



SCOS

...Cymb. goeringii

September 5th meeting:

The speaker for this month is Ken Jacobson. His talk will be on *Cymbidium goeringii*. He will cover its general characteristics, where it's found in nature, and a little bit about culture for this cymbidium species. Also, there will be images of special plants from several different countries to entice the attendees to give this special *Cymbidium* species a try. See Ken's bio below.

Opportunity Table will be provided by Ken Jacobson.

Dinner with the speaker: Dinner will be at Chinese Village on Capitola Rd., Capitola at 5:30. Please contact Vicky Smith by Thursday, October 30 if you plan to attend at 831-336-2688 or orchids@cruzio.com. Please put "Dinner with the Speaker" as the subject.

September Meeting Snacks: Linda Locatelli, Marnie Goodfriend, Patrick Jagger, Lois Robin.

Upcoming meetings

October 3rd meeting:

Special AOS Judging & Seminar. We'll get an insider peak on what goes on during the show judging at our show and sale. See more details on p. 2.

November meeting: No regular meeting. SHOW AND SALE Nov. 1st & 2nd.

Mark your calendars and plan to volunteer some time to help set up on Halloween (Oct. 31) or anytime during the weekend. We NEED you! Other volunteer opportunities will be brought up in upcoming meetings.

December 5 meeting: Annual Holiday Party

About our Speaker:



Cymb. goeringii

Ken was first introduced to orchids by his uncle in the 1960's and has been growing *Cymbidiums* himself for over 40 years. Over time, he has added plants from the *Odontoglossum* alliance and several other genera. Since his wife Amy joined in his orchid addiction, they now have *Cattleyas*, *Laelias*, *Lycastes*, *Encyclias*, *Vandas*, and *Masdevallias*. They even have a few *Disas*! Their collection now numbers over 2500 *Cymbidiums*, and about another 2500 of the other genera. Ken is a judge in the AOS and CSA judging programs. He has written many articles for the CSA Journal.

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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AOS judging Seminar - October 3 meeting - Carol Zoitowski

Have you ever gone to an orchid show and seen two lovely orchids side by side that look the same to your eye and wonder why one got an American Orchid Society award and one didn't? Did you ever go to an orchid meeting and see folks in another room peering intently at one orchid on the table, sometimes using a magnifying glass and talking about things like texture, substance, arrangement on an inflorescence, floriferousness, etc.? Wonder what an AM or an HCC is? I am willing to bet that those who are honest will admit to something like that with their first exposure to AOS judging. We have all been there, even me in the beginning. I remember doing exactly that at my first Pacific Orchid Exposition way back when. Now is your chance to 'demystify' the happenings in that room with the odd lingo and behaviors-learn about the good stuff of AOS judging and not too much about the bad or the ugly. The AOS judges and students of the Pacific Central Judging Region will be judging your plants during the October meeting. You will be able to ask questions of the judges as they do their evaluations. We will be projecting the database, AQPlus, which is consulted during the judging process and holds the history of past awards upon which a given plant is evaluated. The emphasis during this program will be judging as it happens and the questions that are asked as assessments are generated and balanced against prior awards for that particular orchid. We hope everyone will bring in plants for evaluation. Everyone that brings in a plant for judging will be considered.

2014 Board Members

We are still looking for someone to fill the other vacant Director slot on the Board. Come help shape the direction of the society and have a fun time with the other Board members at the monthly Board meeting.

SCOS Show and Sale

Membership and selling plants at this event: 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.

We need **volunteers** to house and potentially sell leftover plants from the sale. It's hard to know how many plants will be left over, but when we do have many plants leftover knowing ahead of time who can help house and/or sell them would help us get out of the school in a timely manner on Sunday. We always hope this will be a non-issue, because that means we've sold a lot of plants! Please let Craig, Vicky, Linda, or Cheri know if you are interesting in helping out with this.

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.

Silent Auction and Ice Cream Social

The newsletter editor was having such a grand time at the event, she totally forgot to take any pictures! Fortunately Vicky snapped a few. Thanks Vicky for supplying these. I suspect quite a few of our attendees had a great time too. There were lots of very nice orchids being auctioned off. I saw a few bidding wars going on, but all in good fun. Most everyone left with a smile, a few new orchids and a sugar high! Can't beat the combination of orchids and ice cream.



Bifrenaria ??
Patrick Jagger



Encyclia mariae
Linda Locatelli



Promeneia stapeloides
Linda Locatelli



Ascochilopsis myosurus
Vicky Smith

Upcoming Events

September 3 – 18: The 16-day Orchids of Auyán Tepui and Angel Falls Expedition. At 3200 ft. (979 m) tall, Angel Falls is the tallest waterfall in the world, plunging over the sides of a massive plateau called Auyán Tepui that is home to a unique world of orchids. This 16-day expedition takes you on an intrepid canoe trip to the base of Angel Falls, and to the summit of Auyán Tepui to explore the wealth of orchids that Auyán Tepui harbors. To view the full itinerary, and for more information, please visit <http://www.redfernnaturalhistory.com/expeditions/orchids-ayuan-tepui-angel-falls-expedition/>

September 21- October 2: The 12-day Orchids of Mount Roraima Expedition. Mount Roraima is South America's lost world. Towering over the surrounding savannahs and rainforest like an immense fortress above the clouds, Roraima's summit has been isolated for millions of years, and in reality, the mountain truly is home to one of the most striking assemblages of unique animals and plants found anywhere on earth, including one of South America's greatest concentrations of orchids. During the ascent, we pass some of the most spectacular scenery in all of South America to observe orchids of the lowland tropical savannahs, orchids of mossy cloud forest, and orchids of the "lost world" summit of Roraima. To view the full itinerary, and for more information, please visit <http://www.redfernnaturalhistory.com/expeditions/orchids-mount-roraima-expedition/>

Oct. 4: California Orchids Fall Sale: Saturday, 9a.m. – 4 p.m. See attached flyer

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.

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

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