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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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Cattleya Species and Their Culture

Peter T. Lin

Peter Lin will be presenting his newest talk: *Cattleya Species and Their Culture*. *Cattleyas* have been grown for many years and there are now thousands of hybrids. Before hybrids, species were first grown. Learn about the many different species and some of their culture requirements. This fast paced PowerPoint presentation will discuss most of the *Cattleya* species. Peter will also discuss some of the challenges in repotting these orchids.

Peter started growing orchids over 30 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 12 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again. He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society and a hybridizer of mini-catts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts, and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country. He also has hundreds of photos of his orchids that he maintains on Flickr. You can view them by typing this address into the internet: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/minicatt/collections/>

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His other interests in orchids include *Dendrobiums*, *Angraecoids*, and *Neofinetias*. He maintains a collection of a thousand or more orchids at his home in Southern California in 3 small greenhouses, as well as in the house under fluorescent lights.

Peter will be providing the plant table.



Cattleya tigrina (leopardii)

Speaker's Choice

June speaker Arthur Pinkers selected *Pleurothallis viduata*, grown by Roberta Fox, as his Speaker's Choice plant. Roberta grows this plant outside, somewhat shady. It currently gets reverse osmosis water, but it did fine with city water for several years. Clearly, it's less picky than many pleurothallids. Each growth produces flowers in succession, so that the plant is in bloom most of the time. Since emerging flowers look rather similar to spent inflorescences, it's important to not be aggressive about "cleaning" old ones. Eventually the spent ones dry up, become brittle, and easily break off. Otherwise, just leave them and enjoy the flowers.

Pleurothallis viduata is found in Ecuador, at elevations of about 2800 meters. However, however it seems to tolerate warm summer days as well as cool winter nights.



Pleurothallis viduata



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ORCHID SPECIES SOCIETY NEWS

It is with great regret that the Board of Directors announces that at the end of 2018, Southern California Orchid Species Society will shut down. There has been extensive discussion and soul-searching, but troublesome facts remain. Membership and attendance have been declining for several years. The same few individuals have rotated among the various leadership positions and just can't do it any more. There were no individuals who are willing to take on the tasks of leading the Society, arranging programs, or running the auction going forward. Last November, Yolanda Brown graciously agreed to take the position of President for a year, and Alex Allen stepped up to arrange programs on an interim basis to see if a solution could be found. However, at mid-year nothing has changed. At the June general meeting, there was a discussion session with the Society members who were present with the hope that a solution might emerge, but none did. All who were present agreed that it just did not make sense to try to continue.

Alex has lined up an excellent group of speakers through the end of the year. There will be no auction. We anticipate that we will spend down most of the treasury by the end of December, 2018, and whatever is remaining will be donated to non-profit, orchid related organization(s) as determined by the Board of Directors.

President's Message

Thanks to all who attended the June meeting and stayed after to assist in making the decision to end Species at the end of the year. Continue to attend the meetings as Alex has scheduled great speakers. See you at the July meeting.

Yolanda Brown, President

From the Member's Corner

The list of speakers scheduled from July through December gives all members the opportunity to hear from an outstanding group of orchid growers, judges and lovers! Make time to join us to hear them and also to add to your personal collections from monthly plant tables & member sales. Arthur Pinkers spoke about *Laelias* and provided an excellent slideshow and commentary at the June meeting. We also had 3 guests: Elaine Galisky, a gentleman whose name I didn't get (shame on me) and Sue Chan, a guest of May Chen. Have a great July 4th; hope to see you all on the 8th !

