

# Orchid Society of California

Next Meeting: Monday, June 21, 2004  
Lakeside Garden Center, Lake Merritt  
666 Bellevue Ave. Oakland, California

## PROGRAM TOPIC: Miltoniopsis Francisco Baptista

I immigrated to the United States in January 1981 from the Azores Islands. My passion as a hobby was music since I was ten years old. In the United States I was very involved with the Portuguese community teaching music to kids and conducting the Newark, California, Portuguese Philharmonic Band. I was introduced to orchids in 1985 by Fred Jernigan. I fell in love with Paphiopedilums; especially complex hybrids. I became an American Orchid Society Judge a few years ago and I am a member of several orchid societies. I have also been the Show Chairman and AOS Chair for the Orchid Society of California. I am one of the owners of The Paph House in San Leandro, California.

I have made several hybrids of Miltoniopsis and other orchid genera.

I will be speaking about Miltoniopsis species and my own hybrids. Also I will show a very little about Miltonias to show the difference between the two genera.

I will include some culture information in my talk.

### In Search of a Show Theme

We are still looking for a show theme for our November show. The following suggestions were made at our last meeting. These four suggestions will be our choices on the ballot at our July meeting unless more suggestions are made:

- (1) Dinner/Dinning with Orchids
- (2) Naked with Orchids
- (3) Orchids Under Oaks
- (4) The Future is Orchids!/ Orchids of the Future

Here are some other possible show themes:

An Orchid Affair; Dancing with Orchids; Lord of the Orchids; Mystical Magic of Orchids; Oakland is Orchidland; Orchid Conspiracy; Orchid Holiday; Orchids over the Rainbow; Orchids: Miracles of Nature; Orchid Mystery; Sex, Orchids, The Single Male and a Toothpick?; Silence of the Orchids; Still Life with Orchids; The Majestic World of Orchids; The Passion of Orchids/Orchid Passion; Wild Orchids XXX

Your last chance to nominate a Show Theme for the July ballot will be our June Meeting, or you can let me know your suggestion by telephone at 510-793-4243, or e-mail at [slippergal@msn.com](mailto:slippergal@msn.com). Remember, a good Show Theme should inspire wonderful displays. When considering a Show Theme think about how it might be interpreted into the arranging of a display.

Thank you,  
Lois Miller

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### Meeting Details

- Plant sales will open at 6:30 PM.
  - No Pre-program culture session
  - Meeting starts at 7:15 PM.
  - Raffle table will be provided by Francisco Baptista
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## Dinner with the Speaker

The Speaker's Dinner will be at the Ta Ke Sushi Bar, 357 Grand Avenue, just south of the park. The restaurant serves a variety of cooked Japanese dishes as well as sushi and sashimi.

**Dinner is at 5:30 PM**

## Dessert Assignments

Members with last names from "Tabart" to "Wilson" are responsible for bringing refreshments to the June meeting. If it is your turn to bring refreshments, you are also responsible for participating in the set-up and clean-up. If you are unable to bring refreshments, please make a monetary donation. Those that provide refreshments are entitled to participate in a drawing for the first choice of raffle plants.

## Calendar

### June 17-20

**Hilo Orchid Society Show**, Edith Kanakaole Tennis Stadium, 699 Piilani St., Hilo, HI. Contact: Sandra Song, 1289 Kilauea Ave., Unit A, Hilo, HI 96720; (808) 933-9212.

### July 9-11

#### **Santa Barbara International Orchid Fair**

Earl Warren Show grounds, Highway 101 & Los Positas. A weekend of orchids from around the world. For information go to [www.orchidfair.com](http://www.orchidfair.com)

### July 10-11

#### **Fordyce Orchids Annual Clearance Sale.**

Featuring excellent bargains! Out-of-bloom orchids of all kinds, check out their \$4, \$5, \$8, and \$10 tables! A great way to add to your collection.

10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

1330 Isabel Avenue, Livermore, CA

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(925) 447-1659

## June in Your Orchid Garden

Our June meeting will be held on June 21<sup>st</sup>, the first day of summer, with the arrival of the Summer Solstice. For those of you who may wonder what that means, the summer solstice has the distinction of having the most daylight hours during its 24-hour day than at anytime throughout the year. Conversely, the Winter Solstice has the least amount of daylight, but we will miss that milestone by one day when our December meeting comes around.

What does this all mean for our orchids? Well, first of all we all should be in full swing as far as tending to the growth that should be occurring in nearly all our plants. Even cymbidiums, which have tapered off their blooming phase, will be starting to send out new leaves and bulbs, and warm growers are well on their way to bloom or bud. With the long days of sunlight ahead, plants will receive the longest doses of their light requirements. Complementing this situation with adequate water and fertilizer is the way to maintain the growth cycle.

