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Newsletter deadline is the 25th of the month prior to the month of issue.

Meeting is 2nd Sunday of each month, at 2 PM
Kraemer Memorial Park
Backs Community Building, Main Room
201 N. Bradford Ave., Placentia
(Chapman and Bradford, parking off Bradford)

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NO MEETING!

Happy Mother's Day!

Speaker's Choice(s)

April speaker Norman Fang just could not make just one choice from a very full Show and Tell table. So we said he could pick two... we stopped him at 3. Since we don't have a speaker, there is space to talk a bit about all of them. As a Phalaenopsis specialist, he stopped first at Phalaenopsis stuartiana, grown by Roberta Fox. He noted that this was the cultivar 'Sogo', which came originally from his nursery (about six years ago). This year it produced a particularly prolific bloom. Roberta grows this in the greenhouse, and has found that this, as well as other Phalaenopsis species, seem to grow best in wood baskets with minimal medium (essentially mounted). The basket is hung sideways, so that the growth pattern is similar to what is found in nature, and this removes the possibility that water might collect in the crown.

This species is native to the Philippines. Along with the spotted flowers (cultivars vary from few or no spots on the segments to dramatic ones like this) the species has very attractive mottled leaves.



Norman then moved on to the prolific Dendrobium miyakei, grown by Jan Hennessey. Jan grows this outdoors in Costa Mesa. While this species is listed as a synonym for Dendrobium goldschmidtianum, it is at the very least, from a higher-elevation population. Dendrobium goldschmidtianum is a warm grower, while Den. miyakei grows readily outdoors, at least near the coast, and tolerates our cool winter nights just fine. It

Phalaenopsis stuartiana

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blooms repeatedly on leafless canes, so it is important to NOT cut anything that isn't shriveled and dry. It also blooms several times a year. The species is indigenous to the Philippines, and also has been found on Taiwan.

Then, Norman also selected *Bulbophyllum*



Dendrobium miyakei



Bulbophyllum (Cirrhopetalum) taiwanense

(*Cirrhopetalum*) taiwanense, grown by Darrell Lovell. Darrell got this plant from Andy's Orchids in 2016, and this is its first (and very spectacular) bloom. Darrell grows this plant in his greenhouse, in bright light. It gets watered every day, letting it dry out a bit. All of his mounted *Bulbophyllum*s get a weak solution of 20-20-20 fertilizer with each watering, and they seem to like it.



This species comes from southern Taiwan, in forests on tree trunks below 1000 m (3000 ft) (Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyclopedia, www.orchidspecies.com)

From the Member's Corner

We all enjoyed an informative, interactive program by Norman Fang of Normans' Orchids on Harlequin Phalaneopsis. It was nice to see Edie Gulrich & other members who haven't attended in a while. Show & Tell is always interesting & informative & this month, thanks to Tim Robys' Encyclia, smelled REALLY GREAT!

With NO MEETING in May, we're looking forward to the Junemeeting and Yolanda Brown's request that we bring our best ideas for increasing membership & broader public attendance at our October Auction. Now that I've thrown all those months at you -- see you in June ☺!

Thanks,
Holly Hillman

President's Message

It takes all of us if we want Species to continue, so keep thinking about ideas and how to implement them. We didn't have time to discuss them at the last meeting, but we must in June. Come ready to add your thoughts.

Yolanda Brown, President

(Editor's note:)

Please plan to stay for a bit after the **June** meeting to help plan for the October auction. We don't have a designated auction coordinator, so we need to do this as a group. The auction not only brings in the funds that we need for rent, speak-

ers, insurance and other expenses, but it is also our chance to attract a significant number of new people who might become members. We need each of you to plan to step up to help us prepare for a successful auction. Some of the tasks that come to mind that need to have a committed person:

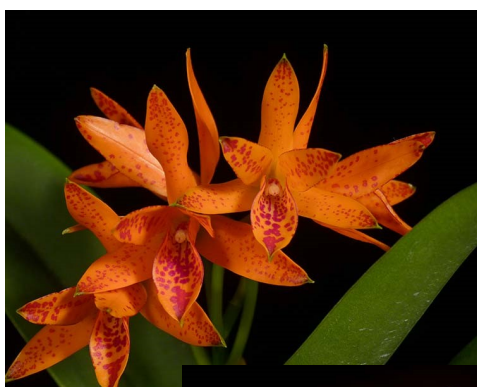
- Contact vendors about donations
- Coordinate plant pick-up volunteers
- Publicity—especially looking for new channels such as Facebook, etc., where we can reach people who may not be members of other orchid groups.
- Coordinate and participate in auction-day tasks.

We need YOUR commitment to make this happen!

Editor's Potting Bench

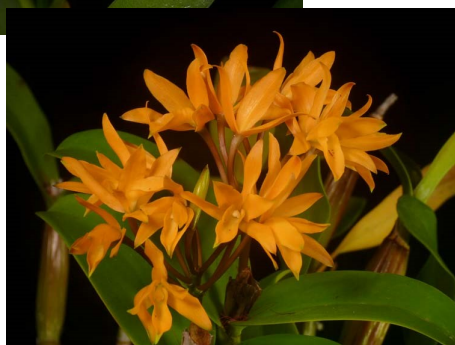
May has just a few events, but then June and the rest of the summer get very busy. Check out the Events page! Especially note that Orchid Digest Speakers Day is coming up very soon. You can pay for your reservation on the OD website, so it is now especially easy to attend this special "orchid day".

