

Orchid Society of California

Next Meeting: Monday, March 20, 2006
Lakeside Garden Center, Lake Merritt
666 Bellevue Ave. Oakland, California

PROGRAM TOPIC: "Parvisepalums - Slipper Orchids from China and Vietnam"

**SPEAKER: Helen Congleton, "The Grand Dame of
Paphiopedilum Growers"**

March 2006

Helen Congleton gives a wonderfully knowledgeable and beautifully illustrated talk on Parvisepalum ladyslippers. Her slides are excellent, and her talk is clear and concise. Did you know many of these exciting orchids can be grown outside in the Bay Area? This is one talk you should be sure not to miss!

Helen Congleton is a hobbyist who started growing orchids in a small patio twenty-seven years ago on a dare from her husband to "grow something more challenging than African violets." Four years later she and her husband moved to a new home, so that they could build a greenhouse and grow more orchids. Their collection rapidly filled the new greenhouse and expanded into an outdoor growing area.

Helen is known internationally for her fine collection of Paphiopedilums (Lady Slipper Orchids). She enjoys making a few crosses and growing seedlings. She is a member of the Orchid Digest Corporation and the AOS, and is a CSA orchid judge.

The plant table will be provided by Norito Hasegawa of PaphFanatics. Growers of fine Paphiopedilums will be sure to be buying lots of raffle tickets!

Bowen Trophy

In March we will award the Bowen Trophy. It is awarded for the best Cymbidium displayed by a non-professional grower. This attracts many fine cymbidiums to the meeting, so start staking and preening your plants for competition at the March 20 meeting. To qualify, the grower must be a member in good standing (i.e. dues paid for 2006), and not be associated with commercial orchid production.

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Meeting Details

- Plant sales will open at 6:30 PM.
- Meeting starts at 7:30 PM.
- The plant table will be provided by Norito Hasegawa of PaphFanatics. Growers of fine Paphiopedilums

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

Raffle Table Volunteers

March – Walter James & Ethel James

April – Lila Tschappat & John Shea

Dessert Assignments

Members with last names from “Snape” to “Zabini” are responsible for bringing refreshments to the March 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

March 24-26

Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, Orchids in Paradise, Earl Warren Show-ground, 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara
Contact: Sandra Svoboda, PO Box 5814, Santa Barbara, CA 93150; (805) 969-5746; sborchid@west.net.

April 8

California Orchids Spring Sale, 9am - 4pm
We'll have a great variety of healthy Species and Hybrids for sale! Special sale prices on selected items!

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May 6-15

Paolo and Nina DiCandia of 'Orchids Fiori D'Amore' annual Orchid sale, 4526 Fair Avenue in Oakland, 9 am to 4 pm (to 2 pm on 15th). The DiCandias specialize in cymbidiums but have many other genera of orchids. For more information and/or directions call (510) 530-4884.

May 12-14

The OSC Mothers' Day Sale, Fri. 12noon-7pm, Sat. 9am- 5pm, and Sun. 9am-5pm.
Contact George McRae , 510-233-7374, email Elegans@aol.com

Need more? See the AOS Calendar online at:
<http://orchidweb.org/aos/events/shows.aspx>

Mothers' Day Sale Coming Soon

The Orchid Society is having their annual Mothers' Day Sale, three days, Friday May 12 (12p-7p), Sat. May 13 (9am- 5pm), and Sunday May 14 (9am-5pm! This is our BIG fundraising event for the year. Please help to make it a success by volunteering for the many positions which we will have sign up sheets for at the next two meetings. Plant ho-

tel, security, sales help, plant doctor, refreshments...you name it there will be opportunities for all! Fliers will be available hopefully at the March meeting. Spread the word! Details are forthcoming.

-George McRae,

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AOS Awards

**Pacific Central Supplemental Center
San Francisco, March 7, 2006**

Lc. Higher Ground 'Advancement'
(Lc. Clar Hancock x L. anceps)
HCC 78
Exhibited by Darrel Wong

**Pacific Central Judging Center,
Oakland, February 20, 2006**

Cymbidium illiberale 'Franklin'
CBR (prov)
Exhibited by Linsie Hu

For more information and pictures please visit the Pacific Judging web site:
<http://www.aospacificcentral.org>

A NEW JUDGING CENTER IS COMING!

At the recent AOS Members Meeting in Santa Rosa, the Judging Committee and the Trustees approved the proposal for the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center, a separate judging site in Sacramento, CA. Having a judging center in Sacramento will better serve the orchid enthusiasts in the Central Valley of California and in the areas around Reno.

The judges transferring to the new center are busy getting everything in order for our first judging on Wednesday, May 3. The judging in conjunction with the Sacramento Orchid Society meeting will be at Sierra II, Curtis Hall Building, 2791 24th Street, Sacramento.

We welcome everyone to attend the first judging of the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center and hope you enjoy the experience so much that you will be coming back for more! If you cannot attend our Center you can see what is being awarded by visiting our website at www.csnjc.org.

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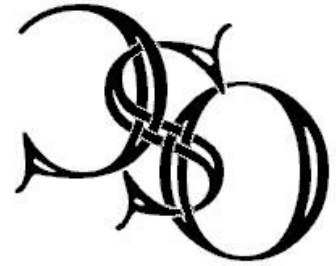
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