

# Orchid Society of California

Next Meeting: Monday, October 17, 2005  
Lakeside Garden Center, Lake Merritt  
666 Bellevue Ave. Oakland, California

## PROGRAM TOPIC: The World of Cypripediums

### Carson E. Whitlow

There are over 40 Cypripedium species in the world. This presentation covers most of those in North/Central America plus many of those from the rest of the world. Also shown are some of the hybrids which have been produced.

Carson became interested in orchids in 1958 when he was a sophomore in college. The following years he worked on the weekends and summers repotting orchids for a firm in Springfield, Illinois. After graduating in 1960, Carson went to Santa Ana, California to work for the prestigious firm of B. O. Bracey and Company. A year later, he changed his direction and entered upon a career in government service with the Orange County (California) Health Department. Career-wise, he has been an administrator in public health since that time, changing in 1988 to highway safety. He retired from government service in May, 2005. Educationally, he has a Bachelors of Arts degree in education and mathematics (1960) from Blackburn College, Carlinville, Illinois, and a Master of Science of Public Health degree in biostatistics (1973) from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

After leaving the Bracey firm, Carson established his own collection, mostly of blue Cattleyas, with which he undertook hybridizing in association with Fred A. Stewart, Orchids, in San Gabriel, California. From 1964 thru 1969, he produced in excess of 60 blue cattleya hybrids, many of which are still in collections, arising from the original seedlings or as mericlones. Many are used as basic parents in today's blue Cattleya breeding.

In 1973, with his move to central Iowa, Carson took a distinct change in direction, working with the hardy terrestrial orchids, primarily the Cypripediums and Calopogons. His worked resulted in the first registered artificial hybrids of Cypripedium in 1987 and Calopogon in 1991. He continues to hybridize these genera and has built a small business, Cyp. Haven, as retail outlet for his work.

In 1995, Carson's interest in the internet and an easier means of finding orchid related sites on the world wide web brought about the birth of "The Orchid Mall," which today has become the definitive link site for orchids on the internet.

Carson's hybrid work is recognized throughout the world. He has published over 30 articles in U.S. and European journals. He has been giving presentations on his breeding and propagation for over 25 years, throughout the United States, Canada, and in Scotland at the 14th World Orchid Congress in 1993. He is truly a world-class hybridizer, author and speaker.

A portion of the presentation will cover Cypripedium culture. Carson will also be providing the raffle table plants. Try not to miss this excellent presentation.

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### Meeting Details

- Plant sales will open at 6:30 PM.
  - Meeting starts at 7:15 PM.
  - Raffle table will be provided by Carson E. Witlow
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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**

## Raffle Table Volunteers

**October – Chris Marten & Sally Sommer**

**November - Corey Trovinger & Sau Trovinger**

## Dessert Assignments

Members with last names from "Aaron" to "Ezrah" are responsible for bringing refreshments to the October 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

### October 22-23

Diablo View Orchid Society Fall Show and Sale. Saturday, 9AM. to 5PM, Sunday 10AM to 4PM.. The event will be at the Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA. Besides the beautiful array of blooming exotic orchids on display, there will be numerous vendors selling their plants. We will also have raffle plants, a plant doctor to offer advice and on both days, we will have potting and culture demonstrations at 10:00a.m., 12 noon and 2:00 p.m..  
<http://www.diabloviewos.org/Shows/DVOS2005/Flier/show.htm>

### November 5-6

D & D Flowers will have their Fall Inventory Reduction Sale 9AM to 3PM. There will be lots of masdevallia, cymbidium, oncidium and cattleya hybrid and species divisions at great prices. There will be lots of anthuriums also. Come for the company of friends, fun and food.

### November 12-13

Orchid Society of California Show, Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue, Oakland, CA. Contact: Francisco Baptista, 375 Warwick Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577  
**(510) 635-2845 [chicosorchids@yahoo.com](mailto:chicosorchids@yahoo.com)**

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

## GREENHOUSE TOUR SAN FRANCISCO CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS SATURDAY OCTOBER 22

We will meet in front of the garden center at 1p.m. and caravan to San Francisco.

