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An AOS Affiliate Society
Since 2002



Epipactis gigantea
Society Adopted Orchid
Photo courtesy of Phil Rietz



Member
Since 2010

September Means Dues Renewal Month for Most Members

September 20th

Tuesday

7 p.m.

The Lompoc Public Library in the Grossman Gallery

Our September meeting will be the Annual Plant Auction. This is the society's big money maker for the year and this event needs the support of society members. Please consider bringing a guest for the evening. There will not be a speaker for this evenings meeting but there will be a short

business meeting prior to the auction. Members who would like to donate plants need to bring them to the Library no later than 6:30 pm. This will allow for proper tagging of the plant. The auction will follow beginning at 7 p.m. Hope to see you come out and support your Society at the plant auction!

James Frank Fordyce

By Jeff Bradley



Cattleya Circle of Life 'Heart's Desire' AM/AOS
Photo Charles Rowden



Frank Fordyce and his friend Ernest Hetherington 2010

James Frank Fordyce, passed away on August 17, 2011, after a brief illness, at the age of 87. Frank was one of the orchid world's most revered and iconic figures. He is survived by his wife of sixty-six years, Virginia "Madge", his daughter, Lila Susan "Sue", and his son James Stephen "Steve". Frank and Madge were childhood sweethearts, having known each other for eighty years. During his military service in WWII, Frank was captured by the enemy and was a POW from 1943-1945. In 1946, he began his career in orchids that spanned the remainder of his life when he was hired by Mr. Fred Stewart of Stewart Orchids. Frank worked at Stewart's from 1946 until 1960, when he opened his own orchid business in Oceanside, California. In 1970, he closed his business and began a ten year career

with the Rod McLellan Company. In 1980, Frank and his able partner, Madge maintained their "Orchid Ranch" business in Livermore, California, until it was closed in 2006. Frank Fordyce was one of the most gifted hybridizers of Cattleyas and his legacy continues to glean countless awards to the present day. A private interment will be held in Livermore. However, a "Celebration of the Life of Frank Fordyce and his Passion for Orchids," will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2011, at the Trinity Baptist Church, 557 Olivevina Avenue, Livermore, California, at 1:00 pm, with a reception and buffet dinner following. All are invited to attend this public tribute.

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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 \$10.25.* 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.

About All Orchids from the American Orchid Society (AOS)

Throughout its 85-year history the AOS, in keeping with its vision and mission, orchid education has been a core value. In this section of our website you will find a vast array of orchid culture information.

Orchid Basics is for the beginner with only one or a few orchids is anxious to learn more. **Orchid Resources** is for those of us who are beginning to be or are already addicted. There you will find

helpful culture articles and select reprints from **ORCHIDS** magazine.

The section on **Pest and Diseases** provides information and images to help you identify orchid ailments and grow healthier plants.

AOS Culture Sheets have been at the foundation of orchid education for decades and provide concise culture information and an easy-to-print format. Look around these web

pages, there is something for every level of hobbyist, from novice to seasoned veteran. For more information visit the American Orchid Society web site.

Information

AOS Judging Central Coast Judging Center In Santa Barbara

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

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."

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.

Upcoming Events

September

7: Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society special speaker, American Legion Hall at 1504 Minnesota Ave. San Jose, 7:30PM. T.J. Hartung is a board member of the Puerto Vallarta Botanical Gardens. He speaks excellent English. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about Mexican orchid

17- 18: San Francisco Orchid Society's Orchids in the Park Fall Sale. 201.1 Orchids in the Park, SF County Fair Building (Hall of Flowers), 10 am-5 pm both days; general admission \$4, seniors \$3. Sponsored by the San Francisco Orchid Society, featuring more than 15 vendors and includes member sales, raffles, demonstrations, and exhibits.

24: Peninsula Orchid Society Annual Auction - Details in the September newsletter, POS website. <http://penorchidsoc.org/newsletters/2010-10.pdf> (after 1st week)

25 - 26: Fascination of Orchids Show & Sale- South Coast Plaza Village, 1631 W Sunflower, Santa Ana, 10 am to 5 pm About 20 vendors from: California, Hawaii, Asia, Central and South America will be exhibiting and selling thousands of exotic orchids.

30, October 1 & 2: San Diego International Orchid Fair - 17th Annual Orchid Show and Orchid Sale . An AOS Sanctioned Judging Event with 25 Vendors and Ongoing Lectures on Culture and Care and there will be ribbon judging as well. Exhibition Hall, San Diego County Fairgrounds. To register your plants for judging bring them on Thursday, September 30, 2 - 7 pm and Friday, October 1, 7 - 9 am.

October

1: Autumn Grapes & Grains Festival – 400-600 of S. McClelland, Santa Maria. 10AM – 4PM. **Volunteers wanted for our Society's booth)**

November

26 - 27: Orchid Society of Santa Barbara Annual Fall Show Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. (More Information on this event forthcoming)

Local Society Meeting Information

Santa Maria Orchid Society, Inc. Monthly Meeting. Held each month on the first Wednesday (except August and January), beginning at 7 pm, Quail Meadows East Clubhouse, 3220 South College Drive. 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/.