

Wishing you lots of fall fun!

SPECIAL EVENTS:

November 6, 2011 Carol Siegel "The Sex Life of Orchids" December 4, 2011 Holiday Party January 8, 2012 Jason Fischer "Singapore World **Orchid Conference**" February 5, 2012 Ron Midgett "20-Year Odyssey in Cattleya Breeding" March 4, 2012 Ron Parsons "Orchids Of Philippines" April 1, 2012 Harold Koopowitz "All About Paphiopedilum" May 6, 2012 Norito Hasegawa June 3, 2012 Rick Burnett "Seven Ways to Kill An Orchid" July 1, 2012 Potting Workshop August 5, 2012 Barbecue September 9, 2012 Diana Smith talk October 6, 2012 Peter Lin

CAROL SIEGEL SPEAKS ON THE SEX LIFE OF ORCHIDS AT OUR NOVEMBER MEETING

"The Sex Life Of Orchids" is an amusing. informative introduction to the incredible world of orchid sex. My talk is a 50-minute power point presentation on the fascinating world of orchid pollination and orchid pollinators. It tells the amazing story of how orchids will stop at nothing to get pollinated. They will lie. They will cheat. They will promise and not deliver. If they do deliver, they will give as little as possible. In an amusing though intellectual way. I try to show the ways in which orchids use color, pattern, movement, fragrance, traps, sexual mimicry, and outright lies to lure pollinators. There is an introduction to orchid physiology and sex organs as well as the fascinating world of bees, butterflies, moths, flies and birds as pollinators. I have updated the program with new images. I have presented it at dozens of clubs, meetings, and museums. I have included some images below.

SOME IMAGES FROM THE SEX LIFE OF ORCHIDS



Passionvine Butterfly on *Epidendrum Radicans*



Sphinx moth and Angraecum sesquipedale



Green Violetear at *Elleanthus* glaucophyllus

ELECTIONS AT NOVEMBER MEETING

We will be holding our annual elections in November. The current Board is willing to serve again. Of course, we encourage nominations from the club.
Carol Siegel- President
Roberta Schechter- Vice-President
Eileen McKyton- Secretary
Diana Smith- Treasurer
We have all served a long time (except for Roberta who is new), and if you are sick of us already, we understand.
If you would like to nominate a member or yourself, please call our Election Chairperson Myra Lee Glassman 256-1788
hotshrink@hotmail.com.

Thank you to Wanda and Bruce LaFollette and Dan Mumau for providing transportation and friendliness to Peter Lin, our October speaker. So wonderful of you to do this.

We thank our food committee for preparing food for the November meeting- Toby Librot, Bruce and Wanda LaFollette, Carolyn Jones and Phil Potashner, Christina de la Cruz and Joel Davidson. It is very kind of you to do this for us. Our pizza party was a big success in October. The club paid for pizzas which were delicious from Pizza Hut. We thank Roberta Schechter, Carol Siegel, Rosalie and Rudy de Guzman and Diana Smith for completing the meal with salads and desserts. We had a lot of fun.

Thanks to Tony Billitere for the tons of plants from the hotels. We are loving this!! We made \$185... Thanks to all the people who store and shlep the plants- Gail Harris and Joel Davidson to name a few... Thank you so much.

WE NEED THREE MORE PEOPLE FOR JANUARY FOOD.. CAN YOU HELP?

We loved Peter Lin's presentation on Angraecum. He is just the most talented, giving speaker. I have asked him to come back in a year. He said, "Yes!!"We got the digital projector issue worked out. Diana Smith will be bringing in her projector from now on. It is VERY bright. Thank you, Diana.

AND NOW ABOUT THE GARDEN CLUB BUILDING



It's a bizarre story, this getting thrown out of the Garden Club Building because they were renovating Lorenzi Park. They tell us that they are not storing anything in the building or renovating the building itself, but we had to leave. Now, we are told that construction in Lorenzi Park will not begin until at least early 2012 so the building will not be available until at least mid-2013. Most of us are at the age when we don't buy green bananas any more (you know not being sure about being around when they ripen) so we are sure glad that we have such a nice place to meet. We can thank Steve Ninemire for helping us and suggesting the building to me. Aren't we lucky! We are getting VERY comfortable in our new home. We have solved the digital slide projector problems, and things are going well. Haven't been to a meeting? You will be pleased.

