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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, Main Room

201 N. Bradford Ave., Placentia

(Chapman and Bradford, parking off Bradford)

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## **Orchid Viruses—Practical Aspects of Virus Testing**

**Dr. Kay Klausing**

Kay Klausing will continue the discussion that he began in August, focusing on some of the practical aspects of virus testing as well as research that he has done on his own collection with regard to virus transmission. There will also be an opportunity for you to get your own plants tested. The club has purchased some virus test kits. We ask a donation of \$3 for each test, to reimburse the club for the expense.

Kay was born in Germany and didn't start growing orchids until he was in college. The University of Konstanz where he got his Masters and PhD in Molecular Genetics had a lone *Dendrobium kingianum* specimen covering 2 huge baskets that had developed thousands of keikis due to being kept too warm. The gardener gave him a few keikis. He got hooked on orchids and after a few years most of his friends had *D. kingianums* (and he still has a division of that plant).

He came to the U.S. in 1990 to do his postdoctoral work. One of the first things Kay bought in the US (before he even owned a car) was an orchid at an orchid show by the Palomar Orchid Society. Since then his orchid collection has swelled to about 800 plants with an emphasis on the *Cattleya* alliance – almost exclusively species. He grows plants in three greenhouses (cool, intermediate and warm) and one outdoor area (rupicolous *Laelias*).

Kay was a member of the German Orchid Society for many years and is a long-term member of the AOS and serves on the board of their conservation committee. He is a member of the San Diego County Orchid Society which he now serves as President.

## Speaker's Choice

October speaker Ron Kaufmann selected *Miltonia regnellii*, grown by Scott McGregor, as his speaker's choice plant. This species grows easily outside, which is where Scott grows all of his wonderful orchids. This species tends to ramble, To keep it under control, when Scott repots it, if there are multiple pieces after removing back bulbs, the remaining ones go back into the pot or basket, with new growth toward the middle. Then subsequent growths will stay in a cluster, rather than heading toward the outside edge of the container and spreading all over the place.

*Miltonia regnellii* is native to southeastern and southern Brazil, in wet forests at elevations from 1000-2600 ft (300–800 m) . Temperature range in the habitat is 93 deg F down to 29 deg. F. (Charles and Marge Baker, from [Orchidwiz](#))



*Miltonia regnellii*



## From the Member's Corner

We hope everyone is enjoying the plants they bought at the Species Auction. I have a bonus – one of the plants I acquired labeled Catt. Unnamed (peloric) has sent out a bud spike; I am enjoying the suspense of not knowing what the bloom will look like & I don't have to wait a year to find out! We did not have any guests this month but look forward to welcoming some of your friends & neighbors when you invite them to the next meeting.

Thanks,  
*Holly Hillman*

## President's Message

So, have your growing conditions been impacted by Fire/Ash, Santa Ana Winds, 100+ degree weather, Rain (what's that), 60 degree nights? Most of my orchids are fairly resistant to all of the above. As our growing conditions change, take time to plan how to modify the care of your orchids for the next several months. I always enjoy the insight that the culture sheets from the AOS offer. See the link below.

<http://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/november-december-checklist.aspx>

The Orange County Species Society is truly in need of

Board Members. So many of our members have just attended meetings for many years with out any formal commitment to the Society. Per our bylaws we definitely need a President, and Board Members. I will be asking for nominations from the Floor at our November meeting.

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

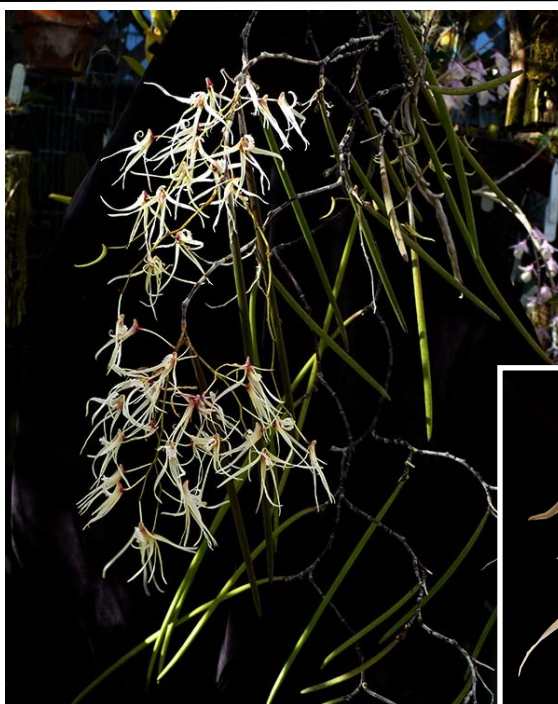
See you in November!

