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Stories, articles and news items are welcome. The deadline is the 5th of the month.

Dennis Mackewicz 3198 Lilly Avenue Long Beach, CA 90808 (562) 430-0090 dwmackewicz@yahoo.com **Monday**, June 26, 2006

Speaker: Ruben Colmenares

Topic: "Angraecums of Madagascar" 8 p.m.

Ruben, current president of our Society, will be presenting a slide show on Angraecum Orchids.



Angraecum scottianum



Angraecum veitchii

Last Newsletter of 2006

If you have **not yet paid** your annual membership dues, this will be your last newsletter. Please fill out the form in this newsletter and get it to Helen, our Membership Chairman, by our June meeting if you have yet not done so and want to continue to get your newsletter!

Refreshments

Last names **H** to **P** please bring refreshments. There is a special drawing for those who bring food!

Membership Form 2006 Membership in the SCOS is open to anyone. Membership dues are \$20.00 per year per household, payable in January of each year. New members may join at any of the monthly SCOS meetings by completing this membership form or by mailing it with your dues to our membership coordinator: SCOS/Helen Powell 4209 Blackthorne Ave. Long Beach, CA. 90808 Make checks payable to the "SCOS". You will begin receiving our monthly newsletter the following month (*) Please Print Clearly Check One: ____ Renewing ____ New Member Last Name ____ First Name Spouse/Partner ____ ___ Address ____ City ___ State ___ Zip Code ____ (*)

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SCOC Newsletter Available via Email

We can now make available to members a PDF file copy of our newsletter. I can email an attached PFD file of our newsletter to members that want to try getting a copy with the understanding that you can op out of getting this monthly email at any time.

Please send an email if you would like to receive an emailed copy to Dennis at dwmackewicz@yahoo.com.

In considering this option, please also realize an opportunity for you Society to save money if you indicate a preference for either of the first two options below:

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Thanks for considering these options, Dennis, Editor

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UPCOMING EVENTS

26th Annual Santa Barbara Orchid Estate International Orchid Fair

July 7-9

Fri-Sat: 9 AM - 5 PM, Sun 10 AM - 4 PM
Earl Warren Showgrounds
Santa Barbara, CA
(805) 967-1284
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Angraecum (an-GRYE-kum) An Introduction *

The *Angraecum* genus includes nearly 200 species that adapt to a wide range of climates and altitudes. *Angraecums* are native to the African Tropics, Madagascar and the Seychelle Islands. Some of the more showy species originate from Madagascar.

Common characteristics of the **Angraecum** include waxy, white, star shaped flowers with long nectarines; pollination by a specific moth, and generally are night fragrant. Ivory, creamy white, milky white and slight green tinges are the colors of the flowers. The long nectary is one of the more distinguishing characteristics of these orchids.

Angraecums resemble vandas, have many of the same properties, and many belong to the sub tribe **Vandacea**. Thus, **Angraecums** like conditions similar to **Vandas** and **Cattleyas** in terms of light requirements, yet love the moisture and water more suited to **Phalaenopsis**.

Charles Darwin studied how plants and orchids attract insects for pollination via their nectar and fragrances, and hypothesized that a moth with a long proboscis pollinated the *Angraecum* orchid. Decades later, scientists did validate this hypothesis. The fragrance of *Angraecums* is usually classified as "white florals." Dr. Roman Kaiser, a renowned fragrance and flavor chemist at Givaudan-Roure Research, Switzerland, has studied the fragrances and properties of scents and has classified all the *Angraecum* scents as having varying degrees of 'white florals'. Their fragrance has been described as spicy, aromatic, citrusy and heady. It is believed that a French researcher, named Bory de Saint Vincent, categorized the *Angraecums* in 1804.



Flowers of the *Angraecum* orchids are extremely diverse in size, fragrance, growth habits. Sizes range from miniatures to the 5 inch "stars" of the *A. sesquipedale* (picture at left). This species is one of the most popular. Flowers are showy and this orchid generally blooms in winter around Christmas time. It is nick-named "The Star of Bethlehem". Other species can flower at various times of the year.

Care of *Angraecums*:

Temperatures: The *Angraecums* tolerate a broad range of temperatures and adapt well to cool environments, intermediate and warm environments. *Angraecums* like a high humidity of 60 - 80% and many prefer temperatures between 57 - 85 F. There are a few species require chilling weather for at least three months (*A. sororium*, *A. protensum*).

Light: Many varieties enjoy high light which is why they can be grown with *Vandas* and *Cattleyas*. Generally however, they grow well in phalaenopsis-like light with more shade than sun.

Watering: Give considerable amounts of water. **Angraecums** have "feet like phals"... they definitely like to stay moist. These orchids are sensitive to salt and fertilizer buildup, so flush well.

Fertilizer: Many growers recommend a 20-10-10 or 30-10-10 fertilizer solution year round. Generally, fertilize once every 3-4 weeks in the winter and every 2 weeks in spring and summer. Flush plants well after fertilizing to reduce salt buildup.

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^{*} Editor's Note: Thanks to Joan Bailey for providing this review in preparation for this month's topic.

