



Laelia rupestris  
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portraits/rupestris.jpg](http://www.orchidworks.com/brazil/portraits/rupestris.jpg)

## The INFLORESCENCE

"Orchids for Amateurs"  
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**Our January 17, 2014  
Guest Speaker is  
Dr. Kay Klausing  
“Rupicolous Laelias  
Water & Fertilizer”**

Our January speaker is Dr. Kay Klausing from San Diego. He is a molecular biologist with a PhD in Molecular Genetics from the University of Konstanz. He presently works in the biotech firm Illumina in San Diego. He has been growing orchids for over thirty years with the emphasis on the Cattleya alliance. He is a prominent member of the San Diego Orchid society and I have admired his beautiful Cattleyas on numerous occasions. He probably grows Rupicolous Laelias better than anyone I know.

Culture session: Introduction into Rupicolous Laelias, an introduction into the geography, habitat, classification, and culture of the Rupicolous Laelias. The main talk will concentrate on water and fertilizer. He will talk about the importance of pure water and proper fertilization in orchid culture. He will show ways to make pure water and discuss the system choices. He will discuss the literature on the need of fertilizer for optimal orchid culture and will give some advice.

The plant table will consist of Kawamoto cattleyas and plants from Andy's Orchids. We will meet with him for 'dinner with the speaker' at 5:30 PM at Mimi's cafe.

Nick



Phal. Long Shin 'Torch'  
Grown by Cal Orchids



Epc. Siam Jade 'Avo'  
AM/CST  
Grown by Don Goss

## January President's Message

Thanks go out to everyone who attended the December potluck and brought the great food. A special thanks goes out to June and Joann for making the beautiful table decorations. I believe everyone enjoyed the evening.

As you know, the Spring Show at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center will be a little early this year, February 15 - 16, 2014. We have received positive responses from those who have attended in the past. Coordination of the event, as usual, will be in the capable hands of Marla Corey, but volunteers are needed for various duties (no heavy lifting involved). If you could arrange to help for two or more hours Saturday and/or Sunday, it would be much appreciated. Also, signing up to bring food would be great and much appreciated. Volunteers to work Saturday or Sunday should contact either Kayo Libiano or Charlie Brown, who will be coordinating the volunteers. Volunteers to help with Friday set up should contact Ron Henry or Larry Bergen. Empty cardboard boxes are always welcome and needed for the plant hotel.

It is time to start preparing your plants for the show. Gently stake up cymbidium flower spikes and treat your plants to remove any pests. This is also a good time to start cleaning your plants and remove all dead leaves and sheaths.

Some time ago I was in the check-out line at Trader Joe's in Westchester and the lady in front of me had some flowers. I commented that they were very nice and she said she had been trying to grow orchids but had some difficulty (just the opening I needed). I told her she would be welcome to come to our meeting. I don't know that she attended, Westchester being some distance to drive. But if we see opportunities to spread the word about our society, it will help us grow. Also, if you have any suggestions as to what we could do at the meetings that would be of interest, please let me know and I'll pass them along to the Board.

Happy New Year to everyone!

Joe Woods, January's Acting President

Special thanks to Charlotte Morrison for creating the membership directory, and to Arthur Hazboun for proofreading it.



**Annual Spring Orchid Show and Sale**  
**“The Art of Orchids”**  
**February 15 & 16, 2014**

**Torrance Cultural Arts Center**  
**3330 Civic Center Drive Torrance CA 90503**

Our spring show is coming soon and planning is well underway. Vendors are signing up and publicity is getting out, but to make this show a success your society needs your help. We have members who have volunteered to be committee chairs and they need you to sign up to help.

**Set-up:** Takes place on Friday afternoon beginning at 1:00pm. This involves setting up and arranging tables as well as the draping of the display tables. We will also need people to help bring things from storage on Friday morning. Call Ron Henry at (310) 374-9699 or Larry Bergen at (310)326-5405.

**Host and Hostess:** People are needed throughout the show hours to talk to our guests and answer questions they may have. This position is also important for security. You need to makes sure no one touches the plants or walks off with one. (Plant theft is a serious problem at some shows.) This position also includes the plant hotel table and the ticket sales area. Call Kayo Libiano at (310) 897-8085 to volunteer on Saturday and Charlie Brown at (310) 377-7083 to volunteer on Sunday.

