



July 2010 Newsletter

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Our Next Meeting (Eric Holenda)

Our July meeting will be a rare opportunity to hear a world-renowned orchid authority, Rudolf Jenny, PhD. Arranged by the San Francisco Orchid Society and Santa Barbara Orchid Estate, plus Southern California and Carmel Orchid Societies, we were all able to pitch in and pay his airfare from Switzerland. We often get to hear our top-notch orchid people from California, but seldom are we exposed to a European viewpoint. This is another one of those not-to-be-missed meetings.

Rudolf Jenny, Ph.D., has been working with orchids for more than 35 years and has a large collection of tropical orchid plants. Over many years, he has traveled in Central and South America in connection with his studies in pollination ecology and taxonomy. He has published about 400 articles in many of the world's leading orchid journals, including revisions of the genera Gongora, Stanhopea and Sievekingia. He is the owner of one of the most complete orchid libraries in private hands and maintains BibliOrchidea, the world's largest database for orchid literature with more than 160,000 entries, covering about 90 percent of the existing literature. It is accessible for free on the Internet at <http://orchid.unibas.ch/bibliorchidea/index.php>. He is research associate at the Jany Renz Herbarium, University of Basel, Switzerland, a member of about 40 orchid societies and honorary member of the European Orchid Council. In addition to orchids, cave-climbing has been a hobby for many years.

We will also most likely have dinner with Rudolf before the meeting, 5:15 Quarterdeck Restaurant, but this has not been confirmed as yet. Call Eric (929-5749) Wednesday to confirm.

The deadline for Show theme suggestions has been extended to July 31. Send them to my email, cbh@charter.net or write themes on paper with your name and give them to me at the July meeting. Remember the winner gets a \$50 gift certificate for orchid purchases at SLO Orchids.

April Meeting Summary (Chris Ehrler)

Our annual BBQ and silent auction was a big success. Everyone enjoyed the food. Thanks to everyone who brought plants and who bought plants, we made \$378.50 on the silent auction. The theme for next year's show will be announced at the August meeting.

President's Message (Danny Stocks)

Yesterday I hit one of life's milestones. I turned fifty. The world has really changed in the past half century. It has gotten much

smaller. Right now I am half way around the world in Indonesia. Even though the world has gotten smaller, to get to some places is still hard. It took me several days, five planes and a boat to get to this island. It doesn't even have a name. It is too small. I hiked all over it in an afternoon looking for orchids. I found a Dendrobium in bloom and couple of others not in bloom that I do not know their names. The funny thing is, even though the island is so small and remote, I can still send an email home and it will get there in a matter of minutes.

Think about the first explorers from Europe gathering orchids and keeping them alive for probably longer than a year on a boat with nothing. It is amazing any made it back. But many did and some are still alive to this day. How lucky we are to have thousands of orchid species at our fingertips.

I spent a couple of days in Singapore before coming here. There is a National Orchid Garden that took most of a day to walk through. The next day I went to a couple of commercial orchid nurseries. Most of the orchids grown in Singapore are Vanda and Dendrobium varieties. The heat and humidity are great for them. My next destination will be Tokyo. I tried to find some orchid growers to visit before I left home and was not able to find any. I did get some information about some Cymbidium growers but there will not be in bloom so I probably will not stop by.

One of the things I really enjoy about growing orchids is that where ever I go, I meet some one else growing orchids and I have a new friend because of our common interests. It is truly an international hobby. It makes the world a little smaller. Well it is time for this fifty year old to go surfing. See everyone at the next meeting. It is going to be a good one.

Upcoming Events

July 9th – 11th Annual Santa Barbara Orchid Estate International Orchid Fair

Earl Warren Showground's, 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA. (Highway 101 at Las Positas Road). For more information, visit the website: <http://orchidfair.com/>, email to sboe@sborchid.com or call 1-800-553-3387.

More than thirty vendors from around the world, selling orchids, sharing their orchid expertise and telling tall tales about the orchid world. Guest author Rudolf Jenny chatting with visitors and selling his new *Stanhopea* book. Public AOS judging on Friday. Enjoy the sights and smells of the summer blooming orchids offered by Fair vendors. Potting and mounting demonstrations by the staff of Santa Barbara Orchid Estate. Held

outdoors under shadecloth and canopies on the central lawn of Earl Warren Showgrounds at Highway 101 and Las Positas Roads. Admission is free, parking is \$5.

priced orchid plants at the silent auction. Lots of fun. For questions call Susan Fishman at 995-0006.

July 10th— Cabrillo annual potluck and silent auction fundraiser.

12:30 at the Fishman's ranch, 1860 Cottontail Creek Rd., Cayucos. They provide the tri-tip & chicken, you bring a potluck dish, plate, silverware and drink. Picnic in the orchard. There will be well

Orchid Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Comments
Jul 8, 2010	FCOS monthly meeting	Arroyo Grande Women's Club	07:30:00 PM
Jul 10, 2010	Cabrillo potluck & silent auction	Fishman Ranch	12:30. More information above.
Jul 9 – 11, 2010	Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Show	Earl Warren Showgrounds Santa Barbara Fair Grounds	For more info: www.orchidfair.com (800) 553-3387
Sep 25, 2010	Central Valley Orchid Society Orchid Expo & Sale	Lompoc Public Library the Grossman Gallery	10–4 PM Admission free. For info: 805-736-3020 or Eileen Whitty 733-2073