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Placentia Library

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

June 10, 2012

Maxillarias

Karen Muir

It's a big and varied genus—there is lots of material to work with on this one.

Karen is originally from Michigan where she began raising orchids around 1975. She was a member of the Michigan Orchid Society and held all of the offices of the Society including show chair, program chair, vice president and president. Karen became an accredited American Orchid Society Judge in 1997. In 1998, she was transferred by her Company, Lincoln Mercury, to Irvine, California and retired in January 2002. Karen also served 5 years as the American Orchid Society Chair of the Pacific South Judging Region and has traveled to Canada, Guatemala, Peru, Ecuador, Brazil, South Africa, England and Japan to attend and judge orchid shows. She has lectured on the Society circuit in the US, including the California Paphiopedilum Guild, the Slipper Alliance, NCOS (National Capital Orchid Society) Paphiopedilum Forum, two South African Paphiopedilum Conferences and the Paph Forum in London, England.



Karen is now the Affiliated Societies Representative and Treasurer for the Orchid Digest. She resides in Laguna Niguel, CA.



Maxillaria coccinea

Scenes from the May Meeting



From the Member's Corner

From the Members Corner....There were no guests at the Mothers' Day meeting; but 22 wonderful people came to visit my greenhouses, some brought plants for silent auction and a free raffle, others brought great food. Apparently everyone had a good time and it was our pleasure to have everyone. If you didn't have an opportunity to visit or see everything while you were here, just send me an e-mail or a call and we can get together for a visit. Thank you again to everyone who stopped by.

Edie Gulrich, Membership Secretary

President's Message

Hi, Everyone -

Our May meeting took place at the home of Edie Gulrich. We toured Edie's new greenhouse which is set up with auto-misters and humidity controls, and provides her with lots of room to grow her Bulbophyllums. All present enjoyed some great refreshments and a lively "show and tell" session.



Our June meeting will take place at the Placentia Public Library. We need to begin planning for our annual auction in October. (Board members, board meeting after the club meeting)

See you at the meeting.

Darrell Lovell, President

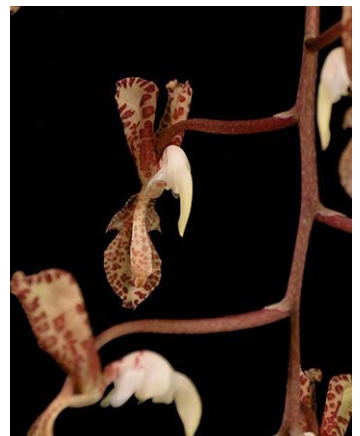


Editor's Potting Bench

Edie, thanks for your hospitality! With all that new greenhouse space, guess you need more orchids...

Orchid Digest Speakers Day is always a "don't miss" event. What could be better than a day wallowing in orchid information with other orchid enthusiasts? This year, rather than focusing on one group of genera (wonderful for who happen to grow the orchids under discussion but maybe not sufficiently motivating for those who don't), each speaker has a different area of specialty. There should be something to capture the fancy of EVERY orchid lover. The vendors tend to bring carefully selected special and interesting plants, since they have a more sophisticated and discriminating audience than at most shows. So the shopping is wonderful, too. Get there early, so that you can spend a little time exploring the grounds of the Huntington, as well. See you there on July 7!

I hope that you had a chance to get a good look at those Gongoras that Nick Braemer brought to the meeting at Edie's. That wheeled clothes rack is a wonderful way to display them. Just transporting plants with 3' pendulous inflorescences is a monumental task! One of my favorites is Gongora scaphephorus. I have a small one, that had come and gone by meeting time. I showed mine the pictures from the meeting, so it knows what it SHOULD look like. Viewing that grand presentation from a distance, though, one misses a chance to appreciate a truly fantastic flower. Here's what it looks like up close.



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Here's another view of *Gongora scaphephorus*.

house.

I eagerly await Karen Muir's talk on *Maxillarias*. It is such a varied genus, and I am finding quite a few of them to grow and love. So here are a few of them, to whet your appetite.

Roberta Fox, Editor

Those who visited my house in April had a chance to see my 12' *Sobralia caliglossa* in all its glory. We don't see a lot of *Sobralias* at meetings since even the more modest-sized species get big enough that they are not particularly portable. All of them are not huge, though. At the other extreme is *Sobralia callosa* (don't get the rather similar names confused...) This 7" plant recently bloomed for the first time for me. Unfortunately, the flower is very thin, and only lasts for a day or two. As I write this, I see two new buds (it is a successive bloomer like many *Sobralias*) , so I hope that it will wait until the day of the meeting—not before and not after—since it is a beautiful but ephemeral flower. Unlike many of the familiar *Sobralias*, *Sob. callosa* is an intermediate to warm grower, and so grows in my green-



The long and short of it... *Sobralia caliglossa* and *Sobralia callosa*

Calendar of Events

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

- **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 (with barbecue lunch!)
- **Palomar Orchid Society Orchid Fair and Auction***
August 18, 2012 – Preview 11 AM, Auction 12 PM
The Pavilion at Lake San Marcos, 1105 La Bonita Dr, San Marcos
Info: www.palomarorchid.org
- **Fascination of Orchids Show and Sale***
September 29-30, 10 AM–5 PM
South Coast Plaza Village—Info: www.ocorchidshow.com

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”

Vendors:

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

Tickets \$60 (\$75 at the door)

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