**Food:** Lots of food is needed to feed our hungry volunteers and vendors throughout the show. We have been short on food the last few shows so please bring a casserole, salad, fried chicken etc. when you come to work your shift. If you are bringing food on Sunday, it needs to be there by 11:30 am. Call Joann Green at (310) 830-1585.

**Publicity:** Karen Low is in charge of publicity. Everyone can help by putting up posters and passing out flyers in their neighborhoods. Flyers and posters will be available at the January meeting.

**Plant Registration:** Registration will take place on Friday in the showroom beginning at 4:00pm and ending at 9:00pm. I hope everyone will bring in their blooming plants for judging. I have noticed that some of the best plants have been in the novice category so don't be shy about putting your plants in the show for ribbon judging. All we ask is they have been in your possession for a minimum of three months and be free of pests and disease. We will have AOS and CSA judging for those of you with exceptional plants in bloom. The classification list is available on our website with the registration slips.

<http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com>Show/index.html>

Signup sheets will be available at the January meeting or you can call the show chair directly. Volunteering a few hours of your time is a great way to get to know your fellow society members and we always have a good time. Call me if you have any questions about the show or the volunteer positions.

**Marla Corey, Show Chair**

**(310) 833-1918**



## THE INHERENT EVILNESS OF AN EMPTY BENCH by Nick Braemer

Last Sunday at the species meeting I listened to Norito Hasegawa talk about Cymbidiums. Wait a minute, he actually talked about Paphiopedilums, what a surprise. His talk focused on the Parvisepalum subgenus of Paphs. An interesting group mostly from Viet Nam and the immediate surrounding areas. There are not that many of them, twenty to thirty species and their hybrids. They are small plants with large flowers and inflated pouches and one does not see too many of them around. They are a little similar to Cypripediums, but a completely different group. Prime examples are Paph. armeniacum, see <http://www.orchidspecies.com/papharmeniacum.htm> or Paph. micranthum, see <http://www.orchidspecies.com/paphmicranthum.htm>.

These guys like it cool and moist and often grow in limestone mix. I can deal with that. I have never gotten into Paphs. resisting the urge to buy Rothschildianum etc. and have concentrated on Cypripediums for the last two to three years. On the way home from the meeting, I kept turning over the thought of getting into these. Since I have too many orchids and need to cut back rather than get more, the thought did not go much further.

I got home and went into my recently rearranged and reorganized cool greenhouse where to my sheer horror I noticed an empty bench. An empty bench is a monstrosity, which cries for relief. It should not be allowed in an orchid collection. As long as there is a pulse and there is enough money for food and rent, which can be diverted to better use, the empty bench must be filled. But these plants are rare, Andy sells none of them, SBOE lists one, Cal Orchids lists none. I probably won't be able to get too many of them. Oops, Piping Rock Orchids lists close to \$300 worth of Parvisepalum species and \$900 worth of Parvi hybrids. And then there are the lists from Orchid Limited, Mount Prospect Orchids, Woodcreek Orchids, and Paphiness Orchids. Holger Perner is coming to San Francisco this spring with a load of them along with who ever else shows up in San Francisco to the biggest Orchid Show in the nation. Help, there is no escape! Somebody please save me, anybody ---- anybody.

In addition to these growers, there is the internet. Within hours I bookmarked half a dozen places where one can get them. EBay lists about 300 Paphs, and quite a few belong to this subgroup. Find one, click on 'Vendor's other items' and the world opens up. At this point I have a choice, pay the mortgage or get these new plants. I think the mortgage will have to wait (it's Xmas, the bank will understand), that empty bench is crying out for relief. Under normal circumstances I would not do this, but it is Christmas after all and I need to gift myself. My kids will probably give me shirts or a nice sweater (which I will never use), so it's up to me to come up with something meaningful and useful. Dog food can wait till next month, but make room for the Parvisepalums. If that empty bench gets filled, I'll have to enlarge the greenhouse because now it's full, another unacceptable horror which needs to be addressed and dealt with.



P.S. By the way, I'm not addicted to orchids,  
I can stop anytime, I just choose not to.

