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April 2018



March Speaker: Chen-Hao Hsu

Into the Wilds of the Philippines

Chen-Hao Hsu acquired his first orchids at the age of ten while living in Taiwan. Prior to studying ecology and statistics at UC Davis graduate school, he interned one summer at Longwood Gardens outside of Philadelphia and worked briefly with the orchid collection there.

Currently, his travels for work and pleasure have led him to many destinations in the US and abroad. His recent travels have included Mexico, Peru, central Africa, Brazil and Ecuador where he observed a variety of orchids and other plants growing in vastly different habitats.

This talk is about four trips to the Philippines including the islands of Luzon and Mindanao.

A *Dendrochilum* in Dan Newmans booth at POE



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In order to provide a selection of treats at our meetings, we are asking members with last names that start with the letter **G thru L** to **bring refreshments** to the next meeting.

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Upcoming Events

March

3/31-4/1 Sonoma County Orchid Society Orchid Show & Sale,
Santa Rosa Veterans Bldg. 1351 Maple Av. Santa Rosa CA

April

4/2 Monday 7PM COS April Meeting

4/14-15 Sacramento Orchid Show, Scottish Rite Temple,
Sacramento, CA

4/21-22 Inspired home show, we are displaying plants.



Inspired Home Show

Everyone is invited to bring beautiful blooming plants to "show off" COS member growing skills. Plants must be brought Friday afternoon to the COS booth at the Fair Ground between 3 and 5PM. If you can only come earlier, please put plants on the floor at our booth. Plants must be picked up on Sunday, the 22nd of April at 4PM.

Anyone interested in helping with set-up, tear-down or working the table on Saturday morning or afternoon or on Sunday morning or afternoon, please let Kathie know (mine7233@comcast.net or 831-917-6591). I will be asking for volunteers at the April meeting.

Kathie

Santa Barbara International Orchid Show 2018

Show season continues, and this year I was fortunate to be able to spend a couple of days in Santa Barbara to take in the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show (SBIOS) and go shopping at Santa Barbara Orchid Estate (SBOE) and Cal-Orchid. All of these are "must see" destinations and with the proprietors of both Cal-Orchid and SBOE getting up there in years... well I foresee a time when these amazing nurseries won't be with us any more.



Both SBOE and Cal-Orchid are open during the show weekend, so a visit to the show isn't complete without a visit to both of these nurseries. Each one is worth at least 2 hours, there is so much to see that you will not find on their web site or in a booth at the show. Yes there are scores of plants in 2" and 4" that you may find almost anywhere, but there are also the plants that are either unique or there are only a few of. In my experience, if you find only one of something, forget it, it's probably not for sale. If there are several then ask, they may be willing to part with one. I picked up a *Cymbidium canaliculatum* 'sparksii' (rarely seen) from Cal-Orchid that way. They had bunches of *Cym. Little Black Sambo* (The AOS has petitioned the RHS to change the name to something a little less offensive, but to no avail), I didn't pickup the hybrid (*Cym. Canaliculatum* X *Cym. madidum*) because the plant is huge, too big for my greenhouse, and it needs a greenhouse since it is one of the warm growing *Cymbidiums*.



It is worth the visit to SBOE just to see the many specimen plants (lower left). SBOE is also famous for it's \$7.50 specials that it has during the open house. My sister loaded up on them, most are bare root divisions or 2" seedlings, but you generally can't beat the price.

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The SBIOS is one of the last shows in the area that has large elaborate exhibits. POE had exhibits like this 10 years ago, but no more. The exhibits, especially the vendor exhibits, make use of fabulous props, like the iron dinosaurs in the Cal-Orchid exhibit, or Dorthy's house in the Westerdlay Orchids exhibit (bottom left and right). Others have incredible specimen plants like SBOE's exhibit (center right), and others have rare and incredible flowers like the Andy's Orchids exhibit (top right). Then there are the unexpected delights like "Andy's house plants" (a big bowl of Phalaenopsis hybrids, next page top left) in the Andy's orchids exhibit (Andy is know selling only species).

Santa Barbara also has exhibits of cut flower arrangements featuring orchids (next page top right) and orchid related art.





And then there are the “what were they thinking” moments. Like the lined paper with ball point pen flower tags (bottom left) or the incredibly ugly backdrop (bottom right). Did the exhibitor forget their tags? Run out of time to run out and buy proper paper and pens? And the back drop on, an otherwise good, the Ecuagenera Orchids display (I especially liked the black tags and silver ink on the plant tags, a technique I use for our display). Did they run out of black fabric? I didn't ask, so I guess I will never know.



COS Board of Directors Meeting March. 19, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:24 at Carol's house.

Members Present: Carol Easton, Daniel Bellem, Janette Ford, Carolyn Salmon, John O Connell and Susan Holm.

Previous Minutes: Minutes from the February 19 meeting were presented and accepted by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report: Daniel reported that the balance at the beginning of February was \$9430.29 and \$9361.48 at the end of the month. Report accepted by acclamation.

V.P. Report: Jerry was not in attendance at the meeting. He has made arrangements for a speaker in April, but the speaker will not have plants available for raffle. Alan Rossing has contacted the society about kingianum plants he would like to donate to the society. Carolyn has offered to pick them up and see if they would be usable for the raffle or auction at the meeting. Carol, Carolyn and John said they would provide additional plants for the raffle.

New Business:

Carol has received an invitation for the society to have a booth at the Home Show at the Fairgrounds the weekend of April 21 and 22. Carol and Daniel will not be here at that time. Janette will not be able to help and Carolyn may not be available. Carol said she would contact Kathie Ritter to see if she

would be willing to be in charge of the booth.

Carol is in the process of making up letters to send to vendors for our show which will be held at the Community Church the last weekend in October. She plans to send to the vendors who were with us last year. It was suggested she also send letters to Cal Orchids, Dean Hung and Dr. Wang. Carolyn suggested that we tell vendors that companion plants to orchids would be nice: succulents, bromeliads and carnivorous plants.

Next meeting will be will be April 23 at Carolyn's house.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted, Janette Ford



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Arrangements**
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