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The South Coast Orchid Society meets on the fourth Monday of each month except holidays at the Whaley Park Clubhouse, 5620 East Atherton Street, Long Beach, California at 7:00.

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South Coast Orchid Society

Newsletter

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June 2009

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Stories, articles and news items are welcome. The deadline is the 5th of the month.

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Monday, **June 22nd, 2009**

Meeting Starts at 7:00 p.m.

"An Orchid Tour of Ecuador "

Speaker: Roberta Fox

Roberta, a SCOS member, began growing orchids about 15 years ago, when she received a Cymbidium plant from a co-worker. She went to the New Otani show that year, and was completely captivated. She joined several societies, and one orchid followed another. As the collection increased in size and variety, the process of learning how to care for the plants led to an interest in their origins and relationships. This in turn led to a focus on orchid species, since she found that the best way to understand the needs of a hybrid was to learn about the natural growing conditions of the underlying species.

Many of the orchids that grow outside in Southern California have their origin in the tropical Americas. While one can learn much about the habitats of orchid species from reading and talking to people, experiencing the environment in which orchids grow can provide new insights. Roberta found an opportunity to visit Ecuador, and the trip was an orchid lover's dream. This small country, straddling the equator, has an amazing range of ecosystems due to the presence of the Andes range of mountains. The lower elevations are, as one might expect, warm and damp. However, the higher elevations are very temperate, even chilly. With this diversity of climate, there is a corresponding diversity of orchids. Of the approximately 35,000 orchid species in the world, some 4,000 of them can be found in Ecuador. Come share the adventure.

The plant table will be provided by Ecuagenera (and it's a great one!)

Culture Session

Our own orchid expert, **Espie Quinn**, will start the meeting this month with practical tips on repotting orchids. Do you have any orchids showing new growths and roots that need new media or are outgrowing their pots? Bring your questions.

Refreshments

Last names **H to P** please bring refreshments.
There is a special drawing for those who bring food!

May Meeting

Thanks to Andy Tao for most of the pictures of last month's meeting

Barton Mozlin Mentoring Members Mounting Orchids



May Meeting Ribbon Judging Table



**South Coast Orchid Society
Ribbon Judging Results
May 18, 2009**



Cattleya (Laeliinae Subtribe)

First Rhynchovola "Jimmy Cricket"
First Epc. Charlie Brown 'First Choice'
Second Epc. Purple Glory x Lc. Trick or Treat
Second C. dolosa var. coerulea
Third Iwa. Appleblossom
Third C. Aurantiaca
Cultural Epidendrum parkinsonianum

Jim Hoyle
Ruben Colmenares
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Espie Quinn
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Jim Hoyle

Dendrobium (Dendrobiinae Subtribe)

First Den. Stardust "Firebird"
Second Den. Chrysotoxum
Third Ansellia africana

Jim Hoyle
Espie Quinn
John Reyes

Phalaenopsis (Sarcanthinae Subtribe)

First Vanda Unknown
Second Phalaenopsis Unknown (white)
Third Phalaenopsis Unknown (pink/white)
Cultural Sarc. hartmanii "Waterfall"

Shelley Brewer
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Ruben Colmenares

Paph & Phrag (Cyprpedioideae Subfamily)

First Phrag. Eric Young

Michelle Dobard

Other Genera

First Arpophyllum spicatum
Second Pot. Love Passion "Island Romance"
Third Aerangis citrata "Waterfall"
Cultural Sedirea japonica

Espie Quinn
Evelyn Currier
Ruben Colmenares
Espie Quinn

Cymbidium

First Cym. Cricket

Espie Quinn



Monthly Checklist for May and June

Cattleya

The last of the spring-flowering types -- those that flower from a ripened hard pseudobulb -- will be finishing, while the first summer-blooming types will be showing buds on their rapidly growing, soft pseudobulbs. Both may need potting, as signaled by deteriorating mix, this month. The spring bloomers present no problems, as you will be dealing with fully ripe, well-hardened pseudobulbs. They will be ready to root on the mature front pseudobulb and will establish quickly. The summer bloomers, will be brittle and may be in bud. Nonetheless, experienced growers know that unless potted now, they may not root later, as this type tends to be seasonal in its rooting behavior. Stake the lead growth to avoid breakage. May can still present some changing light conditions that can lead to burning of the foliage if the plants have not been properly acclimatized. Allow them to build up their tolerance to higher light gradually. Changing light and temperatures can also be the source of some frustration when trying to determine when plants need watering. While cattleyas will be entering into a period of rapid growth starting this month, they have still not built up sufficient momentum to be significantly slowed by your missing a day or two of watering owing to dark weather. As always, it is safer to err on the dry side than on the wet. It is important, though, especially to the summer bloomers. Too much shade will cause rapidly developing inflorescences to droop unattractively.

Paphiopedilum

The Paphiopedilum Maudiae types will be well into their season now, so a careful eye should be used toward staking. Do not be too anxious to stake, however. Many of this type, if staked too soon, will develop nodding flowers that do not face the observer. It is better to allow the flowers to ripen naturally, then support the spike right below the ovary for best display. This is especially common in Paphiopedilum fairrieanum-derived hybrids. If you have to do something when you first see the emerging spikes, just put the stake in the pot next to the spiking growth. Not only will this help you, but you will be able to see where the spikes are, so you can continue to pay attention to their development. The multifloral types will be entering their most active growth phase, so lots of light, water and fertilizer are called for to mature their large growths. Many will be spiking in the next couple of months, so be on the lookout for the emerging inflorescences. These may benefit from earlier staking than most, as the inflorescences grow so quickly in some cases that they can be quite soft. Again, best support is right below the ovary of the first flower. This will allow the most natural presentation of the blooms.

Phalaenopsis

Except for the latest-spiking plants, all phalaenopsis should be ready for potting or already potted. Because phalaenopsis are tropical plants, they tend to be seasonal in their rooting behavior. The critical point for potting is when new roots emerge from the base of the plant. This is absolutely the best time to repot a phalaenopsis. The summer-flowering types, based on Doritis background, have ideally already been potted and are becoming freshly established, ready to support their soon-to-emerge spikes for the summer season. Phalaenopsis potted at the right point in their growth cycle will reestablish almost immediately, with fresh roots growing into the new medium nearly uninterrupted. As soon as the flush of new root growth is seen, begin regular watering and fertilizing to make maximum use of the major growing season. Do not get over-exuberant with your watering, though, allowing water to splash between plants. This can be a source of infection for both water-borne pathogens and viral contamination. Phalaenopsis are much more susceptible to virus than was previously thought. Take extra care to keep your collection free of bacterial and viral problems, which you can accomplish by maintaining a clean growing area

AOS thanks Ned Nash for this essay.



UPCOMING EVENTS

The 29th Santa Barbara Orchid Estate International Orchid Fair

Friday & Saturday July 10th & 11th — 9 am - 5 pm

Sunday July 12th — 10 am - 4 pm

Admission is free, parking is \$5.

Earl Warren Showgrounds

Highway 101 & Los Positas Road

3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Web site www.orchidfair.com will list 2009 vendors and have last minute updates.

For Questions: call Santa Barbara Orchid Estate at (800) 553-3387 or email sboe@sborchid.com. Santa Barbara Orchid Estate holds a concurrent open house.



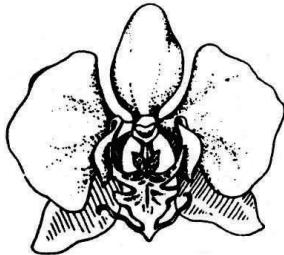
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MONDAY, June 22nd

Meeting at Whaley Park Clubhouse

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