

Orchid Society of California

**Next Meeting: Monday, August 21, 2006
Lakeside Garden Center, Lake Merritt
666 Bellevue Ave. Oakland, California**

PROGRAM TOPIC: Plant Auction & Ice Cream Social

At 6:00 PM, volunteers are needed to help set up the ice cream, plant donation, and display tables, as well as seating for members. This is also when members who are donating plants should bring them to the table in the hallway where Fred Shull, Paul Chim and others will inspect them and turn them over to the auction volunteers to log in. Members are asked to bring in a division or plant they can spare. Please make sure there is a label. Unfortunately, plants without labels cannot be accepted. The plants must be well rooted if potted or bare root, no bugs or diseases. If the orchid is not in bloom, a flower color or description included would be nice. Other orchid -related items such as: books, gardening tools, fertilizer, pots, medium, etc, will also be accepted.

At 7:00 PM, instead of the culture session, we will be serving ice cream with a variety of toppings and socializing with each other while reviewing the plants that will be auctioned later in the evening. Sorbet will be available as a lighter alternative to ice cream.

At 7:30 PM, we will call the meeting to order for any announcements, then the auction will begin. Dennis Olivas will host the auction, providing entertaining plant descriptions and cultural advice for all of the auction plants. The items auctioned off will be brought to the winning bidders as their bids are recorded. Dan has advised us that members should bring their own boxes or bags for taking home plants and other items won.

Non-plant items from the Society, such as OSC T-shirts, orchid-related books, and other items will also be auctioned off. Dan Chiappone is donating complete sets of AOS and Orchid Digest magazines that date back pretty far. I'm sure orchid judges-in-training and other members will be VERY interested in these.

REMEMBER!

There will be NO Culture Session.

There will be NO Sales Table.

There will be NO Speaker.

There will be a limited show and tell table set up where the raffle table usually is. Not many orchids bloom in August, but those that do are spectacular. If you have one of these rare beauties, please bring it to share.

There WILL be Ice Cream, Socializing, entertainment, fun and a chance to bid on unusual plants and other items. We hope everyone comes out for some of everything.

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Meeting Details

Plant set up will open at 6:00 PM.

Meeting starts at 7:30 PM.

- No Raffle Table
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November Orchid Show Report

Dear Members,

We had our first meeting on Sunday, August 6th, at 9:30am. Of course some of us have been working behind the scenes diligently to secure AOS and CSA Judging, apply for the ODC and AOS Trophies, and lining up vendors to sell at our show, but Sunday was the first meeting outside of the board.

We decided to split the work between two co-chairs. Paul Chim is responsible for sales, and the other co-chair responsible for the Show portion of the event. Until a chair is found for the Show area, I am holding that position in an 'acting' capacity.

At the meeting we decided on a show theme. It will be "Melody of Orchids." The expression of Melody does not need to be limited to musical terms, but of the complementary nature of orchids with regards to form and function: poetry in the form of an orchid, if you will. We hope this will be a theme that will lend itself to many unique interpretations that can be expressed within our displays.

We also discussed the show layout, areas of work like security, plant hotel, member plant sales, raffle, membership, volunteer meals, publicity and many other topics.

CALENDAR

D & D Flowers Fall Open House

September 23rd and 24th

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Half Moon Bay. Great prices on original divisions of Cattleyas, Oncidiums, Cymbidiums, Paphiopedilums, Phragmipediums and many more genera. We will also feature plant divisions/sprouted back bulbs from the Kajikawa and Ayers Cymbidium Collections. Please bring your own boxes. Really good deals... priced to sell. Will take cash or checks, no credit cards.

Please note that D & D Flowers Greenhouse is open to the public only during their Spring and Fall Openhouse.

The greenhouse is located 1/3 mile east of Main Street on Hwy 92. Just east of Spanish Village is a house and wood pile yard. Turn onto the street between the house and the wood pile yard and go over the bridge. The greenhouse is on the right. If you have questions or need directions please call

Lou Jost Conservation Update

The Orchid Conservation Alliance has met its 2006 goal of raising \$10,000 to purchase 100 hectares of threatened orchid habitat in the Andes of Ecuador.

For more than a decade, our last month's speaker, Lou Jost has studied orchid biogeography in the cloud forests of Ecuador. His studies have resulted in the discovery of more than 30 new species of orchids near Los Baños. To ensure the survival of these species in their very restricted habitats, the Orchid Conservation Alliance has resolved to fund the acquisition of at least 100 hectares of land in the area near Los Baños. Lou has identified several appropriate areas for purchase.

The first of these is a very rich, low-elevation cloud forest near the town of Mera in the Upper Pastaza Watershed. This area was declared a "Gift to the Earth" by World Wildlife Fund and contains over 50 species of plants not found anywhere else in the world. It also contains Spectacled Bears and an enormous bird diversity. It currently is being cut down. We are soliciting help to buy this forest and stop its destruction.

