



# ICE CREAM SOCIAL PLANT AUCTION!

On Monday August 18, 2008, your board will be serving **ice cream** and all of the **fixings** beginning at 7:00 P.M.

At 7:30, our **AUCTION** will begin.

### Please Donate Plants.

If you have special plants you would like to donate to the society, we welcome them. Any number may be donated.

### Consignment Plants.

We will also welcome plants from members, sharing in the proceeds. A maximum of 5 plants will be accepted.

*Consignment plants* can have a reserve (or a minimum bid). The Society will take 25% and the owner will receive a 75% check by mail after the auction. If you are sharing the proceeds with the Society, please print **SHARE** in large print, on your label. Please give it a code and a plant number. (For instance, Terry's first plant would be TB-1)

### Purchased Plants.

The Society will be purchasing some special plants to help make the auction more fun and interesting.

**ALL PLANTS** (donated or consignment) should have the name of the plant, a picture or description of the flowers, and cultural tips on how to keep it alive and well. Your name, donate or share, should be on the tag along with your code and plant number. All plants should be healthy and disease free.

If you know the names of any of the plants you are bringing to the auction ahead of time, you can e-mail to Terry at [mabcp@alamedanet.net](mailto:mabcp@alamedanet.net) or Dan at [DanCinOSC@aol.com](mailto:DanCinOSC@aol.com)

**A partial list of auction items is provided on page 2 of this newsletter.**

Our **CHECK-IN** stations will be ready to receive your plants beginning at 6:30 P.M. We hope to have all of the plants by 7:00 P.M. so we can start our auction promptly at 7:30 P.M.



- NO Speaker's dinner
- NO Show and Tell
- NO Plant Sales
- NO Raffle Tables
- NO Refreshments to share

Dendrobium Thyrsiform and Vanda Coerulea (photos by Eric Hunt)



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### Meeting Details:

Ice Cream Treat - 7:00 pm  
Auction starts - 7:30 pm

### Agenda

Ice Cream Social  
Announcements  
Vote on Nov. Show Theme  
Plant Auction



Photos selected from  
 auction list:  
 Gongora Galeata,  
 Renanthera, and  
 Dendrochilum Magnum  
 (photos by Eric Hunt)

### A Partial List of Auction Items for August 18, 2008

- DC-1 A dosatron for fertilizing orchids while you water
  - OSC-1 to OSC 18 Nobile Dendrobiums without x names.
  - OSC-19 Gongora galeata
  - OSC-20 Dendrochillum magnum
  - OSC-21 Dendrochilum magnum
  - OSC-22 Bulb. orectopetalum
  - OSC-23 Bulb orectopetalum
  - OSC-24 Dendrobium thyrsoiflorum
  - OSC-25 Coelogyne trinervis
  - OSC-26 Coelogyne trinervis
  - OSC-27 Vanda Sirilak x Vanda Pat's Delight
  - OSC-28 Renanthera \_\_\_\_\_
  - OSC-29 to OSC-33 Vanda Dona Roma Sanchez 4N x Vanda crulea
  - OSC-34 to OSC-35 Vanda Fuchs Delight x Ascda Meechai
  - OSC-36 Ascda Betty May Steal x Vanda Kasem's Delight
  - OSC-37 Vanda Rothschildiana
  - OSC-38 Vanda Faye Bennett x Vanda coerulea
  - OSC-39 Ascda Betty May Steal x Vanda Pat's Delight
  - OSC-40 Sieningia fimbriata
  - OSC-41 Bulb lobii
  - OSC-42 Cirr Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry' FCC/AOS
  - TB-1 Cirr makayana
  - TB-2 Masd. coccinea 'Lines' CBM/AOS
  - TB-3 Angraecum magdalena
- Cymbidiums from **George Hatfield Orchids**: Rising Sun 'Geyserland', Rising Sun 'Rikitere', Sporting Life 'A', Esmeralda '4N', Summer Watermelon 'Easter Gold', Devon Railway 'NewHorizon 4N', Alexanderii 'AMRHS', Coratea 'Rewa', Atlantes 'Geyserland' x Radiant Pearl 'Old Ivory'

Also Jimmi Hendrix decorations from the last P.O.E.

\*\*\*The Nobile Dendrobiums will be available at 7:20, (before the start of the auction). OSC-1 to OSC -6 will be available for 3\$ each. OSC-7 to OSC-18 will be available for 5\$ each. First come/first serve.

**We will have lots of interesting items to bid on. We hope you can attend and have fun at the Ice Cream Social & Auction.**

## President's Message

I am writing the August message in mid-July, because I won't be here for the last half of July through August 10. When you receive this, I'll be trying to re-settle my life from what I'm sure will be the trip of a lifetime, voyaging up the Volga River in Russia, seeing a total solar eclipse in Siberia, and traveling via the Trans-Siberian Railway to Lake Baikal (and circling it).