Directions: Information # (415)666-7001 or  
[www.conservatoryofflowers.org](http://www.conservatoryofflowers.org)

Fee \$5 for adults; \$3 youth and senior 65 and over

Printed directions available at the next meeting.

Questions? Problems?

Give me a call @ 510 569-8683 or cell 510 329-2700

*Mimi Rose*

## Show Ribbon Judging

We need members to help judge the plants, arts, crafts, and photography for the many coveted ribbons and trophies presented during the Awards Banquet. To volunteer for show ribbon judging, sign up on Friday at 5:00 PM. Join the judges for dinner and then start the judging process at 6:00 PM.

## October in Your Orchid Garden

October is a month of change in the Bay Area. Usually around the middle of the month, and certainly by the end of the month, the first strong cold front pushes into Northern California, bringing to a close the heat and/or fog of summer and ushering in alternating periods of cool and cooler. Although moderate temperatures may persist for another month or so until the technical end of autumn, each successive cold front and ever-increasing rain storms will progressively cool our soil and our plants.

Days are shortening too, providing less hours of sunlight and slowing the drying process in our orchids. Nights are longer and cooler which also slows drying. Now we must start to move into the consciousness of winter and take greater care to insure that our plants are thoroughly dry before we water them again.

Many of our orchids are well aware of this sea change. The shortening days of late summer have told many genera to finish their growth and prepare to rest. We need to listen too, and look! The last smallest leaves of seasonal plants will have unfolded at the tips of their new growths telling us that their growth cycle is finished for this year. Dendrobiums of the Nobile type for example, now begin their five months of carefree existence. They should be put in a bright spot, given NO water and no more fertilizer until after they start growing again in Spring. Catasetums, Mormodes, Cycnoches, Calanthes and other deciduous types should be treated the same way.

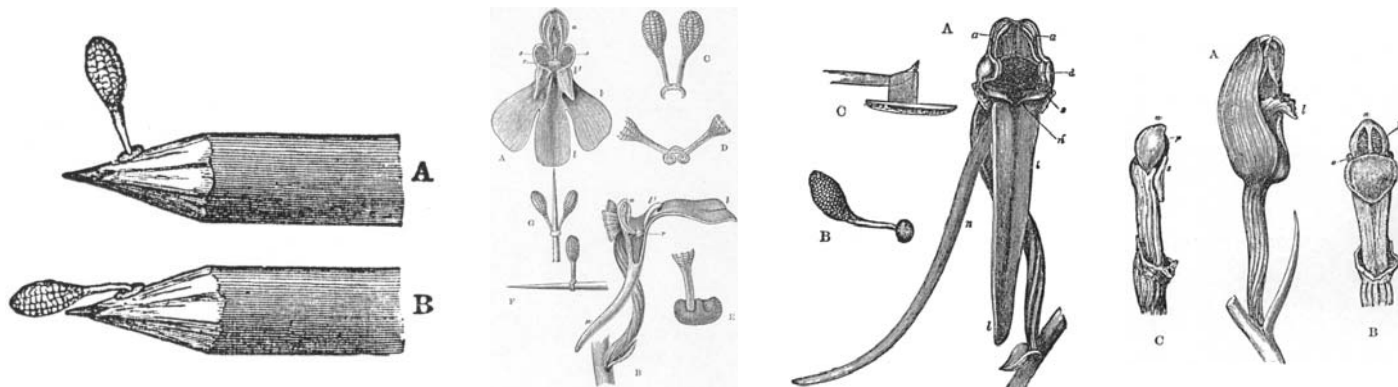
Whatever moisture nature provides in the increasingly heavy fog and the rains that usher in most cold fronts

will be adequate for these plants whose native environment is a seasonal monsoon. Benign neglect suits these genera just fine. Group these genera together, preferably at the edge of the growing area and high up where they will receive the maximum of light and air circulation. This way, the chance of an accidental watering of these while taking care of the more thirsty genera is minimized.

