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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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Newsletter

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

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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

June Board Meeting Date Change

Our next Board meeting has been moved to **Thursday June 19th at 7:00 p.m.** 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!

More Info: www.nhos.org

April Monthly Meeting

< Speaker **Peter Lin**

Ribbon Judging Orchids



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Ribbon Judging Results

April 28, 2008



Cattleya (Laeliinae Subtribe)

First Le Chit Chat
Second Cattleya Intermedia
Third Le Morning Glory
Cultural Le Chit Chat Tangerine

Butch Arciaga
Russ and Susan Nichols
Brian Wilvers
Butch Arciaga

Dendrobium (Dendrobiinae Subtribe)

First Den. Thyrsoflorum
Second Den. Eurylas "Hemiji"
Third Den. Pirardii
Cultural Den. Eurylas "Hemiji"

Shelia Ritterbush
Dennis Mackewicz
Butch Arciaga
Dennis Mackewicz

Oncidium (Oncidiinae Subtribe)

First Oncidium Psycopsis
Second Colm. Wildcat "Bobcat"
Third Burr Living Fire "Dark Fire"

Sam Hale
Dennis Mackewicz
Janell Schuck

Paph & Phrag (Cyprpedioideae Subfamily)

First Paph. unknown
Paph. Supersuk Eureka AM/ AOS x Lower-
Second enceanum Var Hye Ching Hua #2
Third Paph. Ingigne

Sam Hale
Dennis Mackewicz
Butch Arciaga

Cymbidium

First Cym. Sweet Devon "sweet" hybrid
Second Cym. Mem Connie Jo Niae "Havana"
Third Cym. Rumrunner
Cultural Cym. Sweet Devon "sweet" hybrid

Butch Arciaga
John Reyes
Dennis Mackewicz
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.

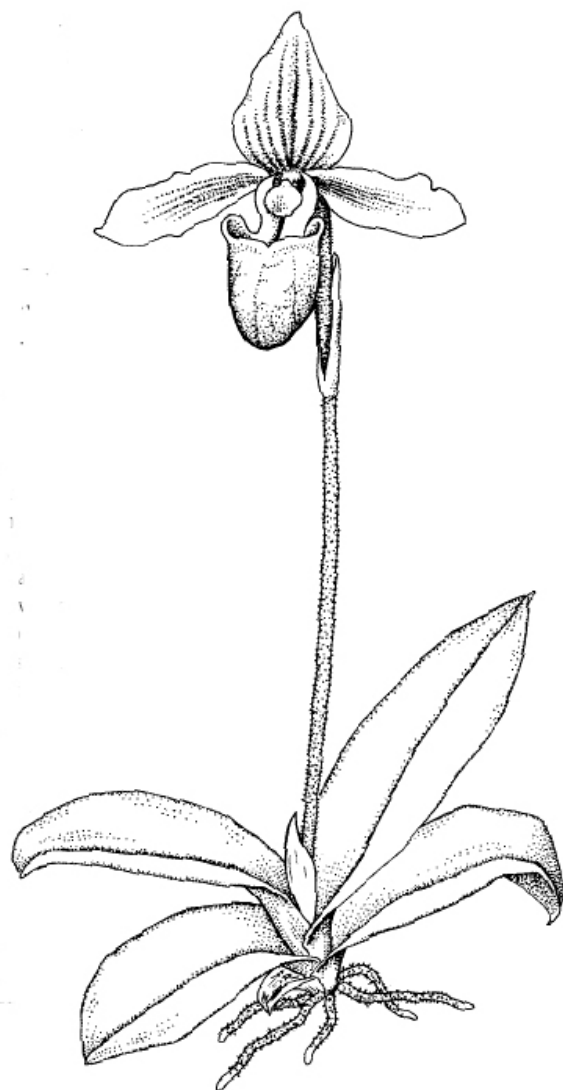
TEMPERATURES for paphiopedilums cover a considerable range. Paphiopedilums are traditionally separated into two groups: the warm-growing mottled-leaved types and the cool-growing green-leaved types. A third, increasingly popular group is the warmer-growing strap-leaved multifloral paphiopedilums. Warm-growing 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.

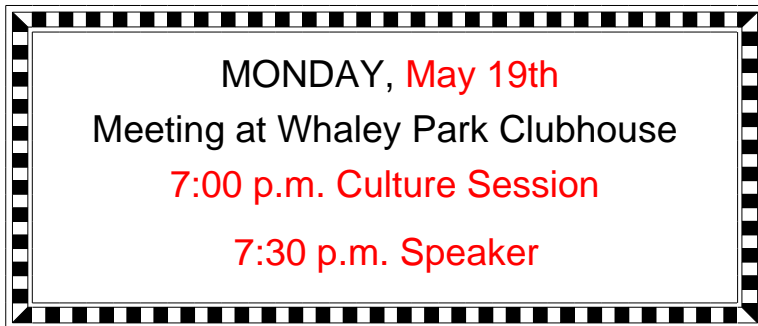
FERTILIZE on a regular schedule, but care must be taken to avoid burning of the fleshy, hairy roots. High-nitrogen fertilizers (such as 30-10-10) are recommended when potted in any fir-bark mix. In warm weather, some growers use half-strength applications every two weeks; others use one quarter strength 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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