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COVER and INSIDE COVER PHOTOS: *C. Portia* 'Cannizaro', grown by Dan Warren.



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Speaker: George Hatfield
Topic: 22nd World Orchid
Conference in Guayaquil, Ecuador



As this year's AOS president, George Hatfield has traveled the world. Just returned from last month's trip to the 22nd World

Orchid Conference, George will spend the evening with us sharing his impression of the fabulous flowers on display at that show.

George has over 25 years of experience in raising award quality cymbidium orchids. He is the owner of Hatfield Orchids, which is fortunate to be located in Ventura County, California, an ideal climate for growing cymbidiums.

In addition to the AOS, George is also active in the Cymbidium Society of America (CSA) and several Southern California regional organizations for orchids. An orchid judge for both the CSA and AOS, he currently serves on the board of the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show.

George graduated from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, with a BS in Plant and Soil Science. He started Hatfield Orchids in 2005.

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NOVEMBER 8-12, 2017

**Opening Ceremony & Judging (nov 7)*

GUAYAQUIL CONVENTION CENTER

Anyone interested in a pre-meeting dinner with George please meet at the flagpole in the library parking lot at 5:30 pm.

Meeting Date

December 20, 2017

(3rd Wednesday each month)

Yorba Linda Public Library

Community Room (Lower Level)

18181 Imperial Highway

Yorba Linda CA 92886

Doors Open & Set-Up.....	6:00 PM
Plant Judging Set-Up.....	6:30 PM
Orchid Judging	7:00 PM
Potluck.....	7:15 PM
Speaker	7:30 PM
Opportunity Table.....	9:00 PM

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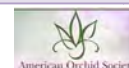
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Editor's Note

As of this writing, the Santa Ana winds are still whipping through most of Southern California. The humidity meter we have in the backyard has been reading 5 to 7% for the last week. And just as I was thinking, "well, at least it's a cool/cold wind rather than hot," the temperatures are inching their way into the 80s and up.

All this means watering the orchids is still a chore, but I've learned to resist doing so late in the day or in the evening as we do in the summer. The AOS reminds us to reduce feeding at this time, since most of the plants are in their resting phase.

Now is also the time to look for pests: I've worked on mites and mealy bugs in the last week, swabbing them with alcohol. And since we now have cats in the backyard again, I'll need to buy iron-phosphate-based bait for the slugs that will awake with damper weather. Metaldehyde baits are so much more satisfying—the slugs begin to die on contact, rather than wriggling away to die in private. But metaldehyde is deadly to dogs and cats, and looks like some sort of tasty kibble, to boot.

Also keep our orchid friends—some of our loyal growers and vendors—in your thoughts as the wildfires sweep toward places like Carpinteria, Santa Barbara, and the canyons of north San Diego County.

Please also find the time to enjoy a bit of holiday cheer with your Society at our Holiday Potluck. See you there!—Janet W.



Den. parvulum was the Grand Champion at the 22nd WOC. The flowers are about 0.25 to 0.5 inches across. This supermini plant hails from the interior portions of New Guinea. See more photos from the conference at www.instagram.com/americanorchidsociety.

New Members

Sharon and Ken Rockwell
Welcome to OCOS!

Guest

Roy Young
Hope to see you back soon!

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**Ribbon Judging Results
November 15, 2017 Meeting**

Anne-Line Anderson and Tim Roby

Vandacious

- 1st Place.....Bob Laughlin
- 2nd Place Jim Wheeler
- 3rd Place Jim Wheeler

Standard Cymbidium

No entries

Laelia Tribe (Large)

- 1st Place.....Dan Warren
- 2nd PlaceJan Hennessey
- 3rd PlaceUna Yeh
- CultureDan Warren
- CultureUna Yeh
- CultureUna Yeh

Oncidium

- 1st Place..... Jim Wheeler
- 2nd Place Y.S. Farn
- 3rd Place Jim Wheeler
- Culture Jim Wheeler

Paphiopedilum

- 1st Place.....Bob Laughlin
- 2nd Place Jim Wheeler
- 3rd PlaceBob Laughlin

Laelia Tribe (Small)

