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#### **Regular Meeting Schedule**

Doors open at 6:30 pm
Table/chair setup, plants in place
Ribbon judging starts 7:00 pm
Culture session
Speaker starts 7:30 pm
Opportunity drawing
Table/chair teardown
Doors close at 9:30 pm

# South Coast Orchid Society

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# **Norito Hasegawa**

"Multifloral Paph. Species and Some of Their Hybrids" Monday, January 24, 2011

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Norito Hasegawa is a retired dentist, an overextended hobbyist (considered commercial for tax purposes), and a 3 million miler due to travelling to many foreign countries, talking and/or judging in places such as Japan, South Africa, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Germany, New Zealand, Taiwan, England, France, Switzerland and many cities in the USA.

He is primarily a hybridizer of Slipper Orchids (Paphiopedilum) although his interests and collection of 15,000 orchids include miniature cattleyas, phalaenopsis, cymbidiums and variegated orchids of all sorts. He first became interested in orchids after seeing orchids in mass at the World Orchid Conference held in Long Beach in 1966. After he bought his first orchids, he failed miserably, but persisted in trying to grow them outdoors, and in no time he had hundreds. Now, he can't imagine his life without orchids. Orchids are an endeavor of science, taxonomy, hybridizing, art, sociability, quiet reflections, and mad parties—join the addiction and fun.

He is married to Joyce, with three children Lisa, Todd and Mark with paphiopedilums named after each of them. He is owner of Paphanatics, unLimited; a judge in both the American Orchid Society and the Cymbidium Society of America for over 35 years.

#### Refreshments

Last names starting with **Q through Z** please bring refreshments.

# **President's Message**

**Speaker**: Norito Hasegawa will speak to us about his specialty, paphiopedilums, and it is always a pleasure to hear a person, who communicates so clearly about a subject in which he is such an expert. This will be a great way to kick off the new year!

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**SCOS Display at Newport Show**: The SCOS will put up a display for the Newport Harbor Orchid Society's show and sale the last weekend in January (28th - 30th). The display will feature orchids from SCOS member's collections. If you would like to participate, contact one of our officers or board members.

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**Membership**: Please renew your membership for 2011. We want to publish another roster for this year, and would not want to miss your name. The membership form can be found on our website (www.southcoastorchidsociety.com), or you can get one from our Membership Secretary, Mary Bell.

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**New Officers and Board Members**: At this meeting we will introduce the Officers, Board Members, and Committee Leaders for 2011. We have a wonderful team of people for 2011. Please show them your appreciation.

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**Ribbon Judging Awards**: We will present the Awards for our Ribbon Judging competition during 2010. The winners bring high quality plants consistently throughout the year. This is an opportunity for all of us to learn who we should ask our next pressing orchid question. We thank them for sharing their plants and talents with us!

Happy New Year!

Russ Nichols President

Below: Photos of our Christmas Party. At left: setting up the feast. At right: John and Larry entertain us.





## **What About Growing Outdoors?**

Have you ever read or heard advice on growing orchids only to wonder whether it applied to your situation? In particular, I think a lot of advice comes from experts, who grow their orchids in greenhouses. As one whose only venue is outdoors, I wonder how much I can take away from any one article or lecture.

For example, I recently wondered which orchids I could start repotting now, in late January, when overnight low temperatures are still in the 40s. Repotting should be timed to the growth of new roots. Being behind on my reading, I had just read an article by Thomas Mirenda in "Orchids." Writing about Cattleya *labiata*, he says this species starts making new roots and growths in February, and should be repotted in early spring in a fresh, well-draining mix. It is close to February, so I looked at one of my C. labiatas and, sure enough, there was a new growth and the bud of a new root. Not all C. labiatas in my collection are starting to grow, but at least two are. Then I recalled that Withner described the Cattleyas as belonging to one of two groups. Group II includes C. labiata, and Group II starts growing in summer, developing new leads and roots, then goes dormant until winter or early spring, when it flowers. So, it seems that some of my plants, grown outdoors, follow Mirenda's schedule for root development. Will others follow Withner's schedule? On what experience did they base these statements? What applies to me? In truth, I have some suspicion that the chilly winter inhibits orchid growth and leads to distortion of their growing and flowering schedule. Can anyone confirm this?

Below left: Cattleya labiata var. concolor. Below right: Cattleya labiata var. rubra ('Schuter' x 'Morado do Sol' ('Marina' x 'venosa')).





### **Upcoming Events**

Newport Harbor OS Show and Sale, Westminster Mall, January 28-30 San Diego County Cym. Society Auction, SD (Quail) Botanic Garden, February 5 (starts at Noon) Santa Barbara Orchid Show, Earl Warren Showgrounds, March 11-13 South Coast Orchid Society 5728 Madrid Lane Long Beach, California 90814

Meeting: Monday, January 24, 2011 Whaley Park Clubhouse

Whaley Park Clubhouse Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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