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Meeting is 2nd Sunday of each month, at 2 PM

Kraemer Memorial Park

Backs Community Building, Main Room

201 N. Bradford Ave., Placentia

(Chapman and Bradford, parking off Bradford)

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Meeting Location Change March Only!

Whitten Community Center, 900 S. Melrose St., Placentia

East side of Melrose just south of Orangethorpe

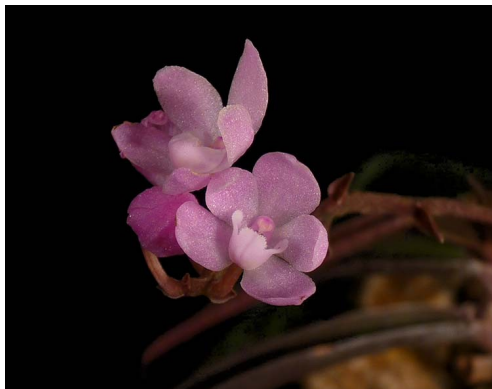
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Sarcochilus: Gems of Spring

Tim Culbertson

Tim Culbertson is a middle-school teacher, but one of his passions is plants, and especially orchids, and of those, especially Papphs. He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and has served in various capacities in many orchid societies in California and on the East Coast.

Tim returns to us with a new presentation, "Sarcochilus: Gems of Spring". These plants are easy to grow and flower, are vigorous, and have low cultural demands; they are natives of Australia and will grow easily outdoors in Southern California. Tremendous advancements in breeding Sarcochilus have been made recently, and he will share some of these, as well as help identify some of the important parents in the backgrounds of new and modern colors found in this genus. By the end of this presentation, you will have a new appreciation of what goes into breeding trends for these types of plants, as well as an appreciation of their beautiful flowers and ease-of-growth.



Sarcochilus ceciliae

Tim will provide a plant table of the newest, modern, cutting-edge Sarcochilus species and hybrids, with both (hopefully) blooming and unblooming plants.

Speaker's Choice

February speaker Kay Klausing selected *Phragmipedium besseae*, grown by Richard Hess, as his Speaker's Choice. It is unusual for a *Phrag. besseae* to have three flowers open at once. Richard reports that this plant cost a bit, but was well worth it. He grows this, and his other *Phrags*, with a dish under them to hold water. There is a layer of inorganic material at the bottom of the pot, so that the roots are not actually sitting in water, but can reach down into it, and the media is very moist. Richard grows this, and all of his *Phrags* in a greenhouse.



According to Charles Baker (in [Orchidwiz](#)) *Phragmipedium besseae* grows in Ecuador and Peru on steep, east-facing, wet embankments or wet granite rocks where they are exposed to early morning sun at an elevation of around 3600 ft (1100 m).

Phragmipedium besseae



President's Message

I hope many of you were able to attend the Westminster Mall Orchid Show last month. We had a great showing and won numerous awards, one of which was the Best of Show to Nick Braemer for his *Coelogyne cristata*. I must say that it was a very impressive plant. Congratulations Nick! I would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who assisted with set-up and take-down of our display. A special thank you goes out to Yolanda Brown and Barbara Olson who co-chaired the show

committee.

Remember, the March meeting will be at the Whitten Community Center, 900 S. Melrose St. in Placentia (between Orangethorpe and La Palma). Be sure to check out our calendar for the month of March. There are several shows and open houses scheduled.

There will be a board meeting this month.

Darrell Lovell

From the Member's Corner

We had three guests in February, one of whom became a member. Let's welcome our guests: Sophie Hunter and Paul Sze and our newest member John Cox. Thank you for coming and we look forward to seeing you again very soon.

Congrats to our members who brought plants and worked hard on the display for the Newport Harbor Show at the Westminster Mall this past week-end. We had 24 entries and 11 winners. Best of Show and a First went to Nick Braemer for *Coelogyne cristata*, the Ron Capps Award for best slipper orchid and a First went to Janet Roberson for primary hybrid *Paph farrianum album x venustum*. Another First to Marshall Lai for *Laelia anceps*; Roberta received a First for *Cym canaliculatum*, 3 Second places to Roberta for *Oncophanes*, *Pterostylis curta* and *Epidendrum trialatum*; and 2 Third places again to Roberta for *Pleurochilus restrepoides* and *Ada rolandii*. Fantastic, pictures to follow in other parts of the newsletter. Thank you again to all who helped out.

Edie Gulrich, Membership Secretary

Scenes from the Westminster Show



The team



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The leaders



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Editor's Potting Bench

Phew! February added quite a few orchids to my collection, and I have been very busy logging them into my database, potting, mounting, and figuring out where to put them. I think that things are settling down, finally.

The San Francisco show was excellent, as always. In the Three Orchid Friends display (a wonderful show of orchid species) I was especially drawn to a beautiful specimen of *Dendrobium papilio*, with multiple spikes. mounted on a large tree branch. My plant is not nearly so grand, but I came home to find that even my little plant had five buds. When it finishes its blooming, I think that I will search for a suitable mount. Because the flowers bloom at the ends of very thin canes, they dance in the breeze. The mounted presentation lets them hang free, instead of tying them up to control them. They'll take up more greenhouse space, but in this case, I think that it is worth it to do a little rearranging, the effect is so beautiful.

Everywhere I turn, I find orchids starting to bloom pro-

fusely. After the show, but so what? I love them. It is a challenge to properly appreciate each one when so many are blooming at the same time. It is definitely spring, no matter what the calendar says. *Bletilla striata* is sending up strong shoots, and preparing its blooms at the same time. I kept a couple of plants in pots, so that they can go to meetings, but I followed Richard Hess' advice for most and put them in the ground. They do grow much better that way. They don't even object to my rather awful clay soil. Of course the *Dendrobium speciosum*s and their relatives are also putting on a spectacular show. Those are also not very portable. So... I hope that your back yard is also full of beautiful blooming orchids.

Don't forget to set your clock March 8 (meeting day) for Daylight Savings Time—Spring ahead!

Roberta Fox, Editor



Dendrobium papilio



Bletilla striata, typical and alba



Calendar of Events * See flyer at www.socalorchidspecies.com, select the Events link

- Long Beach Amateurs Orchid Society Annual Auction***
 March 9, 2015; 6 PM Preview, 6:30 PM Auction begins
 St. Gregory's Episcopal Church Hall, 6201 E. Willow St., Long Beach
 Info: info@lbaos.com, Gary Putnam 562-972-0450 or Irma Hughes 714-897-2892
- Santa Barbara International Orchid Show***
 March 13-15, 2015 9 AM-5 PM
 Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara
 Info: www.sborchidshow.com
- San Diego Orchid Society Show and Sale***
 March 27-29, 2015; Friday 3 PM-7 PM, Saturday 9 AM-6 PM, Sunday 10 AM-4PM
 Scottish Rite Event Center, 1895 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego
 Info: www.sdorchids.com or 760-529-2947
- Central Coast Orchid Show and Sale***
 March 28-29, 2015; Saturday 9 AM—5 PM, Sunday 10 AM—5 PM
 South County Regional Center, 800 W. Branch St, Arroyo Grande
 Info: www.fcos.org or 805-343-2455
- Orange County Orchid Society Orchid Mounting and Potting Workshop***
 April 15, 2015; Orchid judging 7 PM, Orchid Workshop 7 30 PM
 Yorba Linda Public Library Community Room, Lower Level, 18181 Imperial Hwy, Yorba Linda
 Info: Nohline L'Ecuyer orchids @nohline.com 714-491-6660



Location of March Meeting
 (Where we met in November)

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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