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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, Room 7 (Lower Level)
201 N. Bradford Ave., Placentia
(Chapman and Bradford, parking off Bradford)

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Note new location. Parking lot is at the north end of the park, off Bradford. Go down the ramp behind the Backs Community Building to Room 7, on your left through the open gate. See map on Page 3.

August 11, 2013

Orchids at the Beach

Ron Kaufmann

Our speaker in August will be Ron Kaufmann, chair of the San Diego County Orchid Society Conservation Committee and a founding director of the Orchid Conservation Alliance. Ron has travelled extensively to view orchids in the wild in South America and Asia. His talk titled "Orchids at the Beach" will explore the habits and habitats of orchids that grow in the Brazilian *restinga*, a coastal sand plain habitat where a number of orchid species grow.

Ron is a marine biologist by training, and his scientific work includes studies of Antarctic and deep-sea ecosystems as well as marine communities in coastal Southern California. He has been growing orchids for nearly 20 years, starting with a reedstem *Epidendrum* and progressing to a diverse collection that contains mostly species orchids. Ron has a long-standing interest in conservation and has been a member of the SDCOS Conservation Committee for almost 15 years and chair since 2004. Since 1991, the Conservation Committee has awarded nearly \$165,000 to support projects in 21 different countries. Ron also helped to found the Orchid Conservation Alliance and serves on the boards of the OCA, EcoMinga Foundation (a conservation

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Ron Kaufmann with *Cattleya guttata*

(Ron Kaufmann , from Page 1)

foundation based in Ecuador) and Orchid Digest, for which he also serves as an assistant editor.

Ron grows most of his orchids in a 36 x 24 foot greenhouse and several outdoor shade-covered areas around his house in San Diego. Friends have suggested that he build a second, much larger greenhouse to accommodate the many plants that often make walking through his greenhouse an exercise requiring extensive training in gymnastics and yoga to avoid serious injury. Thus far, this recommendation hasn't been followed, although the rationale grows stronger every day.

Conservation of orchids and orchid habitat is an issue that concerns many growers and societies. Since 1996, the San Diego County Orchid Society Conservation Committee has been raising funds by selling donated plants and using the proceeds to support conservation projects. We've also developed a procedure for soliciting and evaluating applications for projects that match our goals. Ron will provide a bit of history about the SDCOS Conservation Committee, talk about how we raise and distribute funds, and discuss the lessons that have been learned in trying to support orchid conservation as a society.

Speaker's Choice

July speaker Winn Winmaw selected *Meiracyllium wendlandii*, grown by Tim Roby, as his speaker's choice. Tim recently re-mounted this plant, which blooms consistently every year. He grows it outside, in Whittier, so it experiences both heat and cold—and clearly doesn't object. The succulent leaves are well-adapted to tolerate periods of drought.



This species grows in southern Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras. It is found on the Pacific side of the mountains, at elevations from 1950–4250 ft. (600–1300 m). It is listed as a synonym for *Mrclm. trinausutum*, but the latter may be from lower elevations. The genus is related to the *Cattleya* tribe.



Meiracillium wendlandii

From the Member's Corner

Thank you to our 2 guests who visited us at our new meeting place on July 14th: Julie Castaneda from Anaheim and Che-Hau Hsu from San Jose, who stopped by after visiting several other orchid venues in So Cal. Welcome, we hope to see you again. See you at our new digs on August 11th. Snacks are always welcome! A belated Happy Birthday to Helen White, she's now 91 and was a dedicated member along with her husband JJ for many years.

Edie Gulrich, Membership Secretary

President's Message

Hi every one,

If you don't already know, we had to scramble to find a new meeting location. The Placentia Library gave us only a 2 week notice that their meeting room was going to be unavailable for the months of July and August due to renovations. With a little luck, I was able to get the Backs Main Room at Kraemer Memorial Park. They also have a smaller room downstairs that is a much better fit for our size group. With Edie Gulrich's help, we were able to reserve that room for the rest of the year. The facility is adjacent to a large park, so there is plenty of parking. There are restrooms available, so no more checking in at the front desk to get the key! The facility is located less than a mile from the library.

Winn Winmaw was our speaker for the month of July and the first at our new location. His presentation was

