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The South Coast Orchid Society meets on the fourth Monday of each month except holidays at the Whaley Park Clubhouse, 5620 East Atherton Street, Long Beach, California at 7:00.

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# South Coast Orchid Society

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Monday, May 19, 2008

### For The Love of Paphiopedilums

Speaker & Culture Discussion: Catherine Lee

7:30 p.m.

Our May meeting will be focusing on Paphiopedilums with a presentation by Catherine Lee. Our speaker was one of our SCOS members while going through the training to become an AOS Judge at our Long Beach Judging Center. She has been growing Orchids for 15 years and during that time been a member of many Orchid Societies. Her educational background is a Bachelor's Degree in Botany and she has taught college biology.

Catherine will give us some pointers on caring for our orchids with reference to purchasing plants, setting up a proper environment with regard to light, humidity, fertilizer, temperature and growing media. There will be repotting demonstration of Paphiopedilums. She will also discuss how to recognize common pests and diseases, as well as how to treat them with organic methods.

We hope that many past and present members will attend this meeting since Catherine is relocating to Tampa, Florida this summer. This will be an opportunity to bid her farewell and wish her much success in her new location. Since she cannot take her greenhouse and Orchids with her, we will offer much of her collection on our Plant Opportunity Table this meeting.

Janell Schuck

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

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### **June Board Meeting Date Change**

Our next Board meeting has been moved to <u>Thursday June 19th at 7:00 p.m.</u>. The meeting will still be at Mildred Carr's home. More information should be sent out before the meeting.

### Refreshments

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

### President's Message (\*)

We enjoyed another first rate lecture at the March meeting from Tony Velardi. Tony is a hobbyist, whose passion is breeding quality cymbidiums. He left us with a lot of useful information, some entertaining jokes, and a thorough demonstration of his repotting technique. I finally found out why it is important to anchor your orchids firmly in the pot: left to wobble, the root tips will be broken off in the loose mix and roots will fail to develop, a fatal condition for an orchid that does not show up immediately. Thanks to Janell for finding another great speaker.

Continuing my theme from last month, I want to recognize some more of the people devoting their time and energy to our organizations.

Have you noticed our Hospitality Chairwoman, Marylyn Paulson, setting up, serving refreshments, and repacking everything in the kitchen to be stored for next time? Marylyn moves fast, so you may have just sensed a blur flying by. She is there, at Whaley Park, from start to finish of our meetings, and still seems to find some time to participate in the drawing and hear the speakers. And this year, she has found time to join the Board, in which she is an active participant.

Kathy Smith is handling the Membership Secretary duties. She uses her skill at computer spreadsheets to maintain a current log of members and their (email or snail mail) addresses so we can contact our members and send them our newsletter. You may also have noticed Kathy running the drawing at the end of the meeting each month, taking on an extra duty. And when our meeting is over, she and Gene are there to reconfigure the chairs and take down the tables, so we can meet the city's requirements for club meetings.

Ex President John Reyes maintains an active role in the club. He is our representative to the Fascination of Orchids show each year, oversees the setting up of our display, and manages the sale of our plants through the weekend. John also grows some fine orchids, and his plants are worth a second look, as their healthy appearance indicates some excellent culture technique.

Board member Andy Tao ran last year's very successful Auction in November. Andy managed to keep track of hundreds of separate items that were donated for our auction, and provide a list of those vendors who helped make it a success.

I should also mention our Auctioneer last year, Merle Robboy, whose refined knowledge of orchids lent so much to our auction. Merle hung in there for the entire evening, tantalizing us with his description of each plant, and raising the level of interest so vital to an auction.

Board member Ron Nash is often a visible presence at our meetings, either promoting our participation at the Fascination show, or as our transaction manager at our auction. For the auction, Ron has developed an item

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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Casa de las Orquideas **Seedling Sale** May 17th 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

170 S. Nardo Ave., Solana Beach, CA 92075 More Info: (858) 755-7572 or www.orquideas.com Parking is limited - Please consider carpooling

**Newport Harbor Orchid Society Ron Capps Memorial Orchid Auction** May 20th 7 p.m.

Costa Mesa Neighborhood Community Center 1845 Park Avenue, Costa Mesa More Info: www.nhos.org

tracking and accounting software that enables us to tion at the end of the evening.

> Before I leave off for this month, I would like to reiterate my thanks to all of you, our members, for ★ bringing in your plants to share and participating in our monthly meetings. A healthy Orchid Society takes ★ active members as well as active officers.

A quick reminder: the Auction this year will be a month earlier, in October. Look for further announce-

#### **Russ Nichols**

(\*) Editor's note: due to Russ' work schedule we are running one month behind so this article refers to our ★ March meeting.

