



Round Table of Speakers This Month:

For our July 21st meeting, we are having a round table of several orchid enthusiasts. Each one will speak or demonstrate different things about orchids.

Several of the speakers are:

Dan Chiappone, our current treasurer, has been involved with orchids for 15 years.

His interests include the mounting of orchids on just about any kind of surface. He will discuss the various types of surfaces and how to adhere the orchids to them. He will be bringing a few samples to demonstrate.

Paula Shiu is a past President of OSC, and also of the Golden Gate Cymbidium Society.

She is an accredited CSA judge, as well as being a professional chef. Her business is *Paula Shiu Catering* located in Richmond, CA. She is an ardent Cymbidium grower starting from flask to bloom!

Tanya Lam is an orchid vendor specializing in selling species, hybrids, and supplies.

Having to travel extensively for her job, she invented her own orchid mixes to fit her weekly watering schedule. She will share with us her successes using two different coconut mediums. She will also be supplying this month's raffle table.

Speaker's Dinner

There will not be a Speaker's Dinner for this month.



Every month, our great members bring in refreshments to share. If your last name falls within the alphabet below, then it's your turn.

As a thank you, the club will give you a free raffle ticket. Please leave your goodies in the small kitchen area with Dawn Muller or Leona Soares.

It's Your turn: **A-H**

Raffle Table Volunteers:

July 21

Kathy Slusser & York Lee

August 18

(no raffle)

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Meeting Details:

Plant Sales – 6:30 pm
Meeting start – 7:30 pm

Agenda

Announcements
Member Participation Raffle
Show and Tell
Refreshments
Round Table Discussions
Raffle Table

President's Message

When you read this, I shall be in Moscow! After seeing my first total solar eclipse in March 2006, on the Egyptian desert (up against the Libyan border), I was hooked! As the moon moved across the sun, twilight crept upon the entire horizon. The wind started blowing and the temperature dropped at least 10 degrees! Camels lay down for the night, birds put their heads under their wings, and the sun was completely covered by the moon. We got to see the diamond ring affect twice!

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diamond_Ring_effect_\(Solar_Eclipse\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diamond_Ring_effect_(Solar_Eclipse))

There were tens of thousands of people on the desert from all over the globe, and at totality, they all erupted into wild cheers. I cried (really!). Our bus drivers were mostly Bedouin tribesmen, and they broke out into drumming and dancing. I want to do it again (and again...).

So, we'll be cruising up the Volga River to St. Petersburg and flying to Siberia for the eclipse. I extended my tour to include the trans-Siberian railway to Lake Baikal, where I'll be on the lookout for Siberian orchids:

http://www.siberianexpedition.de/html/nature_protection.html

Walt will be running the July meeting, which looks really wonderful with something for everyone. The more I learn, the more I know I don't know, and the round-table presentations look really good, and I'm sorry to miss them.

I'll be back on August 10, just in time to set up the ice cream social. Please come a little early in order to help us set it up. Service will be by the members of the board, so come ready to munch ice cream and buy orchids at the auction. We will be auctioning off both donated orchids and orchids that members want to sell. Start planning! See details in the minutes elsewhere in this newsletter, or contact Dan Chiapone if you have questions.

It's time to start thinking about a theme for this year's November show. We will be accepting your suggestions beginning NOW! Have we ever had one called "Sophisticated Orchids" or "Orchid Sophistication" (my suggestion)? This year, we would like to have

a display dedicated to those members who have passed on. A volunteer who would organize and coordinate this is needed. Contact anyone on the board if you are interested.

Dan has been looking into acquiring 501C3 status so that donations to the club can be tax deductible. He needs help in doing all the paperwork and would appreciate a call from someone who would be able to assist in this.

Finally, it is not too early for you to consider serving on the board next year. All offices are open, and having a complete, functioning board is necessary for our club to be able to continue with all its activities. All members are invited to attend any of our monthly board meetings, and it's a great way to find out, firsthand, how much fun it is to serve the club in this capacity.

Tanya Phillips

OSC HELP 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 the 501C3 paperwork application for the OSC.

