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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: November 4, 2023 at 9:45 AM**

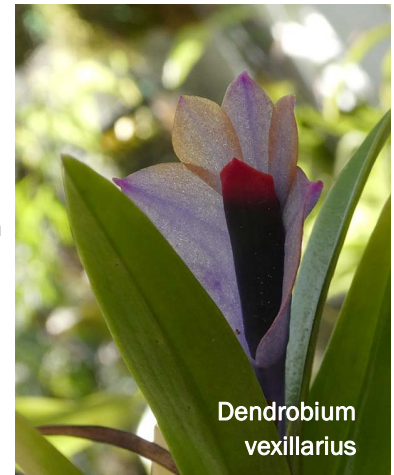
## Beyond the Wallace Line: New Guinea Dendrobiums

**Carol Klonowski**  
(Webinar)

**Carol Klonowski**, an AOS judge, takes us to the jungles of New Guinea for a fascinating tour of orchids that grow nowhere else.

Carol has been growing orchids since the 1980's when a friend in Berkeley, California, gave her a cattleya orchid and it bloomed out with three big, dark lavender flowers and an intoxicating fragrance. She built an entire greenhouse in her backyard to accommodate the precious plant, which only led her to buy more orchids. Then another friend gave her a gift membership to the Orchid Society of California, and it's been a serious hobby ever since.

Carol has served as Director, Vice President, and President of the Orchid Society of California for most of the past two decades and is currently a Fully Accredited Judge with the American Orchid Society in the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center.



**Dendrobium  
vexillarius**

### President's Message

The weather has turned cool at night hovering at around 60 degrees at my house in Costa Mesa. This week was a little on the dry side with spots of 80ish degree weather. Not bad for orchid growing and some late year repotting.

Early fall culture. I have once again started repotting the plants that need to be done before the rains. You don't want a plant with broken down bark to get soaked in the cool days or cold nights. That's an invitation for root rot or mold. Remember to clean the orchid growing area of weeds, old fallen leaves dead plants, wait who has those?, and

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other culture items that will enhance your growing area and wintering over of your plants. October is a good month for pest prevention as the bugs (aphids, thrips, mealybugs, scale, slugs and snails) are starting to go into winter slowdown. Reduce watering frequency and the quantity/strength of fertilizer as the plant's metabolism is slowing down in preparation for winter.

If you want to do something for the Dec 2, 2023 meeting, let's talk about it at the meeting. I will be asking for suggestions for future talks/demonstrations. Let me know if you have suggestions. See you Saturday 9:30 AM at the Zoo.

Theo

## October Meeting



*Given an orchid, a person will be happy for a week!  
Learnt to grow orchids, a person will be happy forever!*



## Jack's Asian Cym Potting Mix

- Testing on multiple materials
- Design of Experiments
- Asian nursery investigation
- Main ingredients
  - Bark
  - Pumice
  - Akadama soil
  - Kanuma soil



**An orchid in a deep forest sends out its fragrance even if no one is around to appreciate it.**



From Tony Gliskas:



Labeled "Blc. Hsinying Gold 'Ching' x Blc. Izumi Charm 'SVO'-3" but probably not since both of those parents are yellow. But it is beautiful, and loves life on a tree in Tony's yard.

From Gisela Ferolito:



*Miltonia moreliana* (*Miltonia spectabilis* var. *moreliana*)



*Oncidium Sweet Sugar 'Emperor'*



## Editor's Notes



Show season is over for the year, but there are still some open houses for those who “need” more orchids. The Events Calendar also lists some shows for next year so that you can begin to make plans. There will be more added as we find out about them. Do check the website [Events page](#) for details on each event.

Nights are cool but days range from moderate to warm and occasionally hot, and that means Cymbidiums! I am seeing some spikes just starting—in another month it will be time for serious staking. I showed you a super-early one last month, now I have Cym. Chen's Ruby blooming nicely, with lots more spikes developing. This one tends to stay in bloom throughout the fall, and sometimes even does another set of spikes in winter. It's very fragrant. One parent is Cym. Golden Elf, and its influence is powerful.