- 1st Place..... Janet Roberson
- 2nd Place Tim Roby
- 3rd PlaceUna Yeh

Botanical

- 1st Place..... Jim Wheeler
- 2nd Place Jim Wheeler
- 3rd PlaceBob Laughlin

Phalaenopsis

- 1st Place.....Bob Laughlin

Dendrobium

- 1st Place..... Jim Wheeler
- 2nd PlaceKevin & Janet Wilson
- 3rd PlaceBob Laughlin

Novelty Cymbidium

- 1st Place..... Janet Roberson

Species

- 1st Place..... Una Yeh
- 2nd PlaceCandy & Walt Jester
- 3rd Place Tim Roby

**Outstanding Orchid
of the Month**

Cattleya Portia 'Cannizaro'
Grown by Dan Warren

Holiday Potluck

Rosa Laursen



Here we are and another year is coming to an end. Some of us have had some tough times, but we have prevailed. We also have had good times. But even with the changes around us we continued to grow our beautiful orchids and share them with one another. So let's come together and celebrate the holidays with our traditional OCOS Potluck Dinner.

As usual, the Society will provide the ham, paper goods, and eating utensils. Coffee and punch as well as an assortment of sodas will be available. Please bring your favorite dish to share (enough for at least eight people) and show off your cooking skills. Please don't forget to bring serving utensils with your dish; the Society has a limited selection.

Set up will start at 6 pm and since we need to put tables and chairs out, it would be nice to have extra hands to help out.

One last note: after the Potluck Dinner is over, please make sure to pick up your container and other items as soon as possible and stay a bit longer (if you can) to help with the cleanup.



**December Meeting Activities
This Month's Activities:**

- Potluck
(bring enough for 8)
- Speaker
(George Hatfield)
- Plant Judging
- Opportunity Table

There will be NO:

- Member Plant Sales
- Beginners' & Gardeners' Table
- Culture Class

Bring a
potluck dish that
feeds eight people!

November Meeting Highlights

Peter Lin shared photos of amazing specimen plants and suggests choosing plants that grow fast and have closely set bulbs. He suggests pleurothallids, cymbidiums, brassavolas, laelias, dendrobiums, and miniatures can make for fine specimen subjects.



Dendrochilum propinquum



Masdevallia lamprotyria



Neofinitia falcata can grow to be a specimen plant yet still be held in one hand (see Peter's hand at lower center of photo).



Peter Lin showed everyone that specimen plants come in all shapes and sizes.

Zygo. (Gptm. Giant × Zygo. Arthur Elle) 'Old Port'

Janet Roberson



I have always had difficulty with zygopetalums. They say you can grow them with your cymbidiums, but I have never been able to do that. As a matter of fact, I still haven't figured out what I am doing wrong. Lately, however, I have been able to bring some back from the brink of disaster, and most of the ones I still have are starting to look better. At this point I can only relate their recent reprieve to the in-line water filter I am now using.

In October 2015 I purchased some plugs from The OrchidWorks and for some reason I decided to try some Zygos. I had been watching the buds on this plant daily, hoping they wouldn't fall off, and it was a total shock when they all opened at the same time and were totally different from anything I have ever had, which has been the green with brown and dark blue hues. The plant is still relatively small, maybe 10

inches tall, but the flowers are good sized for its first attempt at blooming as they are almost 3 inches across.

[Editor's note:] In *The Beginner's Guide to Orchids*, Geoffrey Hands mentions that there are pink variants of zygopetalum. He also writes that "Zygos ... keep roots live and active for more years than most orchids—3 or 4 years is normally the maximum—and they do best when that possibility is exploited. That means very good culture, and such a plant can be recognized by the fact that the oldest bulbs still have their leaves." He goes on to say that zygo roots bruise easily and repotting can prevent flowering "for several years."

Got Blooms?

Send photos along with the name of the plant, and we'll put them in the *Ranger*; ocos.ranger16@gmail.com.

Auction in January

Anne-Line Anderson



January is auction month!

Save the date (January 17) and invite friends and family. Pick up some flyers at the December meeting. This is our main fundraiser; it is what makes it possible to pay the library rent and to invite interesting speakers.