### April Monthly Meeting



### South Coast Orchid Society Ribbon Judging Results

April 28, 2008

### Cattleya (Laeliinae Subtribe)

First Le Chit Chat Butch Arciaga

Second Cattleya Intermedia Russ and Susan Nichols

Third Le Morning Glory Brian Wilvers
Cultural Le Chit Chat Tangerine Butch Arciaga

### Dendrobium (Dendrobiinae Subtribe)

First Den. Thyrsiflorum Shelia Ritterbush
Second Den. Eurylas "Hemiji" Dennis Mackewicz
Third Den. Pirardii Butch Arciaga
Cultural Den. Eurylas "Hemiji" Dennis Mackewicz

### **Oncidium (Oncidiinae Subtribe)**

First Oncidium Psycopsis Sam Hale

Second Colm. Wildcat "Bobcat" Dennis Mackewicz
Third Burr Living Fire "Dark Fire" Janell Schuck

### Paph & Phrag (Cyprpedioideae Subfamily)

First Paph. unknown Sam Hale

Paph. Supersuk Eureka AM/ AOS x Lawer-

Second enceanum Var Hye Ching Hua #2 Dennis Mackewicz Third Paph. Ingigne Butch Arciaga

### Cymbidium

First Cym. Sweet Devon "sweet" hybrid Butch Arciaga
Second Cym. Mem Connie Jo Niae "Havana" John Reyes
Third Cym. Rumrunner Dennis Mackewicz

Cultural Cym. Sweet Devon "sweet" hybrid Butch Arciaga



### **Peter Lin's Website of Pictures**

Our April speaker, Peter Lin, has a website with many many pictures of his Orchids and much more. You can find his pictures at:

http://www.flickr.com/photos/minicatt/collections/



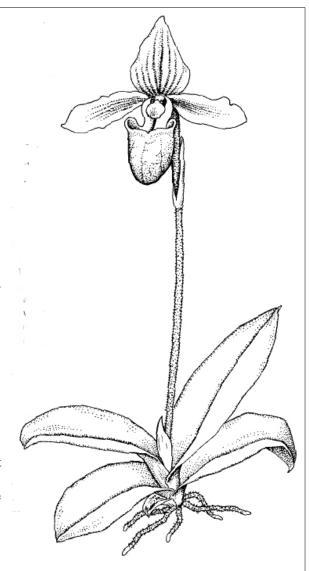
## Paphiopedilum

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Paphiopedilums, the lady's-slipper orchids, originate in the jungles of the Far East including Indonesia. They are semi terrestrial, growing in humus and other material on the forest floor, on cliffs in pockets of humus and occasionally in trees. They are easy to grow in the home, under lights or in the greenhouse.

**LIGHT** is easier to provide for paphiopedilums than many other types of orchids. They require shady conditions, as in the home in an east or west window, or near a shaded south window. In the greenhouse, shade must be provided. Give about 1,000 to 1,500 foot-candles. In the home, fluorescent lighting is excellent; suspend two or four tubes 6 to 12 inches above the leaves.

**TEMPERATURES** for paphiopedilums cover a considerable range. Paphiopedilums are traditionally separated into two groups: the warmgrowing mottled-leaved types and the cool-growing green-leaved types. A third, increasingly popular group is the warmer-growing strapleaved multifloral paphiopedilums. Warm-growing types should be kept at 60 to 65 F during the night, and 75 to 85 F or more during the day. Cool-growing types should be kept at 50 to 60 F during the night and 75 to 80 F during the day. However, many growers raise all plants in the same temperature range with excellent results. The plants can stand night temperatures in the 40s if necessary (as when grown outside in mild climates), as well as temperatures to 95 F. Care must be taken to protect the plants from rot when cold (keep humidity low, and avoid moisture on leaves or in the crowns of the plants), and also to protect from burning when hot (shade more heavily and increase humidity and air movement around the plants).



**WATER** must be available at the roots constantly, because all plants in this genus have no pseudobulbs. All of these plants need a moist medium — never soggy, but never dry. Water once or twice a week.

**HUMIDITY** for paphiopedilums should be moderate, between 40 and 50 percent, which can be maintained in the home by setting the plants on trays of gravel, partially filled with water, so that the plants never sit in water. In a greenhouse, average humidity is sufficient. Using an evaporative cooling system in warm climates can increase the humidity. Air movement is essential, especially when humidity is high.

**FERTILIZE** on a regular schedule, but care must be taken to avoid burning of the fleshy, hairy roots. High-nitrogen fertilizers (such as 30-10-10) are recommended when potted in any fir-bark mix. In warm weather, some growers use half-strength applications every two weeks; others use one quarter strength at every watering. It's important to flush with clear water monthly to leach excess fertilizer, which can burn roots. In cool weather, fertilizer applications once a month are sufficient.

**POTTING** should be done about every two years, or as the medium decomposes. Seedlings and smaller plants are often repotted annually. Mixes vary tremendously; most are fine- or medium-grade fir bark, with varying additives, such as perlite (sponge rock), coarse sand and sphagnum moss. Moisture retention with excellent drainage is needed. Large plants can be divided by pulling or cutting the fans of the leaves apart, into clumps of three to five growths. Smaller divisions will grow, but may not flower. Spread the roots over a

small amount of medium in the bottom of the pot and fill with medium, so that the junction of roots and stem is buried 1.2 inch deep in the center of the pot. Do not overpot; an average plant should have a 4- to 6-inch pot.

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MONDAY, May 19th
Meeting at Whaley Park Clubhouse
7:00 p.m. Culture Session
7:30 p.m. Speaker

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