



# Southern California Orchid Species Society

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**February 10, 2013**

## **Bulbophyllums** **Fred Clarke**

What an amazing group of orchids! Although not widely popular, this group deserves some notice. They make good companion plants with Phalaenopsis and Paphiopedilums. They grow fast and the hybrids are outstanding. Want to try something different? Here they are.

Fred Clarke has been growing orchids for 30 years and has been hybridizing for 22 of those years. With over 24 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery; Sunset Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, California.

He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing *Cattleya* hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new *Bulbophyllum* and *Paphiopedilum* hybrids plus some others to be named if they work out!

His pioneering work in *Catasetum* intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, *Fredclarkeara After Dark*, which produced "the closest flower color to black ever witnessed". This grex received seven FCC's and three AM's on the first flowers shown for judging.

Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Region. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society.



**Bulbophyllum Michael Wright** (dearei x carunculatum)

## Speaker's Choice

January speaker Theresa Hill selected *Cyrtorchis praetermissa*, grown by Daniel Geiger, as her choice, drawn by its intoxicating fragrance. Daniel grows this Angraecoid species in an intermediate greenhouse,. It gets "cattleya light", some direct sun in morning and evening, but overhead it is protected by 50% shade cloth. Relative humidity is 70-80%.

According to Charles Baker (in *Orchidwiz*), *Cyrtorchis praetermissa* is found in a wide area across central Africa (including Angola, Namibia, Kenya, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, and areas between these countries). It occurs in woodlands in an altitude range of about 1500-6100 ft. (450-1800 m) The temperature range is given as 98–36 deg. F. Therefore, this plant should probably be able to adapt to outdoor conditions



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*Cyrtorchis praetermissa*

in the more temperate parts of southern California, but can clearly be quite content to grow well in a warmer, more even temperature that it receives in the greenhouse. In nature, it experiences a relatively dry, bright winter but would still receive moisture from dew.

## From the Member's Corner

Thank you to everyone who has been timely in renewing their membership. The roster will be ready for the March meeting, so if you haven't paid and want to be in the 2013 roster (and to receive the newsletter), please get your cash or check to me asap.

The Westminster show is coming up the week-end of February 8-10. If you have something nice that you would like to show, please let me know so it can go on the list of exhibited plants. Set-up will be around 10:00 AM on Thursday Feb 7. Tear-down is on Sunday Feb 10 at 6:00 PM, so there will be plenty of time to get there after the meeting. We would love to have some extra bodies to help out, our designers this year are 2 very little ladies, so we especially could use some big folks to assist. Thanks in advance for coming to help.

*Eddie Gulrich, Membership Secretary*

## President's Message

Hello Everyone,

If you missed the January meeting, you missed an interesting talk on *Masdevallia* species and their hybrids by Theresa Hill. Her photos were spectacular! It made me want to add more to my collection.

The board has voted to approve a donation to the Orchid Digest in memory of two members who recently passed away: Doug Adams and Ginny Worthington.

It was recently brought to my attention that some folks

are finding it difficult to hear during the show and tell portion of the meeting. Gentle reminder – please refrain from talking while someone else is sharing. We will also have a microphone available for use.

We will have a display at the Newport Harbor Orchid Expo taking place February 8 – 10. Last year we won third place. If you would like to help with set-up and take-down, or if you have plants in bloom that you would like to show, please let me know. I hope you will all come out and enjoy the show, and of course, be sure to stop by and see our display!

See you next month!

*Darrell Lovell, President*

### Observation, and a suggestion or two...

*Barbara Olson, V.P. and Program Chair*

Last month we had a little confusion in the meeting. We had some guests (who, by the way are very interested in orchids and need help in discovering the mysteries of growing these incredible flowers). If you see someone that looks new, maybe wearing a guest badge, please be friendly and ask if you can help them or answer any questions that they might want to ask.

One of the customs that we have had at Show and Tell is to turn your chair to the wall where the orchids are. Then, the grower has your attention and they don't have to yell, the president will carry the mike to you so everyone can hear what you have brought in, and information about the conditions under which you grow them. If you haven't done it yet the day will come, that you will feel comfortable enough to share your orchids, we all will be interested in what you bring. If we have plants for a raffle, please buy your tickets for the drawing during the break after the speaker and before Show and Tell, or when you arrive for the meeting. My suggestion is to come a little early, we do open the doors at 1pm and the meeting starts at 2pm. The "silent auction" will be closed before Show and Tell, so that people can give their attention to the members who are sharing their plants. If you have the winning bid at that time, take the plant and the ticket. If you don't have time to pay before Show and Tell starts, you can settle up with Edie immediately after, but nobody will be outbidding you while you are giving your attention to Show and Tell speakers.

If you are sharing your plants during Show and Tell,

remember, we're slaves to the clock! We must be out of the room by 4 PM. Thanks to you all.