Thanks,
Holly Hillman

Editor's Potting Bench

I spent the last couple of weeks in the Galapagos, a place with fantastic geology and fauna, though few orchids (none where I was) It's an amazing evolutionary laboratory, with a time scale much shorter than in most other places, since the archipelago is very new (and very volcanic). However, I wasn't the only one traveling... Tim Roby was fortunate to see *Cypripedium parviflorum* blooming in Canada. He sent these photos from Fort Whyte in Manitoba. These have become quite rare due both to habitat loss and poaching. (Sadly, the poached ones don't survive away from their native habitat, being extremely dependent on the very specific soil mycorrhizae where they grow)



Cypripedium parviflorum in situ

I hope that you will be able to go to the Open Houses in Santa Barbara at both Santa Barbara Orchid Estate and Cal Orchid. SBOE will have lots of those great \$7.50 specials. And Cal Orchid will have a large array of specials, with several guest vendors (the list still growing) and great food. The two events make for a wonderful summer's day of orchid-hunting.

I came home to a yard ablaze with blooming orchids, nearly all of which have stayed in bloom for me to enjoy. *Laelia purpurata* are popping all over the place. This is a species with so many color forms that one always can accommodate one more.... or several more. Some can be grouped, or maybe they are just different names for the same thing. The color forms have no botanical standard, so f. *roxo-violeta* and f. *shusteriana* may have subtle differences, or not. Some other forms are more distinct. f. *russelliana* is a soft pink and I find it quite lovely. Here are a few of the *L. purpurata* blooms of the moment.

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L. purpurata f.
russelliana



L. purpurata f.
vinicolor



L. purpurata
f. *schusteriana*



Also blooming in profusion are the Sobralias. Many are hybrids, but two of the dominant parent species are also in bloom. The individual flowers only last two days or less, but they bloom successively so I will be enjoying them for at least another six weeks, maybe more.

Sobralia
macrantha



In no particular order, here are a few more orchids of interest that greeted me, all living outdoors. *Microcoelia stolzii* is completely leafless, photosynthesizing through its roots. It grows very nicely outside, in a damp, shady corner. *Oncidium phymatochilum* has an inflorescence like a fluffy cloud of flowers. This is the season when the yellow-green *Lycastes* bloom on bare pseudobulbs, perhaps with new leaves just starting. *Lyc. aromatica* has finished, *Lyc. consobrina* is in full bloom, and *Lyc. cochleata* is not quite open yet (but might be for the meeting). These look very similar, but looking at them (or their photos) side by side one can see differences. Just one more, *Masdevallia infracta*

Microcoelia stolzii



Oncidium phymatochilum



Sobralia
xantholeuca

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

- **Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Summer Open House**
July 13-15, 2018
1250 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara
Info: www.sborchid.com
- **Cal Orchid's Summer Hummer**
July 13-15, 2018; 9 AM–5 PM
1251 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara
Info: www.calorchid.com
- **International Phalaenopsis Alliance Summer Symposium***
July 21-22, 2018
The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens, San Marino
Info: www.phal.org
- **Orchids in the Park***
July 21-22, 2018; 10 AM–5 PM
San Francisco County Fair Building "Hall of Flowers, San Francisco
Info: 222.sforchidsinthepark.org
- **NHOS Summer Orchid and Exotic Plant Festival**
August 17-19, 2018; Friday and Saturday 10 AM–9 PM, Sunday 11 AM–6 PM
Westminster Mall
Info: www.nhosinfo.org
- **South Bay Orchid Society Show and Sale***
September 15-16, 2018; Sales Sat. 9 AM–5 PM, Sun. 9 AM–4 PM, Show Sat. 11 AM–5 PM, Sun 9 AM–4 PM
South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes
Info: www.southbayorchidsociety.com
- **Fascination of Orchids International Show and Sale***
September 29-30, 2018; 10 AM–5 PM
South Coast Plaza Village, 1621 W. Sunflower, Santa Ana (across from South Coast Plaza)
Info: www.ocorchidshow.com
- **Huntington Orchid Show and Sale***
October 19-21, 2018
The Huntington Library, Art Galleries and Botanical Gardens, San Marino



has rebloomed for me.
RO water seems to be
the secret to keeping
Masdevallias alive.
Now I want more...

Roberta Fox, Editor



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