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Newsletter

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**Newsletter deadline is the
25th of the month prior to
the month of issue.**

Meeting August 6, 2022 at 9:45 AM

For our program, we have a presentation from Sir David Attenborough. No, not in person, but his documentary "**Plants Behaving Badly: Murder and Mayhem**" is a complete delight. He takes a close look at carnivorous plants. And we'll have a plant table, too. Many blooming orchids. Looking forward to seeing you!

We need people to volunteer at the September 23-25, 2022, Fascination of Orchids Show and Sale at the Zoo. The August and September meetings are the only meetings where you can sign up to volunteer on the sign up sheets. You can also call or email Theo. Theo111@roadrunner.com.

The areas to volunteer are Setup (Sept. 22), the information table (2-hour shifts) for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and tear down (Sunday Sept 25). Setup and tear down will not be as labor intensive as last year, but similar to when we had the canopy at South Coast Plaza Village. Additionally, we will need to have some volunteers help out Zoo personnel at the advance-sale ticket gate. Please come and help make this another great show. When you sign up, remember that the Show is from **10 to 4** on **THREE** days, and we need help for **all** of the Show hours. So please consider helping out on more than one day, and for several shifts so that we have coverage for all of the hours of the Show.

A new feature at this year's show is the member plant sales table. Fascination of Orchids will provide an area and the tables for members to sell their plants. Someone will need to volunteer to manage the plant table setup and plant selling. Members selling plants will be required to volunteer at the show (for the functions listed above) for a minimum of 2 hours. All proceeds from plant sales will go to the plant owner.

July Barbecue

Thank you, Tony!





Editor's Notes



Summertime and the orchids are blooming... I know that it has been warmer inland, but I'm still experiencing marine layer in the morning and a breeze in the afternoon. Even inland areas been spared the brutal heat that has afflicted the rest of the county. We live in a paradise for orchids! Of course, the other shoe could drop at any time with August monsoon humidity and September Santa Ana winds. But for now, enjoy! Speaking of September, the Fascination of Orchids show needs your help! Along with making sure that the information table is staffed, we're going to need to help the Zoo staff control the special entrance that we will have for people with advance-purchase tickets. We are working hard to ensure that our visitors don't have to endure the long lines that they encountered last year, but that means that we need help getting them through the gate and into the Show quickly. And this year we have three days instead of two to cover. So all hands are needed on deck!

There is so much blooming in my back yard... where do I start? Sobralias continue to put on a show. Individual flowers only last a few days, but new ones keep on appearing. Here is an interesting situation... I got one pot, labeled "Sob. yauaperyensis x xantholeuca" - one parent with a magenta flower, the other deep yellow. The usual pattern on that color combination is a flower that is nearly white. But from the same pot I get these:

The one on the left is what one would expect, the one on the right looks like pure Sob. xantholeuca. Clearly a compot.



Vanda hybrids made with *Neofinetia* (*Vanda*) *falcata* tend to be very cold tolerant. *Ascofinetia* Cherry Blossom puts on a nice show every year. (Now, it's *Vanda* Cherry Blossom, reclassification hides the parentage that indicates its cold-tolerance.)

Cattleya tigrina (*leopoldii*) supposedly likes to grow warmer, and maybe it would be even taller and more prolific, but I'm not complaining. Pseudobulbs are about 18 inches, grown warmer they can get to 2-3 feet.

Look up culture on *Dendrobium glomeratum* (*sulawesiense*)



and it's uniformly "warm" However, plants can't read. Mine does just fine on the patio. I suspect that there are populations from a range of elevations. The hot magenta glows even more due to the contrasting orange lip.



Catasetinae started to bloom when they were barely getting to the "start watering" stage. I move these outside as soon as night temperatures get above 55 deg. F. They need lots of water and fertilizer when they are growing rapidly—to make sure they get enough fertilizer,



Dendrobium glomeratum (*sulawesiense*)

I use some time-release in addition to my regular regimen. *Ctsm. expansum* turns into a beast very fast. The yardstick is for scale. Two different plants, one bloomed female, another bloomed male. The callus in the middle of the male flower looks almost like plastic or ceramic.. *Ctsm* J and R Solar is a nice dark *Ctsm. fimbriatum* hybrid. These early bloomers may very likely produce more spikes later in the season.

flower from old, leafless pseudobulbs as well as from the new ones. It has been reclassified as *Dendrobium* in an attempt to eliminate monotypic genera, but it is quite unique.



Catasetum expansum female

Dendrobium bensoniae goes dormant and leafless in the late fall. It is one of the few deciduous *Dendrobiums* that I do keep pretty dry in winter. It sits there with empty canes through most of the spring. In early June the buds finally appear and I start watering. Now, at the



Ctsm. expansum male



Ctsm. J and R Solar



Inobulbon munificum

end of July, the new green growths are just starting to appear. Flowers have a lovely vanilla fragrance.

Now, here's a really weird one. The pseudobulbs of *Inobulbon munificum* have long hairs coming from all of the nodes. It can



Inobulbon munificum hairy pseudobulbs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

See the [Events page](#) for further details

- **Newport Harbor Orchid Society Summer Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival**
August 12-14, 2022; Friday and Saturday 11 AM–8 PM, Sunday 12 PM–6 PM
Westminster Mall
Info: www.nhosinfo.org
- **South Bay Orchid Society Show and Sale**
September 17-18, 2022; 10 AM–4 PM
Palos Verdes Art Center, 5504 Crestridge Road, Rancho Palos Verdes
Info: www.southbayorchidsociety.com
- **Fascination of Orchids International Show and Sale**
September 23-25 2022; 10 AM–4 PM **3 days!**
Santa Ana Zoo at Prentice Park, 1801 E. Chestnut Drive., Santa Ana
Info: www.ocorchid.com
- **Huntington Orchid Show and Sale**
October 14-16, 2022
Huntington Library, Art Museum,
and Botanical Gardens, San Marino

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SEPT 23, 24, 25, 2022
10 AM to 4 PM
Santa Ana Zoo
1801 E. Chestnut, 92701
Free Parking
Sales, Exhibits, Seminars

Show Details & Advance Ticketing
Information at : www.OCorchid.com

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