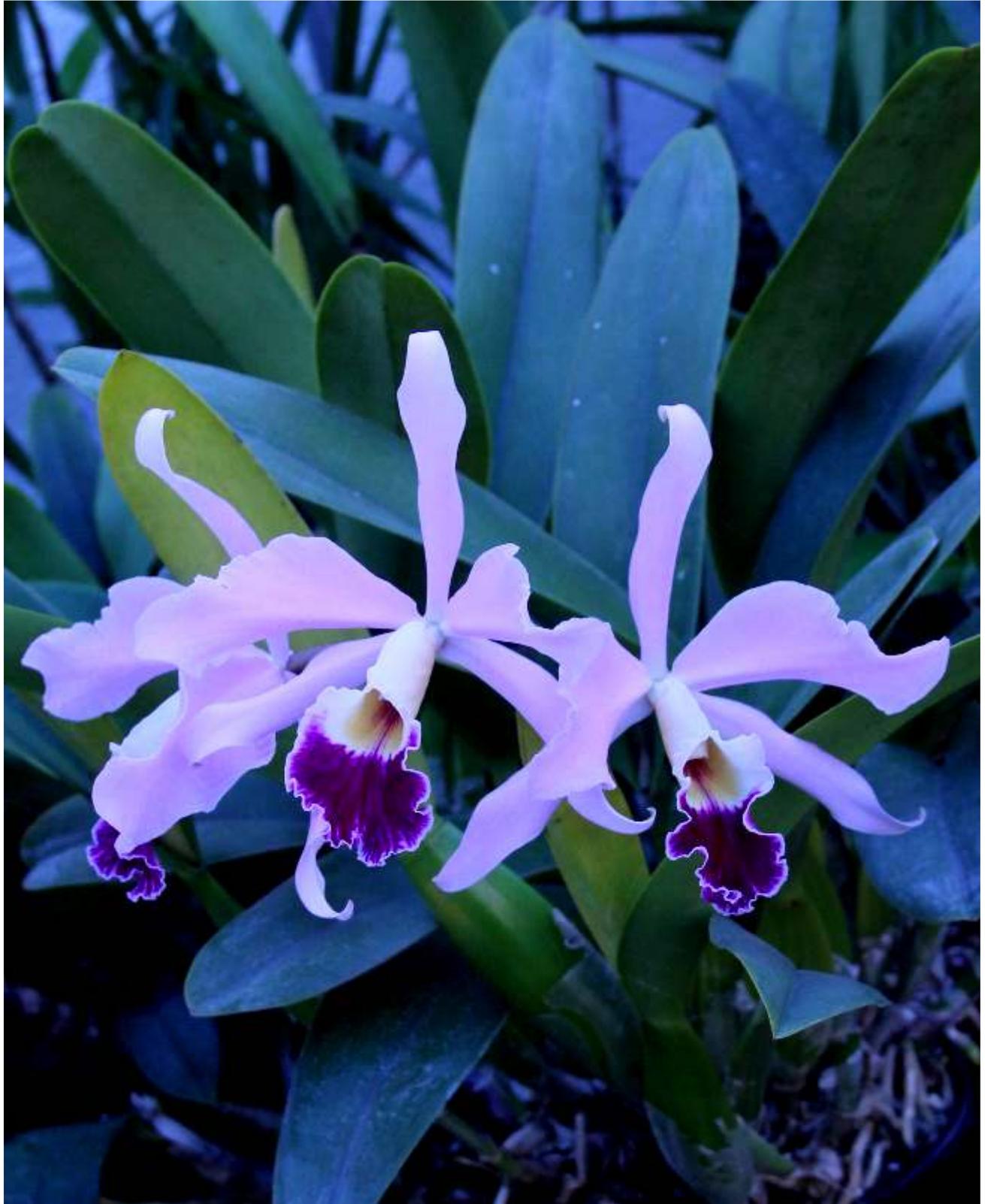


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Orange County Orchid Society, Inc.

RANGER

February 2015

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Speaker: Fred Clarke

Topic: Aussie Native Dendrobiums and Their Cultivation

Our friends down under have been breeding their native Dendrobiums and creating some fantastic flowers and the word is out! Aussie Dens are easy to grow, tolerant of heat and cold, have fragrant flowers, and re-bloom from the old bulbs!!! They grow well with Cattleyas, in frost free areas, and they are perfect plants for the shade house. In conclusion, we cover the 'best practices' for growing these remarkable plants.

over 25 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, *Fred* applies these skills at his orchid nursery; Sunset Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, California.