Paph. armeniacum  
Photo courtesy of website listed above



Paph. micranthum  
Photo courtesy of website listed above.

## *Orange County Orchid Society*

### **ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION**

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

CYMBIDIUMS - CATTLEYAS  
PHALAENOPSIS  
PAPHIOPEDILUMS  
DENDROBIUMS - ONCIDIUMS  
SPECIES  
AND MANY OTHER GENERA  
ORCHID SUPPLIES

GOOD VALUES  
AND LOTS OF FUN  
REFRESHMENTS

Yorba Linda Public Library  
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18181 Imperial Highway  
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**Wednesday  
January 15, 2014**

**6:30 P.M.  
Preview**

**7:00 P.M.  
Auction Begins**



Several of you asked for the recipe :

#### **Cranberry Salsa**

12 oz. package of fresh cranberries  
Cilantro chopped  
Fresh lime juice to taste  
1/4 -1/2 onion chopped  
1 large jalapeno chopped  
2/3 cup of sugar

I chop the cranberries in my blender in batches then mix the other ingredients by hand. I wear gloves when I chop the jalapenos.

Enjoy

Charlotte

A special thank you to Alex Maximiano and Maryanne Hynson from Orchidwiz, LLC. For donating a copy of OrchidWiz Express 2013 Software to the society for our Holiday Potluck auction. For purchasing your own copy of the full version of OrchidWiz Encyclopedia V 10.2 or the OrchidWiz Express version please visit: <http://www.orchidwiz.com>

They are offering a downloadable 30-day Free Trial of OrchidWiz Express.

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Congratulations to Charles Brown,  
winner of the OrchidWiz Auction.

**NEWSLETTER EMAIL UPDATE** - This memo applies only to members who subscribe to our email list for receiving communication from the society. If you receive the printed newsletter - this will not have any effect on you. As of January 1, 2014 we will be utilizing a newer updated email list program to get your monthly newsletter, announcements, show information, etc... If you haven't received this month's email announcement about the meeting or the newsletter please advise our webmaster via email at [specialorchids@southbayorchidsociety.com](mailto:specialorchids@southbayorchidsociety.com). There possibly could be a few hiccups along the way until we get everything up and running, please bear with us, and thanks for your understanding. Our apologies for the inconvenience.



## PARTY PICS



## Orchid Calendar

**Our future membership meetings are held at the South Coast Botanic Garden**

- **January 17 (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday)**
- **February 21 (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday)**
- **March 21 (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday)**
- **Cultural sessions start 7PM**
- **General meetings start 8PM at South Coast Botanic Garden**

**The next board meeting will be January 21**

Call 310-641-0730 for more information

### South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation

- Jan. 4 Rose Society Pruning Demo 12PM
- Jan. 18 Lecture – The History of Palos Verdes & the So. Coast Botanic Garden 2PM
- Jan. 19 So. Coast Fuchsia Society Pruning & Propagation Demo 2PM
- Jan. 26 Fruit Tree Pruning Demo 1 PM
- Tram tour offered each Saturday 1 PM

Please support our host, the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation for any of these educational and fun filled events. For more information and verification of hours and events, visit their website

<http://www.southcoastbotanicgarden.org>

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## Welcome to Our New Members

To our new members: When you come to the next meeting, stop by the membership desk to pick up your name badge and a new member package. We will include ten free plant table raffle tickets as our “thank you” for joining SBOS.

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## Our Next Meeting is January 17th, 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday

Orchid Sale at Yamada Company  
Featuring Hatfield Orchids  
706 W. Gardena Blvd. in Gardena  
(10:00 a.m. to 1:00p.m.)  
Sale Dates  
Jan. 11, 2014 April 5, 2014  
Feb. 1, 2014 May 17, 2014  
March 8, 2014 June 14, 2014

**March 21 – 23, 2014**  
**San Diego County Orchid Society**  
**A Symphony of Orchids**  
Scottish Rite Center  
18995 Camino Del Rio South  
San Diego  
Info: <http://www.sdorchids.com>

**February 7, 8, & 9 2014**  
**Newport Harbor**  
**Orchid Expo 2014**  
Westminster Mall  
Info: <http://www.nhosinfo.org>