Many Cattleyas, Laelias, Oncidium and Phalaenopsis-type Dendrobiums have finished their growths and should be hardened off with reduced water and fertilizer. Lower nitrogen fertilizer applied at a lower rate and with less frequency will make these genera happy and prevent them from breaking into unwanted off-season growth that frequently hampers flowering as well. Many growers tend to use lower nitrogen fertilizers of the "Bloom Booster" type during the cooler weather. Less frequent watering will also do for these genera.

When the rains pass through, check to see that the pots are thoroughly wet by giving them the "heft" test and if they are not heavy enough "top them up." Let them dry 'hard' before watering again. In cool weather especially, less is more.

Monopodial orchids like Vandas and Phalaenopsis which want to grow continuously, feel the change too. The broad swing of day to night temperatures stimulates flower spike initiation in these genera. You can spur them on by giving them a shot of high Phosphorus Bloom Booster fertilizer just before or after the drop in night temperatures.



# AOS Awards

## Pacific Central Supplemental Center San Francisco, September 6, 2005

Doritis pulcherrima var. champornensis 'Orinda'  
Exhibited by Orchids Orinda  
AM 83

Rhyncholstele uro-skinneri 'Chunky'  
Exhibited by Ramon De Los Santos  
HCC 79

Sobralia turkeliae 'Janet'  
Exhibited by Bruce Rogers  
CBR (prov)

Slc. Fuchsia Doll 'Sherwood'  
(L. sincorana x Slc. Sierra Doll )  
Exhibited by Sherwood Orchids  
HCC 78

## Pacific Central Judging Center, Oakland, September 19, 2005

Odontoglossum Stamfordiense 'Golden Gate'  
(Odm. bictoniense x Odm. uro-skinneri)  
Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids  
HCC 78

Oncidium macranthum 'Pacifica'  
Exhibited by Golden Gate Orchids  
HCC 78

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

<http://www.aospacificcentral.org>

## President's Message

October means many things to our society: the final days of balmy weather as we come to the meetings, the end of the greenhouse tours for the year, and the preparations for the coming season of orchid shows.

Our own show is upon us. On November 12 and 13, we will host our annual November Show & Sale (this year's theme is Dining With Orchids) and Awards Banquet here at the Garden Center. This means the usual clipboard circulation for volunteers for everything from Security to Plant Hotel, so be sure to sign up for a few hours that weekend.

In addition, we are asking members to bring in their blooming plants for the display area.

The Awards Banquet will be Saturday evening, November 12, starting at 6 PM, with the same fine caterer as last year. This year's speaker will be Gerda Ferrington, a Canadian who will speak on her vast experience with orchid species. I believe this is the first time that Gerda will be addressing an orchid society in the Bay Area.

There is a signup for the Banquet, as a limited amount of tickets are available. This year's price is \$40, which includes not only the banquet and the speaker, but also a paphiopedilum seedling courtesy of the Paph House. We are also trying to organize a silent auction or raffle for some show-stopping plants, so pay attention at the meeting for the latest news.

The weekend following our October meeting will be our final greenhouse tour of the year, and what a great one Mimi Rose, our greenhouse tour chair, has arranged! We will be given a personal tour of the newly re-opened SF Conservatory of Flowers on October 22. Be sure to note the meeting place and time for this special opportunity. And, here's a heartfelt thank-you to Mimi for all her hard work this past year.

*Carol Klonowski*

*ORCHID SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA*

**“DINING WITH ORCHIDS”**

**2005 EXHIBITION SCHEDULE**

Lakeside Garden Center  
666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland, California  
Show Chair – FRANCISCO BAPTISTA  
(510) 635-2845 [chicosorchids@yahoo.com](mailto:chicosorchids@yahoo.com)