He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing Cattleya hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new Aussie Dendrobium and Paphiopedilum hybrids.



Den. Australian Goldrush 'Sydenham' FCC-AOC

Fred Clarke has been growing orchids for 33 years and has been hybridizing for 25 of those years. With



Dendrobium Avrils Gold 'Don Brown'

His pioneering work in *Catasetum* intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, *Fredclarkeara After Dark*, which produced "the **blackest** flower ever witnessed". This grex has received eight FCC's, eight AM's and the coveted 'Award of Distinction' on the first flowers shown for judging!

Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society.

Dinner with the Speaker

Anyone interested in attending the pre-meeting dinner with *Fred Clarke* and *Rosa Laursen* please call *Rosa* at 714.528.7003 for more details.

Meeting Date

February 18, 2015

(3rd Wednesday each month)

Yorba Linda Public Library

Community Room (Lower Level)

18181 Imperial Highway

Yorba Linda CA 92886

Set-Up 6:00 PM
Plant Judging Set-Up 6:30 PM
Plant Judging 7:00 PM
Guest Speaker 7:30 PM
Opportunity Table 9:00 PM

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President's Message

Nohline L'Ecuyer



Darrell Lovell, Richard Hess, Nohline L'Ecuyer (l-r)

We owe a sincere thank you to all the Board members who pulled together like a well-oiled machine and produced a fantastic auction under the guiding hand of *Edie Gulrich*. A huge thank you must go out to all our sponsors and donors who gave so generously to our fund raiser. It is now up to us to support these vendors at any opportunity we get. They are as important to our survival as we are to theirs. To all the buyers and to all the visitors who attended the auction, a huge thanks to you, as well. We love your support!

Some plants were left behind or were simply not yet ready for the auction and most of these will be on the Beginners' Table this month. For those not familiar with the Beginners' Table, plants are brought in and donated by members and sold at absolute bargain prices together with a ton a free growing information. Some additional plants will be on the Member Plants Sales Table under silent auction. All of the funds raised on these two tables go to bolster the Society's coffers and are used for the benefit of our members.

If in your orchid clean up, you find a plant you no longer love or have too many of from divisions, you can always sell these on the Member Plants Sales Table. The Society gets to keep 25% of the price of the plant whether a set price sale or silent auction bid. It is however, the responsibility of the seller to fill out paperwork to give to *Darrell Lovell*, who is in charge of plant sales. Also, please remember that plants cannot be held or removed from the table prior to payment. This will be strictly

enforced. It gets a little chaotic if everyone rushes *Darrell* all at the same time and we would appreciate a line or moving through the table from left to right. Please note that we prefer CASH and the table will close at 9:00 p.m. Your co-operation would be appreciated.

We have an exciting line up of speakers coming up. *Fred Clark* of Sunset Valley Orchids is coming to speak to us this month on Australian Dendrobiums and will be supplying the opportunity table as well. This should be fun as these Dendrobiums are preparing to bloom. In March we have Australian speaker *James Cootes* who will speak on Orchids of the Philippines. Both of them are new and exciting programs; make sure you don't miss them.

In Southern California, one could almost stick your neck out and say that spring is here. I notice a lot of new root growth on several of my plants and spikes are coming up everywhere. Now is the time to start planning and plotting whether to repot or mount your orchid collection. Remember that we have our Mounting/Repotting Workshop coming up in April.

So, happy spring growing to you all!



Tim Roby beginning to pull plants

Opportunity Knocking

Edie Gulrich

Well, if the opportunities at the auction were not enough for you, then you'll need to be at the February meeting, because.....*Fred Clarke* will be our speaker and those of us who know *Fred* know the quality and variety of his plants.

Bring a friend, bring snacks, bring money for tickets and bring an open mind to learn more about orchids.

See you there.

Visitors

Candy Jester

NORI ARAKAWA

SHARON BARTY

GREG DILORINZO

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KAY NAKAWAKI

GRACE NIWA

LOC PHAM

We Hope you enjoyed our Annual Orchid Auction!

New Members

Candy Jester

JOHN R. COX

ALEX RAMIREZ

Welcome to OCOS! We hope to see you often.

Orchid 411

Brenda Ward

wardbrendar@hotmail.com

Now what to do?

You just brought home your winnings from the auction. Now, you have to decide what to do with them.