This meeting will be my first time at attending an orchid auction, but I know that Dan Chippone and others will be making it work splendidly. My role is to set up the ice cream social. Members of the OSC board will be serving you, and I plan to make a triple recipe of hot fudge from *The Joy of Cooking* like I did

last year. Earle did such a superb job of outlining how to do this, I'll be able to get it put together pretty easily. Your part will be to help set up tables and to help clear away the leftovers. I'll be picking up the ice cream at the last minute since I have very limited freezer space.

Hopefully, by now, you have identified orchids (in bloom or not) or orchid-related stuff that you want to donate or sell at the auction. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Chiapone.

As mentioned in the last month's newsletter, we need to select a

theme for the November show. We also need a committee to set up a display dedicated to members who have passed on.

I hope that members are seriously considering running for the positions on the board, all of which will be open for 2009. The election will be at our December Holiday party. Reminder: board meetings are open to all members, and it's an excellent way to find out how you can get involved in the running of our club.

See you at the August meeting!

*Tanya Phillips*



### Wanted

**November Show Theme** - submit your ideas. Winner will receive an orchid plant as a thank you!

**November Show General Coordinator** - someone to coordinate the other committee chairpersons.

**501C3 Application** - someone to help with submission of 501C3 paperwork application

**POE Coordinator** - someone to arrange 2-3 collection points for orchids. Arrange for plant transportation to SF and to make sure OSC and Mother's Day Sale literature is available at our booth. Also must turn in forms for judging.

## 2008 SPEAKER CALENDAR

MONTH	SPEAKER	TOPIC	CULTURE SESSION	RAFFLE TABLE
August	Dennis Olivas	Plant Auction	Ice Cream Social!	N/A
September	Weegie Caughlan	Hybridizing Cymbidiums	TBA	Weegie Caughlan
October	Jose Rodriques	Vanda Sanderiane and it's Hybrids	TBA	TBA
November	Ken & Amy Jacobs	TBA	TBA	TBA
December	N/A	Pot Luck Dinner and Gift Exchange	N/A	N/A

## August in Our Orchid Garden

**Matching Plants to Pots** (reprinted with permission from the August 2003 OSC Newsletter)

The previous month's discussion of pot types and drainage focused on the rapidity with which the pot could dry. The size of the plant in the pot also has a dynamic effect on the rate of drying.

Plants that are large relative to the pot that they occupy generally produce an abundance of roots which fill much of the pot's volume and efficiently extract water from the medium. Plants that are too small for their pots frequently do not produce enough root to dry the medium quickly. This state of affairs often leads to the few roots rotting off, further reducing the drying of the interior of the pot. Just the opposite of most plants, the cardinal rule of orchid pot-ting is never, ever, over-pot. If the choice is between a slightly smaller pot or a slightly larger pot, the smaller pot is always to be preferred. This choice might lead to more frequent re-potting but avoids the danger of rotting off roots in too soggy of a medium.

With sympodial orchids such as cattleyas, the rule of thumb is to place them in a pot which will allow two to three growths before the new bulbs reach the edge of the pot. Usually this quantity of growth will be accomplished within two years. The goal is to repot the plant into fresh medium every second or at most third year.

Plants can be repotted when they are completely dormant (usually right after flowering) or just as they are breaking new growth. Many growers soak plants for 20 minutes or so to soften the root's hold on the pot and allow them to be slipped out of their old container with ease. A flat bladed knife such as a butter knife or even better an oyster knife is of considerable assistance to this process.

If the plant has been grown in a durable medium like tree fern, rock or charcoal/wood chips, the entire root ball can be left undisturbed and the plant can be placed in its new larger pot with a minimum of disruption. New medium is then poured around the old root ball and the plant continues to grow unimpeded. Plants rooted into softer media like bark, peat-lite, or sphagnum will need to have as much of this old medium removed as possible. Media that is broken down must not be placed in the center of a new pot. Often this old medium can be shaken or teased off. Washing the roots under a gentle stream of water from a hose or faucet is also quite effective.

Usually growers find that the exposed roots that result from this cleaning can not be put into a new pot without crushing them. Most orchidists trim such roots to an inch or inch and one half from the rhizome (the woody stem from which the bulbs arise) and allow them to re-grow into the new pot. This is much to be preferred over a pot half filled with crushed, dead roots, ready to rot and infect the new emerging ones.

Once cleaned, the plant should be placed with its oldest bulb adjacent to the rear of the new pot which should allow enough space ahead of the newest bulb to accommodate two, three, or, at most, four new bulbs to form in the space between the front bulb and the other edge of the pot. The rhizome should be in a plane slightly below the rim of the pot. Media is then shifted in around the plant's roots to a level just at or just below the rhizome. The rhizome itself should never be covered with medium as this can cause it to rot.