Speaking of cymbidiums, consider dividing them now if they are truly out of bloom. It's all too common to let these plants get so crowded in their pots that dividing them is a bigger chore than most of us want to take on. Hopefully we have all seen the cymbidium demonstrations by the Chu brothers at our shows, and have a sharpened axe lying around for the larger specimens! Remember to keep divisions at three or more active growing bulbs for best results in the 'new' plants.

Stake the long spikes on oncidiums, brassias, and other blooming plants to keep them straight and supported against the accidental brush which might snap them off. Spread slug and snail bait, or an organic alternative, to avoid the heartbreak of seeing a large flower spike bitten in half by hungry mollusks. Finally, move the cooler growing plants of your collection into moister, breezier areas to keep them cool during summer heat spells.

*Carol Klonowski*

### New Members

Last Name	First Name	City	Joined
Fox	Leilani	Oakland	3/15/2004
Leth	Dawn	Watsonville	3/25/2004
Strain	David	El Sobrante	4/19/2004
Ferris	Vera	Berkeley	5/8/2004
Flanagan	Richard	Oakland	5/7/2004
Hall	Frank/Linda	Oakland	4/24/2004
Shack/Needham	Plezena/Arta	Oakland	5/9/2004
Prior	Rimi Ko	Fremont	5/9/2004
Dickerson	Joanne	Emeryville	5/9/2004
Lee	Nancy	Lafayette	5/9/2004
Lee	William	Alameda	5/9/2004
Lintao	Esperanza	Hayward	5/9/2004
Kraus	Bonnie	Berkeley	5/9/2004
Baker	Tanja	Oakland	5/9/2004
Dominguez	Fernando	Hayward	5/9/2004
Chin	Rose	Hayward	5/17/2004
Fong	Debbie	Alameda	5/17/2004
Kirkpatrick	Bruce	Oakland	5/17/2004
Ma	Helen	Piedmont	5/17/2004

### Orchid Digest Raises Subscription Rate

Orchid Digest reluctantly raised their subscription rate from \$28 to \$32. If you renew or order a new subscription before July 1, 2004, you can get the old rate for 2 years. Go to [www.orchiddigest.org](http://www.orchiddigest.org) to join or mail to Orchid Digest, PO Box 10360, Canoga Park, CA. 91309-1360.

### Last Chance to buy Mother's Day Plants

Orchid plants left over from the Mother's Day Sale and Show will be offered at the June meeting. Many of these plants have just come into bloom. Others were too specialized to be of interest to the general public. Bottom line: you get another chance to purchase some great plants at great prices from a great society! Come early and ready to pick out your plants before the hoarders arrive. Once these plants are gone you won't have another chance until November 2005. All plants acquired from a select list of high quality growers.

**WANTED:** someone to help me with potting of orchids. Need not be experienced. Willing to teach what I have learned from more experienced growers and my own results. Remuneration is possible. Mary Lou Smith, Call 510-538-9977.

# Bay Area AOS Awards

## **Malihini Orchid Society Show**

**Cupertino, March 12, 2004**

Brassolaeliocattleya Love Sound 'Dogashima'  
(Laelia briegeri x Brassolaeliocattleya Bouton D'Or)  
Exhibited by: Amy and Ken Jacobsen

AM 81

Colmanara Wildcat 'Panther'  
(Odontioda Rustic Bridge x Odontocidium Crowborough)  
Exhibited by: Carl Jukkola

CCM 83

Cymbidium Cranberry Velvet 'Gidget'  
(Cym. Nancy Hatsuko Ikeda x Cym. Ruby Eyes)  
Exhibited by: Weegie Caughlan

HCC 77

Cymbidium Bermagui 'Cappuccino'  
(Cymbidium Negrito x Cymbidium devonianum)  
Exhibited by: Carl Jukkola

HCC 78

Phalaenopsis I-Hsin Canary 'Memoria Roger Burnett'  
(Phalaenopsis Golden Peoker x Phalaenopsis I-Hsin Gold Coin)  
Exhibited by: Nicholas Burnett

HCC 76

## **Santa Clara Orchid Society Show**

**April 3, 2004**

Paph. Unregistered 'Lisle B'  
(Paph. Red Maude x Paph. Shadowmaster)  
Exhibited by: Terry and Margaret Boomer

HCC 77

Paph. sukhakulii var. album 'Irish Spring'  
Exhibited by: Terry and Margaret Boomer

HCC 78

Phaius tuberosus 'Xe'  
Exhibited by: Thanh Le

HCC 79

## **Sacramento Orchid Society Show**

**April 17, 2004**

Doritenopsis Sunny Day 'Nugget'  
(Dtps. George Moler x Phal. Golden Pride),  
Exhibited by: Phyllis Dobbs

HCC 76

Encyclia vitellina 'no clonal yet'  
Exhibited by: Douglas Alder

HCC 78

Paph. Toni Semple ' \_'  
(Paph. haynaldianum x Paph. lowii),  
Exhibited by: Pearl Crosier

