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Placentia Library
411 E. Chapman Ave, Placentia
(Corner of Chapman and Kraemer)

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Orchids from the World Conference Show - Singapore, Cambodia, and Malaysia

Winn Winmaw

Winn was born in Shan State, eastern Burma, where *Cymbidium lowianum*, *Vanda coerulea* and *Paphiopedilum charlesworthii* are found abundantly in the wild. The first orchid that Winn collected from the forest floor was a *Dendrobium* species when he was 7 years old. With this he began taking care of orchids in his family's garden. As an undergraduate studying physics at the University of Rangoon, Winn was a member of the Department of Botany's orchid society. Later he lived in Japan for four years for further study and training.

In 1988, he moved to the United States and settled in Orange County. Eventually he began collecting and growing orchids here, and today he has a large orchid collection, many of which are Vanda-ceous orchids, that he grows in a shade house and greenhouse. He has been a member of the Newport Harbor Orchid Society since 1995. Recently Winn has made several trips back to Burma and has explored orchids in nature. He shares his orchid experiences by giving presentation to orchid societies.



Speaker's Choice



July speaker Howard Gunn had a very difficult time selecting his Speaker's Choice plant, since the show-and-tell table was full of excellent, and diverse, plants. He finally settled on *Cleisostoma birmanicum*, owned by Roberta Fox.

This Vandaceous plant grows outside all year, with no problem from winter chill. It prefers open shade, and to be kept fairly damp. It was mounted on a piece of tree fern (hapu), but that mount eventually deteriorated to the point that it could not hold a

hanger. The roots are still embedded in the tree fern, but the upper part of the plant was fastened to a new mount, which also provides a place for the hanger. The tree fern has, in addition to the plant roots, several maidenhair ferns growing in it. When the ferns are growing well, the plant is getting sufficient water. Flowers are approximately 3/4" across

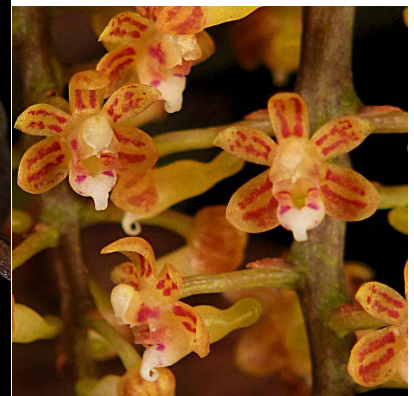


Cleisostoma birmanicum

According to the Internet Orchid Species Encyclopedia

(<http://orchidspecies.com>) *Cleisostoma birmanicum* is native to Thailand, Burma, Hainan-China, and Vietnam. It grows at elevations from 800–1400 m (2400-4200 ft) .

(Editor's addition) Roberta also brought another member of this attractive genus, *Cleisostoma duplicilobum*. This is a warmer-growing species from Thailand, Laos, Java and Borneo. This plant is grown in a greenhouse. The leaves are very red (even though it receives moderate light), and the many flowers are only about 1/8", better appreciated in a photograph than with the naked eye.



Cleisostoma duplicilobum

From the Member's Corner

A very big thank you to Yolanda Brown for stepping up to the plate by handling the drinks for our meetings. A warm welcome to Patty and Mike Gryzik for joining us at the July meeting; we hope that you enjoyed yourselves and that we see you again very soon. The trip to Speakers' Day at the Huntington was great, sorry some of you couldn't make it, great presentations.

Edie Gulrich, Membership Secretary

President's Message

Hello all!

What a great turnout we had for our July meeting! Our speaker, Howard Gunn, was quite impressed with the attendance and with the number of plants for show and tell. He had a hard time selecting a "speaker's choice." Thank you so much to everyone who brought plants!

Those of us who attended the Speakers Day at the Huntington Library had a thoroughly enjoyable experience. All of the presenta-

tions were excellent. Midway through the afternoon we paused for the sales, and after the talks, silent auction accompanied by wine and cheese refreshments. Later on a wonderful banquet was served. It was a full day!

I'm thrilled that so many of you are participating in our Show and Tell sessions. However, we have run into a bit of a problem going over our time limit at the library. At the conclusion of the meeting we still need to shut down, and if we are not

out by 4:00 pm we incur an additional charge. Let's discuss at the next meeting – any and all suggestions are welcome. When it comes to orchids, there are just not enough hours in the day!

Reminder: our board meeting is scheduled for this month (so we need to finish our Show-and-Tell a bit earlier.)

Darrell Lovell, President



The "SCOSS Table" at the Orchid Digest Speakers Day dinner

From **Daniel Geiger:**

Hi Everybody,

I received a few wrong books and the seller asked me to offer them for sale at a 25–30% discount (and NO shipping from Malaysia!).

