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# Fascination of Orchids Newsletter

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

## Meeting and Barbecue: July 1, 2023 at 9:45 AM

It's BBQ time! Summer has arrived, well June gloom has arrived, and it is time for our ANNUAL BBQ! Our BBQ will be held in the same place as last year, behind the amphitheater, at the picnic tables, in the shaded area at the Santa Ana Zoo. The date and time are **July 1, 2023 at 9:45 AM**. You can come a little later if you like, since it will take a little bit to get the coals going and cook the food. But, be mindful of the Zoo parking, which fills up quickly after around 9:45 AM; ergo, get there around 9:45 and miss the rush. We will have time to socialize, hear about your plants (Show and Tell), before Chef Theo does his culinary wizardry and we can enjoy a tasty meal for an early lunch.

The Club will provide the condiments, utensils and the main courses of burgers, kielbasa, brat sausages and water. We want you to bring one of your favorite Side Dishes for all of us to enjoy. If you want a beverage other than water, you can bring that as well. The Club will also provide some antiseptic wipes.

We need to know how many people will be attending. We do need this information by Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, so that we can do our shopping.

**PLEASE RSVP to**

[theo111@roadrunner.com](mailto:theo111@roadrunner.com) by June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the BBQ.



From Gisela Ferolito:



*Dendrobium loddigesii*

**Cattleya (Laelia) Zip**  
(*milleri* x *tenebrosa*)  
Both parents have been  
reclassified from *Laelia* to  
*Cattleya*



## Editor's Notes



Our cool “June gloom” is, overall, kinder to blooms than heat would be. I have noticed that many plants have been staying in bloom a week or more longer than they have in the past. However, blooming seems to have also been significantly delayed. Many plants are blooming a month to 6 weeks later than they have in prior years. For some, I wonder if they will bloom at all this year. *Laelia purpuratas* (which usually are hitting their peak by mid to late June) are just now starting to emerge from sheaths. If the marine layer lifts earlier or goes away, leading to summer warmth, things could change fast, of course. So this year is different, but still very floriferous.

Rechingerara Chichiriviche Sunset (a mouthful of a name) seems to have really appreciated the odd weather. I have had it for about 5 years, and each year the spike didn't quite make it, or maybe produced a single distorted flower before blasting. This year I got two nice spikes, and 5 flowers. This is an unusual intergeneric hybrid. One parent is *Potinara Orange Rocket*, an *Slc* x *Blc*. The other is *Schomburgkia (Laelia) undulata*. You can see the “wavy” petals from the *Schomburgkia* parent. So based on the old nomenclature, 5 genera involved. Under current nomenclature, 4 genera (*Cattleya*, *Guarianthe*, *Rhyncholoaelia*, *Laelia*). Either way, it's quite complex.

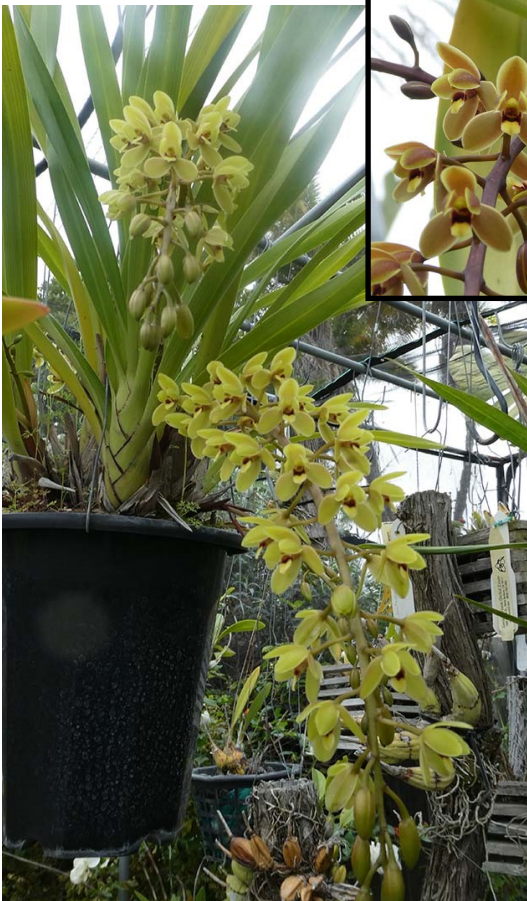




Rechingerara Chichiriviche Sunset

I'm never sure whether to call Cym. Kuranda (madidum x suave) "late" or "early". It is blooming right on schedule, the last of the Cyms to bloom in the late spring, just before the summer bloomers like Golden Elf. Here are two cultivars, one a bit darker than the other.

