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# ORCHID SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA



## ICE CREAM SOCIAL PLANT AUCTION!

### September 21

#### Meeting Details:

- AOS judging 6:30pm
- Ice Cream! 7:00pm
- Auction Start 7:30pm

#### Agenda :

- Ice Cream Social
- Announcements
- Plant Auction



**NO Speaker  
Dinner**

**NO Show & Tell**

**NO Plant Sales**

**NO Raffle Table**

**NO Snacks to share**

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On Monday September 21 2009, your board will be serving **ice cream** and all of the **fixings** beginning at 7:00 P.M.

At 7:30, our annual **PLANT 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 check in the mail after the auction for 75%. 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, **please** let us know as soon as possible or you can e-mail Fred Shull by August 31, 2009 or Terry Boomer at [mabcp@alamedanet.net](mailto:mabcp@alamedanet.net) after this date.

Our **CHECK-IN** stations will be ready to receive your plants beginning at 6:00 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.

**OUR AUCTIONEERS** will be the very knowledgeable Dennis Olivas and Jeff Trimble. It is sure to be a fast-paced and fun evening!

**A partial list of auction items is provided on pages 3-4 of this newsletter.** A complete list of auction items will be available just prior to the auction.

## President's Message - September 2009

### ORCHID SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA MISSION STATEMENT(EST.1937)

"Dedicated to the culture, protection, and appreciation of orchids all over the world. The Orchid Society of California brings together people interested in the culture and propagation of orchids, and also serves an educational function in disseminating information about orchids to the public."

OSC has been in existence for 72 years. That's longer than the age of many of our current members. Clothing fashions at the time required suit, tie & hat for men and dresses, fur coats & expensive jewelry for women at most social events. Nowadays any style is acceptable, from work clothes to unisex attire. Thanks Be!!!! If we had to wear more than shirt and pants, most people would never get out the house.

Despite radical changes in technology and social mores, OSC's Mission Statement and purpose has not wavered. We are still bringing people together for culture, protection, and propagation of orchids. Educational information is spread by books, speakers, and word of mouth. To be sure there are many spirited, interesting conversations at our monthly meetings and shows.

Once again, there is only four months left before 2010. The days be shorter, and for some reason the rise in temperature is called "Indian Summer". A quite busy time in our personal lives with Labor Day, back to school, Yom Kippur, Ramadan, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Navartri, and Christmas to name a few. ***Is it a big surprise no one has any money?*** The same four months are busy days for OSC also. Coming soon are the Auction/Ice Cream Social, November Show & Sale, and end of year Pot Luck Dinner Party.

Is it obvious that I am about to ask for volunteers. As much as I regret having to do so, I MUST!!! In order to fulfill our mission (***I say OUR because each of us is OSC***) as an orchid society, we need volunteers and money. Prior to reading this newsletter most of you will have received a polite request to volunteer for the Auction/Ice Cream Social, and also the November Show and Sale. All social organizations are suffering from the economic downturn, not just Orchid Clubs. Being the first orchid society west of the Mississippi, we must continue to be among the best.

The OSC board is requesting your ideas and suggestions for means to raise money (ex. fund raisers, sale items, contests, etc). Sorry, but marijuana is still illegal. We will not scam or swindle anyone, nor make ransom calls. Seriously, if something comes to mind let us know, we still have a suggestion box. Money makes the world go round. There is much green out there, we just have to work together for the gathering.

#### ***MANY THANKS TO NOVEMBER SHOW CO-CHAIRS***

**Cashier:** Margaret Boomer  
**Judge:** Terry Boomer  
**Show set-up:** Musia Stagg  
**Security:** Mimi Rose  
**Education:** Ricky Wong  
**Plant Hotel:** Jady Nghyen & Noble Emery

#### **Unfilled positions**

**Display**  
**Plant division/Orchid Doctors**  
**Raffle table**

I have the easy job of Show Coordinator.

