



# MALIBU ORCHID SOCIETY

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## President's Message:

### **Annual Auction**

Our most important meeting of the year, our annual plant auction, will be held on the third Tuesday of April, April 19, at the Pacific Palisades Woman's Club. The plants will be available for viewing at 6:30 pm, and the sale will begin at 7:30. In addition to the plants donated by vendors at the Santa Barbara show, we have been promised some excellent cymbidiums by George Hatfield and a gift certificate from the Santa Barbara Orchid estate. We have also received donations of supplies again this year from CalWest and Grow-More. Brian Derby is giving us about a dozen of his own plants, and we have heard that at least two other members are donating plants for the sale.

This is an excellent chance for you to buy some fine plants at reasonable prices. However, please remember that the money you spend goes to finance our monthly meetings, including our speakers, rent and other overhead. This is the most important and our only fund-raiser of the year, so be generous. So, come, bring your check book and your friends.

### **A Word to the Wise**

Many of you purchased plants at the Santa

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**April MOS Auction  
Tuesday April 19th  
Pacific Palisades  
Woman's Club  
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Malibu Orchid Society

## ORCHID AUCTION

Tuesday April 19, 2011

Preview: 6:30 PM  
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Barbara Show. A reminder again that some of those plants might be invested with mean little critters. As a precaution, keep your new plants isolated for at least a month, before placing them with your others. Scale eggs take 26 days to hatch, and it will be much longer before there enough to form mats which are large enough for you to see easily.

### *Grafton Tanquary*

### Many Thanks:

All of us take our hats off in thanks to the many members who worked so diligently on our award winning display at the Santa Barbara Show.

Birute Vileisis, who designed the MOS display, John Delfino, Edna and Merlin Brock did yoeman's work constructing the display on Tuesday. The Brocks also picked up and delivered the plants from Hans Nagel, which he generously loaned us for the display, and returned them after the show.

On Wednesday, Angela Nice, Scott Barth and David Eichen brought our plants to Santa Barbara. Birute, John, Brian Derby and Angela Nice set out the orchids and finished the display. Karen Smith selected the plants and completed the paperwork for special judging by the AOS and Show judges. On both Tuesday and Wednesday, Birute's friends Claire Vopatek and her sister Betty helped immeasurably. Norito Hasagawa also brought his plants and helped in the placement.

On Sunday, Alice Hall and Falguni Trieu and her family made the rounds to collect plants from the vendors, which are listed separately. Birute, John, Karen, David, Brian, Edna and Merlin, Angela and her husband David helped in the tear-down.

Thanks also to Alice Hall who again made the plant ID tags. Finally, a special thanks to all MOS members who lent their orchids to the

## California orchid Events April 2011:

**April 22 – 24**, 2011 Orchids at the Flower Fields, Carlsbad Flower Fields, 5704 Paseo del Norte, Carlsbad 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Adm. \$10, \$9 seniors and \$5 children 3 – 10 years  
Info. [www.theflowerfields.com/orchids.html](http://www.theflowerfields.com/orchids.html)

**April 27 - May 1**, 2011 AOS Meeting to be held in Shreveport, LA - in conjunction with the Shreveport Orchid Society Show Information: [www.shreveportorchidsociety.com](http://www.shreveportorchidsociety.com) or [sataylor@eastex.net](mailto:sataylor@eastex.net)

**April 28 - 30**, 2011 Flower Show Judges Symposium, Bakersfield. California Garden Clubs, Inc. Information: [www.cagardenclubs.org](http://www.cagardenclubs.org), or Gloria Aminian [gaminian@bak.rr.com](mailto:gaminian@bak.rr.com)

**April 28 – May 1**, 2011 The Southern California Spring Garden Show, South Coast Plaza, 3333 Bear St., Costa Mesa Information: [www.springgardenshow.com](http://www.springgardenshow.com)