Cym. Kuranda  
(2 cultivars)



Cattleya mossiae is the national flower of Venezuela. It grows quite well outdoors, though I do give it some overhead protection, This is the semi-alba form. I have two cultivars of this form... one is fragrant, but with poor form, this is the other—little fragrance but more flowers and better form. Can't smell the photo, so I chose "form and flowers" to show you.

Slc. Hazel Boyd is a classic Frank Fordyce hybrid. Cultivars of this one range from orange with varying amounts of red, to bright red ones like this.

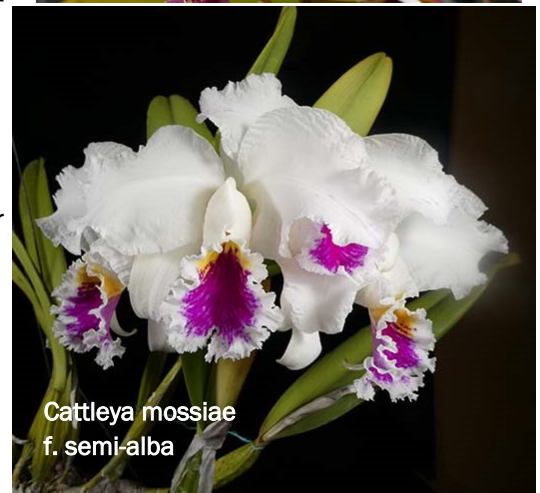


Slc. Hazel Boyd 'Orinda' AM/AOS

Oncidium John Louis Shirrah is a primary hybrid of Onc. hyphaematicum (big and tall) and Onc. sotoanum (formerly ornithorhynchum) which is small, and fragrant. It mostly takes after its sotoanum parent, and is sweetly fragrant.



Onc. John Louis Shirrah



Cattleya mossiae  
f. semi-alba



Cross the easy-to grow *Cattleya intermedia* with *Cattleya mossiae* (in this case *alba* forms of both) and you get *C. Undine*, nearly bullet-proof. It is also very fragrant, and can bloom twice a year.



**Cattleya Undine**

Deciduous Dendrobiums (wintertime, look dead but they aren't) are blooming profusely. Native to the Himalaya foothills and southeast Asia highlands, they don't get much rain in winter but receive overnight dew so they aren't completely dry. I don't dry mine out at all and they seem to bloom fine anyway. The *Den. nobile* hybrids may not even lose leaves. Same treatment. *Den. Fortune* has bloomed reliably for me for many years. It's one of the early survivors after I figured out to ignore the advice to dry it out from Halloween to Valentine's Day... killed several of this type before I learned better.



**Den. Fortune  
'Hawaiian Sunset'**



**Den. dickasonii**



**Den. crepidatum**



**Den. wilsonii**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- **Cal Orchid Summer Hummer**  
July 14–16, 2023; 9 AM–5 PM each day  
1251 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara  
Info: [www.calorchid.com](http://www.calorchid.com)
- **Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Summer Open House**  
July 14–16, 2023; Friday and Saturday 8 AM–4 PM, Sunday 9 AM–3 PM  
1250 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara  
Info: [www.sborchid.com](http://www.sborchid.com)
- **Orchids in the Park (San Francisco)**  
July 29–30, 2023 10 AM–5 PM  
SF County Fair Bldg, 1199 9th Avenue , San Francisco  
info: [www.orchidsanfrancisco.org](http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org)
- **South Bay Orchid Society Show and Sale**  
September 16-17, 2023; 10 AM–4 PM  
Palos Verdes Art Center, 5504 W. Crestridge Rd., Palos Verdes  
Info: [www.soutbayorchidsociety.com](http://www.soutbayorchidsociety.com)
- **Fascination of Orchids International Festival of Orchids and Exotic Plants**  
September 22,23,24 , 2023; 10 AM–4 PM  
Santa Ana Zoo, 1801 E. Chestnut St, Santa Ana  
Info: [www.OCorchid.com](http://www.OCorchid.com)

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