HOLIDAY PARTY ON DECEMBER 4TH AT MY HOUSE...12:30 PM



I T'S PARTY TIME AGAIN. WE WILL HAVE A LOT OF OLD FAVORITES-MIKE THURBER AND FRIENDS ON KEYBOARD, SINGERS, MARGARITAS, ORCHIDS, NAIL ART, TONS OF FOOD AND DRINK AND DESSERTS... VERY FUN. THERE WILL BE SOME SURPRISES, TOO! WE WILL ASK SOME PEOPLE AT THE MEETING TO VOLUNTEER TO BRING A TURKEY, HAM, PORK, ROAST BEEF, OR OTHER MEAT OR FISH. THE REST OF US WILL BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT FOR 10-12 PEOPLE. WE IT IS A BLAST. WE WILL ALSO ASK **EVERYONE TO BRING A FEW CANS** FOR THE SALVATION ARMY'S FOOD DRIVE. WE WILL HAVE A SUBSIDIZED RAFFLE FOR BLOOMING ORCHIDS FOR **S6. AND ALL MEMBERS WILL GET ONE.**



It is with sadness that we report the passing of Bill Doyle, beloved husband of our member, Leslie Doyle. Bill was the nicest, finest man, a loving and caring friend and husband, and he will be missed by all who knew him. Our sincerest condolences to Leslie.

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE IN JANUARY...

It's time once more for our annual white elephant sale, JANUARY 8, an event that earned OVER \$1000 last year. COME EARLY SO YOU CAN SET UP AND BROWSE AND BUY. ONE O'CLOCK WOULD BE GOOD! We are a very high-class club, and our junk is of the very best quality. Everyone brings in some unwanted treasure- wine, a holiday gift, a lamp, a bike, books, CD's, VHS's, DVD's, dishes, pictures, nick nacks, sporting equipment, food...Don't have anything elephantine? Bring an orchid or orchid stuff or a division from your collection or Home Depot. I bought orchids that I am going to donate. You could, too. Start looking around. I will write to our friends at orchid nurseries and try to get them to donate orchids to us for our sale. Last year, I got over 80 for our cause.

JASON FISCHER RETURNS IN JANUARY SPEAKING ON THE WORLD ORCHID CONFERENCE IN SINGAPORE

GLVOS loves Jason Fischer, his presentations, his orchids, just everything about him. That is why he is returning for the fifth time. He will speak about the World Orchid Conference in Singapre which takes place f November 13-20. The Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Centre transforms into a lush landscape of orchids, from contemporary exotic hybrids to the most beautiful of traditional orchid breeds. Covering an estimated 12,000 sq m and featuring 68 exhibits from 23 countries spread over 6 continents, the World Orchid Show promises to be a feast for the senses with exhibitors competing for the coveted 20th WOC awards. World Orchid Show ticket holders will also have the privilege of an exclusive sneak preview of the brand new Flower Dome at Gardens by the Bay, ahead of its official opening in June 2012.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE ORCHID WORLD...

53rd Annual Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Fall Open House

Saturday November 5, 8 AM to 5 PM Sunday November 6, 9 AM to 4 PM

Summary: Our Fall Open House celebrates Laelia species: diversely colored *anceps*, fragrant *autumnalis*, and vibrant *gouldiana*, and their hybrids. Plus Cymbidium *erythrostylum*, *tracyanum*, and its hybrids. Stenoglottis, and Oncidiums. View plants offered on our 2011 Silent Auction. Search through the \$7.50 specials and the \$15 mid-season cymbidiums.

<u>Laelia anceps</u> Parade – The spikes are up early this year, so there should be lots of beautiful blooms this November. Enjoy the variations! Lavender, white, tinted, blue, striated, and now the PINK of our Pink Perfection Strain. Potted, mounted, or in wooden or plastic baskets. Also enjoy many *anceps* hybrids like the splash-petal LC Miss Wonderful, other Mexican Laelias, like fragrant *autumnalis*, vivid *gouldiana*, and their hybrids.

<u>Cymbidium Season Kickoff</u> – The year's best selection of Cymbidiums and most are showing spikes! Some mid-season bloomers will be priced at \$15 for one spike, \$20 for two spikes, and \$25 for three spikes. Early blooming Cymbidium species like fragrant *tracyanum*, *erythrostylum*, *insigne* v *seidenfadenii*, and their hybrids.

<u>7.50 Specials</u> – Flats, tables, ladders and buckets full of exciting seedlings, bare-root divisions, and sprouted back-bulbs.

Other great Fall Bloomers – stately Stenoglottis, and earthy Oncidiums

<u>Annual Silent Auction</u> – Your chance to bid on rarely offered orchid species and hybrids, first-time releases of recently awarded plants, select clones from our breeding program, and spectacular specimen plants. View the plants in person before and during the Open House. Many plants will also be pictured on our website along with instructions for bidding. The silent auction opens for bidding in early October and closes at 4 PM on Sunday November 6, 2011.