**May 6 – 7**, 2011 Orchid Sales and Show at Newell's Nursery, Yucaipa - Info. Jamie Stewart – 909.792.2004



**Singapore is pleased to host the 20th World Orchid Conference (WOC) from November 13 to 20, 2011 at the Marina Bay.** The WOC has the support of The World Orchid Conference Trust, Singapore Orchid Society, National Parks Board of Singapore, and the Singapore Exhibition and Convention Bureau. Themed "Where New and Old World Orchids Meet", the Conference will feature a strong scientific programme, complemented by a series of symposia and forums that will meet the needs of both commercial growers and hobbyists. Organised alongside the Conference is the Orchid Show. The Exhibition promises to be a spectacular showcase of the finest species and hybrids from the region and beyond. -- [www.2owoc.com.sg](http://www.2owoc.com.sg)



**Refreshments:**

Members whose last names fall within are Hall - Mc Namee on the Refreshment Committee this month. Please bring a plate of snacks / cookies / fruit that can be eaten as finger food. If you are on the list this month, please remember that you are responsible for making coffee, serving, cleanup, etc.

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show, including Jasmine Bashi, Ned Daniger, Brian Derby, Ruth Erb, Phil Fetchko, Norito Hasagawa, Eleanore Meyer, Susanne Meyer, Sylvia Morton, Lezlie Purcell, Milo Reidel, Karen Smith and Birute Viliesis. Their generosity helped make the display such a success.

**In Memoriam**

It is our sad duty to inform you that Sid Kern died on March 13. Sid and his wife Shirley were active members of the Malibu Orchid Society for years. He was the Society's Treasurer, a fine grower and a friend to many. We offer our condolences to his wife Shirley and their family. He will be sorely missed.



## **Ribbon Awards at Santa-Barbara**

Of the 36 plants which Karen entered for judging, 21 received ribbons.

### **Birute Vilieses:**

Brassavola nodosa, 1<sup>st</sup>  
Potinara Haw Yuan Gold "Y.K. #2", 1<sup>st</sup>  
Slc. Hazel Boyd 'Elizabeth', 2d  
Cattleya Heathii, 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Karen Smith:**

Angraecum linearfolium, 1st  
Angraecum viqueri. 2nd  
Bonniara corrugata, 2nd  
Masdevallia prodigiosa, 2nd  
Maxillaria mombachoensis, 2nd  
Neobathiaea filicornu, 3rd  
Maxillaria cucullata received an HCC/  
AOS with 79 points

### **Lezlie Purcell**

Paph. Pink Powder Puff, 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Milo Riedel**

Pycopsis Heneki, 1<sup>st</sup>  
Pleurothallis truncatata, 1<sup>st</sup>  
Burr. Living Fire 'Dark Fire', 1<sup>st</sup>  
Dracula polyphemus, 1<sup>st</sup>

### **Brian Derby**

Dendrobium (teretifolium x striolatum),  
1<sup>st</sup>

### **Scott Barth**

Coelogyne Mem. Louis Forget, 1<sup>st</sup>

### **Norito Hasegawa**

Paph. Wood Wonder, Bronze/CSA  
P. (esquirolei x henryanum), 3<sup>rd</sup>  
P. Liuppe Wunder, 1<sup>st</sup>  
P. Kimura's present x (Pavarotti x Sprint  
Tree), 3<sup>rd</sup>

## **Plant Donations**

We would like to thank the many vendors who donated plants for our April auction at the Santa Barbara Show.

They included:

Ned Daniger  
Brookside Nursery  
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Santa Barbara Orchid Estate gave us a gift certificate

Both Ned Daniger and Andy's Orchids gave us over \$100 worth of plants, so we will be running an ad for them in the newsletter for the next year.

Please keep in mind the generous support these vendors have given the Society when you plan to buy plants this year.