| <b>DATE</b>                  | <b>TIME</b>  | <b>DESCRIPTION</b>   |
|------------------------------|--------------|--|
| <b>Friday, November 11</b>   | 9 AM to 5PM* | Setup displays, Enter AOS, CSA, & Ribbon Judging Plants this includes Orchid Art, Orchid Corsages, Orchid Arrangements, Etc. |
|                              | 5PM to 6PM   | Dinner with Judges (judging will start 6PM)<br>Judging chair – Nick Burnett  |
|                              | 6PM to 10PM  | Vendor setups  |
| <b>Saturday, November 12</b> | 9 AM to 5PM  | Exhibits & Sales open to public  |
|                              | 6 PM         | Dinner/Hors d'oeuvres  |
|                              | 7 PM         | Dinner - Main course   |
|                              | 8 PM         | Speaker – Gerta Ferrington<br>From Toronto, Canada<br><b>Topic – Species &amp; Cultivation</b>                               |
| <b>Sunday, November 13</b>   | 10 AM to 5PM | Display & Sales Areas open to the public   |
|                              | 5 PM         | Closed to the public   |
|                              | 5 PM         | Sales area and Exhibits to be dismantled   |

\*Entry forms for AOS and CSA judging and Show Entry Cards for Ribbon judging will be available during plant entry hours. **Please note**; no entries will be accepted **FRIDAY** after 5PM.

# PLANT DIVISIONS – TROPHIES AND RIBBONS

**I. TROPHIES FOR EXHIBITS** – NOTE: You must fill out an exhibit entry card to enter categories A-9 through A-12, marked below with an asterisk (\*).

1. **AOS Show Trophy** – most outstanding exhibit in show.
2. **ODC Show Trophy** – non-commercial exhibit displaying the highest levels of artistry, taste and innovation in design and presentation; flower quality; cultural excellence

**RUNNER-UP DISPLAYS 3-8: (Winner of AOS Show Trophy or ODC Trophy not eligible)**

**Best Small Exhibit**  
(card table sized)

3. commercial
4. non-commercial

**Best Mid-Sized Exhibit**  
(large table sized)

5. commercial
6. non-commercial

**Best Large-Sized Exhibit**

(2 or more tables, or floor display)

7. commercial
8. non-commercial

9. \* **Best Display by a visiting Orchid Society**
10. \* **Best Interpretation of Show Theme**
11. \* **Best Exhibit by one or Two Individuals** – non-commercial growers only
12. \* **Best Exhibit by Group** – three or more, non-commercial growers only
13. \* **Bea & Noble Emery Trophy** – exhibit by one or more novice growers
14. \* **Best Orchid Arrangement/Display in a Basket** – (not part of a larger display)

**II. TROPHIES FOR INDIVIDUAL PLANTS** – Limited to OSC members.

1. **Founders Trophy** – best orchid in show, combined culture/flower quality.
2. **H.E. Metcalf Trophy** – best specimen plant from all classes
3. **Best Orchid Species** – best species orchid from all classes
4. **William B. Lande Cyrus Cup** – best intergeneric hybrid, non-commercial growers only
5. **Frank Fordyce Trophy** – best miniature Cattleya, under 12 inches in height, non commercial only
6. **Fred Jernigan Award** – best Paphiopedilum
7. **Severin Orchid Farm Award** – best miniature botanical species under 8 inches
8. **Best Plant or Flower Grown Under Lights, in a Window, or Outdoors**
9. **C.E. Wilson Jr., Award** – best first bloom seedling exhibited by the hybridizer
10. **Best First Bloom Seedling out of all classes**

**III. ORCHID ARRANGEMENTS AND PERSONAL ADORNMENT**

1. **Wally Lynch Trophy** – excellence in orchid arrangement, corsages, bridal bouquets, hairpieces, and other personal adornment, etc.

**IV. ARTISTIC EXHIBITS**

1. **Bea Emery Memorial Award** – best Artistic expression in show (May be Artwork or Orchid Display, Orchid Basket, etc.)

**V. EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY**

## RIBBON JUDGING ENTRIES:

**AN EXHIBITOR MAY ENTER NO MORE THAN THREE PLANTS PER SECTION.** As noted previously, plants entered in the incorrect section will be disqualified from judging. Novice entries may be re-classified at judges' discretion. Questions should be directed to the Show Chairperson.