For more information call (800) 553-3387 or check our website www.sborchid.com

October 27-30 – The American Orchid Society Members Meeting Show & Sale in San Antonio, TX. For more information on the show, click on this link http://alamoorchidsociety.org/fandango/home, for preorders for this show, please send by October 23rd to info@andysorchids.com.

November 26-27, 2011 Orchid Society of Santa Barbara presents "Orchids: Nature's Masterpieces, Show and Sale November 26 10-5, November 27, 10-5. Displays. Laelia Anceps on Parade. Sales. Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. 2599 Puesta del Sol Road, Santa Barbara. Ca. Show free with museum admission www.orchidssb.net

(MORE BELOW....)

Ten Types of Orchid Growers

It is a well-documented fact that orchid growers are smarter, nicer, cuter and more interesting than everybody else. However, although our hobby makes us all poor, we are not all the same. We are easily divided into recognizable types, each as different from the other as a *Cattleya* from a *Masdevallia*.

THE INNOCENT

Clutching his Home Depot orchids, the new member radiates enthusiasm and optimism. He proudly owns three orchids although he doesn't know what they are since the tags just say "Plant." His orchids look better than yours because he just bought them. Armed with the knowledge that orchids are just like any other houseplant, he enthusiastically waters them every day, leaves them in the dark, and repots in soil. It starts innocently enough, this new fascination with orchids. Walking into Home Depot, he can't resist the \$15 orchid in glorious bloom. He is just going to buy one. Now he dreams at night about orchids. Experienced growers know that orchids contain some unknown opiate and that one orchid is never enough, but the new member hasn't figured out why he now spends all his time visiting a hardware store. He enters his first orchid meeting like the devoted entering a church, starry-eyed at the plants in bloom and salivating over the plants for sale. Orchid clubs love the new member. Though clueless, he radiates the infatuation and thrill of the early orchid addiction- and he will buy anything in bloom...anything...even if it doesn't have a tag.

THE DECORATOR

This member really wants an orchid for her kitchen table, one for her nightstand, and maybe one in the entry. She doesn't actually want to grow orchids. She wants orchids that are always in bloom, full of flowers, bug-free, and low maintenance, plastic flowers with real petals and a great smell. Favoring designer clothes, this attractive member really loves anything beautiful and will spend big bucks to buy large, pretty plants with gorgeous flowers. She wants it all. She wants the orchids but she doesn't want the work. Like the self-walking dog or the diaper-free baby, the care-free orchid is an urban myth. At one meeting, she comments to a friend, "But they only bloom for three months a year...What am I supposed to do with it the other nine months?" Orchid clubs love the decorator. She is a wonderful source of donated plants for the raffle.

THE BREEDER

Recognized by the fact that she never goes anywhere without her toothpick, the breeder will brashly approach you with an offer to be your pod parent. Smelling of clorox, she collects baby food jars and agar like others collect stamps. She is genuinely interested in your caudicles. Invited into your greenhouse, she eyes your cattleya and then slowly says, "Nice pollinia..." She adores having thousands of the same little tiny plants and is more patient than most mortals as the years pass into a decade before her creations bloom. Although she will never admit it, crossing orchids makes her feel like God. She is eternally optimistic that the next cross will be bigger, thicker, taller, more award-worthy... Her goal in life is to produce a black orchid with five-foot petals. Orchid clubs love the breeder. She has thousands of the same plant and will sell her less stellar efforts real cheap.

THE SHOW-OFF

Truth be known, there is a little of the show-off in every orchid grower, but the show-off just has a terminal case of the Look-At-Me-And-How-Good-I-Am. The sure tip-off that you are dealing with a show-off is that he never has any problems with his plants. None of his plants die. He always asks, "Scale? What is scale?" and has never had any of his buds blast. He lies a lot. Like the fisherman's big one that got away, the one he has at home is much bigger than the one he brought to the show. Every conversation is peppered with Latin. *Bulbophyllum grandiflora* and *Angraecum sesquepedale* end every sentence, and he pronounces them all correctly. No matter what the question, he has the answer, and he always know a better way to do anything than you do. He calls Ned Nash and Robert Fuchs "Ned" and "Bobby," and he always tell you he had some judging chairman staying at his house last week. He has the newest potting material and calls his growing area "The Conservatory." Orchid clubs love the show-off. He is usually the president.

THE INDIANA JONES

Most of us get to know the Indiana Jones of the orchid world because, after surviving yellow fever and malaria in the jungles of South America, they all become speakers at orchid meetings. None of their clothes match, and they always wear shorts and Tevas. Be careful about shaking hands with them since they may still be infected with some incurable jungle rot. They have fabulous slides of native orchid huts and snakes, and their adventures always cause a shiver of delicious envy to go through the group. They know the most interesting people, most of whom exist on the edges of polite society, and they go places and do things that the rest of us only dream of. They always show at least one slide of an orchid that sells for \$5000 on the black market that they DID NOT take back with them because they are good people not like the other thieves and non-environmentally-conscious explorers. Orchid societies love the Indiana Jones. They bring the jungle to us in air-conditioned comfort.

