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Meeting is 2nd Sunday of each month, at 2 PM
October Auction starts at 1 PM!!

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Placentia Library
411 E. Chapman Ave, Placentia



**Southern California
Orchid Species Society**

ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION

Sunday, October 14, 2012

Placentia Library

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

Preview at 12:30 PM
Auction starts at 1 PM

Featuring

Species and Hybrids

Including many plants not readily available from other sources

Auction! Auction!

Note the earlier starting time. We will have lots of outstanding plants and orchid-related items for you to buy. This is the principal source of funds for the society — the proceeds support the speaker programs for the year. Come early to preview the plants, and then BID BID BID and go home with some wonderful treasures.

Bidding makes people hungry, so any snacks that you might want to bring will be very welcome!

Speaker's Choice

September speaker Roberta Fox selected *Pleurothallis pectinata*, grown by Daniel Geiger, as her Speaker's Choice. The leaves of the plant hang like cups or bells. But turn the leaves upward, and the intriguing inflorescence becomes visible. Each leaf is capable of producing several inflorescences in succession—the old ones are visible in the photographs. Thank you to Dan for providing the close-up photographs. Dan grows this plant in an intermediate greenhouse, with minimum temperature of around 55 deg. F. Light is on the shady side.

Pths. pectinata was originally discovered in Brazil, in



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the area around Rio de Janeiro. It has since been found in the states of São Paulo, Paraná, and Santa Catarina. It is found at an elevation of around 1200 ft (370 m.) Charles Baker, in Orchidwiz, gives temperature extremes of 92 deg F to 42 deg. F, but considering the latitude and elevation, it probably does grow best with a minimum temperature above 50 deg. F.

Pleurothallis pectinata inflorescence

From the Member's Corner

Welcome to our guest Pam Neil, thank you for joining us, hope you got some good info from some members on your quest for greenhouse information. Hope to see you at the auction next month. Thank you to those who volunteered yesterday to help out at the auction, your contribution will be greatly appreciated. Set up will begin at 11:00 AM; the library will have someone available to open up the room. If you can't make it to the auction but have plants or supplies to donate, please call or e-mail me, 714-991-8661 or egulrich@att.net; If you are planning to bring boxes to transport your plants, we would be happy to utilize them.

Edie Gulrich, Membership Secretary

President's Message

I'm on vacation so no column this month. See you at the auction!

Darrell Lovell, President

AUCTION REMINDER: The October auction will take place in the patio outside the meeting room, as it has in the past. The auction will start at 1 PM (an hour earlier than the regular meeting) to allow us enough time to sell all of those wonderful items.)

AUCTION ITEM PREVIEW: Check website <http://socalorchidspecies.com> for a preliminary list of auction donations we have received. This will be posted starting on Thursday, October 11, and will be updated as we get new items up to Sunday morning. Start your "Wish List"! Then, come early and check out the plants, since we always get some more right up to auction time.

Editor's Potting Bench

Fall, and auction-itis is setting in. The Southern California Species Society auction is a highlight of the year for me, because it's a chance to acquire some unique orchids. In my capacity as "data manager", I am getting a sneak preview of the plants that are being donated. I am drooling ... and it is still early in the process. When we get close to auction time I will be posting a preliminary list on our website (promised for Thursday October 11, but if I get the bulk of the information earlier, it could be a day or two sooner). That's a hint to those members who are planning to donate. You have your log sheets and labels, and I have sent you a spreadsheet for recording your plants with the lot numbers. Please send me those filled spreadsheets by email as soon as you have tagged your plants. If you prepare the list electronically, no need to fill out the manual log sheets. For everyone, remember that we're starting at 1 PM, so come a bit early to look over the plants. Bring a snack to share if you'd like. Then, our auctioneer *extraordinaire* Peter Lin will take over. And you will go home with some new treasures.

The auction is not the only way to share plants with other members. It's the main one for October, but in other months, we also give members an opportunity to sell their excess plants and divisions at silent auction. For that, the member and the club share in the proceeds. And sometimes members just

trade with each other. All of these approaches let one add some very interesting plants, often large mature ones, to their collections. Last April, when the meeting was at my house, Jan Hennessey offered divisions of her big, prolific *Stanhopea wardii*. (Picture is on the website, under August) I was fortunate enough to acquire one of them. And WOW! The plant has produced three spikes. The first one just opened, with five flowers. Big, fragrant yellow flowers that opened while I was watching. While many orchids open slowly, over a period of days. *Stanhopeas* open with a pop and a burst of perfume, in min-



Stanhopea wardii

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Stanhopea wardii

utes. Usually my Stanhopeas open in the early morning, so that I have buds the evening before, and wake up to open flowers. This one waited until the sun warmed it a bit, in mid-morning. It took about 15 minutes from the first one to open fully to the last. And over the next few weeks, I'll get this treat twice more. This genus does not make it to meetings often, since the flowers typically only last a few days. That being the case, you'll have to just enjoy the pictures, unless you were one of the other lucky people to acquire one of these plants, in which case you'll have your own fun with it.

Our prolonged hot, humid summer has played crazy games with my orchids. I was delighted to see that Maxillaria huebschii had at least a dozen spikes.... and then watched in dismay as they turned brown and dropped their buds. The plant looked healthy, but I was concerned that something drastic was happening. I bought it from Andy Phillips, so I sent him an email seeking advice about what might be going amiss. He responded that the recent hot spell was very likely the culprit. I think I may get two or three flowers... there's always next year. The buds blasted on Lemboglossum rossii, I suspect the same issue, since that one is a relatively cool-grower. Plants from the tropic latitudes at higher altitudes can take

a fair amount of daytime heat, but not having the usual cool nights may make them unhappy. I can only agree with them. I don't like warm nights either. On the other hand, there have been rewards. Cattleya harrisoniana alba (which might actually be C. loddigesii, or a hybrid of the two) normally blooms for me in early spring, which it did. And it is blooming again. These two species may actually be varieties of the same one. Their ranges in Brazil are adjacent, and where they overlap, speciation is ambiguous, and subject of heated debate among experts. A hybrid of spring and fall blooming orchids may produce twice-a-year blooming, but it could also be a reaction to the unusual warmth. I have a Cattleya intermedia which is definitely a species and definitely a spring bloomer that is in sheath again. Whether the sheaths progress to a second batch of flowers remains to be seen.

Roberta Fox, Editor



Cattleya harrisoniana alba (aff.)

Calendar of Events

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

- **Fascination of Orchids Show and Sale***

September 29-30, 10 AM—5 PM

South Coast Plaza Village

Northeast corner of Sunflower and Bear, across from South Coast Plaza

Info: www.ocorchidshow.com or 949-735-2930

- **San Diego International Orchid Fair**

October 6-7, 9 AM—5 PM Saturday, 9 AM—4 PM Sunday

San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, CA

Info: www.sdbgarden.org/orchid.htm or 760-436-3036

- **Southern California Orchid Species Society Annual Auction (THAT'S US!!)***

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- **Southland Orchid Show**

October 19-21

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

- **Orchid Society of Santa Barbara Show and Sale***

November 17-18, Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-3

Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, 2599 Puesta del Sol Rd, Santa Barbara

Info: www.orchidsb.com or fmorchids@hotmail.com



Malillaria huebschii (wait 'till next year...)



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