**RIBBONS:** Ribbons are awarded for first, second and third in each category. Plants will be judged on flower quality and culture. A ribbon may be withheld if entries are not deemed worthy. The following set of ribbons will be awarded for each class of exhibitors:

1. **Novice/Amateur**
2. **Intermediate**
3. **Advanced**
4. **open/Commercial**

### INFORMATION FOR EXHIBITORS:

- A. To be eligible for Ribbon judging, AOS and/or CSA award judging, plants and artistic exhibits must be entered by Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, between 9AM-5PM. **No entries will be accepted FRIDAY after 5PM.**
- B. Plants and Artistic Exhibits may not be removed before the close of the show at 5 pm Sunday Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>.
- C. To **GUARANTEE** AOS and CSA award judging, be sure to fill out an AOS and CSA judging entry form, available during setup on Friday, from entry clerks. To **PREVENT** your plant from being **SELECTED** by the judges for AOS or CSA award judging, write "NO AOS or CSA JUDGING" on your plant's SHOW ENTRY CARD. (Any plant entered for show judging will be considered AOS and CSA judged and therefore is not eligible for subsequent AOS or CSA judging on the same inflorescence.)

### PLANT DIVISIONS

- A. Show judging, for trophies and ribbons, will be done by teams of judges. Both AOS judges and regular OSC members will participate as show judges (a.k.a. ribbon judges).
- B. Judges may withhold trophies or ribbons if, in their opinion, some or all of the plants in a category are not worthy of awards.
- C. Plants entered for show judging must have been in the exhibitor's care for at least six months prior to the show.
- D. Diseased or insect-infested plants may not knowingly be exhibited. If discovered, such plants will be disqualified and removed from the show.
- E. To be eligible for trophy awards, plants must be entered for ribbon judging.
- F. Classification of Exhibitors: (definitions)
  - a. NOVICE/AMATEUR: has won 0 to 2 trophies
  - b. INTERMEDIATE: has won 3 to 20 trophies
  - c. ADVANCED: has won 21 or more trophies
  - d. OPEN/COMMERCIAL: has won 21 or more trophies and is commercial

### ARTISTIC DIVISION:

Freestyle Artistic division examples are corsages, flower arrangements, photographs, paintings, drawings, etc. Entries must **NOT** have been entered in previous years for judging.

- A. Judging teams will include OSC members and AOS judges.
- B. No artistic division exhibitor may participate in judging of artistic division.
- C. Each artistic division entry must be the original work of the exhibitor, except for collectibles.
- D. Until judging has been officially completed, it is necessary for exhibits to appear anonymous. After that, each exhibitor may post a business card, or other card up to 3x5 inches containing information such as name/address/phone/etc. In no event may price information be posted.
- E. Due to possible space limitations, the Board of the OSC reserves the right, during show setup, to limit the number of entries per category per exhibitor. For example, it might become necessary to limit each exhibitor to three photographs.
- F. Artistic Exhibitors are responsible for supplying display stands, frames, brackets, etc., that might be required for displaying their art work.

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# Orchid Society of California Awards Banquet Registration Form

Saturday, November 12, 2005

Banquet Registration deadline postmarked Saturday, November 5, 2004

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet tickets \$40.00 each                      Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Dan Chiappone  
1915 Stratton Circle  
Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Phone: (925) 943-2022  
email: dchiapej@aol.com

FOR TREASURER USE ONLY:

Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Approved By \_\_\_\_\_

## Banquet Menu

The banquet will be catered by The Palomares Grill of Castro Valley with the same menu which was enjoyed by so many last year. Tri-tip, Mediterranean chicken breasts, Cesar salad, mixed vegetables and rolls will be served at a price of \$40 per person.

## Banquet Speaker

The banquet speaker will be Gerda Ferrington from Barrie, near Toronto, Canada. She is one of the few Canadian AOS judges and her topic will be Species of the World. Come hear about your favorite plants and where to find them in the world.

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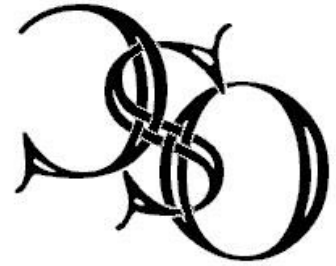
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