

Orchid Society of California

Next Meeting: Monday, October 16 2006
Lakeside Garden Center, Lake Merritt
666 Bellevue Ave. Oakland, California

PROGRAM TOPIC: The Encyclias **Dr. Patricia Harding**

Dr. Patricia Harding will tell us about the Encyclias. This genus was originally included in Epidendrum until Hooker separated it from that genus in 1828. The genera Euchile, Prosthechea and Dinema were then separated from Encyclia, based on a morphological analysis by Higgins, 1997. But for many of us they remain the Encyclias.

Encyclia is a diverse genus of orchids that range in size from miniatures to moderately large plants and many are exotically fragrant. Most Encyclias enjoy moderately bright to bright-light, intermediate temperatures, good humidity and air movement. They make good house plants, as most species are quite adaptable to varying environmental conditions. They grow well in plastic pots with moss or a bark (Cattleya) mix.

The genus name Encyclia comes from Greek enkykleomai ("to encircle"), referring to the lateral lobes of the lip which encircle the column. The abbreviation in the horticultural trade is Encycl.

This epiphytic genus occurs in Florida , Bahamas , West Indies , Mexico and tropical America in forests in lowlands and at altitudes to 1000 m. The distribution of the species is more or less evenly spread throughout this area.

The terminal leaves grow from thickened pseudobulbs. The flowers arise from an apical inflorescence. This genus is pollinated by bees and birds.

Dr. Patricia Harding has been growing and collecting orchids, mostly species, off and on for 30 years, intensely for 20 years. Patricia was heavily involved with Carl Withner in his last book, *The Debatable Epidendrums*, learning a lot in the process, and is currently working on a book covering all the known species of the Huntleya Alliance, a group of orchids covering the genera Huntleya, Pescatorea, Stenia, Kefersteinia, and Chondrorhyncha among others. Patricia is also an accredited AOS judge in the Pacific Northwest Center . Patricia has an undergraduate degree in Botany, and upon retiring as a physician, decided to pursue her earlier interests in science. Patricia now studies orchids, as a writer, traveler, photographer and observer, with a little orchid growing on the side. When she's not traveling she lives in Oregon .

CULTURE SESSION: How to Get Your Plant Ready for a Show—Lois Miller

Lois will go over the basics, how to fill out your entry card and determine the classe(s) in which to enter it so that you can go home with the maximum number of winning ribbons and trophies. She will also give expert tips on how to groom your plant for the show and how to stake your blooms so your Orchid will make the best impression. And finally she will review trophies for categories that often go unclaimed because no one enters in that category.

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Meeting Details

- Plant sales will open at 6:30 PM.
 - Pre-program culture session starts at 7:00 PM
 - Meeting starts at 7:30 PM.
 - Raffle table will be provided by Stephen Monkhouse
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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—John Ochsenfeld & James Cochman

November— George McRae

Dessert Assignments

Members with last names from Aaronson to Futterman 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 14th & 15th, 2006

Diablo View Orchid Society Annual Fall Show and Sale!

Public hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on October 14th and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on October 15th. Please join us at the Pleasant Hill Community Center. The address is 320 Civic Drive in Pleasant Hill, CA. The community center is about 1 mile west of the Sun Valley Mall off the right hand side of Taylor Blvd. Flyers with map to the event will be available at most orchid society general meetings. Also, you may print a flyer and map from the society's webpage at www.diabloviewos.org. For further questions, please contact Dennis Olivas at 925-969-1246 or e-mail at d.olivas@comcast.net.

October 27th, 2006

Peninsula Orchid Society Auction

Plant entry and bidder registrations starts at 5pm. Auctions starts at 7pm. San Mateo Garden Center 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo CA.

November 4th & 5th, 2006

47th Annual Fall Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Open House.

Call Alice at (800) 533-3387 or www.sborchid.com

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



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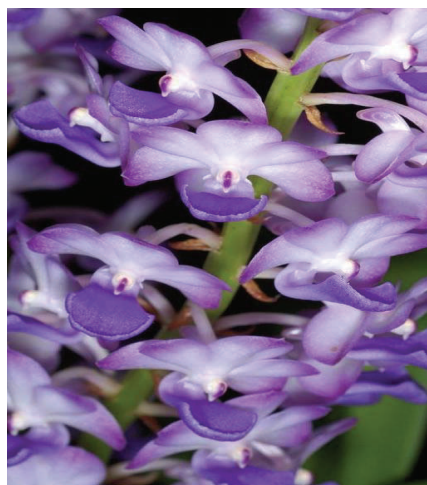
AOS Awards

**Pacific Central Supplemental Center
San Francisco, August 1, 2006**

**Laelia anceps var. veitchiana
'Rev. Sang-Jo Rah' species
Exhibited by: Anna S. Chai
HCC 76**



**Rhynchostylis coelestis 'Blue Mountain'
species
Exhibited by Japheth Ko
AM 80**



For more information and pictures please
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Announcements

Harmony of Orchids - November 11 & 12 Show update

Set up is scheduled for Friday, November 10, starting at 12:00. Show Schedules, entry forms, and members sale information will be available at our next meeting and on our website:
www.OrchidSocietyofCalifornia.com Much information about the show will be available at our October 16th General Meeting, so be sure not to miss it!

San Francisco Orchid Society—Orchid Fest

October 7th, & 8th, 10:00 am– 5:00pm.

Hall of Flowers County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park, 9th and Lincoln Way, San Francisco. Info: 415-665-2468 or visit www.orchidsanfrancisco.org

Orchid Pin Opportunity

Aloha from the Big Island of Hawaii! A member of the Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club would be interested in exchanging orchid club pins with one of your members.

Our club is one of three orchid clubs on the Big Island. We are located in the South Kona area. Each year we host an orchid show. We also do several “round-the-island” visits to 2 or 3 orchid growers each year. Our most recent one was this past weekend. We were able to tour Carmela Orchids and Hawaii Paradise Orchids and completely filled up the luggage compartment of the bus with our beautiful purchases.

If any of you come to this area for a visit – please consider this an invitation to be my guest at a meeting! We meet on the second Tuesday of the month.

- Nora Beck Judd Email: nora@architeuthis-dux.net

GREENHOUSE TOURS

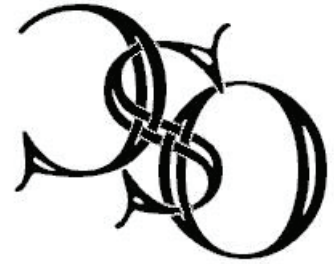
Coming in December: A rare peek into the worlds of Steve Beckendorf and Cindy Hill Beckendorf.

We have been invited to their respective greenhouses in early December. Stay tuned for the exact date. Any questions? Any suggestions for future greenhouse tours? Please drop me a line.
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-Mimi Rose

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