



# Southern California Orchid Species Society

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Newsletter deadline is the 25th  
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Meeting is 2nd Sunday of each month, at 2 PM  
Kraemer Memorial Park  
Backs Community Building, Main Room  
201 N. Bradford Ave., Placentia  
(Chapman and Bradford, parking off Bradford)

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## Grow Specimen Orchids Outdoors—and Skip the Repotting

**Nick Braemer**

Nicholas Braemer is a retired Ob/Gyn who has been growing orchids since 1996. His main interests are the cool cloud forest plants, Cypripediums, other cool growers and Bulbophyllums on the warm side.

The motivation for these takes him to the monthly species meeting in San Diego and also the bimonthly Pleurothallis Alliance meeting in San Francisco in addition to our monthly meeting. Besides a warm and cold greenhouse, he has an extensive collection of lath house plants which grow outside in our benevolent climate. Since he wants to spend his time in the 2 greenhouses he is less interested in repotting a large number of outside Cattleyas, Encyclias, Dendrobiums etc and has developed some unique ways of growing them. None of his outside plants need repotting as none of them are growing in degradable media, yet one sees the usual mix of plants growing in pots, baskets and on mounts. He will discuss some of the unusual culture techniques that allow this to happen, the focus being on the outside plants.



Cattleya warneri

## Speaker's Choice

January speaker Curtis Gean selected *Osmoglossum pulchellum* grown by Scott McGregor. This is a large, well-grown specimen plant. Scott grows it outdoors in a shade area. He uses reverse-osmosis water on all of his orchids.

*Osmoglossum pulchellum* has also been known as *Odontoglossum pulchellum*. The current classification is *Cuitlauzina pulchella*. It is delightfully fragrant, especially in the morning. According to Charles Baker (cited in [Orchidwiz](#)) this species is native to Mexico (state of Chiapas), Guatemala and El Salvador. It grows in pine-oak forests at elevations from 4600-6900 ft (1400–2100 m). Our winter low temperatures are no problem for this species.



*Osmoglossum pulchellum*



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## From the Member's Corner

Welcome to our newest member Una Yeh! As for the Newport Harbor Show.....out of 34 plants on the table and 16 ribbon judging submissions we ended up with 11 winners. My deepest appreciation to those who helped provide plants, helped design the layout, helped with the set-up and tear-down, in alphabetical order (by first name) : Barbara Olsen, Janice Krause, Joyce Nugent, Marshall Lai, Richard Hess, Roberta Fox, and last, but not least our display coordinator Yolanda Brown. Without these generous folks we would not have had the great display and won any ribbons. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!!!

A few of you still have not paid your 2014 dues; please do so in order to continue receiving your newsletter. Thank you.

*Eddie Gulrich, Membership Secretary*

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## President's Message

I am sorry to have missed the last meeting. I'm sure it was very informative and interesting. My lovely and wonderful grandson let me share his cold/flu and besides feeling terrible myself I didn't feel that I should

spread it any more than necessary. I look forward to our next meeting and all of your plants that you bring.

*Tim Roby, President*

## April Meeting Preview—Pre-orders

Our April speaker will be Gene Crocker of Carter & Holmes Orchids. He will not be bringing any plants to sell, but is accepting pre-orders for plants to be delivered at the meeting. Carter & Holmes is offering a 25% discount off catalog and web prices. You will also receive a bonus plant for each five plants you order. There will be a 10% charge for packing and delivery. Edie Gulrich is coordinating our group order. Check out the website <http://carterandholmes.com> for the catalog. There will also be one available at the March meeting.. The order must be placed two weeks before the April meeting, so don't delay!