**Cymbidium Chen's Ruby**

A couple of classic Cattleya hybrids have put on a good show. Cattleya Angel Bells is a C. Bow Bells hybrid. (Thanks, Espie!) C. Bow Bells is the parent of many of the white corsage orchids. It originated in the UK before World War II, was rescued from the war in the US. One of its parents, C. Edithiae, however, was lost when the ship that it was traveling on was torpedoed. The full story of C. Bow Bells and its influence can be found on the [Chadwick Orchids](#) website, and it is fascinating.



**Cattleya Angel Bells 'Suzie'**

Another classic beauty is Cattleya Mary Elizabeth Bohn 'Royal Flare'. This is a lovely coerulea flower, with a splash.

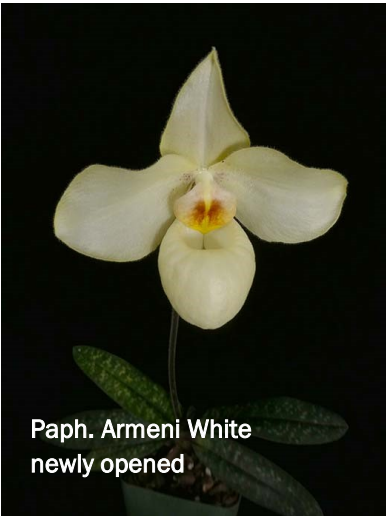


**Cattleya Mary Elizabeth Bohn 'Royal Flare'**

Laelia anceps spikes are maturing, we'll be seeing the flowers next month.

Paphiopedilum Armeni White is a primary hybrid of Paph. armeniacum (intense yellow) and Paph. delenatii (pink). The pink of delenatii completely washes out the yellow of the armeniacum, yielding a pure white flower. But it doesn't happen all at once. When the flower first opens, it is pale yellow. Then over the next few days, the pink pigment develops, further reducing the light yellow until

4 or 5 days later, it is, indeed, white



Paph. Armeni White  
newly opened



4 days later

Miltonia moreliana is blooming at my house too. My plant originally came from Gisela, more than 20 years ago. When she told me that she had lost hers, I was glad that mine was big enough to share. Now we both have it! When you divide a plant, and give a piece to someone else, it's an insurance policy!



Miltonia moreliana

Dendrobium papilio has two forms, one with larger but fewer flowers, and a small flower form that can be very floriferous. It blooms mostly on old, leafless canes that can look quite dead. They're very much alive! Imagine these flowers floating in the forest on

impossibly thin canes, like butterflies—their namesake. It is native to the Philippines, at higher elevations, so grows well outside here.



Dendrobium papilio



Lycaste schilleriana likes it shady and damp. Since spikes often emerge from the side, it needs to be in a basket.



Lycaste schilleriana

Roberta Fox, Editor

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- **Sunset Valley Orchids Winter Open House**  
Saturday, December 2, 2023; 9 AM to 4 PM  
1255 Navel Place, Vista  
Info: [www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com](http://www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com) or (760) 310-0778  
Awsome discounts, best tacos north of the border!
  - **Carmel Orchid Society Fall Orchid Market**  
November 10-11, 2023; 9 AM–4 PM  
4590 Carmel Valley Rd, Carmel  
Info: [CarmelOrchidSociety.org/Events](http://CarmelOrchidSociety.org/Events) or (831) 626-1120
  - **Andy’s Orchids Winter Open House**  
December 8-10, 2023; 10 AM–4 PM  
734 Ocean View Ave, Encinitas  
Info: [www.andysorchids.com](http://www.andysorchids.com)
  - **Pacific Orchid Exposition**  
February 16-18, 2024  
County Fair Building in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco  
Info: [www.orchidsanfrancisco.org](http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org)
  - **Santa Barbara International Orchid Show**  
March 8-10, 2024; 9 AM–5 PM  
Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara  
Info: [sborchidshow.com](http://sborchidshow.com)
  - **South Bay Orchid Society Show and Sale**  
March 16 –17, 2024; 10 AM–4 PM  
Palos Verdes Art Center, 5504 Crestridge Rd, Rancho Palos Verdes
  - **Fascination of Orchids Festival of Orchids and Exotic Plants**  
September 20-22, 2024; 10 AM–4 PM  
Santa Ana Zoo, 1801 E. Chestnut, Santa Ana  
Info: [www.ocorchid.com](http://www.ocorchid.com)
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