Finally, the plant should be staked firmly. Orchid plants that are allowed to wiggle in place whether in pots or mounted, are condemned to a slow but certain death. As the plant sends out new, tender root tips, these are broken off. The plant, after several unsuccessful attempts to produce new roots, exhausts its strength and slips into a slow, often irreversible decline. This unstable condition must be avoided by anchoring the plant however possible. The simplest device for a clay pot is a piece of galvanized wire cut to precisely the inside diameter of the pot and then wedged downward over the rhizome, locking the base of the plant in place. Some growers, worried that the wire will bruise the rhizome and lead to infection, slip a plastic straw over the wire. Our experience leads us to conclude this is unnecessary as the oxidizing zinc in the galvanized wire acts as a fungicide.

Various types of clips that attach to the pot rim are available or easily fabricated. If Styrofoam has been used as 'drainage' a straight, galvanized stake is easily inserted directly to the bottom of the pot. Clip-on foliage rings are also available which in addition to stabilizing the plant, keep unruly foliage from spreading further than need be. This control also keeps the center of gravity of the plant nearer to the center of the pot, preventing tipping. By whatever means 'tie them up; tie them down.'

Most growers avoid watering newly set plants for a week or so to allow any bruises or cuts to heal. Newly repotted orchids should be carefully and thoroughly watered but allowed to properly dry between applications. After a few weeks they can be treated like all the rest of your plants.

Carol Klonowski

### OSC Roster Additions and Corrections

Please check the roster. If you have any corrections or changes please email earle.stebben@yahoo.com or call Earle at (510) 582-3404.

## July Board Meeting Minutes

### July 28, 2008 Orchid Society of California board meeting minutes.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm by Walter James, Vice President, at the home of Earle and Sharalyn Stebben. Present at the meeting were Walter James, Vice President, Sharalyn Stebben, Secretary, Terry Boomer, Past President, Earle Stebben, Director and Membership Chairman, and Ray and Maren Gleason, Co-Director. Absent were Tanya Phillips, President and Dan Chiappone, Treasurer.

Minutes were approved.

#### Officers Reports:

**President:** No report as Tanya was absent.

**Vice President:** Walter James reported that Jose Rodriques will be the October speaker on vandas. Ken Jacobson and Amy Chung will speak in November.

**Treasurer:** Dan Chiappone telephoned his report and it was accepted. Dan has reserved the dates for next year at the Garden Center.

**Secretary:** Sharalyn will send a get well card to Leona Soares due to a heart problem (Please get well soon Leona. We miss you.)

**Membership:** Earle Stebben reported that there are no new members since last meeting.

**Joseph Ware Committee:** the committee recommends to the board that at the November show there would be a special table in memory of Joseph. The table will be a one-time recognition for Joseph. The table would display white orchids with white being the base or dominant color. All orchids on this table will be eligible for all awards and ribbons. There would be a plaque on this display table saying it is in memory of Joseph Ware. The committee discussed trophies and awards but decided on a table rather than a perpetual trophy or award.

**August Ice Cream Social and Auction:** There will be no show & tell table, no raffle sales table, name tag raffle or snack table raffle; just the ice cream social and auction.

**November Show and Sale:** Walter James will be the show chairman. We need a theme for the November show. Send them to Walter, ([Waljam-1946@yahoo.com](mailto:Waljam-1946@yahoo.com).) or bring to the August meeting. The theme will be decided at the meeting and the winning suggestion for the theme will receive an orchid.

**P.O.E.** (Pacific Orchid Exposition) We should start planning now. We need a chairperson for P.O.E.

**Election:** The election will take place in December. We are looking for members to serve on the board.

The next board meeting will be on Monday, August 25 at Dan Chiappone. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm

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Wanted: OSC  
Photographer to take  
digital photos at club  
meetings and to email  
them to newsletter editor.  
Contact Jo at  
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### Upcoming Sales & Announcements

#### **GreenHouse Closure Sale !!**

Adagent Acres  
2245 Floral Way  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

All plants \$25.00 with most in the \$15.00 \$10.00 & \$5.00 range. Buy 3 and get one free. Sale begins August, and lasts through September and October. Open any time but to make sure we are home. Call (707) 575-4459

#### **It's time to start working on the OSC's Display Table for the 2009 POE!**

The 2009 Pacific Orchid Exhibition in San Francisco will be held on March 6-8th; Preview night is March 5th. The theme for the show has been decided upon: **Green with Envy.**

Interestingly, this is not intended to mean the green for St. Patrick's Day, or even cool growing green orchids but to refer to the current popular emphasis on ecology/sustainability. Volunteers are wanted, especially a coordinator for the OSC display. Contact any OSC board member to let them know of your interest in helping out!

**THE FIRST ORCHID  
SOCIETY WEST OF  
THE MISSISSIPPI**

Meeting Location:  
Lakeside Park Garden  
Center

666 Bellevue Avenue  
Oakland, CA

*3rd Monday of Every  
Month, 7PM*

Newsletter Submissions:  
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Submissions are due *before* First Monday of the  
Month

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