*Walter James*

## Partial List of Orchid Auction Plants



MP = Division of Mother Plant  
MS = Meristem

- Cym. Ambar Tranquila 'Cinnabar' 4n** (Via Mar Tranquila x Via Ambarino) Large, light yellow Standard with round form. Well-spaced flowers on strong tall spikes. MP 2-gal. code: WC-1
- Cym. Autumn Crisp 'Cinnabar' HCCAOS, S/CSA** (Claude Pepper x Thanksgiving) Dark orange Standard with a saturated burgundy lip for exhibition and breeding. MS 1 gal. code: WC-2
- Cym. Autumn Crisp 'Geyserland' B/CSA 4n** (Claude Pepper x Thanksgiving) Striated, medium orange Standard for breeding and enjoyment. MP 1-gal. code: WC-3
- Cym. (Autumn Crisp x Electric Ladyland) 'October Fest'** Floriferous, very dark, smaller Standard orange with darker burgundy veining. MP 1 gal. code: WC-4
- Cym. Bag Lady 'Cinnabar' HCC/AOS, B/CSA** (Bagdemagus x Rincon Lady) Round, medium yellow Novelty for reliable blooming. MP 1 gal. code: WC-5
- Cym. Canterbury 'Coburg' 2n** (Princess Mary x *canaliculatum*) Perky, light rose miniature flowers with burgundy striping, spaced perfectly on an upright inflorescence. Fall blooming. MP 1 gal. code: WC-6
- Cym. Dolly 'Featherhill' 4n** (*pumilum* x Blue Pacific) Extraordinarily floriferous, small, pale green Novelty flowers on upright inflorescences. Breeder. MP 1 gal. code: WC-7
- Cym. Eaglewood 'Kana' AM/AOS** (Zumma Boyd x Wyanga) Clear, large, exhibition green of excellent form. MS 1 gal. code: WC-8
- Cym. Lady Ambarino 'Loyola'** (Bag Lady x Via Ambarino) Round, flat, pale yellow Novelty flowers carried on a strong upright spike. Awardable! MP 1 gal. code: WC-9
- Cym. Mem. Connie Jo Lin 'Cinnabar'** (*canaliculatum* x Ruby Eyes) Charming, small dark red, arching Novelty. MP 1 gal. code: WC-10
- Cym. Olympus 'Albens' AM/RHS** (Alexanderi x Vesta) Delicate, antique, concolor white Standard with open form with great Collectors' appeal. MP 1 gal. code: WC-11
- Cym. Pepper's Fire 'Fiesta' AD/CSA** (Claude Pepper x Winter Fair) Small, dark red Novelty with peloric sepals mimicking the ruffled white lip heavily spotted in red. Unusual! MS. 1 gal. code: WC-12
- Cym. (Pink Champagne x Jessica Dubroff) 'Cinnabar'** Large, soft pink Standard of award form for exhibition and possible award, if well grown. MP 1 gal. code: WC-13
- Cym. Pontac 'Gorey' AM/RHS** (Memoria Dr. Berg x Hamsey) Large, brushed chocolate brown Standard for breeding and exhibition. MS 1 gal. code: WC-14
- Cym. Peter Dawson 'Geyserland' AM/AOS, G/CSA, FCC/NZOS** (Lunagrad x Solana Beach) Striking, exhibition white Standard. MP 1 gal. code: WC-15
- Cym. Squeegie 'Razzle Dazzle'** (Avant Guard x Last Tango) Shapely, dark red pendulous Novelty with darker veining. MP 1 gal. code: WC-16
- Cym. Street Hawk 'Gidget'** (Claude Pepper x Ruby Eyes) Clear, dark red, floriferous pendulous Novelty for exhibition. MP 1 gal. code: WC-17
- Cym. Tower of Gold 'Shooting Star'** (Via Ambarino x Icho Tower) Large, starry, flat dark yellow Standard with very dark red markings on lip. MP 2 gal. code: WC-18

## More Auction Plants...

**Cym. Tracey Reddaway 'Geyserland'** (Trigo Royale x Coraki) Bright yellow, small Standard for breeding and enjoyment. MP 1 gal. code: WC-19

**Cym. tracyanum 'Sam's'** Exceptionally large, green form of the **species** with very dark burgundy stripes and spots. Fragrant. Blooming in December and January on the Peninsula. MP 1 gal. code: WC-20