# PLANT FORUM RIBBON AWARDS

March 8, 2011

Judge - Scott Barth

## CYMBIDIUM

Gold Cym. Miretta Glory

G. & G. Stelzner

Gold Cym Mem. Dr. Rogers

G. & G. Stelzner

## DENDROBIUM

1<sup>st</sup> Den. kingianum

Scott Barth

2<sup>nd</sup> Den. delectatum 'Dawn'

Scott Barth

## EPIDENDRUM

2<sup>nd</sup> SLC Selsal's Supernova 'Hawaii' x Epi. Cordigerum alba

Annette Rossilli

## CATTLEYA

Gold L. Santa Barbara Sunset

G. & G. Stelzner

1<sup>st</sup> BLC Fuch's Orange Nugget

Annette Rossilli

2<sup>nd</sup> Fire Cracker

Eleanor Meyer

## ONCIDIUM/ODONT.

1<sup>st</sup> Psychopsis henekii

Milo Reidel

## OUTDOOR GROWN

Gold Den. Delicatum

G. & G. Stelzner

1<sup>st</sup> Den. Speciosum v. grandiflorum

Scott Barth

## MINI SPECIES

1<sup>st</sup> Den. Aberrans

Ruth Erb

## PHALAENOPSIS

None

## PAPHIOPEDALUM

1<sup>st</sup> Paph. Eric Young

G. & G. Stelzner

1<sup>st</sup> Paph. Black Buddha

Margo Hebold

## ANGRAECOIDS

None

## OTHER

None

## VANDA

1<sup>st</sup> Vasco. Pine Rivers 'Hawaii'

Annette Rossilli

## SPECIES

Gold Drakula Poyphermum 'Angel' AM/AOS

Milo Reidel

1<sup>st</sup> Pleurothalis Truncata

Milo Reidel

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**IT IS TIME TO RENEW  
YOUR 2011**

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**In Memoriam: Dr. Eric A. Christenson**

We are saddened to announce that Dr. Eric A. Christenson passed away last week in Florida. Dr. Christenson was our speaker this past January when he presented his vast and in-depth knowledge of Peruvian Orchids with much enthusiasm.

Dr. Christenson was well known as a research taxonomist with strong interests in the Aeridinae (Sarcanthinae), neo-tropical floristics, and the conservation of horticultural plants. In 2001, he authored a monograph of Phalaenopsis for the International Phalaenopsis Alliance. He also did field work in both Guyana and French Guiana and authored the orchid treatment for the *Vascular Flora of Central French Guiana*.

Dr. Christenson worked with David Bennett of Lima, Peru, on a modern inventory of Peruvian orchids. To date, they published 800 illustrations as *Icones Orchidacearum Peruviana*, including more than 150 new distribution records and more than 100 new species from Peru.

He believed that the study of wild orchids has many conservation and scientific benefits, including the use of the orchid family as a base-line indicator of ecosystem health. In his bilingual *Machu Picchu: Orchids*, published in 2003, Dr. Christenson argued that because of their complex biology orchids are excellent indicators of the overall biodiversity in an area: "Because orchids are highly evolved with their pollinators and require a specific relationship with fungus to germinate, they are intimately intertwined with the ecology of their habitat. ...To conserve orchids we must understand and protect their environment by designing orchid conservation plans for the intact regions of habitats where orchids still thrive."

To achieve conservation and scientific benefits, he advocated for the need to conduct a comprehensive orchid inventory and monitoring programs that would document orchid ecology, biology, and natural history. He was also a strong advocate for orchid conservation through *ex situ* propagation and he worked with commercial growers to that end

Dr. Christenson was well known for his articles that attempted to bridge the gap between taxonomy and horticulture as well as his in-depth book reviews. A prolific author of more than 400 publications, Dr. Christenson was close to completing the first ever monograph of the large neo-tropical genus *Maxillaria* that included approximately 570 species.

The Malibu Orchid Society extends its condolences to Dr. Christenson's family and his many friends in the orchid world.

*Birute Anne Vileisis*

*1<sup>st</sup> VP and Program Chair*

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