



# MALIBU ORCHID SOCIETY

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## President's Message:

### Happy New Year:

At the beginning of another year, I wish to offer the best for everyone, not just for a pleasing life among your orchids, but in all things. We are starting the year in good shape. Our finances are sound, and Birute has an excellent group of speakers signed up for the spring, so we will have many great programs to attract you. As always, the year is "front-ended" with two very important events, the Santa Barbara Show in March and the Annual Auction in April.

### Membership:

This year we would like to make a special effort to increase our membership. We would appreciate any ideas you have and hope that each of you will invite a friend who has admired your orchids to be a guest, and hopefully become a member, to one of our meetings.

### Santa Barbara Show:

The theme of this year's show is "Getting a Kick Out of Orchids". The show will be open to the public from March 11-13, the second weekend in March. Therefore, in accordance with our recent policy, our March meeting will be held on the **second Tuesday of the month, March 8.** Please mark your calendars now.

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## **January MOS MEETING**

**Tuesday January 18th**

**Pacific Palisades Woman's Club**

**901 Haverford Avenue**

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**Dr. Eric Christenson**

**Orchids of Peru**

Dr. Christenson will give an overview of the orchids of this spectacular Andean country, with one of the richest floras in the world. His most recent research trip included time in the rarely visited southernmost Department of Puno on the Bolivian border. He will explain some of the significance of the Sacred City of the Incas at Machu Picchu. Finally, he will talk about Peruvian students and current orchid conservation efforts in the region.

Dr. Christenson is a research taxonomist with strong interests in the Aseridinae (Sarcantchinae), neotropical floristics, and the conservation of horticultural plants. He authored the definitive monograph of *Phalaenopsis* in 2001 and authored the orchid treatment in the *Vascular Flora of Central French Guiana* for the New York Botanical Garden. He has worked on a modern inventory of Peruvian orchids for nearly 20 years and described more than 100 new species from Peru. His bilingual *Machu Picchu: Orchids* was published in 2003 and forms the basis for further inventories in the region.

Classically trained, Dr. Christenson has worked

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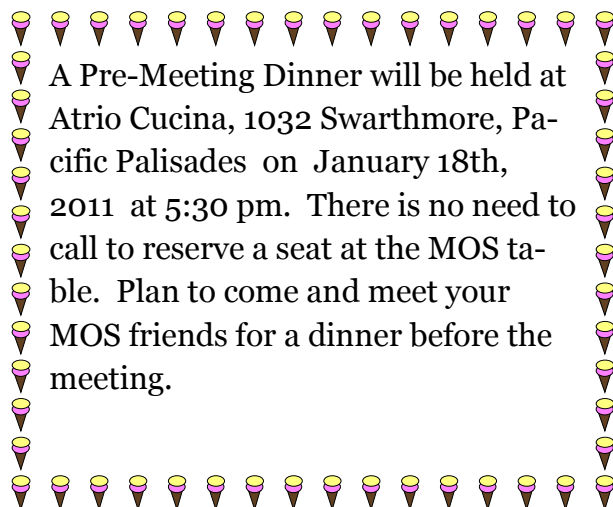
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in national museums. His overall research focus is the accurate definition of species, their precise distributions, and the correct application of names, three facets of botany required prior to considering conservation policies. He is honored by the genera *Christensonia* (Vietnam) and *Christensonella* (Brazil) in addition to a number of species such as *Ascocentrum christensonianum* (Vietnam).

A prolific author of more than 400 publications, Dr. Christenson is currently completing the first ever monograph of the genus *Maxillaria* (+/- 570 species).

Please join us for a spectacular virtual trip to delight in the orchids of the Peruvian Andes.

*Birute Anne Vileisis*



A Pre-Meeting Dinner will be held at Atrio Cucina, 1032 Swarthmore, Pacific Palisades on January 18th, 2011 at 5:30 pm. There is no need to call to reserve a seat at the MOS table. Plan to come and meet your MOS friends for a dinner before the meeting.

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Our Society has won many awards over the years at this show, and we should make every effort to carry on that tradition.

Besides, building an orchid display together is a lot of fun, and a great way to get to know and build comradeship with your fellow society members.

*Grafton Tanquary*

## California orchid Events

### January, 2011

**15 -16 Paphiopedilum Guild Meeting & Orchid Show** 9am The Inn at Morro Bay Call Patti James at (805) 528-5086 for more info.

**19- Orange County Orchid Society annual auction**, 7pm. Yorba Linda Public Library, 1800 Yorba Linda Blvd. Yorba Linda, Ca..

**21-23 - Peninsula Orchid Society Show**, Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA. Contact: Michael Drilling, 925 Vista Grande, Millbrae, CA; (650) 692-8998.

**28-30 - Newport Harbor Orchid Society Show**, Westminster Mall, Westminster, CA. Contact: Nancy Benay, 2 Allegheny, Irvine, CA 92620; (949) 552-7713; [ndbenay@gmail.com](mailto:ndbenay@gmail.com).

**29-30 - Santa Cruz Orchid Society Show**, Soquel High School, 401 Old San Jose Rd., Soquel, CA. Contact: Bridget Binko, 1950 Encina Dr., Santa Cruz, CA 95062; (831) 278-1937.

### February, 2011

**5-6 - Sonoma County Orchid Society Show**, Santa Rosa Veterans Building, 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, CA. Contact: Lynne Murrell, PO Box 551, Ross, CA. 94957-0551; (415) 847-0987.

**12- AOS Pacific South Regional Judging** 10am The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens, Huntington Botanical Center, Lower Level

## International Events

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At her request, Elizabeth Davidson's daughters and son have donated approximately eighty plants from her garden to the Malibu Orchid Society for use in our silent auction and raffle table. Most are cymbidiums, with some epiphytes and other plants.

Scott Barth has graciously picked up the plants and will store them until they can be used at our meetings. He will bring about 20 plants to the January meeting.

We would like to thank Elizabeth for her consideration.



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