

Orchid Society of Santa Barbara

An Affiliate of the American Orchid Society



November 2019

Next Meeting

Wednesday
November 20, 2019
7:30 pm

Fellowship Hall
Trinity Lutheran Church
909 N. La Cumbre Road
(at Foothill)

*Remember to arrive early
to help set up the meeting*

Refreshments Reminder

Nov
Russ Jones

Dec
Potluck

Jan
Need volunteers

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This Month's Speaker

Christina Bird-Holenda

EXPLORATION OF BRAZIL'S RIO NEGRO

Christina and her husband Eric are avid orchid hunters who seek out remote locations of the planet where photography exploration in a guided group is the best way to see and "bring home" orchids, birds, and many other splendors of nature.

Our June 2019 trip was arranged by the Orchid Conservation Alliance. It is such a popular destination that two trips were run back to back. People love the ease of it – minimal hiking, mostly cruising around in small wood boats. The trip is timed to the flood season, about 30 feet of water. This puts all the treetops (and their orchids) at eye level, as we leisurely cruise from tree to tree, snapping photos of the blooms.

The Rio Negro is the primary tributary of the Amazon, joining at Manaus, Brazil. Unlike the muddy Amazon, the Rio Negro is like clear black tea, due to all the tannic acid. Oh yeah, guess what? Mosquitoes can't breed in tannic acid. The trip is 100% mosquito free!

I think my biggest surprise was the wide variety of orchids found there – Cattleya, Maxillaria, Oncidium, to name a few, and a fair number of Pleurothallids.

Upcoming Orchid Shows & Events

11-12 January 2020 – 64th Paphiopedilum Guild by the Orchid Digest, with a new location this year at the Huntington Library, Art Galleries and Botanic Gardens, San Marino, CA. This is the Slipper event of the year! Hours are not yet posted, but in previous years were: Show and sales setup 7:00 am Sat, AOS judging 8:00 am Sat, Lectures start 10:00 am Sat and 9:00 am Sun. Speakers this year include Teeraphan (Noi) Toterakun, David Sorokowsky, Glen Decker, Steve Hampson, Francisco Baptista, Karen Muir and Frank Cervera. There will be AOS judging and an auction! Paph/Phrag Displays, Orchid Sales, Expert Lectures, Dinner. Registration before 1 Jan \$95, after 1 Jan \$125, order online and more info: www.orchiddigest.org.