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Kraemer Memorial Park

Backs Community Building, Main Room

201 N. Bradford Ave., Placentia

(Chapman and Bradford, parking off Bradford)

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## Orchids of Bhutan

**Sandra Tillisch Svoboda**

Growing up in Minnesota, Sandra's only exposure to orchids was that prom corsage. After graduating with a degree in nursing, she moved to California and ended up in Santa Barbara. She began her orchid life as a pot washer for her husband Al and became fascinated with the history of her husband's complex Paph collection which included many of the oldies like *Paph. F.C. Puddle*. Al's knowledge, love, and enthusiasm for orchids were contagious and when they built a second greenhouse, she decided it would be hers and that was the moment that orchids became an important part of her life. Sandra is the president of the World Orchid Conference Trust, the immediate Past President of the American Orchid Society and chair of the AOS Education Committee. Sandra is an accredited judge in both the American Orchid Society and the Cymbidium Society of America judging systems and is treasurer of the AOS Pacific South Judging Center. She is the present Editor in Chief of the Orchid Digest. She was president of the Cymbidium Society of America and co-chair of the annual Cymbidium Society Congress. Locally, she has served on the boards and been president of the Orchid Society of Santa Barbara and the local branch of the Cymbidium Society. Sandra served on the board of the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show and, for several years, was the show manager. Besides the plants themselves and the never-ending opportunity to learn about them, Sandra loves being involved in the orchid world because it offers an opportunity to travel, meet, and work with so many amazing and fascinating people.

One of the places she has visited is the Himalayan Kingdom of Bhutan. She will share with us the orchids that she saw in this hidden corner of Asia.



## Speaker's Choice

July speaker Kay Klausing admitted that he was especially fond of multifloral *Paphiopedulums*. He was drawn to the floriferous *Paphiopedulum lowii*, grown by Richard Hess. Richard grows this plant in a greenhouse.

According to Charles and Marge Baker in [Orchid-wiz](#), *Paph lowii* grows on a number of islands in

Indonesia and on the Malay peninsula. It is found over a range of elevations from 2500-4500 ft (760-1300 m), in rather bright locations. While it appears to be epiphytic, lithophytic, or terrestrial, it actually just grows with roots in moss or pockets of humus on a variety of surfaces. It grows where the rainfall is heavy and there is plenty of moisture around.



*Paphiopedilum lowii*

## From the Member's Corner

On our return to the Backs Community Center we not only had a very informative presentation from Dr. Kay Klausing but also had a surprise guest. A gentleman was walking by, noticed people carrying in plants and followed them inside to see what was going on. He stopped at the Membership table and after a few minutes conversation, I asked him his name. When he said "Leo Song" I recognized him as the former manager of the CSUF greenhouses and a major source of many of the plants at the Fullerton Arboretum. Mr. Song stayed for the lecture and demonstration, spoke with some of the members, said he found the meeting very interesting and we hope we will see him at the next one. .

Thanks, *Holly Hillman*

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## President's Message

Thank you Kay Klausing, PhD First VP of the San Diego County Orchid Society. I was blown away by Kay's presentation last month. I remember *Paul Brecht* of Santa Barbara Orchid Estate running around to find clippers and his butane torch to flame the cutters before dividing a plant for me. He said, "Would you operate on someone with out sterilizing the equipment you used on the previous patient?" So you ask, why do I need to be a member of a society like the Orchid Species Society? I say, it is incredible what you learn, nothing stays stagnant. Learn more about Virkon® S.

<http://www.orchidboard.com/community/pests-and-diseases/59002-sterilizing-cutting-tools.html>

Do something different today, even your orchids may enjoy the change, and you may unlock the key.

See you in August!

*Dana Seelig, President*

## Editor's Potting Bench

After a frenetic July full of orchid events, August has turned quiet. I'm finding the best locations for my recent acquisitions, and looking around carefully for plants that need repotting. The weather is warm and likely to remain so for several more months, and plants are in active growth so it's a good time to wrap up the potting. I have most of the Catasetinae outside now. When they have all their leaves, they take up a lot of room in the greenhouse, they benefit from the outdoor light and air, and the nights are warm enough to not worry about the temper-



*Cattleya schilleriana*



*Cattleya leopoldii*

ature environment. My latest addition to the orchid-growing area in my yard is a reverse-osmosis unit. I look forward to being able to grow some of the more sensitive species that have languished over the years. After a month of using it, I see improvement in rapidly-growing species such as Sobralias, with new growth not showing the brown leaf tips that I have been used to. Stay tuned.

Last month several spectacular outdoor-growing *Cattleya* species frustratingly bloomed about three days after the meeting, and have now finished. At least, I can share them with you here. *Cattleya schilleriana* gave me three spectacular flowers this time. And *Cattleya leopoldii* was just a "wow!" I grow both of these hanging in an area with a polycarbonate hard cover. It's just enough protection in cold and rainy weather that they

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seem do just fine outside. Not as spectacular, but reliable and robust is *Cattleya forbesii*. This species blooms two or three times a year, and does not get any particular protection. It is not only cold-tolerant, but has forgiven many beginner mistakes, since I have had the plant for many years. And it stays compact, another plus.

