

Coastal Valley Orchid Society

Lompoc, California

www.coastalvalleyorchidsociety.com



Epipactis gigantea
Society Adopted Orchid
Photo courtesy of Phil Rietz

Next Meeting:
September 16, 2008
The Lompoc Library
Grossman Gallery
Auction begins at 7 p.m.

AMERICAN
ORCHID
SOCIETY

An AOS Affiliate Society
Since 2002

2008 - 2009

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Scheduled Program

Our Guest Speaker will be:

Paul Gripp

Speaking On:

“Orchids....of course!”

Our September meeting will be one you will not want to miss. This month's speaker is one of our Life Members and the always entertaining and informative **Paul Gripp**. Paul will speak to us on whatever comes to mind....he just hasn't told me the subject as of this writing. Paul is best known for his association with the Santa Barbara Orchid Estate (SBOE) where he started working in 1957, after earning his BS in horticulture at UCLA. In 1967, he purchased the Estate and built it into one of the foremost orchid nurseries. Though he retired in 1986, he remains active as a Senior Citizen Volunteer at the SBOE. Paul and the SBOE are among the world's foremost collectors and propagators of orchid species and hybrids, specializing in outdoor temperature tolerant varieties. Paul has held many distinguished offices: President, Cymbidium Society of America; President, Santa Barbara Orchid Show (four times); Member, Research Committee of the American Orchid Society (fifteen years); and a certified American Orchid Society judge. The raffle table will be provided by the SBOE.

Notes of Interest from the August Meeting & Auction

There were only a couple of announcements prior to the beginning of this year's Auction and Sales event. First the rules of the auction were laid out to those present. There were six guests at this year's auction. Phil then made an announcement about the upcoming CVOS 2008 Orchid Expo and Sale which will be held on Saturday, October 25th, the Lompoc Library in the Grossman Gallery. There will be a committee meeting on Sunday, August 24th at Phil's house beginning at noon. All those interested in helping out with this year's event can attend. This will not be the last meeting as Phil said he would like to have at least the first couple meetings every other Sunday until we get closer to the event at which time they will be held as needed. If you have any questions please contact Phil or Gene Baum.

This year's Auction was a little different than in the past. While there were nearly 100 plants to auction off, those that arrived before the auction had a chance to purchase plants from sales tables that were setup with nearly as many plants as the auction. Prices were dirt cheap and the society did very well. Results will be announced at the September meeting by our Treasurer's Van and Pam Bivans. Thanks to all who donated plants and assisted with this year's event. A special thanks to SLO Gardens and Don Elkins, Chaotic Exotics, SBOE, Don Brown, Eileen Whitty, Jeannie Beattie, Wanda Bailey, Gene Baum, Van and Pam Bivans, and Phil Rietz for their plant donations for this year's event.

A Reminder for Members

It is asked that members and guests arrive on-time for monthly meetings so we do not keep our guest speakers waiting and so that the meeting can start on-time! Meetings start at 7 p.m.

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 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The 2008 Membership Drive is now underway! If a member brings a guest to a meeting both the member and the guest will receive a raffle ticket and first chance to win an orchid. (Applies to only bringing a guest to a meeting one time and not the same guest to multiple meetings)

If a member brings a guest to a meeting and the guest signs up as a new member then the member who brought the guest and the new member will each receive a raffle ticket and the first chance to win an orchid as well as three tickets to the general raffle.

For any questions or more details please contact Phil for more information!

AOS Judging Central Coast Judging Center In Santa Barbara

This month's judging event will be held **September 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.

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.



Do you ever wonder where all those great treats and refreshments come from at each meeting?

Judy Lee and her sometimes stand-in, Gloria York, provide a fabulous spread each month and CVOS members enjoy the great hospitality table. You can help and are encouraged to bring refreshments and/or treats. For more information, contact Judy Lee or just bring something to the next meeting!



Epidendrum Pacific Girl

*Photos Courtesy of
Phil Rietz*



*Cymbidium Pee Wee 'Solana Beach'
HCC/AOS*



Stanhopea occulata

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. Contact Chuck Scheitaur 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/

Upcoming Events

September 13 – 14, 2008

Sacramento Orchid Forum Show, Shepard Garden and Art Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, CA. Contact: Jeff Tyler, 5520 Fruitridge Rd., Sacramento, CA 95820; (916) 455-4292.

October 3 – 5, 2008

San Diego International Orchid Fair, Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Garden Dr., Encinitas, CA. Contact: Jamie Werner, (760) 943-2333, jamie@szpr.com.

October 16 – 19, 2008

Southland Orchid Show, Huntington Botanical Gardens, 11511 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA. Contact: Robert Lauri, 4290 Van Dyke Pl., San Diego, CA 92116; (619) 742-0741; bklauri@yahoo.com.

October 25, 2008

Third Annual CVOS Orchid Expo & Sale, The Society leadership is still working out the details. More info coming out soon on this event.

November 1 – 2, 2008

Santa Barbara Orchid Estates Fall Open House, An annual event for the Central Coast. More info and times coming soon when available. <http://www.sborchid.com/events.php>

November 22 - 23, 2008

Orchid Society of Santa Barbara Fall Show, Held at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History by the OSSB. This year's theme is "Galaxies of Orchids".

The Coastal Valley Orchid Society Presents the 2008 Orchid Expo and Sale

This year's event will be held at the Lompoc Library in the Grossman Gallery on Saturday, October 25th. Over the next couple of months the committee will be finalizing plans for this year's event. Once again at this year's event we will have AOS judging, plant sales by local vendors and the society, displays by our neighboring Orchid Societies, potting demonstrations, and much, much more. If you would like to be a part of the planning committee, please contact Phil Rietz or Gene Baum.

Phil Rietz
Newsletter Editor

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