First you have to determine if they need to be repotted or not. Those bursting out of the pot, but are in bloom should probably wait until the blooms are gone.

If the ones you have are not in bloom, find out their growing condition and try to match it. Put all the orchids with similar growing conditions together.

If they need to be repotted, have a party. Invite some friends and repot together.

If you need more assistance, ask the members at the meeting or email me.

Happy growing.

**Donors of the
January 2015 Auction**

We had both commercial and member donors again this year. It is most difficult to express in words, how much this means to OCOS as a Society. Without these wonderful donations, we would not have the funds to function properly, have fun meetings and speakers, and house our meetings in the Yorba Linda Library throughout the year.

Thank You One and All.

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Thank You!

AOS Corner

Laura Newton

Membership, Affiliated Societies Chair
The webinar this month is on February 25th at 8:30 PM EST.

Harry Gallis, accredited AOS Judge and Board of Trustees Vice President will present, Demystifying AOS Judging: What are those Judges Looking For?

Harry knows lots about judging, getting plants awarded, and will help us all understand what the judges want and how we might get one of those awards.

Editorial Note: You must be a member of AOS in order to enjoy the webinars.



Dendrobium 'Sena Red'

Article and Photos by Dan Warren

This is a small mount, being only 12" tall to the top of the flower. When not in bloom, it is only 9" tall, but it is a real standout with its single, large, dark red flower and its two-part base especially designed to show the flower to its best advantage.

The orchid is a keiki I mounted just to see if it would take. It did, and gradually evolved to what you see here.

The Keiki was mounted on cork with fishing line and became well established there. I then removed the fishing line and cut off the bottom of

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(*Dendrobium 'Sena Red'* Continued from Page 3)

the cork at a slant to hold the orchid vertically, and added the 2x3 1/2" x 3/4" thick scrap of plastic decking to the cork to give it a horizontal base. The plastic decking is very dense and heavy, and makes an excellent counterweight to resist tipping.



Then I added the 16 gage galvanized wire as a hook, making this mount a two-way mount: it can either hang or sit, as required. It can hang during the year freeing up bench space and making it easier to water. When it blooms, it can sit anywhere in the house you like without leaving wet rings.

The orchid will eventually outgrow this small mount, but it will be very easy to increase the size of the mount as needed. All it will take is to remove the plastic base and attach the cork to a larger piece of cork.

In the meantime, this is a nice proof of concept to an intimate and attractive two-way mount for especially small or small to medium orchids.



Ant Control That Works

Photo and Article by Dan Warren

When my very level-headed sister recommended a new ant bait that kills the queen ant, I tried it, and found out that she was really on to something.

Before I used it, you could not open my trash can without getting ants on your hand, and ants invaded my kitchen sink once a week or so. The inside spray I was using, made from orange peel oil, killed the ants without making my allergies worse, but it had to be renewed every few days. It was great on my sinuses, but not long lasting enough. And the outside sprays wore off before long and had to be renewed again. With both sprays, ants would immediately find new ways to get into the house once one route was blocked.

The brand I bought was Amdro, a 10% solution of Hydromethylnylon. Four small plastic boxes, each the size of our badges, and about 1/2" thick, came in a package, I put one box against the wall by my trash can and three along the outside wall of my house on the kitchen side and I noticed there were fewer ants every day. After a few more days, there were no ants, and there have been none for 6 to 8 weeks. Now just a few are starting to appear. This is consistent with the queen having been killed.

This ant bait was priced just under \$6, so it is very affordable, and I am convinced it does just what it says it does. I will be using it from now on, and will also bait around my orchids.

If you can't find "Amdro" there are several other brands out there that have the same active ingredient. Hopefully one would expect them to do the job in much the same way.





George and Terry Moore

**George Moore
(10/15/1929 - 1/8/2015)**

Marilyn Hettick
Past President
2000 - 2002

The Orange County Orchid Society was saddened to learn of the passing of long-time member *George Moore* on January 8. *George* had very generously bequeathed his entire orchid collection to OCOS. Several of his orchids brought revenue at the recent OCOS Auction and many more will be sold at future meetings and events.

The *Moore's* had a rich and fulfilling life and influenced numerous others. *George* and *Terry Moore* were married for 57 years before her passing two months ago. They had one son, daughter-in-law and a granddaughter.

George graduated from Notre Dame, did his graduate work in Petroleum Geology at the University of Indiana and had a long and productive 38 year career with Chevron Oil. Terry was an accomplished writer and they both showed dogs and were active members of the Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club, as well as enjoying widespread travels.

