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The Orchids of Burma

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 van-daceous 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

Curtis Gean, our June speaker, selected *Dendrobium aphyllum*, grown by Jan Hennessey, as his Speaker's Choice. Jan grows this plant outside, and only considers bringing it inside if frost is forecast. She also doesn't make of point of keeping it dry in winter. It gets the same reduction in watering as her other outdoor plants. As a result, it does not go completely deciduous, but that clearly does not seem to have affected the flowering. This attractive species features delicate pink tepals and a flamboy-



Dendrobium aphyllum



antly fimbriated white lip.

Dendrobium aphyllum grows over a very wide area of southeast Asia.

This includes southern and eastern India, Sikkim, Nepal, and into Burma, southwest China, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, and Malaya. It is found over a range of elevations from 500 ft to almost 6000 ft., depending on latitude. Clearly, it can grow relatively warm, but can also tolerate temperatures close to freezing. That entire area experiences a monsoonal climate, with heavy rain and cloud cover in the summer and cool, clear, dry winters. Humidity is high, even in winter, and there is morning dew in the absence of rain. Therefore, the plant should not dry out completely for long periods even during its "winter rest" period.

From the Member's Corner

A big welcome to Katie Wood, Marianne Keating's daughter, who joined us this past month. Another warm welcome to our guests: Simona Plascencia and Lucy Lybeck. We're glad you came and hope to see you again real soon.

Please give a thought, or two, to who you would like to see at the helm of our Society this coming year. We will need a new President, Vice President, Secretary and a new refreshment person. Darrell and Barbara have done a great job, but their time to coing to a close. Yolanda has been doing a great job also, but other commitments will prevent her from continuing much longer. Let either Darrell Lovell or Barbara Olson know who you would like to nominate for the incoming officers.

Also keep an eye out for any plants that you would consider donating to the auction; as well as considering volunteering for this most important event, It's coming up in October Thanks, see you in July, have a happy 4rth.

Edie Gulrich, Membership Secretary

President's Message

Hello everyone!

In case you missed the last meeting, our guest speaker was Curtis Gean. His presentation was on Sierra orchids. I find it amazing that many of these spectacular beauties grow right next to the road! I've done a lot of hiking on the eastern side of the Sierras and never realized how much I was missing. I'm planning to pick up a copy of a book Curtis referred to entitled **Orchids of California** by Ronald Coleman.

It's time once again to begin planning for our yearly

auction scheduled for Oct. 13th. This is our main source of funding for the coming year. If you have plants you would like to donate, please make a list and let Edie know. We will need volunteers to set up, act as runners, and take down. We will also need someone to help with refreshments. If you would like to help out, please notify me, Barbara or Edie.

See you in July!

Darrell Lovell, President

Editor's Potting Bench

I hope that you have gone to the open houses at Santa Barbara Orchid Estate, Cal Orchid, and Canaima Orchids on Friday or Saturday before the July meeting (same weekend). While there won't be an Orchid Fair at the Earl Warren Showgrounds, there will be lots of special plants at special prices at the nurseries. Cal Orchid will be having their fantastic tri-tip barbecue lunch, and three guest vendors as well. Check out the websites <http://sborchid.com> and <http://calorchid.com> for more information. And just in case you need more orchids after that weekend—and yes, we all do... there is always room for one more... or several more... orchid(s) - there will be the NHOS Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival at the Westminster Mall August 9-11, and Fascination of Orchids at the South Coast Plaza Village September 28-29. The way to always have blooming orchids is to buy them at different times of the year.

Since many orchids are in active growth now with long warm days, it is a good time to check your mounted plants. They don't need attention as frequently as potted orchids. but mounts don't last forever. If you find any that are starting to rot (and the roots starting to pull away), this might be a good time to remount. Mounting does need to be done when roots are just starting, since only those new roots will grab the mount. But don't wait until they decline! Don't overdo the moss, which tends to accelerate the deterioration of mounting materials and doesn't encourage the roots to attach. Use just enough to provide some moisture until the plant becomes established on its new home.

The Vandas and related species that grow outside have a particularly warm spot in my heart. There are really quite a few, and summer is prime blooming time. *Vanda cristata* has been very reliable for me, each year adding more flowers.



Vanda cristata

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A totally charming little species is *Shoenorchis gemmata*. I had this one at the last meeting, and it is still in bloom. It looks delicate, but clearly isn't.



The close-up photo gives a whole new dimension to appreciation of this plant.

A discussion of cool-growing Vandas wouldn't be complete without taking note of *Vanda tricolor*. The

color form with less brown and more purple (extending to the stem of the flower) is *V. tricolor* v. *suavis*, or just *V. suavis*. Here are both color forms, for comparison.



Vanda tricolor var. *suavis* (*V. suavis*)



Vanda tricolor

Then, there is *Cleisocentron merrillianum*, one of the few truly blue orchids. This one blooms two or three times a year for me. And *Cleisostoma birmanicum*. And that's just what's blooming now in this group. For me, the *Neofinetia falcata* plants (now they're Vandas) won't be blooming until next month. And there are others...

It's also prime *Laelia* (*Cattleya*) *purpurata* season. Mine are running about a month late this year, so I'll have some, probably, into August. *Sobralias*, especially *S. macrantha*



Cleisostoma birmanicum

and its hybrids, are also putting on a show. Those who say that there aren't that many orchids blooming in summer just need more variety in their collections.

Roberta Fox, Editor

Calendar of Events

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

- **Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Open House***
July 12-14, Friday and Saturday 8 AM—5 PM, Sunday 9 AM—4 PM
Info: (800) 553-3387 or sboe@sborchid.com
Great open house specials, the biggest sale of the year!
- **Cal-Orchid Open House***
July 12-14 9 AM—4 PM
Info: (805) 967-1312 or calorchid@cox.net
Great specials, and the annual BBQ!
 - Guest vendors: Peruflora, Seed Engei, Tokyo Orchid Nursery
- **Canaima Orchids Open House**
July 12-14
3376 Foothill Rd, Greenhouse #10, Carpinteria
Info: 941-773-2940 or canaimaorchids@verizon.net
- **Palomar Orchid Society Annual Auction**
August 3—Preview at 11 AM, Auction starts 12 Noon
The pavilion at Lake San Marcos, 1105 La Bonita Drive, San Marcos
Info: www.palomarorchid.org
- **Newport Harbor Orchid Society Summer Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival***
August 9-11, Friday 10 AM—9 PM, Saturday 10 AM—7 PM, Sunday 11 AM—6 PM
Westminster Mall
Info: www.nhosinfo.org
- **Fascination of Orchids Show and Sale***
September 28-29, 10 AM—5 PM
South Coast Plaza Village, 1631 Sunflower, Santa Ana (Across from South Coast Plaza)
Info: www.ocorchidshow.com or phone 949-735-2930



Cleisocentron merrillianum

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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