2008 SPEAKER CALENDAR

MONTH	SPEAKER	TOPIC	CULTURE SESSION	RAFFLE TABLE
July	Misc. Experts	Orchid Roundtable Discussions	N/A	Tanya Lam
August	Dennis Olivas	Plant Auction	Ice Cream Social!	N/A
September	Weegie Caughlan	Hybridizing Cymbidiums	TBA	Weegie Caughlan
October	Jose Rodrigues	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

July in Our Orchid Garden

(reprinted with permission from the July 2005 OSC Newsletter)

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

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June Board Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes of the Orchid Society of California

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm at the home of Tanya Phillips, President. Present were Walt James, Vice President, Sharalyn Stebben, Secretary, Dan Chiappone, Treasurer, Terry Boomer, Past President, Ray Gleason, Director, Earle Stebben, Director and Carol Klonowski.

The minutes were approved.

Presidents Report: Tanya will not be at the July regular meeting.

Vice President: Walter described the round table presenters for July meeting. August is an ice cream social and orchid auction. October Jose Rodrigues will speak on vandas.

Treasurer's Report: Approved by the board.

Secretary's Report: Sharalyn sent thank you notes to Norito Hasakawa for being the May speaker and Debra Atwood as the June speaker.

Membership Chairman: Earle- we have 124 members. Earle will create a new renewal form.

Committee Reports:

Joseph Ware Committee composed of Loretta Rodrequiz, Heather Drobus, Noble Emery, Earle and Sharalyn Stebben, and Fred Shull. The committee would like to give a perpetual trophy. Fred will update the trophy list to present to the board. It was suggested to have a dedicated table at the November show to honor Joseph with all white orchids.

The August meeting is an ice cream social and auction. Auction: donated plants and consignment plants from members. Members decide minimum bid on their plants and society keeps 25%. No member plant table or raffle that month.

November Show and Sale

Terry will get the vendors. An ad will be placed in the newsletter for a show chairman. Earle will mentor.

Old Business:

Raffle Table and Food Ticket Drawing will go back the way we did it where the refreshment person will get first choice at the raffle table and the remaining tickets will be placed with the rest of the raffle tickets.

501 C 3 Status: On hold. A "want ad" will be placed in the newsletter for a person to work on the 501 C 3.

New Business: Carol Klonowski is reorganizing the website and showed examples of what she is doing and is taking suggestions.

The next board meeting will be July 28th at Dan's in Walnut Creek.

The board meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm

OSC Roster Additions and Corrections

Please Welcome New Members:

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Please make corrections:

Correct Spelling:

Past President in 1971 to: Oreste L. Borgognone.

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Correct Website:

On the outside back cover:

Ad for Paula Shiu Catering to:

Paula ShiuCatering.Com

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

PLANT AUCTION

It's coming soon!

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, and you can let us know at the July meeting or you can e-mail to Terry at mabcp@alamedanet.net by July 31, 2008. We will try to have a list of known auction plants in the August 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.

OSC Award Winning Artist



George McRae and his wife Heidi Rand, while enjoying their annual excursion to the Alameda County Fair on June 28, came across these lovely ribbon winners, made by our very own **Jane Tsushima!**

She had a lot of entries, but these were lovely examples of her work.

Congratulations Jane!!

Did you enjoy the funnel cakes and corn dogs like we did?

—George





The Orchid Society of California is dedicated to the culture, protection, and appreciation of orchids all over the world.

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**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**

Upcoming Shows and Sales



***Palomar Orchid Society
Annual Orchid Auction***

Saturday, August 9, 2008

Preview at 11AM, Auction at 12:00 noon

Location: Woman's Club of Carlsbad

3320 Monroe Street

Carlsbad, CA 92008

Directions: Go east off 5 on Carlsbad Village Drive. 1/4 mile to Monroe, turn south on Monroe to Woman's Club OR go west off El Camino Real at Carlsbad Village Drive to Monroe and turn south to Woman's Club.

Monthly meetings: **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of the month at the Woman's Club. Culture class at 6:45PM, regular meeting at 7:30PM.

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