I encourage all RC members to do what they can to help this organization with a donation of whatever they can afford. Individual Memberships in the Alliance cost \$25.00 and can be sent to: The Orchid Conservation Alliance, 564 Arden Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024

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Greetings from the Orchid Conservation Alliance:

As an orchid grower you already know the virtues of orchids, beauty rarity, mystique and allure. Wherever they grow naturally, orchids are facing a struggle for survival. With the ever rising tide of humanity comes logging, deforestation, agriculture, development, pollution and not an orchid to be seen.

It is in their native habitat that orchids will survive best. The story of the ivory-billed woodpecker is instructive, it was recently seen in a protected Arkansas forest after a 60 year absence. In the orchid world, *Pontieva brittoniae* was rediscovered in a protected forest in Florida after many years of apparent extinction. The message of these examples is that habitat protection works. Protection of native orchid habitats is the goal of the Orchid Conservation Alliance. Until now there has not been an organization focusing on orchid habitat. Many people work to save pandas, elephants, whales and California condors, but very few act to save orchids. If we don't act who will? Fifteen years ago with other members of the San Diego Orchid Society, we began selling donated orchid plants to raise money for orchid conservation. By now over \$100,000 has been raised and spent on more than 40 orchid conservation grants (see *Orchids*, February 2004 and www.sdorchids.com). This program was recognized by the AOS Conservation Award in 2003.

Where do we go from here?

Its time for a larger and broader effort.

To this end the directors have formed the Orchid Conservation alliance to raise larger sums of money, strengthen support for orchid conservation and to **quit talking and start moving**. As orchid lovers we know the virtues and beauties of orchids and have a special responsibility to act.

From Ecuador to Brazil, Madagascar, Indonesia and Thailand the story is the same: 95% of the worlds finest orchid habitat has been cut, burned, paved and destroyed. Our goal for 2006 is to raise at least \$10,000 to purchase 250 acres of cloud forest of Ecuadorian cloud forest near Baños. These lands will be set aside in perpetuity as protected orchid reserves. An additional benefit is that this action will protect other plants, birds, animals, and fish as well as orchids, some of which have not yet been named by science.

Please go talk to your orchids, Ask them if their ancestral lands need help. You and I both know what the answer will be. Then join us in the Orchid Conservation Alliance.

Please join us with whatever donation you can afford.

Send your check to: **The Orchid Conservation Alliance**
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Sincerely,
Peter Tobias, PhD
President, Orchid Conservation Alliance

The Orchid Conservation Alliance has been endorsed by:

The Board of Directors of *The Orchid Digest*
Mid-America Orchid Congress
Newport Orchid Society
The Odontoglossum Alliance
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San Francisco Orchid Society
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Andy Phillips, *Andy's Orchids*
Loren Batchman, *Casa de las Orquideas*
Pam Koide, *Bird Rock Tropicals*

The Orchid Conservation Alliance is a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization.

AOS AWARDS

Pacific Central Supplemental Center

San Francisco, July 5, 2006

Cattleya warscewiczii var. *coerulea* 'MaryAnne' species but (*C. warscewiczii* 'La Florista' x *C. warscewiczii* 'Anita')

Exhibited by Stephen Christopherson

AM 80

Pacific Central Judging Center,

Oakland, July 17, 2006

Dendrobium brymerianum 'Solana Sunrise' species

Exhibited by Cynthia Hill

CCM 84

CLASSIFIEDS

Seeking *C. aurantiaca* var. *alba* 'White Magic' FCC/AOS. In the 80's Stewart's Orchids released clones of this plant; I'm trying to track down a division of this clone and it appears to be mostly lost in cultivation. Does anyone still have this plant in their collection and perhaps an extra division for sale or

trade? Please contact

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BLOW OUT/MOVING SALE in Redding Calif.

MUST SELL ORCHIDS!

Im moving back to Washington DC in 2 months and must sell to a good home over 200 plus Orchid plants consisting of many species & hybrids. They come from a very nice and clean greenhouse.

Quite a few of the plants are specimen size. I am also giving away all the mounting shelves, potting mix, fertilizer, wooden baskets, wire baskets etc.

The orchid collection consist of Vandas, Bulbos, Stanhopeas, Coryanthes, Phals, Oncs, Dendrobiums/species, Ascocendas, Paphs, Sobralias, Coelogynes, Cym, Gongoras, Catts, Polycynis, Brassias, Ascocentrums, Cirropetalum rothschildianum, Angraecums, Lycastes, Chysis, and many, many more. And lots of miniatures, Restrepias, Pluros, etc. I will sell the Orchids individually or the entire collection including orchid accessories for \$5000.00. Collection was valued at \$8000.00. The prices individually range from \$8.00 to \$185.00.

Some of these orchids have been shown and received Best in Show. I desperately need to find a good home for my orchids. If you're interested please contact me at:

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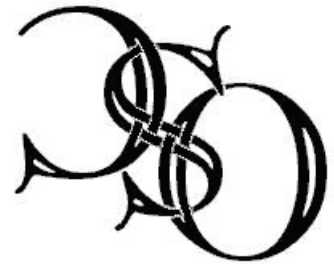
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