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Riverside-San Bernardino Counties The Inland Orchid News.

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Regular meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Regular meetings include:

Plant Judging 7:15pm

Meeting 7:30pm

Speaker 7:45pm

Refreshments & Judging Results 8:45pm NEW MEETING SITE!!! Gonzales Community Center 670 Colton Ave Colton, CA Second Thursday of each month Show-N-Tell @ 7:15 pm Meeting @ 7:30 pm

The General meeting will be Thursday, March 14 2019, 7:30 pm., at the Gonzales Center, 670 Colton Ave. Our speaker will be Ron Kaufmann, chair of the San Diego County Orchid Society Conservation Committee and a founding director of the Orchid Conservation Alliance. Ron has been growing orchids for more than two decades and has travelled extensively to view orchids in the wild in Asia and South America, particularly Brazil, Ecuador and Colombia. His talk titled "Orchids of Tropical America" will discuss why orchids are among the most diverse families of plants, as well as stories about orchid explorers and the many ways in which orchids attract animals, including humans. This presentation is based on the recently published book "Orchids of Tropical America," which he co-authored with Joe Meisel (Ceiba Foundation for Tropical Conservation) and Franco Pupulin (University of Costa Rica and Lankester Botanic Garden).

Ron is a marine biologist by training, and his scientific work includes studies of Antarctic and deep-sea ecosystems as well as marine communities in coastal Southern California. His orchid collection began with a Reed-stem Epidendrum and progressed to a diverse assemblage that contains mostly species orchids.

Ron has a long-standing interest in conservation and has been a member of the SDCOS Conservation Committee for more than 20 years and chair since 2004. Since 1991, the Conservation Committee has awarded more than \$230,000 to support projects in 23 different countries. Ron also helped to found the Orchid Conservation Alliance and serves on the boards of the OCA, EcoMinga Foundation (a conservation foundation based in Ecuador) and Orchid Digest, as well as the American Orchid Society Conservation Committee.

Ron grows most of his orchids in a 36 x 24 foot greenhouse and several outdoor shade-covered areas around his house in San Diego. Friends have suggested that he build a second, much larger greenhouse to accommodate the many plants that often make walking through his greenhouse an exercise requiring extensive training in gymnastics and yoga to avoid serious injury. Thus far, this recommendation hasn't been followed, although the temptation is always there.

Annual Fund Raiser: Orchid Auction

The date for our annual fund raiser auction is Saturday, May 4, 2019, at the Lawrence Hutton Community Center in Colton. (Be warned the orchid that according to social media sold for \$20,000 will not be in our auction.) Start to talk this fund raiser up to all your friends and invite them to attend and buy some really fine orchids that are not always available in box stores. There will of course be some that you can purchase readily but don't let that stop you from getting a present for dad and a couple for mom. Orchids make great gifts, great friends and plants you have never dreamed of sharing a home with. Your attendance is critical to the societies fund replenishment. Peter Lin is the Auctioneer and will give a brief cultural lesson on each orchid as it comes up for bids. This will help you decide if it is a plant that you have the conditions to grow or not. Peter not only gives information he hurries the auction along and if you hesitate to bid you may lose it and regret your mistake not getting that beautiful orchid that only one more bid would have won for you and somebody else had it now.

Up Dated Business Cards Available.

Jim Spence has designed and had printed our new business cards for distribution to persons you meet, are friends with, might be interested in orchids etc. He will have them at the meeting for distribution. A great thanks to Jim.

There will be refreshments at the meeting that are provided by you so come enjoy, bring a friend, learn and share.

The Spring Garden Festival and Flower Show A Smash Hit:

The Spring Garden Festival and Small Standard Flower Show was held at the Lawrence Hutton Community Center Saturday, March 2, 2019. Our Society was a sponsoring member of this National Garden Clubs Inc. and California Garden Clubs Inc. Small Standard Flower Show. Thanks to Nessa Rosenbaum for taking care of a sales table featuring orchid plants that the Society purchased from Gubler's Orchid nursery for \$100. They were picked up by Tom Gibbs. At last notice we cleared \$60.00. Let us give a warm thanks to Nessa for taking care of this table for us, as well as for printing some auction fliers. Sandy Collins had her table with homemade wooden crafts, so they traded off as needed. A great thanks to Sandy as well. Steve and Rosie Trammell and Sandy Collins are on the planning committee representing the society. A great deal of thanks goes to Rozie for all the printing of fliers, class cards, entering and giving moral support. Linda Lang is also on this committee representing not only the Orchid Society but also the Inland Empire Master Gardeners Club. Larry Johnston spent the day as the Orchid Doctor. A big thanks to him since this was a popular service to the community and he was able as to give out fliers for the upcoming auction. On Friday evening and Saturday morning Jim Spence and Stephen Morgan were in charge of the classification table the classification table where all entries were accepted and help was given to the exhibitor in identifying their plants. This is a valuable part of the success of a show. Thanks to Stephen and Jim for their expertise and help. Frankie Sexton entered and clerked for the Judges, as did Steve and Rosie. Joyce Dean, Paul Bechtel, and Linda Lang judged and were helpful with the presentation of the show. I can only extend thanks to all that I have named and those behind the scenes that helped bring this show to bloom. Thanks to all members of the society.

Congratulations to Steve Trammell for winning in the Orchid Section the top award called Growers Choice Award and to Linda and Ron Lang for winning the Bob Laughlin Memorial Award that will be present for all to see at the next meeting. All the orchid entries, designs and horticultural entries from members of the society were greatly appreciated and made the show a success.

The Date for the 2020 Spring Garden Festival and Flower show will be Saturday, March 7, 2020. Start planning now.

Good News:

Chris Gubler has invited us back for another AOS orchid show in early October. Ron Lang has volunteered to head this show up. We do this in great appreciation for the ground work and hard labor that Micaela has furnished in the past. Begin planning now for this event. Chris Gubler has asked Ron and Linda to do a design class using cut orchids (don't panic they will be given morphine before the flowers are cut). We will be working out the details with Chris on this new adventure and again it will benefit our society. Feed, replant, whisper sweet nothings in your orchids' ears so that they will be in their glory by Oct. More info will be coming and a list of where you can fit in and jobs you can do.

DUES ARE NOW DUE \$25 PER FAMILY

Note: Any items you want included in the Newsletter please get them to me by the last two days of the month. Address Ron Lang 3800 W. Wilson #85 Banning, CA 92220 or rflangx25@gmail.com.

As a favor to our sister organization we want to remind you of the upcoming Riverside Flower show at the Elks Club in Riverside 13th and 14 of April. Please plan to exhibit your orchids and other horticultural specimens. We will have hard copies of this schedule for entries at the next orchid society meeting. Riverside Flower Show Assoc. is a major player in the Spring Garden Festival and will be advertising our Auction in their fliers. Please support them it benefits us both.





AOS Members Meetings

The Trustees of the American Orchid Society and its Standing Committees meet twice each year in the Spring in the US or outside its borders, and in the Fall within US borders only.

UPCOMING MEETING:

Spring Members Meeting on March 20-24, 2019 in San Diego, California

RSBCOS NEWS

Vendors who made our past auction such a success. Please remember to purchase orchids from them as a thank you.

- 1. Gubler's Orchids
- 2. Sunset Valley Orchids
- 3. Lico Orchids
- 4. Andy's Orchids
- 5. Casa De Las Orquideas
- 6. Kalapana Tropical

7. Cal Pacific Orchid Farm, Patrick Desmond, 1122 Orpheus Ave., Leucadia, CA 92024

Gift Certificates

- 1. Santa Barbara Orchid Estate
- 2. Norman's Orchids
- 3. Odom's Orchids

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Auction: OPEN Greeter: OPEN Hospitality/Kitchen: Various Groups Newsletter: Ron Lang Plant Sales: Jamie Stewart Raffle Tickets: Open Speakers: Micaela Solis Sunshine: Patricia Huckabee Parliamentarian: Open AOS/Orchid Digest: Sandy Collins Equipment: Jim Spence Web Site: Jim Spence Spring Show Ron Lang

Board Meeting

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The next board meeting will be held on Sunday, @ **3:30 pm** at the Colton Community Center. The board meetings are held on the fourth Sunday of the month and the general society membership is always welcome. If you are a board member and you are not able to attend, please notify Tom Gibbs



Board Members

Linda Lang, Ron Lang, Nessa Rosenbaum, Micaela Solis, Jim Spence, Steve Trammell, Sandy Collins, & Tom Gibbs.

Remember:

Support your local orchid growers and tell them you are a member of the **R**iverside-**S**an **B**ernardino Counties **O**rchid **S**ociety. Who knows...you may receive a discount!

