



SCOS

Orchid Pumpkiniii

November

No regular meeting this month.

SHOW AND SALE Nov. 1st & 2nd.



We NEED you! Many hands are needed for this event to be a success. Set up is on Halloween (Friday, Oct. 31) this year.

If you were inspired by last month's presentation on how orchids are judged at our show, here is an opportunity to actually participate. Brandon needs clerks to work the SHOW this year. If you need any of the forms to put your plants in the show or to sell plants, they are all in the October newsletter which can be found on our website.

Reminder: You must be a member to sell plants. If you have not paid your dues at the time of the event, you may still sell plants by paying for the full current membership year at that time you check in your plants. Our membership year is from January through December.

Please get the word out. We need everyone to know about our event. If you can distribute some posters the **Show and Sale Poster** is also on the website.

2015 Membership fees

Membership dues will be increasing this year. An individual membership will be \$20/year and a household membership \$25/year. The membership year starts in January so please send in your dues by the end of December 2014. A membership form is attached. You can mail in the form with your check to the address given on the form or provide at an upcoming meeting.

Upcoming meetings

December 5 meeting: Annual Holiday Party

Meeting Information

WHEN: First Friday of the month

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: Live Oak Grange Hall, 1900 17th Ave Santa Cruz, CA

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Meeting Highlights

Our October Program - by Linda Locatelli

The October SCOS program entitled "Special AOS Judging and Seminar" was very informative and interesting. The six judges and two student judges from the Pacific Central Judging Center set the stage for their presentation. They were seated at one table with their computers and score sheets. Scott Collins narrated the process as it proceeded. The computer programs they were using were: AQ Plus, an AOS database which was projected on the screen and Orchid Wiz which they used as another source of judging information. (Incidentally, the latter is a program which I own and use frequently for cultural information and I highly recommend it.) These were used to gather information about previous awards given to plants. This information includes photographs and detailed descriptions of previously awarded orchids such as flower count, flower size, descriptions of floral texture and substance, etc. Awards are given either to the plant or to the exhibitor for cultural quality.

The seminar began with the judges observing the plants that members brought to the meeting. Individually they picked out several plants they wished to possibly consider for judging. They were looking for among other things, the form, shape, texture and clarity of flower color as well as flower count. They also viewed the whole plant in terms of the flower presentation. Only one judge need request that a plant be judged. Judges then complete the score sheet looking at specific aspects of the flowers and plant, giving points. The points are totaled on the sheet and are then given to the judging chair who compares the totals. They must be within 6 points of each other. It was interesting to hear their observations and how they define some of the attributes. For instance, we always hear that flowers should be flat. (One reason they should be flat is that their floral parts are more easily viewed.) Once a plant is awarded, the student judges write up a detailed description of the plant and its flowers: number of flowers, number of inflorescences, size of flower and its parts, description of flower substance, texture, color, etc. I found it especially informative to hear the informal discussion among the judges including their subjective opinions about the plants. Finally, the awarded plants are also photographed according to rules set up by the American Orchid Society.

At the meeting three plants were awarded (see pictures below):

1. Masdevallia Memoria Augusto Silva 'Anouk', awarded AM with 81 points, exhibited by George Iannetta
2. Paphiopedilum lowii 'Victoria's Choice', awarded a HCC with 76 points, exhibited by Victoria Smith
3. Cycnoches barthiorum 'Santa Cruz', awarded an HCC with 76 points, exhibited by Linda Locatelli

AM=Award of Merit

HCC=Highly Commended Certificate

Awarded Plants



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awarded an AM with 81 points, exhibited
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Orchid Judging – pictures by Bruce Hill



The judging panel with Vicky Smith (left) and Frank Drake (foreground)



Coelogyne fimbriata
Linda Locatelli



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Linda Locatelli

Virus Test Kits Available

The Board has purchased Immunostrips (25 tests) that test for CymMV (Cymbidium Mosaic Virus) & ORSV (Ondontoglossum Ringspot Virus) commonly found on Cymbidiums and other orchids. These are very easy tests that anybody can do. If you are concerned that you may have a virused plant(s) and are interested in testing, the tests can be purchased from the Society for \$5 each. Cheri Wagner has the tests and will bring them to the meetings.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 1 -2: [SCOS Annual Show and Sale](#). Soquel High School. Sat. 9 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Nov. 1 -2: Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Fall Open House

Jan. 17 – 18, 2015: 59th Paphiopedilum Guild and First World Slipper Orchid Conference. Hilo, Hawaii.

March 13 – 15, 2015: Santa Barbara Internation Orchid Show at the Earl Warren Fair Grounds.

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New member _____ Renewal _____

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