*Stelis kefersteiniana* is a cute little pleurothallid that is best appreciated in a photo, since the flowers are only about 1/4" making it hard to see the fuzzy detail.

**Stelis  
kefersteiniana**



*Anguloa brevilabris* is not going to come to a meeting. With pseudobulbs up to 7 inches tall and about 4 inches around, it's in a 12" basket. To accommodate the girth of the plant and give it room to grow without ending up with a huge lump of soggy sphagnum moss in the middle, I upended a plastic bulb pan in the middle of the basket and built up the moss around it. This makes an air pocket, and also helps to keep the weight down a bit. The flowers don't open fully, but are extremely fragrant. The genus is closely related to *Lycaste*, and it grows under the same shady, damp conditions.

Room for one more that is too big to carry very far. *Epidendrum polyanthum* lives in a 10 inch clay pot. It

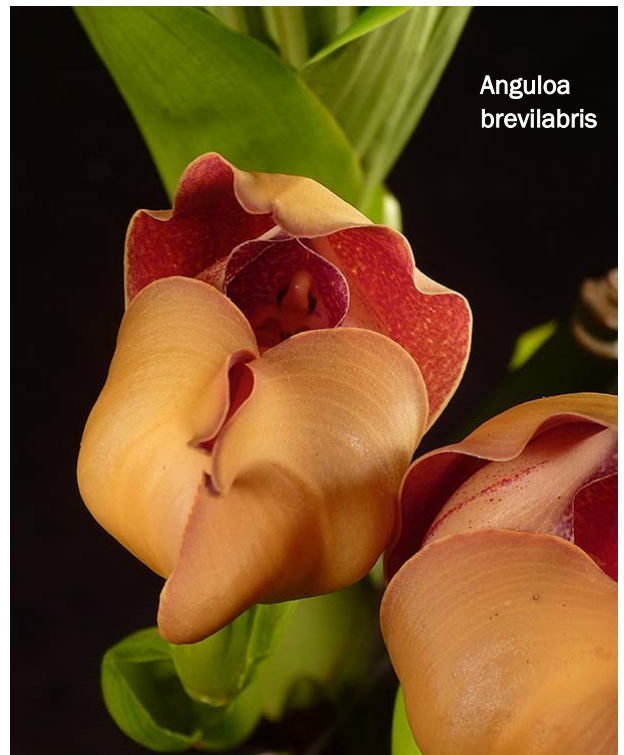
**Cattleya forbesii**



seems to resent repotting. When I repotted it, it sulked for several years. The bark has essentially all broken down and washed out of the pot. As the pot emptied itself of media, I started to get a few flowers again. So I just let it go. It reblooms on old spikes, so I don't cut anything that isn't brown and crispy. This is the best blooming of this plant that I have had in many years.

*Roberta Fox, Editor*

**Anguloa  
brevilabris**



## Calendar of Events \* indicates that event flier is on the website.

- Southern California Orchid Species Society Annual Auction (THAT'S OURS!)\***  
 September 10, 2017; 12:30 PM registration and preview, 1:00 PM Auction begins  
 Kraemer Memorial Park, Backs Community Building, 201 Bradford Ave., Placentia  
 Info: [www.socalorchidspecies.com](http://www.socalorchidspecies.com)
- South Bay Orchid Society Show and Sale\***  
 September 16-17; Sales Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; Show Sat. 11-5, Sun. 9-4  
 South Coast Botanic Gardens, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd, Palos Verdes  
 Info: [www.southbayorchidsociety.com](http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com)
- Fascination of Orchids International Show and Sale\***  
 September 23-24, 2017  
 South Coast Plaza Village, 1621 W. Sunflower, Santa Ana  
 Info: [www.ocorchidshow.com](http://www.ocorchidshow.com)
- Andy's Orchids Fall Open House**  
 October 6-8, 2017; 10 AM–5 PM  
 734 Oceanview Ave., Encinitas  
 Info: [www.andysorchids.com](http://www.andysorchids.com)
- International Huntington Orchid Show and Sale\***  
 October 20-22, 2017; 10 AM–5 PM  
 The Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens, San Marino  
 Info: <http://www.huntington.org/orchidshow/>
- South Coast Orchid Society Annual Auction**  
 October 23, 2017; 6 PM registration; 6:30 PM Auction begins  
 Whaley Park Clubhouse, 5620 Atherton St., Long Beach  
 Info: [www.southcoastorchidsociety.com](http://www.southcoastorchidsociety.com)



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# ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION

**Sunday, September 10, 2017**  
**Kraemer Memorial Park**  
**Backs Community Building**  
 201 Bradford Ave., Placentia  
 Chapman and Bradford  
 Parking off Bradford, north side of park

**Preview at 12:30 PM**  
**Auction starts at 1 PM**

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**Epidendrum  
polyanthum**



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