10 copies of Clarke (2001) A guide to the Pitcher Plants of Sabah. 41 pp. full color softbound. List \$6.50, Sale \$5 each.

If you want one of these, please email me **dgeiger@SBNATURE2.ORG** and I will bring it to the meeting.

Editor's Potting Bench

Next year, maybe we'll have TWO tables at Speakers Day. Because of construction at the Huntington, the event will take place in a much smaller room, and so attendees will be limited to the space available, first come first served. When it is announced, make your reservation right away to be assured of a place. I think

all who attended this year were really glad that they did. I certainly had a great time!

As we go through the seasons, it is good to occasionally give a thought to what things are like in the habitat from which your orchids come. For tropical orchids summer is wet, with frequent and often heavy

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rain. Because of the rain and cloud cover, the light is somewhat subdued. Fortunately, we don't depend on rain to water our orchids (or none of us would have any). Certainly, though, when it is hot, don't hold back the water. There is no cook-book formula that you can apply (like "once a week" etc.) The objective is to maintain the correct amount of moisture to each plant. (Damp all the time? Wet-dry cycle?) It's a lot easier to adjust the media to meet the objective, and water all the same way. (You can't over-water a mounted plant.) My yard is very bright all day, and the afternoon breeze dries everything quickly, so I am watering most things every day, the shadier ones and the humid greenhouse every other day. Your combination of conditions and media may require different treatment, but be sure to keep your orchids (and yourself) hydrated. It is warm enough at night that you don't have to worry if the plants don't dry out by nightfall. Also, some plants are showing active root growth now—time to pot those Cattleya-tribe orchids that are actively rooting.

Note, too, that non-tropical orchids may have completely different needs. Right now, *Pterostylis curta* is sitting in a dry spot where I won't accidentally douse it with the hose. In another few weeks, the little bulbs will be repotted, and I'll start watering it in late August or early September. That species (actually the whole genus) comes from temperate areas of Australia and New Zealand, where the rule is hot, dry summers and wet winters—like ours.

One of the big thrills of orchid-growing is to see the treasures that were acquired last year or two, flower for the first time in my care. This is especially thrilling since I am mostly a backyard grower—I don't have ideal conditions, it is always an adventure to see if I can provide enough of what a species needs (as opposed to what it might ideally want) to get it to grow for me. I have had enough successes to keep coming back for more.

Dendrobium equitans is a weird plant. The whole plant is green (with a red tinge from the sun), but no leaves that I can see. I'm not sure, actually, what is "stem". and what is "leaf" This one is in the greenhouse, and is putting out new growth so I think I'm doing something right (though it probably would be OK outside, based on the Baker culture sheet) . At

the top of the plant, small, about 1/2", white flowers with a fringed lip appear from time to time. The inflorescence looks dead, but clearly isn't. Flowers are very short-lived—

it hasn't bloomed for a meeting yet, the flowers are better appreciated in the photo to see the lip detail.



Dendrobium equitans

I brought *Coelogyne mooreana* to the last meeting (definitely an outdoor-

grower) but want to share this close-up. Viewed from a distance, the crystalline white flowers with the brilliant yellow throat are lovely. The camera shows that the yellow in the throat is actually comprised of many small hairs.



Coelogyne mooreana



Calendar of Events

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

- **Palomar Orchid Society Orchid Fair and Auction***
August 18, 2012 — Preview 11 AM, Auction 12 PM
The Pavilion at Lake San Marcos, 1105 La Bonita Dr, San Marcos
Info: www.palomarorchid.org
- **Fascination of Orchids Show and Sale***
September 29-30, 10 AM—5 PM
South Coast Plaza Village
Info: www.ocorchidshow.com
- **San Diego International Orchid Fair**
October 6-7, 9 AM—5 PM Saturday, 9 AM—4 PM Sunday
San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive , Encinitas, CA
Info: www.sdbgarden.org/orchid.htm or 760-436-3036
- **Southland Orchid Show**
October 19-21
Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens, San Marino, California



Pleurothallis gargantua

One more that I find quite exciting is the *Pleurothallis gargantua* that I got in February at the San Francisco show. Nick Braemer has brought this plant to Show and Tell, so you have all seen it. Mine leads a harder life, since it lives outside. But it seems to be thriving. It produced a new set of leaves since I acquired it, and just opened new flowers on two of those

leaves. As we have seen, it tends to be at its best in the morning, close up in the afternoon, to re-open in the cool of the next morning. Therefore, this one is another plant that probably won't make it to a meeting. I am glad to be able to share this spectacular flower in photographs.

Roberta Fox, Editor



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