Please see me at the December meeting for donation recording sheets and labels if you can donate orchids or orchid growing supplies.

Help with setup and cleanup is always needed. We will start setting up for the auction at 5 pm; pizza will be provided. And please plan to bring something for the refreshment table to keep the bidders energized!



**Save Your Holiday Gift Money:
Auction Preview**

Janet Wilson

Did your family just ask what you wanted for a holiday gift? Tell them cool cash is always great, especially if you can hold on to it until January 17, the day of our auction.

Anne-Line has been busy visiting The Huntington Show and others in San Diego, cajoling vendors into supporting your Society. She's gotten plants from some international vendors who've not

contributed before, so you're in for a treat.

For example, you might recall Gustavo Aguirre from Columbia, who spoke to us in October. He donated a *C. trianae* f. *coerulea* from his Orquideas Katia. I have a locally grown *C. trianae*—interestingly enough, purchased at last year's auction. It is in bloom now and survived being blown off the bench by last Thursday's wind-tunnel-like Santa Anas. If I can grow this genus, it is well-suited to those of you who grow in drier conditions like mine.



C. trianae f. *coerulea*

I also see on the list of auction plants a *Laelia sanguiloba* from Floralia Brazil. This is a rupicolous laelia, the type that Kay Klausung spoke about at our May meeting.

I purchased two plants from this vendor in October; both are vigorous little plants. Overseas vendors must bring their plants to the US bare root, because of international law. So it's great to see the quality of the plants coming from so far and under stressful conditions.

Other international vendors that contributed include Ching Hua Orchids (Taiwan), Orquideas Amazonias (Peru), Ten Shin Gardens (Taiwan), and Tropical Exotique (Thailand).

So save your holiday gift money and come take a trip around the world with the orchids from these international vendors.

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**Wednesday
January 17, 2018**

6:30 p.m.
Preview

7:00 p.m.
Auction Begins

Starting January 3rd, check our website at www.ocos.net for a current listing of sale items.



L. sanguiloba

Rerooting Orchids in Water: It Works!

Janet Wilson

About a year ago, I think, I wrote about a couple of strategies for reviving plants. I'd found them after repotting two orchids and managing to kill the back bulbs—"sphag and bag" had quickly sent them to orchid heaven. This time around, I'm happy to report that at least one technique—rerooting orchids in water—has worked for me.

I had done almost everything as incorrectly as possible with *Pot. Yuan Gold*, repotting it at precisely the wrong time (October) and into a pot that was much too big. I gave it more light (good) but failed to water it enough (very bad). It was almost as if I was trying to kill it.

Yet the poor plant put out a beautiful bloom the following March. I recall Una Yeh saying—very gently and sweetly—"looks a little dry." As you can see in the photo on the left, this was not a candidate for a culture award.

When the bloom faded and no new roots came out, I panicked, put the virtually rootless plant in RO water, and set it on the window sill. After 19 days one rootlet appeared;



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Westminster Orchid Show: Call for Participation

Rosa Laursen and Candy Jester have agreed to chair the OCOS Show Display Committee at the Orchid Expo and Sale at Westminster Mall, February 9-11, 2018. Please help by sharing your blooming plants for the weekend display. This is an exciting and interesting way to get to know other members and learn more about displaying your own orchids.

Committee members are needed to help transport props and plants to the mall, for setup on Thursday, and takedown on Sunday. If you are interested in being involved, please sign up with Candy or Rosa.

More details will follow at the December meeting. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions.



after seven weeks, it had several roots, as the photo on the right shows. They were plumper and greener than normal. The dormant eye had grown into a front bulb about 2 inches tall.

The roots have changed as I've move the plant from the water, to damp sphagnum, to fine bark, and

now are starting to look harder and whiter like they normally do.

I've since had the opportunity (ahem) to use this technique on maxillaria, epidendrums, and a zygonesia. The only thing it hasn't worked for was a dendrobium.

I can really recommend this method for reviving an orchid.