THE SAINT

This orchid grower exists in a state of grace. She blooms masdevallias in the desert and laelias in the arctic circle. She wins lots of AOS awards because her paphiopedilum bloom with fifteen spikes while yours only puts out one spike every leap year. She built her greenhouse herself from sticks she found in the street while helping on a girl scout clean-up and heats and cools it for only \$15 a year. She is the first one to offer you a division of her prize-winning plant and invites new members over to watch her repot her plants. She is happy to bring food to orchid club meetings and always vacuums. Orchid clubs love her. Who wouldn't? (Of course, there is the rumor she belongs to a cult that practices black magic, but maybe that is just jealousy...)

THE VENDOR

Professional growers don't like to be called vendors. It sounds like the man with the accordion, the monkey and the tin cup, plying his wares in the street. Orchid growers like to think they are green activists spreading joy and beauty utilizing the most advanced techniques science has to offer. They are actually orchid hobbyists who ran out of space. They have to sell the stuff to make room to buy more. Most growers didn't mean to become growers. They just had to do it to support their habit. Many just became embarrassed by getting caught by their mate bringing another orchid into the house. The quick response, "Oh, I was thinking of starting a business," turned into the actual business. Of course, there is always the BLUE BLOOD orchid grower whose father gave them the business. These are the orchid dynasties that are always trying to live up to their father's legacy by

becoming fiercely active in the AOS. Orchid clubs love the vendor. Vendors are to orchid growers what drug dealers are to junkies.

THE NATIVE ORCHID NUT

The native orchid nut thinks it is a sin to actually CAGE orchids in a greenhouse and would never dream of actually CAPTURING an orchid and growing it outside the jungle. They will tell you that you don't need to own an elephant in order to love and protect elephants. In fact, you shouldn't own any at all. These are frequently college professors with many books and papers to their names, smarter and better-educated that the rest of the mere mortals in the orchid world. They publish a lot and debate the morals of collecting seed in the wild. They go on their honeymoon to a rain forest in Venezuela where they trek through the mud with their beloved in search of the ultimate blue *Cattleya mossaie*. Instead of watching TV at night, they study the little maps of the states with dots on it indicating where the native orchids are found. Their idea of a good time is rediscovering *Spiranthes diluvialis* in Panaca in a hay field. They dream of going to heaven and having a native orchid named for them. They wonder if there are any undiscovered native orchids in heaven. Orchid clubs love the native orchid nut. They make members feel they are part of a conservation movement.

THE SPECIALIST

After collecting orchids for five years, your orchid area is stuffed with stuff that you won in the raffle when they were very small plants, and you didn't know better. They are so big now that you now call them, "Madame," and, like a first wife, you dream of trading them in for something that is more to your tastes these days. There is one special kind of orchid that grabs your heart and your mind. You want to have one of every color of *Cattleya intermedia* or the like, and you regard stuff you once cherished as "ordinary." You have become a specialist. Your e-mail address now proclaims your single-minded devotion and you become Phragman@cox.net or Laeliagirl@aol.com. Your first act of the day is to check websites that have your beloved genus or species, and they know you by your first name at those nurseries. You are the first one they call when a weird and exotic bulbophyllum arrives, and you actually fantasize about winning an AOS award with something in your collection. You now regard anything but species as too pathetic to collect. Orchid clubs love the specialist. They are usually the only ones that know what they are talking about.

THE SPOUSE

Often neglected, impossible to ignore, the orchid spouse is often the unwilling grower of orchids. Although occasionally there are two enthusiasts in the home, usually one spouse is the addict, and the other is the Al Anon partner. The spouse begins to suspect that something is wrong when entries in the checkbook read only, "O," the code name for orchid. Orchids begin to enter the house through the garage or when the spouse is at the hairdresser or at golf. Special areas of the house are devoted only to orchids, and mold starts to grow on the walls of the house because of all the humidity. Vacations are planned around orchid shows and nurseries, and a broken spike means a day of depression. The orchid spouse is the unsung hero or heroine of the orchid grower's life. Sucked into helping with watering and shlepping, the spouse learns to take second place to the affair with orchids. Orchid clubs love the spouse. They bring the best cookies to the meetings.

No matter what kind of orchid grower you are, know that you belong to a select group of very special beings, those whose hearts belong to orchids.