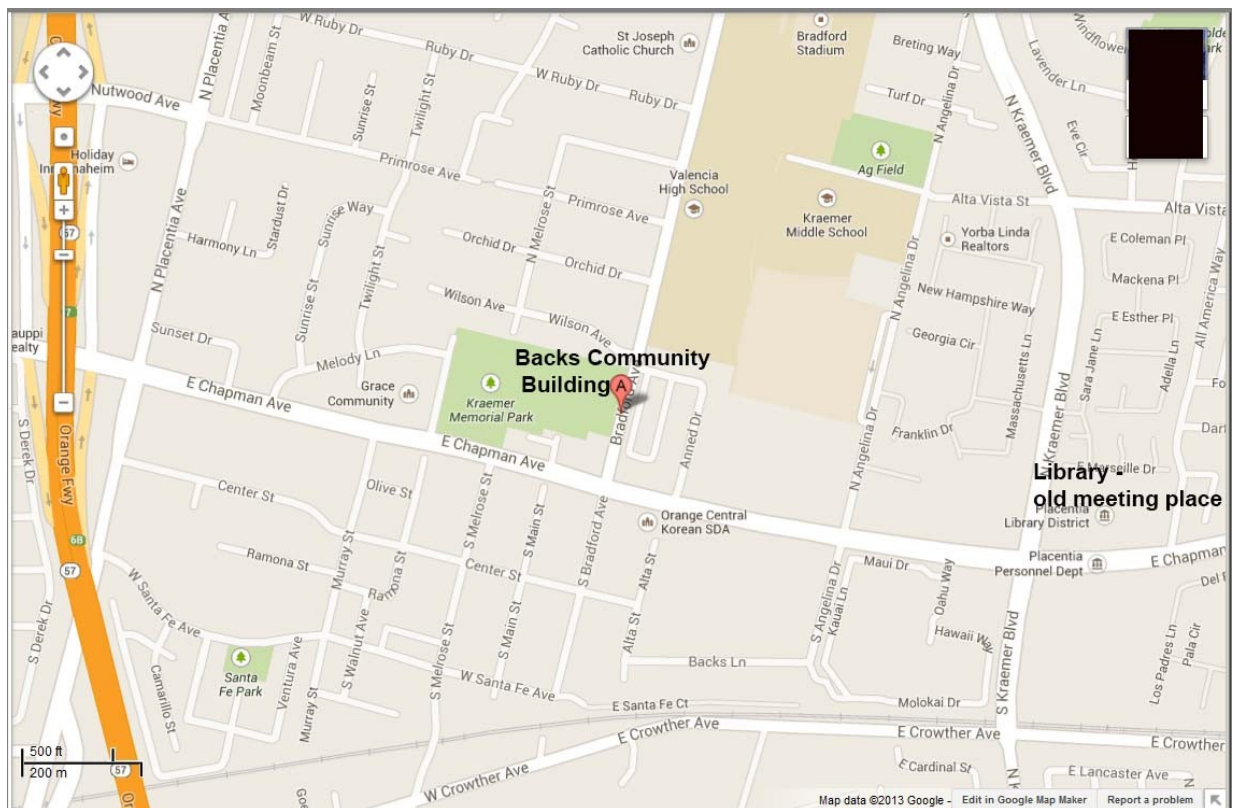
on the Orchids of Burma. I always enjoy seeing how these beautiful varieties grow in the wild.

July was a busy month for orchid sales. I hope many of you were able to attend the Santa Barbara Estate sale. As usual, I found some treasures at the \$7.50 table! Cal Orchids also had some wonderful bargains. I also visited Michael Sinn's Canaima Orchids in Carpenteria.

Upcoming events include our annual auction in October and election of officers in November.

Reminder to board members, there will be an important board meeting after the general meeting

Darrell Lovell, President



Our New Permanent Meeting Place

Backs Community Building, Room 7, in Kramer Memorial Park (It's a park not a cemetery!)

From Chapman, turn north on Bradford, then west into the parking lot. There is a concrete walkway behind the Backs Community Building that leads to the lower level and our meeting room. This ramp provides easy access for carts as well as mobility aids.

Editor's Potting Bench

Mid-summer (like now) is, for me, the peak blooming for “ladies of the night”, those orchids that save all or most of their fragrance for the dark hours. The epithet is usually associated with *Brassavola nodosa*, and that species certainly is a wonderful, prolific bloomer with sweet evening fragrance. I have had this plant from very early in my orchid-growing career, and it lived outside for years, giving a few flowers each year, on a few sparse growths. Then, once I acquired a greenhouse and moved *B. nodosa* in there, it said “thank you” and really took off. Each year it gets better, producing inflorescences that open over a month or two.



Brassavola nodosa



Brassavola perrinii



door light is brighter than in the greenhouse, especially in winter, and I think that is why it has done better that way. The shelter that it receives from the rain also serves to protect it somewhat from the worst of the cold, and that seems to be sufficient.



Rhyncholaelia digbyana

A closely-related species is *Brassavola perrinii*. I got this one from Richard Hess about two years ago, as a large bare-root division. Mounted on a piece of tree-fern trunk, it has established very nicely, with lots of new roots, new growth—and a profusion of flowers. This one also does prefer the greenhouse. I have both in the house at the moment, and the fragrance in the evening is so sweet!

Another one that regularly blooms for me at this time is *Rhyncholaelia digbyana*. It produces a lovely lemony fragrance after dark. I have tried this species both in the greenhouse and outside. Outside seems to work better. In the winter, the plant does need a bit of protection, and also needs to be kept relatively (not totally!) dry. In its habitat, it experiences dry, bright winters. In my environment, the out-

Calendar of Events

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- **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
- **Southern California Orchid Species Society Annual Auction (*That's US!*)**
October 13; Preview at 12:30PM, 1 PM Auction Begins
Bucks Community Building, Room 7 (Lower Level), Kraemer Memorial Park, Placentia
- **Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Fall Open House**
November 2-3; Saturday 8 AM—5 PM , Sunday 9 AM—4 PM

These examples are from the Americas, but of course there are others. For me, the *Angraecums* don't quite fit the timing—some are already done, others won't bloom until the fall. But then there are the *Neofinetia falcatas*. Those bloom for me on the same schedule as the ones that I have discussed earlier, in late July and early August. They have a delightful, subtle fragrance that is reminiscent of vanilla, primarily at night. The Japanese style of cultivation, with roots wrapped in sphagnum in a small pot, has not worked for me very well. They can grow mounted, and also do very nicely in wood baskets. In the latter, the roots grab onto the wood, and so the effect is very similar to mounting. The bit of media in the basket gives them a little extra moisture, but the roots can grow freely. After all, these are in the *Vanda* family (now classified as *Vandas*, but I'm not changing my labels.)



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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