**Cymbidium finlaysonianum** – yellow with red 2 2/5” flowers on a 2 to 5 foot spike. Plant has 8 growths. OSC-1

**Otaara Jane Fumiye 'Hawaii' AM/AOS** – has 3” magenta flowers. 5 growth plant with buds. OSC-2

**Eria hyacinthoides** – 4 growth plant that puts out a spray of about 1” white flowers. OSC-3

**Liparis viridifolia** – ¼” green flowers with an orange lip. Each spike has many flowers. 30 growth plant grows warm to hot. OSC-4

**Bulbophyllum semperflorens** – miniature plant has 4” spikes with 3/8” to ½” yellow flowers that are hirsute on the labellum. OSC-5

**Chysis bractescens** – up to 10 three inch white flowers on a spike. Warm to hot grower. 7 growth plant OSC-6

**Bulbophyllum guttatum** -large mounted plant that produces ¾” white to cream flowers spotted pink to maroon. Hot grower with high humidity. OSC-7

**Phalaenopsis bastianii** – 1 3/8” cream yellow flowers with reddish brown bars. Plant has 7” leaf span. OSC-8

**Phalaenopsis amboinensis** - 2 to 3” yellow flowers with brownish red spots. Plant has 7” leaf span. OSC-9

**Mormolyca ringens** – strange 1” yellow flowers on orange stems. Very floriferous TB-1

**Ble Bryce Canyon 'Splendiferous' AM/AOS** A mature 20 bulb division from the Mother Plant, NOT A MERISTEM. FS-1

### AUCTION NITE EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

Beginning at 7:05 pm, 25 masdevallias in 3 1/4" pots will be available for only \$5.00 each. Bring your bidding plate with you and snap up these bargains. First come, first served - no limit.

Proceeds will be split between the Society and Orchidmania. OM-1 TO OM –25



### AUCTION HELP NEEDED!!!

- 4-5 persons to accept plants and bug check them.
- 4-5 persons to code the plants as to whether they are donated or sharing the sale with the society and also to label them with the minimum bid.
- 2 persons to record the bids and to give out bidding fans.
- Persons to register names and number of bidders.
- Spotters to see the bids given.

## AOS Judging and YOU

We are repeating this article from last month's newsletter in case you missed it.

The Orchid Society of California is a sponsor of American Orchid Society Judging by providing (and paying for) a room in which orchid plants can be judged by AOS judges. You may wonder what those folks do each month in the little room behind the stage and kitchen. Well it is no longer a secret. AOS judging takes place just before our meeting in that back room. And there is not private, all members are welcomed to observe the judging process. Just no comments, please, while judging is taking place.



You need only check with Maynard Michel, Chairman of Judging, when you enter the room and request to be an observer. AOS judging is always open to the public.

If you have a beautiful plant, well grown and well flowered, that you would like to have judged, please present your plant to Carol Klonowski or Steve Beckendorf, our AOS Clerks. They will be on hand in the kitchen to greet you and walk you through the process and ask you to complete a plant entry form.

There is no fee to enter any plant, however if the judges deem your plant worthy of an AOS award, the AOS does require a fee before they will process the award. An AOS award adds value to your plant.

In case you didn't know them, the above photo is of Steve and Maynard, respectively.

Don't be shy!  
Your OSC newsletter editor.

### **RAFFLE TABLE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

We need raffle table volunteers for October and November meetings.  
Please see MaryLou Smith to volunteer.

### **HELP NEEDED- OSC ROSTER ADDENDUM**

Earle Stebben needs someone to help him to create an OSC Roster addendum. Please contact him.

## 2009 SPEAKER CALENDAR

MONTH	SPEAKER	TOPIC	RAFFLE TABLE	CULTURE SESSION
September 2009	n/a	Ice Cream Social/ Plant Auction	n/a	n/a
October 2009	Eric Hunt	Orchids of Borneo	Coming soon	Coming soon
November 2009	Weyman Bussey	Orchid Conservation	Coming soon	Coming soon
December 2009	n/a	Annual Potluck and Gift Exchange	n/a	n/a

## AOS Awards Demystified

*Ever get confused about the meaning of those letters after an orchid's name? I have. Is it just so much alphabet soup to you? Well, here is a little help. I extracted this article from the AOS website to remind me the next time that I view an orchid.*

The American Orchid Society grants the following awards to orchids and exhibitors. AOS awards are a recognized measure of quality the world over and coveted by hobbyists and commercial growers alike. An AOS flower quality award adds value to an orchid in its own right, and as a parent for creating hybrids.

