

Coastal Valley Orchid Society

Lompoc, California
www.coastalvalleyorchidsociety.com



Epipactis gigantea
Society Adopted Orchid
Photo courtesy of Phil Rietz

Meeting:
May 19, 2009
The Lompoc Library
Grossman Gallery
Meeting begins at 7 p.m.

AMERICAN
ORCHID
SOCIETY

An AOS Affiliate Society
Since 2002

2009 – 2010

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President: Phil Rietz
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May Meeting:

Chris Ehler

Speaking On:

Growing orchids in Hawaii

Our May speaker will be **Chris Ehler** who will present a slide show based on his and wife Betsy's trips to the Big Island of Hawaii over the last few years. Prior to one of their trips Chris emailed the contact for the Kona Orchid Society and were able to visit five member homes and see what and how they grew their orchids.

Based on their trips to Hawaii they now have a number of new friends to visit when they head to the Islands. This should be a very interesting and informative evening.

If you are interested in attending dinner prior to the meeting with our speakers, please contact Eileen Whitty or Gene Baum. Please leave a message if you are interested in attending. Dinner will be at 5 pm at Suvan's Kitchen on West Central. We hope to see you there!

Notes of Interest from the April Meeting

Phil called the meeting to order and asked Gene Baum if there were any special announcements from last month's meeting that needed to be passed on. Gene passed on some follow-up notes from the Five Cities Orchid Show and then Jeannie Beattie closed out information from the show. Phil then passed on a thank you from Christina Holenda that read as follows: "I want to extend my gratitude to CVOS for all they did for the Central Coast Orchid Show this year. You all did your usual great job with your display. I'm always impressed with the consistent high quality of the plants you show. Particularly, I want to thank all your members who stepped up to volunteer at the show. When I put out a panic call for help for workers, a number of your group made themselves available to fill the gaps. It is this kind of selflessness and enthusiasm that give all of us on the show organization committee the willingness to do this year after year. Thank you, CVOS!" Phil added that the friendship between CVOS and our sister societies is a great relationship and that CVOS also benefits from during our annual Orchid Expo as well as speaker support.

With no other old business to pass on Gene Baum presented Phil with the 'Orchid Digest Diamond Award'. Gene added that due to Phil's busy travel schedule that it has been a long time coming to present him the award. Phil promptly told Gene that he will be gone for the May meeting as well due to business travel to Salt Lake City.

Phil then turned his attention to new business and discussed the annual greenhouse tour. After discussion it was decided to try and hold the event on May 30th. Details will be discussed at the May meeting and Phil will email information out as it becomes available. Phil also discussed the Lompoc Flower Festival that will be held June 27 – 28. Setup will be on the 26th. More information will be released on this year's event at the May meeting. Phil then talked about the Santa Barbara Orchid Estates Summer Fair that will be held at the Earl Warren Show Grounds, July 10 – 12. Guest author Lou C. Menezes will premiere her new edition of her spectacular book on *Laelia purpurata*. The annual barbecue was the next topic and those present said that they would like to have it in August or September. Additionally, the 2009 Orchid Expo was discussed and Phil will be checking with the library on available dates so he can submit the required paperwork. With no other business Gene Baum introduced the evening's speakers, Phil and Angela Watt. They presented a very nice slideshow on how they grow in the Goleta. They presented very informative information on growing conditions, light, water, etc. that sparked several questions from those members present.

The plant table was donated to the society by Gene Baum and Phil Rietz for the April meeting. They provided lots of plants in bloom and almost all of them are easy to grow outside.

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."

SOCIETY NAMETAGS

If you are a new member or a member who would like a Society nametag, please contact Van or Pam Bivans. *The price has changed from our vendor and the CVOS nametags are available in pin or magnetic clip for \$9.00.* If you order at the meeting, they are normally available at the next meeting. Payments are also made to Van or Pam upon receipt of the pin.

AOS Judging Central Coast Judging Center In Santa Barbara

This month's judging event will be held **May 20th** 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

May 15, 2009

San Diego Zoo's Orchid Odyssey

Third Friday of the month 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (orchid greenhouse is open) Janette Gerrity 619 231-1515 ext. 4306

May 16, 2009

Casa de las Orquideas 2009 Seedling Clearance Sale

170 S. Nardo Avenue, Solana Beach, CA 92075; 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Loren Batchman, casa@orquideas.com or 858-755-7572

May 30 – 31, 2009

San Jose Orchid Exhibition

See flyer attached to this newsletter for more information.

June 13, 2009

Orchid Society of Southern California Annual Auction

First Christian Church meeting hall, 221 South Sixth Street, Burbank. www.orchidssc.org/osscc_auction.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.fcos.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/



SAN JOSE ORCHID EXHIBITION

WINE TASTING • BEGINNER ORCHID GROWING SKILL SESSIONS

**COMING TO
SAN JOSE
JAPANTOWN**

Saturday & Sunday
May 30 & 31, 2009

Miraido Club House
550 6th St., San Jose, CA 95112

9:00AM-5:00PM

ORCHID SALES



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