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Meeting Date – Wednesday, December 20

Upcoming Events Calendar

- December 20 **Orange County Orchid Society - Monthly Meeting**
Speaker: George Hatfield; Topic: 22nd World Orchid Conference in Guayaquil, Ecuador
- January 13 – 14, 2018 62nd Paphiopedilum Guild and 2nd World Slipper Orchid Conference, sponsored by Orchid Digest, at the Grand Nanihoa Hotel, Hilo, Hawaii. Speakers will include Phillip Cribb, Masayoshi Takahashi, Alexi Popow, Harold Koopowitz, Yuan-Chuan Hsaio, Jose Portilla, and Wenqing Perner. AOS judging, auction, banquet. Info: www.orchiddigest.org. Registration \$125 before December 1, \$175 after December 1.
- January 17, 2018 **Orange County Orchid Society – Auction**
Preview 6:30 PM Yorba Linda Public Library Community Room, Lower Level, 18181 Imperial Highway, Yorba Linda.
Gavel 7:00 PM Lots of wonderful orchids will be available from easy-to-grow to different and unique.
- February 9 – 11, 2018 Newport Harbor Orchid Expo – 'Romancing the Orchid'
Westminster Mall, 1025 Westminster Mall, Macy's Wing, Westminster; Info: www.nhosinfo.org



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Plant Judging for November 15, 2017

Photography by Janet Roberson



Vanda – First Place
Vanda Somgri Glory – Bob Laughlin



Large Laelia – First Place, Culture, and
Orchid of the Month
Cattleya Portia 'Cannizaro' – Dan Warren



Large Laelia – Culture
Lc. Rosette Warland ×
C. Chocolate Drop – Una Yeh



Large Laelia – Culture
Laelia splendida – Una Yeh



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Oncidium – First Place
Onc. Sharry Baby – Jim Wheeler



Oncidium – Culture
Miltassia Shelob 'Tolkien' – Jim Wheeler



Paphiopedilum – First Place
Paph. Grace Darling I – Bob Laughlin



Small Laelia – First Place
Lc. Tahoe Rose 'Coerulea' – Janet Roberson



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Botanical – First Place
Cycnoches herrenhusanum – Jim Wheeler



Phalaenopsis – First Place
Phal. Sanjacinto Princess x
Yuanshan Baby – Bob Laughlin



Dendrobium – First Place
Den. compactum 'Pink' – Jim Wheeler



Novelty Cymbidium – First Place
Cym. Kusuda Fantasy 'Carioca' – Janet Roberson



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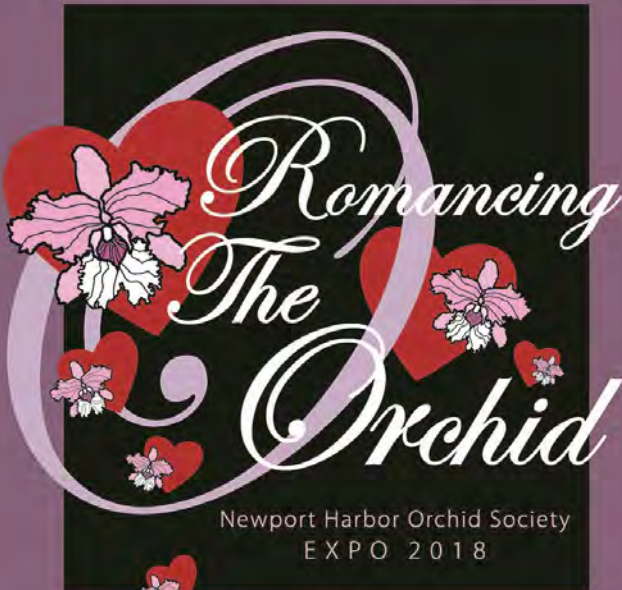
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Species – First Place
Oncidium No Name – Una Yeh

Flyers and Information for Upcoming Events

Newport Harbor Orchid Society
Orchid Expo & Sale 2018



Orchid Displays
Vendor Sales
Re-potting Classes
Botanic Art & Bonsai Exhibit

February 9, 10 & 11	Friday: 10am-9pm
Westminster Mall	Saturday: 10am-7pm
Orange County, CA	Sunday: 11am-6pm



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