## SCOSS Display at Westminster



Setting up



Done



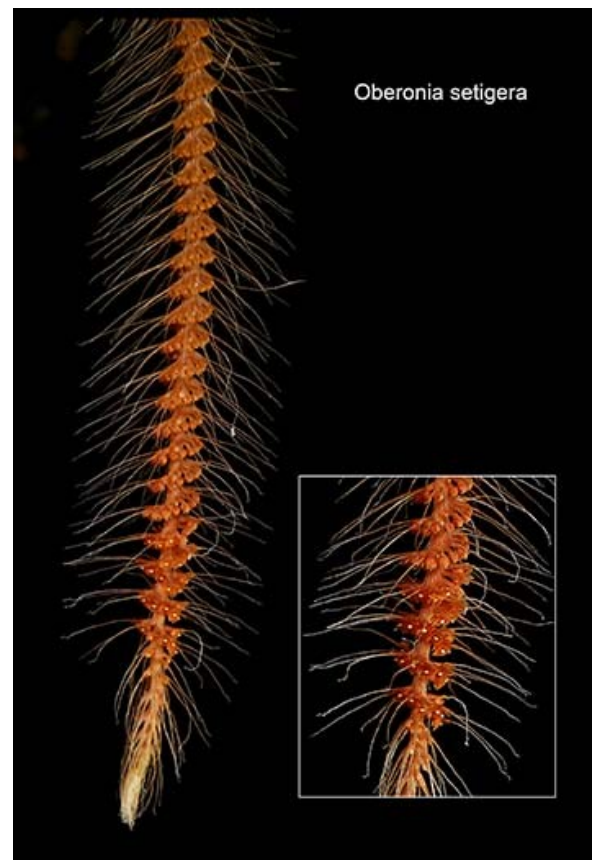
SCOSS Display Beribboned

Best of Section	Exhibitor
<i>Odontoglossum cristatum</i>	Roberta Fox
<b>First Place</b>	
<i>Cymbidium canaliculatum</i>	Roberta Fox
<i>Laelia anceps</i> 'Pink Snow'	Roberta Fox
<i>Phalaenopsis amabilis</i> var. <i>formosana</i>	Roberta Fox
<i>Pterostylis curta</i>	Roberta Fox
<i>Oberonia setigera</i>	Roberta Fox
<b>Second Place</b>	
<i>Oncidium ornithorhynchum</i>	Richard Hess
<i>Pleurothallis restrepiodes</i>	Roberta Fox
<b>Third Place</b>	
<i>Phragmipedium besseae</i>	Richard Hess
<i>Holcoglossum subulifolium</i>	Roberta Fox
<i>Laelia moyobambae</i>	Roberta Fox

## Editor's Potting Bench

I want to offer special thanks to Yolanda Brown, who designed our display, and had all the "stuff" that we needed to hang plants, hide ugly pots, and otherwise position the plants to please the eye. It is a significant challenge to plan without knowing which plants are going to cooperate by blooming at the appropriate time. "If only it was last week" or "If only it were next week" laments don't count... we have what we have at show time. My "orclectic" collection came through with a reasonable number of presentable plants. For me, orchid growing is not a competitive sport. An opportunity to exhibit orchids is an opportunity to educate. As a club, we want to showcase the orchid species that would be overwhelmed in the displays of conventional clubs, with their big, showy hybrids. The results of the ribbon judging are gone and forgotten when the display comes down. There is probably a record someplace, but not where anybody is going to see it. However, during the show, those ribbons serve to help focus the attention of visitors. The first reaction of a guest who enters the display room is sensory overload. The ribbons direct their attention to the plants that should get special notice. We can hope that we got people to appreciate those species orchids a bit more than they otherwise might have.

I hope that you had a chance to see our display. You have already seen photos of most of my plants that garnered ribbons, in the January newsletter. Here are two that were not in that group. My favorite is *Oberonia setigera*. I did include the photo with the plant in



## Calendar of Events

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- **Long Beach Amateurs Orchid Society Annual Auction**  
March 10; 6 PM Preview and Registration, 6:30 PM Auction begins  
St. Gregory's Episcopal Church Hall, 6301 E. Willow St., Long Beach  
Info: [www.lbaos.com](http://www.lbaos.com), [info@lbaos.com](mailto:info@lbaos.com) or (562) 432-7205 (Gary Putnam) or (714) 897-2892 (Irma Hughes)
- **Santa Barbara International Orchid Show\***  
March 14-16 9 AM–5 PM  
Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara  
Info: [www.sborchidshow.com](http://www.sborchidshow.com)
- **San Diego County Orchid Society 2014 Show and Sale\***  
March 21-23 : Friday 3 PM-7 PM, Saturday 9 AM-6 PM, Sunday 10 AM-4 PM  
Scottish Rite Center, 1894 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego, CA; Adult admission \$7  
Info: [www.sdorchids.com](http://www.sdorchids.com) or (760)529-2947
- **San Diego County Cymbidium Society Annual Auction\***  
April 5; Preview 11:30 AM, Auction begins 12:00 PM  
Lake San Marcos—Lake Pavilion, 1105 La Bonita Dr., San Marcos  
Info: [orchldy1@mac.com](mailto:orchldy1@mac.com) or 760-732-0055
- **Central Coast Orchid Show\***  
April 5-6; Saturday 9-5, Sunday 10-5  
South County Regional Center, 800 W. Branch St, Arroyo Grande  
Info: [www.fcos.org](http://www.fcos.org) or 805-929–5749
- **Palomar Orchid Society Annual Auction\***  
May 17; Preview 10:00 AM, Auction begins 11:00 AM  
The Pavilion at Lake San Marcos, 1105 La Bonita Dr, San Marcos  
Info: [www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)
- **Orchid Digest Speakers Day**  
*June 14—Save the Date!!*  
“Orchids Around the World”

the display so that one could appreciate it from behind the stanchions. The individual flowers of the inflorescence start opening from the tip, and work their way up to the base (opposite of most orchids). At show time the lowest flowers were just opening. Now, the ones near the top are open and lowest ones just finishing. Maybe it will hold for the meeting...

*Phalaenopsis amabilis* var. *formosana* is one of the important “foundation” species behind many Phal hybrids. This plant has interesting variegated leaves.

*Roberta Fox, Editor*



*Phalaenopsis amabilis* var. *formosana*

**These vendors have generously supported our Society at the last Auction, and throughout the year. Please support them with your business. When you visit them, let them know that you are a member of our society. They need to know that our Society supports them.**

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