Angraecum (an-GRYE-kum) **An Introduction** (continued)

Here is a small list of a few interesting species included in the *Angraecum* genus:

- **A. bosseri:** identified in 1970's, resembles **A. sesquipedale,** only smaller, fragrance labeled as "spicywhite floral; originates in Madagascar.
- **A. distichum:** miniature star shaped flowers, small curved leaves giving a braided look, native to tropical eastern Africa.
- **A. eburneum:** heavy plants that branch freely, flowers in winter and is fragrant, white flowers with slender green sepals, from Seychelles Islands.
- **A. eichlerianum:** grows as a climbing plant to heights of 6 feet, flowers are greenish with a white lip, usually flowers in summer, are long lasting, native to western Africa.
- **A. magdalenae:** has white, waxy flowers, lip is broad and comes to a point. It likes cooler temperatures and can be grown under lights, produces keikis near base, flowers in summer.
- **A. scottianum:** flowers are upside down, creamy white to ivory color, has terete leaves and grows to nearly 2 feet in height, flowers in fall.
- **A.** sesquipedale: the queen of **Angraecums**, large star shaped white flowers, heady aroma, characteristically long spurs, showy plant, from Madagascar, blooms in winter, "The Star of Bethlehem".

April Monthly Meeting









April's Speaker Norito Hasegawa

Some Orchids on April's Judging Table Dendrobium Laelia Phalaenopsis

May Monthly Meeting







Ruben Opening Meeting



Loren Bachman Testing for Viruses

Editor's Note: Thanks to Andy Tao and Kathy Smith for the pictures of our last two meetings.

May Monthly Meeting

RIBBON JUDGING

Thanks to the following members for judging at the May meeting: Nancy Wask, Kathy Synstelien, Jim Hoyle, Toby Hoyle and John Reyes.

Ribbon Judging May 2006

CATTLEYA ALLIANCE

1st Blc. 'Sunset Glory' Ruben Colmenares 2nd Epc. 'Charlie Brown' Ruben Colmenares 3rd Epc. 'Circus Lady' Ruben Colmenares CULTURAL: Lc. 'Tropical Pointer' Ruben Colmenares

CYMBIDIUMS

1st Cym. aleofoliumEspie Quinn2nd Cym. Cricket x pumiliumJohn Reyes3rd Cym. madidum 'LeRoy'John ReyesCULTURAL: Cym. aleofoliumEspie Quinn

DENDROBIUMS

 1^{st} Dend. williasonii Jim Hoyle 2^{nd} Dend. gratosissimum Jim Hoyle 3^{rd} Dend. Stardust 'Firebird' Jim Hoyle CULTURAL: Dend. williasonii Jim Hoyle

ONCIDIUMS AND ALLIED GENERA

1st Oncidium maculatum Kathy Synstelien

PAPHIOPEDILUMS & PHRAGMIPIDIUMS

1st Paph. Calbsum 'Long life'x Paph. Maudiae 'Long life'

John Reyes

2nd Phragmipedium wossnea Butch & Miranda Arciaga 3rd Paph. Insigne Butch & Miranda Arciaga CULTURAL: Paph. Calbsum 'Long life' x Paph Maudae 'Long

life' John Reyes

PHALAENOPSIS

1st Phal. 'Ching Hau Magic' Sue Miller

OTHER GENERA

1st Bulbophyllum nymphopolitanum 2nd Masd. Coccinea 'Chris' Butch & Miranda Arciaga Butch & Miranda Arciaga

3rd Masd. "Midnight Plum" x coccinea alba

Butch & Miranda Arciaga

CULTURAL: Bulbophyllum nymphopolitanum

Butch & Miranda Arciaga

SPECIES

1st Masdevallia caesia Jim Hoyle 2nd Capanemia viliginosa Ruben Colmenares

3rd Maxillaria tenuifolia Butch & Miranda Arciaga

CULTURAL: Coelogyne bufordianse Ruben Colmenares

VANDAS

Member's are requested to participate in The Plant Forum by sharing and displaying their blooming plants each month. It makes our meetings more interesting and each plant entitles you to a FREE RAF-FLE TICKET for a chance to win a new orchid.

EACH MEMBER HELPING WITH JUDGING WILL RECEIVE A FREE RAFFLE TICKET FOR THEIR EFFORTS.

Janell Schuck, Ribbon Judging Coordinator

A Thank You to Our June Speaker: Loren Batchman—Casa de las Orquideas

I would like to thank
Loren Bachman for providing such an educational talk and also for
providing such a phenomenal Plant Table at
such a low cost. He has
been a very strong supporter of our Society and
many other societies.
We all need to give him a
high five the next time we
see him. Loren and his
wife Nancy are both very

kind and very much ap-

preciated in the World of



Orchids. I hope we all can show support at his sales. I have been to their beautiful piece of property—Casa de las Orquideas—in Solano Beach which is covered with what? You got it, Orchids.

Thank You Loren.

Joan Bailey



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Tho's Orchid

MONDAY, June 26th

Meeting at Whaley Park

7:00 p.m. Judging

7:30 Culture Session

8:00 p.m. Speaker

HELP NEEDED TO SET UP TABLES & CHAIRS Come **Before the Meeting** BETWEEN 6:30 & 7 p.m. to help.



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