If long-range weather forecasts can be believed, the next month or so appears to offer some re-



**Cattleya
aurantiaca
'Orange Spots'**

**Cattleya
aurantaca
f. aurea**



**Cattleya mossiae v. semi-
alba**

lief from the heat that we have experienced. Higher humidity and temperate days make happy plants. Nights are now warm enough that most of the orchids that needed winter protection can go back outside.

There is lots of "flower activity" in my back yard (and I suspect, in yours). The orchids seem to know when there is no meeting to show them off, and they are laughing... I'll share a few here. *Cattleya mossiae* var. *semi-alba* is not only beautiful, but quite fragrant. I give it some overhead protection from rain (in case we get any) but otherwise does fine outside. *Cattleya aurantiaca* also grows well outside. Along with the typical orange form, there is also a yellow one, and an orange one with spots.

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Also in the *Cattleya* group is the genus *Leptotes*. Here are *Leptotes bicolor* and *Leptotes pohlitinacoi* (pohli-tinaco-I, named for two Brazilian orchid enthusiasts.)



Leptotes bicolor



Leptotes pohlitinacoi

Polystachya is an African genus, most members of which grow on the warm side. *Polystachya campyloglossa* bloomed for the first time for me. Also, "old

reliable" *Polystachya paniculata* also is blooming nicely.

Dendrobium scoriarum, a species from China, grows outside. It needs to be kept drier in winter, and blooms on leafless canes. Flowers are only an inch wide or less, but I think they are rather dramatic.



Dendrobium scoriarum

Roberta Fox, Editor



Polystachya campyloglossa



Polystachya paniculata

16th Orchid Digest Speakers Day

Saturday, June 9, 2018
12:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Ahmanson Classroom, Botanical Building
Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens
San Marino, CA

'Orchids In the Wild'

Featuring

Brandon Tam "Wild Orchids of Ecuador"

Mary Gerritsen "Orchids of Sulawesi"

Phyllis Prestia "Wild Orchids of France"

Steve Hampson "Wild Orchids in China"

Ernest Hetherington Distinguished Lecture:

Norman Fang "New Color Forms of Phalaenopsis Species"

Vendors:

Andy's Orchids, Cal-Orchid, Gold Country Orchids,
Norman's Orchids, and Sunset Valley Orchids

Reservations: \$65 until June 1, 2018
After June 1, 2018: \$75

Event includes afternoon seminar, live auction, wine and cheese happy hour, dinner, and distinguished lecture.

Reservations online at www.orchiddigest.org
or contact Simone Friend at simonef@orchiddigest.org or call (562) 431-1247. When contacting by email, please include phone number, email address and mailing address. Space is limited so don't wait to make your reservation.

Calendar of Events * indicates that event flier is on the website.

- **Palomar Orchid Society Orchid Sale and Auction***
May 12, 2018; 9 AM preview, 10 AM–2:30 PM auction
Shadowridge Golf Club, 1980 Gateway Dr., Vista (new location)
Info: www.palomarorchid.org
 - **Casa de las Orquideas Super Seedling Sale***
May 19, 2018; 9 AM–4 PM
170 S, Nardo, Solana Beach
Info: www.orquideas.com
 - **Orchid Digest Speakers Day “Orchids in the Wild”***
June 9, 2018; 12 PM–8 PM
The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens, San Marino
Info: www.orchiddigest.org
 - **San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists Annual Auction***
June 21, 2018; 6 PM Preview, 7 PM Auction
L. A. County Arboretum and Botanic Garden, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia
Info: www.sgvoh.org
 - **Andy’s Orchids Summer Open House**
June 22-24, 2018; 10 AM–4 PM
734 Ocean View Ave., Encinitas
Info: www.andysorchids.com
 - **Sunset Valley Orchids Open House***
June 23, 2018; 9 AM–4 PM
1255 Navel Place, Vista CA 92083
Info: www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com or (760) 310-0778
(Fantastic discounts, raffles, lots of fun. Authentic hand-made “street tacos” 10 am–2 pm,)
 - **Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Summer Open House**
July 13-15, 2018
1250 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara
Info: www.sborchid.com
 - **Cal Orchid’s Summer Hummer**
July 13-15, 2018; 9 AM–5 PM
1251 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara
Info: www.calorchid.com
 - **International Phalaenopsis Alliance Summer Symposium***
July 21-22, 2018
The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens, San Marino
Info: www.phal.org
 - **NHOS Summer Orchid and Exotic Plant Festival**
August 17-19, 2018; Friday and Saturday 10 AM–9 PM, Sunday 11 AM–6 PM
Westminster Mall
Info: www.nhosinfo.org
 - **Fascination of Orchids International Show and Sale**
September 29-30, 2018; 10 AM–5 PM
South Coast Plaza Village, 1621 W. Sunflower, Santa Ana (across from South Coast Plaza)
Info: www.ocorchidshow.com
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These vendors have generously supported our Society at the last Auction, and throughout the year. Please support them with your business. When you visit them, let them know that you are a member of our society. They need to know that our Society supports them.

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