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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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## Brazilian Cattleyas 2.0

**Steve Champlin**  
(Florália)

Steve Champlin, from Florália Orchids of Brazil, will discuss the Brazilian Cattleyas. The talk is "2.0" because it is about both the Cattleyas and the Laelias of Brazil, which are all now considered Cattleyas by the RHS...but not by the Brazilians.

Steve began his professional work with orchids in 1983, working for Armacost and Royston in Carpinteria, continuing with them when they merged with Stewart's Orchids. He became sales manager and head Cattleya hybridizer. In 1991 he married his wife, Sandra, and moved to Brazil. Sandra's family has owned Florália for more than 50 years, and it is run by the granddaughters of the founder, Rolf Altenburg. They have two nurseries. Their laboratory and seedling facilities are in the city of Niterói, a suburb of Rio de Janeiro. That

Cattleya bicolor



Laelia purpurata

one is at sea level, with hot summers and temperate winters. The other nursery is at Petrópolis, in the Organ Mountain Range about 2 1/2 hours' drive from Rio de Janeiro. The nursery is at about 800 m (2500 ft) and is much cooler than at Niterói. This is where they grow the intermediate and cool varieties.

Steve and Sandra co-chaired the 1996 World Orchid Congress in Rio de Janeiro. Steve has been an AOS judge until this year, when he retired due to travel conflicts.

## Speaker's Choice



*Eulophia petersii*



September speaker Tanya Lam selected *Eulophia petersii*, grown by Scott McGregor, as her Speaker's Choice. The plant had at least four spikes, each of which was about 3 ft. - 4 ft. long. Scott grows this plant outdoors, as he does with all of his plants. It is grown out on the patio, not in the shade house, since it can tolerate nearly full sun. He does protect it from winter rain, since it needs to be rather dry during the winter. If it gets watered at all, it doesn't need or want much at that time.

*Eulophia petersii* grows over a large portion of northern and central Africa, and as far north as Saudi Arabia. It grows in thickets in sandy soil, often near rivers or other sources of water. Its native environment is very hot and very dry. Winter nights can be cold, but since at that time of year it is dry, it tolerates the winter chill with no problem.

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## From the Member's Corner

It was very encouraging to orchid neophytes to hear Tanya's lecture about the trials, tribulations & successes of her orchid growing. Don't we all wish we could catch hundreds (or was it thousands) of gallons of rainwater for our plants? How many of you are trying her method of growing orchids bareroot (or mostly) on beds of water-soaked rock? We hope the large group of friends that she brought to the meeting also enjoyed our "Show & Tell" portion along with her presentation. Thank you to the following people who signed in as visitors – please forgive me if I didn't get your name right. They were: Ngoc Lan Au, Ann Luong, Phung Tran, Kgun Hupay, Van Luong, ?ann Luong, Michael Friend & Raymond Aguilar.

Happy growing, see you at the next meeting.

Thanks,  
Holly Hillman

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## Editor's Potting Bench

I hope you had a chance to visit the Fascination of Orchids show and sale. There was a good mix of vendors and a lot of very interesting orchid species. Coming up soon is the show at the Huntington. I checked out the vendor list on the show website, and there are some that weren't at Fascination of Orchids and I haven't seen in southern California. And then there is Andy's Orchids Open House this coming weekend (a week before the meeting). I hope to see you there. Between shows and open houses, this is a very busy time—do check the Events page and plan your “orchid month”.

Our seasons change more gradually than in most places. but it is more like fall than summer, finally. Watering is definitely a morning activity, since nights are starting to be cooler. I started watering *Pterostylis curta* very lightly in August, but now am keeping them definitely damp. There are just a few little green rosettes showing in some of the pots, and the rest will be waking up shortly. I'm going somewhat slower on the European and Australian terrestrials, having waited for definite cooling. I'm now giving them some morning misting, and will start watering in another week or two. If the forecast rain actually materializes that would wonderful, but otherwise “dew” and “rain” come from the end of a hose. While some of the *Catasetinae* are starting to show browning leaves, those are still getting water. In another month or so fertilizing will stop and watering will be reduced as they start to go dormant.

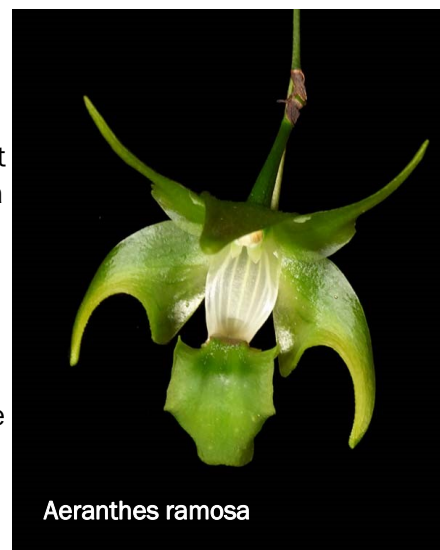
*Cattleya* (*Guarianthe*) *bowringiana* is now in bloom. The *coerulea* form started in mid-September and is nearly done, but the typical form has just come into bloom. These grow quite nicely outside. I do give them some overhead protection, and they have done better that way. Being a “What can I get away with?” backyard grower, I know I'm pushing the envelope on some of the Catts. That polycarbonate over the area where the species Catts grow does seem to let me get away with a lot more.