George joined OCOS on April 19, 2000, and had regularly attended meetings until his health declined in recent months. Many of the members will recall the repotting workshop *George* co-chaired at Craig Regional Park, as well as the cymbidium plants and back bulbs that he routinely provided to the Beginners'

and Gardeners' Table. *George* grew all of his orchids outdoors in Placentia and primarily concentrated on cymbidiums

Brenda Ward recalled that *George* was a quiet and gentle man that made a point of chatting with her before each meeting to let her know how his orchids were doing, as well as inquiring about hers. *Tim Roby* said that *George* was always an optimistic and upbeat person.

Candy and *Walt Jester* became OCOS members at almost the same time as *George* and perhaps that is why they were drawn to him. They felt that he was a warm and charming gentleman and shared their love of cymbidiums. They came to look forward to seeing *George* and talking to him about growing the older hybrids and he was always very positive and encouraging about their orchid efforts and early successes. *Candy* and *Walt* felt that he had a lot more orchid experience than they did, however he was always very modest about his knowledge.

Vergil Hettick recalls spending a pleasant Saturday afternoon helping to repot *George's* whiskey barrel-sized cymbidium. While it was too large for the club to move, *Vergil* was pleased to see that this enormous orchid was still in *George's* collection at the time of his passing. *Marilyn* loved to see *George* at meetings to discuss a wide variety of topics ranging from orchids to showing dogs to drilling for oil to his Hawaii vacations and Greek food. Indeed, he was a gentleman of many interests and keen intellect. We will miss him.



One of *George's* Cymbidiums just beginning to bloom



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MEETING (circled in February) *MEETING* (circled in March)

Meeting Date – Wednesday, February 18th

Suggestions & Contributions are greatly appreciated. Deadline is the 25th of each month.

Upcoming Events Calendar

- February 17, 7 PM Newport Harbor Orchid Society Annual Auction – Costa Mesa Neighborhood Comm. Center, 1845 Park Ave.
- February 18th
Meeting 7:30 PM **Orange County Orchid Society - Monthly Meeting**
Speaker: Fred Clarke Subject: Australian Dendrobiums
Plant table will be by the Speaker and he may have plants for sale
- February 20 – 22 Pacific Orchid Expo – Fort Mason Center Festival Pavilion, San Francisco - Info: www.orchidsanfrancisco.org or 650.548.6700
- February 21 – 22 South Bay Orchid Society Show and Sale – SHOW CANCELLED
- March 7, 9AM – 3 PM Mariposa Garden Spring Festival – 6664 South Street, Lakewood - Info: www.mariposagarden.com or Ron Hill 562.920.5588
- March 9
6:00 PM Preview Long Beach Amateur Orchid Society Annual Orchid Auction – 6201 E. Willow St., Long Beach
6:30 PM Gavel (between Palo Verde Avenue and Woodruff Avenue)
Info: www.lbaos.com, info@lbaos.com, Gary Putnam 562.972.0450, or Irma Hughes 714.897.2892
- March 9 – 15 (9AM-4PM) Hatfield Orchids – Open House – 3793 Dufau Road, Oxnard - Info: www.hatfieldorchids.com or 805.901.0340
- March 9 – 15 (8AM-5PM) Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Open House, 1250 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara - Info: www.sborchid.com or 805.967.1284
- March 13 – 15, 2015
9 AM - 5 PM 70th Santa Barbara International Orchid Show - 'Orchids in focus'
Earl Warren Showgrounds, 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA
Admission: \$12; seniors/students w/ID \$10; Children 12 & under free/paid adult
Information: www.sborchidshow.com, 805.403.1533 or sborchidshow@gmail.com
The Annual Cymbidium Society of America Cymbidium Congress will be held concurrently.
- March 13 – 15 (9AM-4PM) Cal-Orchid, Inc. - Open House – 1251 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara - Info: www.calorchid.com or 805.967.1312
- March 18th
Meeting 7:30 PM **Orange County Orchid Society – Monthly Meeting**
Speaker: James Cootes (Australia) Subject: The Orchids of the Philippines
- March 21
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Hatfield Orchids will be bringing plants to sell at Yamada Company, 706 West Gardena Boulevard, Gardena 90247
Hands on potting demonstration at 11:00 am, and virus testing available for \$5.00, per test
- March 27 – 29
Fri. 3 PM – 7 PM San Diego Orchid Show – 'Around the World with Orchids'
Sat. 9 AM – 6 PM Scottish Rite Temple, 18958 Camino del Rio South, San Diego
Sun. 10 AM – 4 PM Info: www.sdorchids.com or 760.529.2947
- March 27 – 29
9 AM – 5 PM Andy's Orchids Annual Spring Open House, 734 Ocean View Avenue, Encinitas 92024
Info: <http://www.andysorchids.com>
- March 28 – 29
Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-5 Central Coast Orchid Show and Sale – South County Regional Center, 800 W. Branch St., Arroyo Grande
Info: www.fcoc.org or 805.343.2445



