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Meeting is 2nd Sunday of each month, at 2 PM

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Placentia Library
411 E. Chapman Ave, Placentia
(Corner of Chapman and Kraemer)

May 13, 2012 at 2 P.M.

A Visit to Edie Gulrich's Orchid Collection (Edie's House, NOT the Library)

Tour of Growing Areas, Good Company, and Show-and-Tell

Since our May meeting date falls on Mother's Day we are meeting at the home of Edie Gulrich, 1627 W. Palais Rd, Anaheim

From Edie: Well, I hope all of you like dogs, because there are 3 small ones and 1 large one, all friendly; two greenhouses, 1 warm and 1 trying to keep cool. We're off of Euclid St, between Ball Rd and Cerritos Av. You can only turn east as W Palais is across from Loara High Athletic field. 1627 is about 12 houses down from Euclid on the north side of the street, the house number is under the left garage light. Please ring the doorbell so we know that you have arrived. We have plenty of chairs, also there will be iced tea, coffee and lemonade....snacks are welcome. Barbara is bringing plants for your pleasure to add to your collection. Roberta will have tickets for a free raffle. See you here on Mothers' Day. Phone is 714-991-8661.



**A bit of the Show and
Tell table at the April
meeting**

Scenes from the April Meeting



From the Member's Corner

A wonderful time at Roberta's, with so many plants to see and a guest to visit us: Sharon Tanner. Sharon, come back and see us real soon.

Edie Gulrich, Membership Secretary

President's Message

Hi everyone,

I want to thank Roberta Fox for hosting our April meeting. She has devoted a large portion of her yard to growing orchids. She has used the space in her yard very well with a greenhouse, a lean-to, and lots of plants under shade cloth. I was very impressed with her automatic misting system and am anxious to incorporate some of her ideas in my own yard.

In addition to our guest speakers, I really look forward to the "show

& tell" portion of the meetings. I so enjoy seeing what's in bloom and hearing how other members grow their orchids. Our April meeting was no exception! Nick Braemer's Draculas were the talk of the day. One was at least three inches wide and almost black in color. Since these orchids need to be kept cool to prevent them from shriveling up, Nick transports them in an ice chest.

While reading about mounting plants with sphagnum moss, I came upon some information regarding a disease called Sporotrichosis which can result from handling sphagnum moss

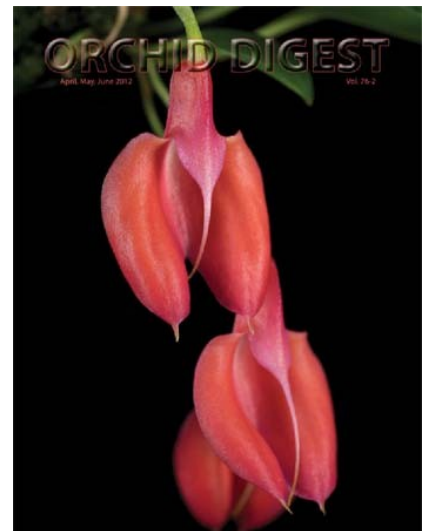
with open sores or cuts on the hands. Apparently this can be quite serious as the disease can attack the lungs, joints, and central nervous system. This was new information to me, so I thought I would share it.

Our May meeting will take place on Mother's Day at the home of Edie Gulrich. I saw Edie's new greenhouse right after it was assembled, and I can't wait to see it up and running!

Darrell Lovell, President

The new issue of Orchid Digest has a wonderful article about the Lepidoptera that pollinate Orchids, by Carol Siegel. They are as intricate and beautiful as the orchids they pollinate. Amazing! Their camouflage is wonderful. Check this out. If you don't have the magazine it is well worth the money you spend especially since there are only 4 issues a year and not a lot of storage is required. It is one magazine you would want to save, Get your application from Edie Gulrich.

Barbara Olson, Orchid Digest rep.



Nick Braemer's Draculas at the April Meeting

Drac. chiroptera



Drac. roezlii

Editor's Potting Bench

I totally enjoyed hosting the April meeting. Clearly all of us enjoy visiting the growing areas of other people—there was a really good crowd. We try to describe the conditions under which we grow our orchids at our regular show-and-tell sessions, but there's nothing like seeing the actual areas. So for those who weren't able to make it to my place in April, I hope you'll be able to see Edie's in May.

Make sure you put the Orchid Digest Speakers Day on your calendar! I have been to several, and each has been a fantastic learning experience. It's a day to wallow in orchid information.

I have recently re-worked my own website, which you can visit at <http://orchidcentral.org> (you can also still get there from orchidcentral.net) Over the years, I have changed the way I view the criteria for my various growing areas, how I classify what grows where, and generally how I think about my collection. And besides, the photos that I have taken in the last three or four years are much, much better than the earlier ones since cameras have improved so drastically. I'd look at the scanned prints, or even the 1-megapixel early digital ones, and say "lck". So, it only took about six years since I moved from condo to house to get around



Masdevallia porphyrea

to the job, but I think you'll like the result.

I have shown my *Masdevallia porphyrea* at March and April meetings, and it is still in bloom (having had four spikes, each of which opened the flowers over several weeks) To properly appreciate the beauty of the flowers, it helps to get REALLY close, though. So here is a photo to make it easier. Another one that is hard to appreciate from a distance is *Gastrochilus fuscopunctatus*. First, it is a small plant. Leaves are about 1/2 to 3/4 inch, and have dark spots. The flowers are small (about 1/4 inch) but more frustratingly, they hide under the foliage. So one must look carefully to not miss the blooms alto-



Gastrochilus fuscopunctatus

gether. But it's very cute, and intricate. The lip is a pouch. (The prefix "Gastro-" refers to "stomach") Both of these plants grow outside, in the shade. The *Masdevallia* is in a clay pot, and the *Gastrochilus* is mounted.

Roberta Fox, Editor

Calendar of Events

* See flyer at www.socalorchidspecies.com, select the [Events](#) link

- **San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists Annual Auction***
May 17, Preview at 6 PM, Auction at 7 PM
Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Gardens, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia
Info: www.sgvoh.org
- **Orchid Digest Speakers Day***
July 7, Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanic Gardens
(See notice for list of speakers)
- **Santa Barbara Orchid Fair**
July 13-15, 9 AM—5 PM Friday-Saturday, 10 AM—4 PM Sunday
Earl Warren Showground, Santa Barbara
 - Open House at Santa Barbara Orchid Estate
 - Open House at Cal Orchid

TENTH ORCHID DIGEST SPEAKERS' DAY!

“ORCHID SALAD DAYS”

Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens, San Marino, California

Saturday, July 7, 2012

12:30 – 8 PM in Friends Hall

Lectures:

Marc Hachadourian - “Extreme Orchids

Jason Fischer - “Neofinetia, The Living Antique”

George Vasquez - “Phalaenopsis: Past, Present, and Future”

James Rose - “The Laelias of Mexico”

Dinner Speaker:

David Banks

“Bulbophyllum Species”

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Cal Orchid - Orchids Ltd. - Sunset Valley Orchids - Zuma Canyon Orchids - Andy's Orchids

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