

Coastal Valley Orchid Society

Lompoc, California
www.coastalvalleyorchidsociety.com



Epipactis gigantea
Society Adopted Orchid
Photo courtesy of Phil Rietz

Next Meeting:
June 16, 2009
The Lompoc Library
Grossman Gallery
Meeting begins at 7 p.m.

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An AOS Affiliate Society
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June Meeting Speaker:

Don Brown

Speaking On:

The 2009 Japan Grand Prix International Orchid Festival (Tokyo Dome Show)

This month's speaker is one of our own society members **Don Brown**. Don will speak to us on his trip to Tokyo and the 2009 Japan Grand Prix International Orchid Festival also known as the 'Tokyo Dome Show'. This show is one of the largest orchid shows in the world. The show is held in a sports stadium designed for baseball and the show completely fills the entire floor of the stadium. Both the displays and the vendors are located on the floor of the stadium.

Don lives in Santa Barbara in a wonderful location and has been an orchid hobbyist for 32 years. His home and shade houses were recently spared by the Jesusita Fire. For the past 25+ years Don's time has been devoted entirely too growing orchids outdoors. In 1998, his white *Dendrobium speciosum* won best of show at the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show. It was so large it took up an entire display area and it took six men to unload it from the truck. Don has also won several awards at various orchid shows up-and-down the Central Coast of California. Don is past President and Vice President of the Orchid Society of Santa Barbara and is a very active member with our society. We hope to see you at this months meeting!

Notes of Interest from the May Meeting

By Gene Baum

Phil was MIA for this month's meeting on business travel to Salt Lake City. Gene called the meeting to order and discussed the upcoming greenhouse tour that is scheduled for Saturday, May 30th at Harry Brankrov's home in Los Olivos. Phil will be barbecuing for us and members can show up at 10:30 am with the food being served at noon. Members are asked to bring a side dish or desert. We will begin with a tour of Harry's greenhouses and outdoor growing areas as well as his Vanda house. Gene also added that he will be providing a potting demonstration and there will be a plant raffle. Members were also encouraged to stop by Chaotic Exotics on their way back home and visit Jim and John's place. They are normally open on Saturday's. We are only going to Harry's place this year due to having to cancel last year because of the extreme heat on the day of last year's event. Gene commented that it should be cooler this year and we are starting earlier. If you have any questions please call Gene for more information.

Gene then discussed the upcoming Santa Barbara Orchid Estates Summer Fair to be held on July 10 - 12 with times 9 to 5 on Friday & Saturday and 10 to 4 on Sunday. The event will be held at the Earl Warren Showground's and the guest author this year will be Lou C. Menezes who has a new edition of her spectacular book on *Laelia purpurata*.

Gene also discussed the annual CVOS Barbecue with it still being in the planning stage but it looks like it will be held in the fall.

He also talked about the annual CVOS Orchid Expo. Right now the open dates at the Library are Sept 4 - 5, Oct 2 - 3 or Oct 9 - 10. More information on this event will be coming out in the near future along with committee meeting dates and times.

With no other business the guest speaker for the evening Chris Ehrlar was introduced. Chris provided a great talk on Growing Orchids in Hawaii.



CVOS Mission Statement

"The purposes of the **Coastal Valley Orchid Society** are to promote and stimulate interest in orchids;
to encourage the culture and conservation of all orchids;
and to provide for the exchange and dissemination of information relating to the culture of orchids among members of the Society."

AOS Judging Central Coast Judging Center In Santa Barbara

This month's judging event will be held **June 17th** at the Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De La Vina Street, in Santa Barbara in conjunction with the Orchid Society of Santa Barbara's monthly meeting. Plant check-in begins at 6:30 pm with the judging beginning at 7 pm. If you have a plant that you would like to have judged by accredited AOS judges then take it on down to Santa Barbara and support our new judging center. This event is held the third Wednesday of each month.

Upcoming Events

June 13, 2009

Orchid Society of Southern California Annual Auction

First Christian Church meeting hall, 221 South Sixth Street, Burbank. www.orchidssc.org/osscauction.aspx
Admission is free.

July 10-12, 2009

Santa Barbara Orchid Estate International Orchid Fair

Earl Warren Showground. Free admission, \$5 parking. www.orchidfair.com

July 10, 2009

Santa Barbara Cymbidium Society Special Speaker

Come hear Orchid Fair guest author Lou Menezes at 7:30 pm in Louise Lowry Davis Recreation Center, 1232 De La Vina (at De La Vina and Victoria)

Local Society Meeting Information

Santa Maria Orchid Society, Inc. Monthly Meeting. Held each month on the first Wednesday, beginning at 7 pm, Veterans' Memorial Center, 313 W. Tunnell Street. Meetings are held every other month (Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec). Contact Chuck Scheithauer at 937-6201 for more information.

Orchid Society of Santa Barbara Monthly Meeting. Held each month on the third Wednesday at the Louise Lowry Davis Recreation Center, 1232 De La Vina (at De La Vina and Victoria) and beginning at 7:30 pm.

www.west.net/~orchidsb/

Five Cities Orchid Society Monthly Meeting. Held each month on the second Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the Arroyo Grande Woman's Community Center, 211 Vernon St., Arroyo Grande. www.fcoss.org/meetings.html

Santa Barbara Cymbidium Society Monthly Meeting. Held each month on the second Wednesday at the Louise Lowry Davis Recreation Center, 1232 De La Vina (at De La Vina and Victoria) and beginning at 7:30 pm.

www.cymbidium.org/

From AOS

Hi All, this is what we've been waiting for – our fundraiser for AOS. These pins are 1 ½ inches wide and come with a piece that converts them into a necklace. So you can wear them either way. You can order through the AOS web site or by contacting Susan Wayman. I am attaching both a photo and an order sheet. The chain is not included. The cost is \$25 which includes shipping and handling. It would be great if AOS Reps could order one to show to everyone – I think you will enjoy it and support the AOS at the same time. The pin was designed by an award winning orchid jeweler, Dawn Vertrees. I'm wearing mine on a long chain but my friend, Judy, wears hers on her golf shirt button hole. Jackie wears hers on a short chain. All proceeds go to the AOS general fund. Order yours today!

Phil Rietz

Newsletter Editor

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