HCC 76

## **Pacific Central Judging Center,**

**Oakland, May 17, 2004**

Dendrobium hainanensis 'Eun-sook Hong'  
Exhibited by: Anna S. Chai

HCC 78 CCM 82

Renanthera un-named hybrid 'Firework'  
(Ren. Twin Star x Ren. Bill Crocker),  
Exhibited by: Japheth Ko

HCC 76 CCM 82

## **Pacific Central Supplemental Center**

**San Francisco, May 4, 2004**

Cymbidium canaliculatum 'Phyllis'  
Exhibited by: Paul Chim

AM 85

Masdevallia Falcon's Sunrise 'Golden Gate'  
(Masd. Falcata x Masd. ignea)  
Exhibited by: Golden Gate Orchids

AM 81

Masdevallia Pat Akehurst 'Golden Zebra'  
(Masd. Heathii x Masd. yungasensis),  
Exhibited by: Golden Gate Orchids

AM 85

Masdevallia Redshine 'Sheila'  
(Masd. Falcon Sunrise x Masd. Marguerite)  
Exhibited by: Golden Gate Orchids

FCC 91

Mystacidium capense 'Myung Chun-seunim'  
Exhibited by: Anna S. Chai

CCM 82

Rhynchostele cordata 'Samantha'  
syn. Odm. cordatum, Lembo. cordatum  
Exhibited by: Dan Newman, Hanging Gardens

AM 80

For more information and pictures please visit  
the Pacific Judging web site:

<http://www.aospacificcentral.org>

# President's Message

For everyone who attended last month's meeting, I'm sure we can all agree that Bill Thoms is, in addition to his renown as a grower, quite a showman. Did anyone figure out how the water kept coming out of that urn he was continually pouring into that basin? When a speaker gets his message through to me, I always react by wanting to run home quickly to apply my new-found knowledge to my own plants, and Bill's presentation was no exception.

This month we are pleased to welcome back Francisco Baptista, our own renowned grower and showman. His topic is Miltoniopsis, and anyone who confuses these plants with Miltonia can be forgiven as long as you show up to learn the difference from Francisco, who grows award winning examples.

I was pleased to see Noble Emory back at our last meeting. Our sympathies remain with you and your family, and we look forward to presenting the Bea Emory Memorial Trophy at this November's show.

Speaking of the show, how many of you submitted a suggestion for a show theme to Lois Miller, show chair, last meeting? C'mon, this is a chance to determine how everyone designs their exhibits, dresses for the banquet, and other theme-related aspects to our November show. If you have an idea, see Lois or myself with your suggestion.

*Carol Klonowski*

## A Very Special Thank You to our "Days of the Sale" Mother's Day Sale Volunteers

These persons signed up for a shift and gave up part of their weekend, and many worked multiple shifts and even worked the entire weekend, to make our event happen:

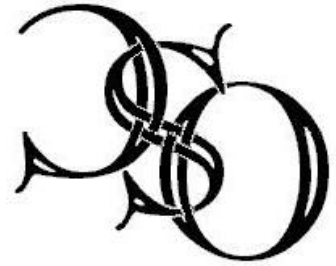
Agnes Radell	Dennis Olivas	John Shea	Paul Chim
Alicia Stiles	Dennis Westler	Juan Alejo	Paula Shiu
Alma Jeffrey	Earle Stebben	Judy Lim	Penny Reiter
Betty Jung	Ester Boivin	Kathy Ames	Quang Ly
Bill Chu	Frank Young	Kay Greisen	Randy Watts
Buck Engle	Fred Jernigan	Lois Miller	Ray Vickers-Traft
Carol Klonowski	Gail Hamilton	Loretta Rodriguez	Sally Sommer
Casper Curto	George Hamilton	Margaret Boomer	Sau Le
Cathy Watts	Gil Rodriguez	Marguerite Thomas	Stig Bjork
Charlotte Aires	Heather Drobis	Maria Chow	Terry Boomer
Corey Trovinger	Jane Tsushima	Mark Miller	Tom Armour
Cynthia Battershall	Janet Tse	Mary Lou Smith	Trudy Hadler
Dan Newman	Jerry Rodder	Mimi Rose	Walter James
David Leinbach	Jim Donosu	Musia Stagg	York Lee
David Tonelli	John Murphy	Nancy Pak	
Dawn Muller	John Chu	Naomi Kane	
DeAnn Mosbey	John Murphy	Pam Newton	

### **Without you, the sale would not have been possible!**

No mention of plant purchasing would be complete without thanking Pauline Brault, our OSC member and past President in Hawaii. Pauline not only traveled all over the orchid-growing landscape of the Big Island to search for plants for our sale, she also donated some of her own famous collection on our behalf. So a double 'mahalo' to Pauline.

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