**\*HCC (Highly Commended Certificate)\***

Awarded to orchid species or hybrids scoring 75 to 79 points inclusive on a 100-point scale.

**\*AM (Award of Merit)\***

Awarded to orchid species or hybrids scoring 80 to 89 points inclusive on a 100-point scale.

**\*FCC (First Class Certificate)\***

The highest flower-quality award, awarded to orchid species or hybrids scoring 90 points or more on a 100-point scale.

**\*JC (Judges' Commendation)\***

Given for distinctive characteristics that the judges unanimously feel should be recognized but cannot be scored in the customary ways.

**\*AD (Award of Distinction)\***

Awarded once to a cross representing a worthy new direction in Breeding. The award is granted unanimously without scoring by the judging team assigned.

**\*AQ (Award of Quality)\***

Awarded once to a cross exhibited by a single individual as a group of not less than 12 plants or inflorescences of different clones of a hybrid or cultivated species. At least one of the inflorescences must receive a flower quality award and the overall quality of the group must be an improvement over the former type.

**\*CBR (Certificate of Botanical Recognition)\***

Awarded to rare and unusual species with educational interest that has received no previous awards. The entire plant must be exhibited. This award is granted provisionally and filed with the judging center Chair pending taxonomic verification supplied by the exhibitor. (see Taxonomic Authorities)

**\*CHM (Certificate of Horticultural Merit)\***

Awarded to a well-grown and well-flowered species or natural hybrid with characteristics that contribute to the horticultural aspects of orchidology, such as aesthetic appeal. This award is granted provisionally and filed with the judging center Chair pending taxonomic verification supplied by the exhibitor. (see Taxonomic Authorities)

**\*CCM (Certificate of Cultural Merit)\***

Awarded to the exhibitor of a well-flowered specimen plant of robust health. The plant must score between 80 and 89 points inclusive on a 100-point scale.

**\*CCM (Certificate of Cultural Merit)\***

Awarded to the exhibitor of a well-flowered specimen plant of robust health. The plant must score more than 90 points on a 100-point scale.

**\*CCE (Certificate of Cultural Excellence)\***

Awarded to the exhibitor of a well-flowered specimen plant of robust health. The plant must score more than 90 points on a 100-point scale. Plants receiving this award represent the highest level of orchid culture.

## Photos from our last meeting.



Some of the gorgeous orchids from our Show and Tell. Below is Fred Shull's awarded beauty. Sorry not to have it's name.

Thanks, Patti Baugh for the photos!



◀ This month's speaker, Theresa Hill.

Below some of the for-sale and other orchids that were present at the meeting.



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# Orchid Society of California

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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:**  
**oscnews.OrchidSocietyofCa@gmail.com**  
**Submissions are due before the First Monday of the Month**

## Upcoming sales & events :

**Sept 12-13 10AM-5PM, Orchids in the Park,** San Francisco County Fair Building, 9th Ave & Lincoln Way, San Francisco, CA

**Sept 19-20 9AM-4PM, D&D Flower Fall Open House,** Half Moon Bay, CA

**Sept 21, 7:30PM, OSC Plant Auction,** Lakeside Park Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland, CA

**Oct 4, Otsukimi Moon Viewing Festival** Bonsai Garden, Lakeside Park Center, Oakland, CA

**Oct 17-18, 9AM-5PM, Diablo View Orchid Show & Sale,** Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill.

**October Raffle Table Volunteers:**  
**Help needed!**

**November Raffle Table Volunteers:**  
**Help needed!**

## *Orchid Society of California* *Show and Sales* *Orchid Treasures*



**FREE ADMISSION**

Saturday & Sunday, November 7th and 8th  
10am to 5pm  
Lakeside Garden Center (Lake Merritt)  
666 Bellevue, Oakland, Ca. 94610

Unusual exotic orchid vendors, plant raffles  
Demonstrations, plant Doctors, Plant Judging  
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