*Cattleya*  
(*Guarianthe*)  
*bowringiana*  
f. *coerulea*



*Cattleya* (*Guarianthe*) *bowringiana* typical form

Floating on the end of a long, wire-thin spike, the flower of *Aeranthus ramosa* is suspended in space, floating on any passing breeze. It's rather weird, but certainly would tantalize its pollinator. The flower is dark green, not so easy to see for a human, but no doubt visible at night to a moth or other insect. This species is more cold-tolerant than most of the genus, and seems to have done fine outdoors through last winter. Flowers continue to appear sequentially, so don't cut the spike until it is definitely brown and dead.



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**Editor's Potting Bench, from Page 3**



**Stelis purpurea in the early morning**



If you look at *Stelis purpurea* during most of the day, you wonder when will the flowers ever open. For this one, you have to get up early to see the flowers, since they are only open until around 9 AM, then close for the rest of the day. It will go through this routine for several weeks. They stay open a little later on cool, overcast mornings.

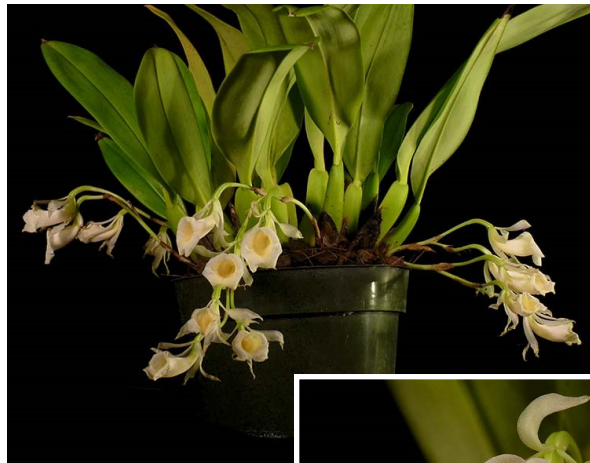


**Ceratochilus biglandulosus**

Enjoy it here, since the flowers will never be open for a meeting.

*Ceratochilus biglandulosus* can grow outside, but it needs shade and very high humidity. It seems to grow better for me in the greenhouse, not so much for the temperature but for the humidity. Flower is nearly an inch wide, larger than the plant. And the name is bigger than both.

*Trichopilia rostrata* had been in the greenhouse for several years. However my research indicates that it should be fine outside. It is getting large, and that is a reason to move it outside if I can. It has been out since last spring, so it hasn't encountered winter yet. However, it is getting lots of time to acclimate. I'll be keeping an eye on it as the weather cools, but



**Trichopilia rostrata**



so far it has been growing vigorously. Outside, there is always room for one more orchid. In my little greenhouse, not so much.

Back to the *Cattleya* tribe, *Encyclia* (*Prosthechea*) *garciana* is blooming profusely. From what I have observed, most of the *Encyclias* that are non-resupinate (lip upward) are now classified as *Prosthechea*. These flowers are quite dark when they open, then become lighter as they age.

**See photos on Page 5**

*Roberta Fox, Editor*

## Calendar of Events \* indicates that event flier is on the website.

- **Andy's Orchids Fall Open House\***  
October 5-7, 2018; 10 AM–4 PM  
734 Ocean View Ave., Encinitas  
Info: [www.andysorchids.com](http://www.andysorchids.com)
- **Huntington Orchid Show and Sale\***  
October 19-21, 2018; 10 AM–5 PM  
The Huntington Library, Art Galleries and Botanical Gardens, San Marino (Brody Botanical Center)  
Info: [www.huntington.org/orchidshow](http://www.huntington.org/orchidshow)
- **South Coast Orchid Society Annual Auction\***  
October 22, 2018; Preview and registration 6 PM, Auction begins 7 PM  
Whaley Park Clubhouse, 5620 Atherton St., Long Beach  
[www.southcoastorchidsociety.com](http://www.southcoastorchidsociety.com)
- **Orchids in the Park: San Diego County Orchid Society Show and Sale\***  
October 27-28, 2018: Saturday, Show Noon–6 PM, sales 10 AM–6 PM; Sunday, 10 AM–4 PM  
Balboa Park's Casa del Prado, Room 101 (Near Natural History Museum), San Diego  
Info: [www.sdorchids.com](http://www.sdorchids.com)
- **Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Fall Open House\***  
November 3-4, 2018; Saturday 8 AM–5 PM, Sunday 9 AM–4 PM  
1250 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara  
Info: [www.sborchid.com](http://www.sborchid.com)
- **Cal Orchid Fall Open House**  
November 3-4, 2018; 9 AM–4 PM  
1251 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara  
Info: [www.calorchid.com](http://www.calorchid.com)
- **Santa Barbara Orchid Society Show and Sale\***  
November 17-18, 2018; Saturday 10 AM–5 PM, Sunday 10 AM–3 PM  
Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, 2559 Puesta Del Sol Rd, Santa Barbara  
Info: [www.orchidsb.org](http://www.orchidsb.org)
- **Sunset Valley Orchids Open House**  
December 1, 2018; 9 AM–4 PM  
1255 Navel Pl., Vista  
Info: 760-310-0778 or [www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com](http://www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com)

Encyclia (Prosthechea)  
garciana



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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<p>Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens  Contact: Brandon Tam  btam@huntington.org</p>	<p>Royale Orchids  Australia  http://www.royaleorchids.com/</p>
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