Sergio Garcia has been bringing the latest in Brazilian orchids to the greater Bay Area for the last 4-5 years. Of these the most highly prized Brazilian species is Laelia purpurata, the Queen of the Orchids. Brazilians have long kept their unique color forms held close to their chests, much like poker players at a high stakes card table. Sergio’s family connections allow him to bring a few improved colors and forms into the USA. What he can’t get the Brazilians to part with he has pictures of. So please come to learn about what makes these orchids one of the finest orchids available and how to grow them. I have dibs on any albas he may bring.

Plant table will be provided by Olompali Orchids. Presales via the web
Our Annual BBQ at the home of Mary Lou and Bob Van Galder
Best Costume was won by Liz Charlton in her Black Vanda Pirate costume
Ken plants all of his Masdevallias and Draculas in Sphagnum moss. The plants love this media. 80% of his Masdevallia collection is planted in 3 inch clay pots with two styrofoam peanuts in the bottom and the rest sphagnum moss. The sphagnum moss will require repotting every year to keep the media fresh.

Masdevallias and Draculas are not heavy feeders. Ken uses 1 tsp. Dynagrow growth formula mixed with 1 tsp. Maxima for the micronutrients along with 2 drops of Super Thrive diluted in 2 gallons of water. Once a week he will foliar feed his orchids (sprays the fertilizer on the leaves only). If it is very hot or very cold, Ken suspends the feeding for another week.

Ken then listed some suppliers of Masdevallias and Draculas that he has used.

For plants: Hawk Hill in Pacifica, Columbia Co. in Pacifica, JLOrchids in Connecticut, and Hill Gardens in Oregon. For supplies he uses Kelly's Corner in Maine and Orcheata owned by Tom Perlite.

Ken concluded his lecture with slides of his home growing conditions. Ken's orchids extend from his front porch to the backyard and into the greenhouse. He showed numerous ways to increase the amount of orchids you can put into a limited amount of space. Using bars, poles, chains, and shelves, Ken is able to squeeze more orchids into every available space. Only a Black Hole, in outer space, is packed more densely than Ken’s orchid collection.

The night was full of good ideas, which I’m sure Ken will be happy to share with you. Thanks again Ken for sharing some of your secrets of success.
want to personally thank each and everyone of you who made our bar-b-que and auction the tremendous success that it was. We had three wonderful pirates, too! Caribbean style. Congrats to Liz Charlton as the winner of this year’s costume contest. Arrrrggg! Any way, Kathy Barrett, will hopefully have the grand tally of what we took in to sustain us for 2013.

This year we made a hard choice to forgo the Annual Show. We acquired many new members last year, and it is my sincerest hope that all of you will seriously consider renewing your membership. I firmly believe our’s is the best orchid society this side of the Pecos where ever they are! If you have friends who are just getting or have been growing orchids, bring ‘em along.

Looking ahead, we have our totally fun Holiday bash at the Shadelands center. Food beverage, and a plant gift exchange. And me in a clean shirt! In 2013, I hope many of you will see the fun in the great opportunities we get involved in: The Pacific Orchid Expo, BBQ, and Annual show, Christmas party...... Any one can make this happen. Brian, Eileen, myself and a few others got a POE exhibit put together a low expense, at the last minute and we had a wonderful fun time doing it. Our projects are scalable and only need you the members to want to make them happen.

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Happy orchids to you!    George McRae  yr hmbl srvnt
I hope your summer has been going well. Gearing up for the upcoming fall season, I thought I would focus on a few news items and reminders from AOS Headquarters.

1. The special supplement this year is on the genus Cycnoches, its species and hybrids. This special supplement is becoming a favorite tradition and extra benefit of being a member of the American Orchid Society. The supplement is underwritten by a combination of advertising and members’ donations. More information about the supplement, its costs and your opportunity to underwrite some of the expense of its publication and distribution may be found on the AOS website (http://www.aos.org/Default.aspx?id=226). Donations of any size are appreciated. The continuation of this supplement on an annual basis will be dependent on its appeal to and the support of AOS members. Please be generous in your support of these special supplements.

2. Did you know that liability coverage for your meetings and shows is available through the AOS at a competitive fee? We are pleased to announce that we are again able to offer this benefit of affiliation for $250. As last year, a single fee can now cover both your society meetings and your show. More information about this benefit and the procedure for procuring it may be found on the website under the Affiliated Societies tab (http://www.aos.org/Default.aspx?id=44).

3. Another benefit of being an affiliated society is that your society can host one of the two meetings per year of the American Orchid Society’s members and trustees meetings. Hosting the AOS as part of your annual show can be a rewarding experience for your society as well as taking your show to the ‘next level’ having international or national prominence. AOS is looking for locations for upcoming meetings starting in the Fall of 2014 and beyond. Other orchid Alliances that often join the AOS at many of these shows are the Orchid Digest, the Slipper Orchid Alliance and the Phalaenopsis Alliance. These joint meeting are an incredible opportunity to learn about the fascinating world of orchids.
4. As fall is approaching, the AOS is getting this year’s Orchid Source Directory ready for printing. Each affiliated society will be listed at no cost with the information on file with the AOS. If your society has changed your meeting locations, dates, times, addresses, website or email, please let Membership Services (theAOS@aos.org) at AOS know so the most up-to-date information is printed. In addition if you have an orchid related business and want to be included in the directory contact John Wrench at AOS (jwrench@aos.org) for the form. The cost for a business listing is $150 and includes both the printed listing as well as our online directory. August 31 is the deadline for these listings.

5. Do you know what your society’s renewal date is? Starting three months prior to expiration, a renewal notice for all membership levels is included in the magazine polybag. If you or your society happened to have missed these, we’d love to have you back. Please contact the office at theAOS@aos.org or by phone at 205-740-2010 to inquire about expiration dates.

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Upcoming Speakers and Events

- **Sept 13:** Sergio Garcia will speak on new hybrids.
- **Sept. 15-16:** Orchids in the Park (see P. 7)
- **Sept 20:** DVOS Board meeting at the home of Meg Crosby
- **Sept 29:** California Orchids Fall Sale (see P. 9)
- **October 11:** Ramon de los Santos will speak on Philippine Orchids
- **November:** Orchids 101
- **December:** Christmas Party

**Speaker’s Dinner**

is on Thur. Sept 13th at 5:30 p.m. at the Sichuan Fortune House, 41 Woodsworth Ln., Pleasant Hill.

Everyone is welcome to attend and meet our speaker before the meeting. If you can join us, please call George McRae at (510) 233-7374 to be included in the reservation.
California Orchids Fall Sale!
Saturday September 29th
9am-4pm

Small to very large specimens
In and out of flower
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Come see our 6 - 17 ft cork logs planted with orchids.
Our Pre Order List includes many excellent out of flower orchids. We can have your preorder packed and ready for pick up at the sale.

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