## Editor's Potting Bench

While the rest of the country is still in the throes of winter, we are headed into spring show season. The Events page is full—shows and auctions non-stop for the next two months. Just in case you need more orchids (does that describe any of us???) there are lots of opportunities to acquire. The first show on the list, and the closest, is the Newport Harbor Orchid Expo at the Westminster Mall. As others have noted, Southern California Orchid Species Society will have a display. Some of our best plants will be there instead of on the Show and Tell table so be sure to visit. A couple of weeks after that, you'll find me at the Pacific Orchid Exposition in San Francisco—I am already drooling over the species-heavy vendor list for that one.

With Orchid Expo coming up, this is nail-biting time for those of us who want to put plants in our display. If it is bloom now (being written a week and a half before setup) will it still be nice at show time? If it is in bud, will it bloom in time? Being a bit of an optimist, I will share here some of the plants that are very likely to be in Westminster and not at the meeting. I have very high hopes for *Laelia* (*Schomburgkia*) *moyobambae*. The flowers have heavy, waxy substance and tend to have good lasting power. It has been tantalizing me for months. The recent rain facilitated the opening of buds,

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washing away the sticky sap that was holding them closed. The genus Schomburgkia no longer is recognized, with all of the plants assigned either to Laelia or Myrmecophila. Pseudobulbs are distinctly different, but both have "heads" of many flowers with rippled petals on long spikes.



**Dendrochilum cootesii**

drochilums are not terribly long-lasting, this one has so many spikes that the odds are good that it will still be putting on a good show for the display.



**Laelia moyobambae**

Not so certain to last two weeks, Cattleya percivaliana is just opening in the greenhouse. I really do hope that it will, because it is so spectacular., it deserves a wider audience.



**Cattleya percivaliana**

I'm not the only one sending "please stay" vibes to my plants. Edie Gulrich sent me this photo of her very floriferous Dendrochilum cootesii. While Den-



**Restrepia sanguinea**

Pleurothallids are usually uncertain until the last minute because flowers tend to be short-lived. Restrepia sanguinea is just showing buds now. So maybe...

This is just of a taste! Of course, there are many other members with beautiful plants that they are grooming for our display. Come and see what we do have in bloom, and the lovely presentation that Barb and Yolanda are working on. This is our opportunity to show to the world the exquisite variety of orchid species.

*Roberta Fox, Editor*

## Calendar of Events

\* See flyer at [www.socalorchidspecies.com](http://www.socalorchidspecies.com), select the [Events](#) link

- **Newport Harbor Orchid Expo\***  
 “Show Us Your Bloomers”  
 February 8-10, 2013—Fri. 10 AM-9 PM, Sat. 10 AM-7 PM, Sun. 11 AM-6 PM  
 Westminster Mall, off the 405 freeway at Bolsa  
 Info: [www.nhosinfo.org/shows/2013/home.html](http://www.nhosinfo.org/shows/2013/home.html)
  
  - **Orange County Branch, CSA Annual Auction\***  
 February 13, 2013—6:30 PM Preview. 7 PM Auction begins  
 Garden Grove Masonic Lodge, 11270 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove  
 Info: [www.ocbcsa.com](http://www.ocbcsa.com)
  
  - **Newport Harbor Orchid Society Annual Auction**  
 February 19, 2013—6:30 PM preview, 7 PM Auction begins  
 Costa Mesa Community Center, 1845 Park Ave., Costa Mesa
  
  - **Pacific Orchid Exposition\***  
 February 23-25, 2013  
 Fort Mason Center, San Francisco  
 Info: [www.orchidsanfrancisco.org](http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org)
  
  - **South Bay Orchid Show and Sale\***  
 March 2-3, 2013—Sales 10-5; Show Sat. 12-5, Sun. 10-5  
 Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Dr., Torrance  
 Info: [www.southbayorchidsociety.com](http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com)
  
  - **Santa Barbara International Orchid Show\***  
 March 8-10, 2013—9 AM—5 PM  
 Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara  
 Info: [www.sborchidshow.com](http://www.sborchidshow.com)
  
  - **San Diego Orchid Society’s “Orchids by the Sea” Show and Sale\***  
 March 22–24, 2013— Fri. 3-7 PM, Sat. 9 AM—6PM, Sun. 10 AM—4 PM  
 Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino del Rio South, San Diego  
 Info: [www.sdorchids.com](http://www.sdorchids.com) or (760)529-2947
  
  - **Central Coast Orchid Show and Sale\***  
 April 6-7, 2013—Sat. 9 AM—5 PM, Sun. 10 AM—5 PM  
 South County Regional Center, 800 W. Branch St., Arroyo Grande  
 Info: [www.fcoc.org](http://www.fcoc.org) or (805)929-5749
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