

Coastal Valley Orchid Society

Lompoc, California
www.coastalvalleyorchidsociety.com



Epipactis gigantea
Society Adopted Orchid
Photo courtesy of Phil Rietz

Next Meeting:

Tuesday

May 18, 2010

The Lompoc Library
Grossman Gallery
Meeting begins at 7 p.m.

AMERICAN
ORCHID
SOCIETY

An AOS Affiliate Society
Since 2002

Scheduled Guest Speaker:

Jeff Thompson

Speaking On: 'How he learned to grow Orchids'

Our guest speakers for the May meeting will be **Jeff Thompson** and he will be showing a PowerPoint presentation on how he learned to grow orchids.

This is a subject that a lot of us are always curious about with fellow growers...what did they do to learn how to grow such great plants? And how did they get started growing orchids.

Jeff has been president of OSSB three times and vice-president at least once. Jeff and his wife Kathy got involved in the orchid world around 1990. Jeff is a master grower and Kathy is an expert on names and plant characteristics. Jeff currently belongs to four Orchid societies and attends meetings from the Conejo Valley to San Luis Obispo. He and Kathy went on an orchid expedition to Costa Rica in 2004 with Gene and Sandra Baum. Jeff says that trip opened his eyes on how to really grow orchids.

Jeff grows in a greenhouse as well as outdoors and currently displays plants from the ultra-miniature to the humongous. Jeff takes copious notes at every orchid lecture he attends and could probably write an orchid encyclopedia.

Members are encouraged to bring plants to display and the opportunity table for the evening will be provided by SLO Gardens. So I am sure there will be some great plants from Rudy Bachmann's place.

2010 - 2011

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Notes of Interest from the April Meeting

Phil was not present at last month's meeting and asked if Gene would cover some of the finer points of the meeting. Gene said that the upcoming 58th Lompoc Flower Festival that will be held in June and asked Jeannie and Eileen to comment on the show. The Flower Festival will run June 23rd through the 27th this year. Jeannie stated that setup for the 88th Alpha Club Flower Show will be on Friday the 25th with the show running Saturday and Sunday (Saturday 12pm to 6pm, Sunday 10am to 4pm). The show has moved back to the Veteran's Memorial Hall located at 100 E Locust.

The Flower Show is considered one of the highest ranked flower shows in California. It follows the yearly festival theme and features an estimated 200 amateur flower arrangements, over 500 plant specimens, including a children's section, commercial flower displays, and demonstrations. The awards Ceremony will be held on Sunday, June 27, 3:30pm. Ticket prices will be \$5.00 pre-sale until June 25, and \$7.00 at the door June 26 and 27. Pre-sale tickets will be available March 17 through June 25 at Lompoc Chamber of Commerce and Lompoc Valley Festival Association offices, or by reserving with Maxine Scanlon, Ticket Chair, at 736-1645. Reserved pre-sale ticket pick-up and walk in pre-sale tickets will occur Friday only, June 25 during entry check in hours 4pm to 10pm at Veterans Memorial Building.

Phil then asked for a treasurer's report which was presented by Van Bivans. Phil then commented that he was still working on getting a speaker for May and that he would once again be on business travel and unable to make the May meeting.

There was no new business to present with the exception of Phil stating that he would be working on a Show package for the CVOS Orchid Expo to be held in September and would send it off to Bryce Augustine for approval.

Condolences

The Coastal Valley Orchid Society would like to express its heartfelt sympathy and condolences to Charlie and Marilyn Radaz on the loss of Marilyn's mother, Tessa Johnson on April 17th at her home at the age of 95. Please keep them in your prayers.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Lompoc First United Methodist Church Foundation, 925 North F Street, Lompoc.

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 **April 21st** 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 for 2010

June

June 4th – 6th

San Jose Orchid Exposition

San Jose Japan Town, Miraido Club House, 550 6th St., San Jose, CA 95112 For More Information:
bwdavidson2@bbnow.net

June 12th – 13th

Maplethorpe Orchids "Open House Event"

3300 Maplethorpe Lane, Soquel CA. 95076, 10AM - 3 PM. All plants at discounted prices. For information phone 831-462-0257 or email scstaji@yahoo.com

June 23rd – 27th

58th Annual Lompoc Flower Festival

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July

July 9th – 11th

30th Annual Santa Barbara Orchid Estate International Orchid Fair

Earl Warren Showground's, 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA. (Highway 101 at Las Positas Road). For more information, visit the website: <http://orchidfair.com/>, email to sboe@sborchid.com or call 1-800-553-3387.

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/

Special Notice

This year's Alpha Flower Show will see something new added that is close to all of us orchid lovers....'Orchid Arrangement's'. This is the first year for this category and it is sponsored by Chaotic Exotics. The unique part about this category is unlike other arrangements, you do not have to cut your orchids up to make the arrangement. You are allowed to use a fully potted plant in the arrangement as well as cut flowers. This should spur some interesting and beautiful arrangements from the flowers we love....Orchids. If you are interested in submitting an arrangement but need a little more information you may contact Jim Kotsybar at Chaotic Exotics. There is also information available in The Guest Magazine that can be picked up at various places around town.



Cymbidium Bob Norton
Photo Courtesy of Phil Rietz



Cymbidium Nancy Miyamoto
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