids in our home state of California. How many of us have actually seen a native Californian orchid? Hopefully, this will tempt us to seek out our native species for closer examination.

Culture Session: Laelia anceps in January, Cattleyas in February, Paphs in March, and now it is time to repot our Cymbidiums. Flowers are fading, new growth is appearing along with new roots, and Espie will show us how to repot, to get the most out of these easy-growing plants for next year. (And if this whets your appetite, you can drive down to the Casa de las Orquideas sale May 21.)

Thanks for Another Great Display: Once again, our members brought in a remarkably diverse and impressive selection of blooming orchids for the Ribbon Judging competition in March. For those receiving the newsletter electronically, look to pages at the end for additional photos.

Members Honored in Orchid Digest: The current Orchid Digest (Vol. 75-2) featured two of our members, Andy Tao and Dennis Mackewicz. Each was honored as a recipient of the Orchid Digest Diamond Award (Andy this year and Dennis last year). The award is given by local orchid societies for outstanding service to the society and the orchid community. Congratulations, Dennis and Andy!

Russ Nichols

South Coast Orchid Society Ribbon Judging Results

March 28, 2011

Cattleya Alliance (Laeliinae Subtribe)

First	Epidendrum porpax	Jim Hoyle
Second	Epidendrum aenigmaticum (sp?)	Jim Hoyle
Third	Lc. Hawaiian Fantasy 'Dora' x Blc. Love Sound 'Dogashima'	Kathy Synstelien
Culture	Blc. Orange Digger 'Kiilani'	Sam Hale
Culture	Sophronitus cernua	Brian Hench

Dendrobium Alliance (Dendrobiinae Subtribe)

First	Dendrobium specio-kingianum (delicatum)	Espie Quinn
Second	Dendrobium specio-kingianum (delicatum)	Espie Quinn
Third	Dendrobium kingianum	Maria Van Kooy
Culture	Dendrobium falcorostrum	Jim Hoyle

Phalaenopsis and Vanda (Sarcanthinae Subtribe)

First	Sarcochilus Fitzhart	Espie Quinn
Second	Aerangis mystacidii	Jim Hoyle
Third	Angraecum sesquipedale	Evelyn Currier

Pleurothallid Alliance (Pleurothallidinae Subtribe)

First	Pleurothallis tribuloides	Brian Hench
Second	Pleurothallis grobyi	Jim Hoyle
Third	Pleurothallis edwallii	Jim Hoyle
Culture	Masdevallia princeps	Brian Hench

Oncidium and Allied Genera (Oncidiinae Subtribe)

First Rossioglossum Rawdon Jester
Second Oncidium papilio

Roberta Fox
Brian Hench

Paphiopedilum and Allied Genera (Cypripedioideae Subfamily)

First Phragmepedium Robert Silich

Brian Hench

Cymbidium Alliance (Cyrtopodiinae Subtribe)

First Cymbidium Vogelsang
Second Cymbidium Peppers 'Santa Barbara'
Third Cymbidium Setsuzan

Espie Quinn
Marylyn Paulsen
Espie Quinn

Other Genera

First Sarcoglottis sceptrodes
First Lycaste Koolena
Second Pleione x confusa
Second Aerangis modesta
Third Dendrochilum glamaceum
Third Polystachya paniculata
Culture Maxillaria sanguinea

Roberta Fox
Roberta Fox
Roberta Fox
Brian Hench
Espie Quinn
Roberta Fox
Brian Hench

March Meeting: Exotic Floral Displays and Spectacular Orchids

Many thanks to Norm and Candace Nakanishi for sharing their knowledge of floral displays.



Upcoming Events

Orchids at the Flower Fields, Carlsbad Flower Fields, April 22-24
22nd Annual Spring Garden Show, South Coast Plaza, April 28 - May 1
San Gabriel Valley Orchidists Annual Auction, LA County Arboretum, May 19
Casa de las Orquideas 10th annual seedling sale, 170 S. Nardo Ave, Solana Beach, May 21
Ninth Orchid Digest Speaker's Day, Huntington Library, San Marino, June 18

Our May 2011 monthly meeting date is May 23

South Coast Orchid Society
 5728 Madrid Lane
 Long Beach, California 90814

Meeting: Monday, April 25, 2011
 Whaley Park Clubhouse
 Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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More pictures from our March meeting.





The "X" Factor

The space remaining in this newsletter provides an opportunity to discuss the "x" that we occasionally see in the names of orchids. Conventions for naming orchids change over time. However, at least once in the history of orchid nomenclature, natural hybrids were identified by an "x" placed between the genus and "species" names. Thus, the natural hybrid of *Cattleya aurantiaca* and *Cattleya skinneri* would be written *Cattleya x guatemalensis*. The natural hybrid of *C. warscewiczii* and *C. aurea* would be written *Cattleya x hardyana*, and the rare cross of *C. labiata* with *C. leopoldii* becomes *Cattleya x victoria reginae*. This came up as I searched for the spelling of orchid names in listing our Ribbon Judging results. (Compiling results is greatly facilitated by using Jay Pfahl's Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyclopedia, which can be found at www.orchidspecies.com.) As it turned out, one of our awarded entrants was in fact a natural hybrid, *Pleione x confusa*, a natural hybrid of *P. albiflora* and *P. forrestii*. So, you might entertain yourself at the next orchid show by searching for plants you know to be natural hybrids, though they might not be properly identified as such according to the International Rules of Nomenclature. Have fun!

Oh, and for you sticklers, yes, I am not putting species names in italics, though that too is convention (e.g., *Cattleya x guatemalensis*).