*Dana Seelig, President*

## Editor's Potting Bench

Show season is mostly over until early next year, but our many local orchid nurseries have open houses over the next month or so. Head for Santa Barbara November 4 and 5 to check out Santa Barbara Orchid Estate and Cal Orchid. That's this coming weekend!. Then you'll have nearly a month to find places to put your Santa Barbara acquisitions, before you head to the San Diego area for Andy's Orchids, Sunset Valley Orchids, and Casa de las Orquideas. Andy's will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, but Sunset Valley Orchids and Casa de las Orquideas are Saturday Dec 2 only. Check out our website Events page to see the fliers for those that are marked with an asterisk (\*) on this newsletter calendar.

I hope that your orchids did OK through the beastly heat that we had a bit ago. Now, looking at the long range forecast, I think we really are headed into fall, with night temperatures in the low 50's F quite soon, and in a month or so going lower. Some of my Catasetinae are showing signs of dormancy and so I'm reducing water on those. The ones that aren't there yet are still receiving their full quota of water, but all have moved into the greenhouse. The ones that I had outside are going dormant faster than most that stayed in the greenhouse. We did have some cool nights before we got hit with the heat, and that might have triggered the process, where inside the temperatures remained more even. I'm even seeing some signs of dormancy on a



**Dendrobium  
teretifolium**



few of the Dendrobiums that will need a drier winter, but most are still quite green. In another month or so, I'll cut back the water and push them to slow down, but will start that process on the ones that are starting to drop leaves. Some will keep leaves even though water is reduced.

The burst of heat seems to have inspired a few to produce a second bloom. Dendrobium teretifolium ("Bridal Veil" or "Pencil" orchid), which bloomed normally in June, produced another set of flowers, something that it did only once before for me, nearly 10 years ago. Lycaste deppei did two sets of blooms in a season once or twice before, but it's definitely not the usual pattern. This occurred on two different varieties of the species this year. I also don't recall Ada glumacea bloom-

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*Lycaste deppei*  
(typical)



*Lycaste deppei*  
ssp. *praestans*



ing again, normally blooming in July or late June. Go figure...

*Ada glumacea*



*Stanhopea wardii* was right on schedule. My plant came from Jan Hennessey, but she got it from Bob Marlin (a long-time member who alas passed away quite a few years ago), who lived in Encinitas. The cultivar name he gave it was "Los Vientos Encinitas" and indeed it tends to bloom right about the time that we get hit with Santa Ana winds. To see this open in real time, search on YouTube for "*Stanhopea Wardii* Opens". To experience the burst of perfume when the flower snaps open, however, you have to be there. Since the flowers only last a few days, one just has to enjoy the moment.



*Stanhopea wardii*

*Cattleya guttata* grows quite nicely outside. I do grow my plants either under the overhead-protected area, or against the house but that's all. Here are both the typical ("tipo") form, and the *coerulea* form. I have had the tipo for several years, having it bloom for the first time last year after nurturing it from bare root. The *coerulea* I got at an auction about this time last year, and I have been delighted to see it produce two new growths bigger than the ones it had when I received it. Those new canes are about 3' tall. The *coerulea* plant was in much better condition when I received it than the tipo; I hope that the latter eventual-

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

- **Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Fall Open House**  
November 4-5, 2017 8AM—4 PM  
1250 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara  
Info: [www.sborchid.com](http://www.sborchid.com)
- **Cal Orchid Fall Open House**  
November 4-5, 2017 9 AM—4 PM  
1251 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara  
Info: [www.calorchid.com](http://www.calorchid.com)
- **Santa Barbara History Museum Show and Sale\***  
November 18-19, 2017; Sat. 10 AM—5 PM, Sun 10 AM—3 PM  
2559 Puesta Del Sol Rd, Santa Barbara  
Info: [www.orchidsb.org](http://www.orchidsb.org)
- **Andy's Orchids Winter Open House**  
December 1-3, 2017; 10 AM—5 PM  
734 Oceanview Ave., Encinitas  
Info: [www.andysorchids.com](http://www.andysorchids.com)
- **Sunset Valley Orchids Open House\***  
December 2, 2017; 9 AM—4 PM  
1255 Navel Place, Vista  
Info: [www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com](http://www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com) or (760) 310-0778
- **Casa de las Orquideas Open House\***  
December 2, 2017; 9 AM—4 PM  
170 S. Nardo Ave., Solana Beach  
Info: [www.orquideas.com](http://www.orquideas.com), [casa@orquideas.com](mailto:casa@orquideas.com), (858) 755-7572



ly is as nice—clearly it has the potential, but it's still a bit scrawny by comparison. It is surprising how many of the Brazilian Cattleya species will grow outside, and I'm quite delighted. Because of the size of most of them I would not be able to accommodate them in my little greenhouse, and I'm glad that it's not necessary for some lovely plants.

Roberta Fox, Editor

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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