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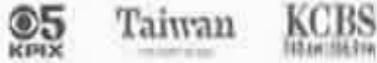


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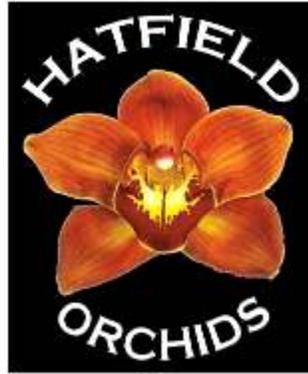
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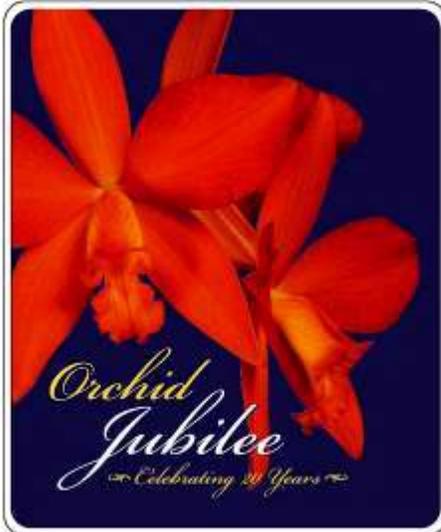
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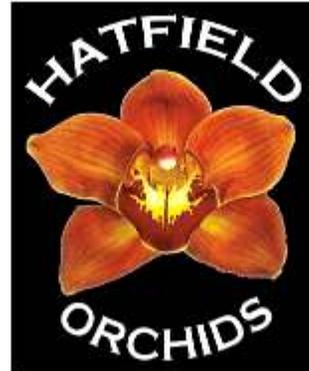
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Orange County Orchid Society

Orchid Mounting & Potting Workshop

April 15, 2015

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Orchid Workshop – 7:30 p.m.**

**Orchids for sale.
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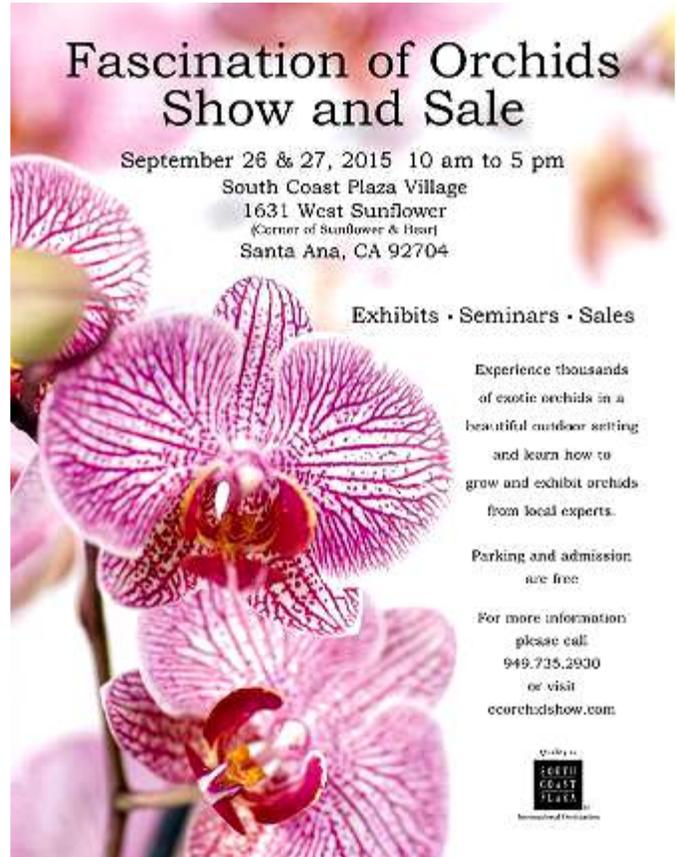
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