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 "Orchids for Amateurs"
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GENERAL MEETING

Friday, January 16, 2004

8:00 pm

South Coast Botanic Garden

26300 Crenshaw Blvd

Palos Verdes Peninsula

Our speaker for the Jan 16th meeting will be Harry Phillips whose topic will be "MOUNTED ORCHIDS, FACT AND FANTASY". Harry is homegrown, born in 1953, in San Diego; he was introduced to plants at an early age as his father owned a Florist chain. His younger brother Andy became interested at first, then obsessed with exotic plants starting at age 6. Like the Ebola virus the disease spread to Harry, who joined Andy in building the first 2 greenhouses and then was involved in starting and running the orchid business "Orchids on a stick" now the legendary "Andy's Orchids". Harry, like Andy, is recognized as an expert in cultivating orchids to their best potential, he likes to grow them au natural, i.e., epiphytes on a stick, lithophytes on a rock, etc. He will share his expertise with us, lights on, no slides, hands on with audience participation encouraged. The plant table will be from "Andy's Orchids", he may bring plants for sale. This should be an interesting evening, don't miss this one.

Nicholas Braemer

Culture Session

7:00PM

AOS judge, Bill Heckerth, will teach us how to select a quality paphiopedilum and the proper culture to help it thrive.

President's Message

Happy New Year! I hope all of you have had a wonderful holiday season. The New Year has arrived, and it promises to be a busy one for us at SBOS. The first major event will be the "Fascination of Orchids International Show and Sale" on February 5-8. This is the largest orchid show in Southern California. Chuck Spain will be organizing our society's display at this prestigious event. If you have never been to this show at South Coast Plaza in Costa Mesa, I encourage you to attend. You will be amazed at the quality as well as the quantity of orchids on display and for sale.

The most important upcoming event for us is our own "Romance of Orchids Show and Sale" February 21-22. This show is held at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center. Kathy Synstelien and her committee are hard at work preparing for this show. It is our society's major source of income for the year and we need everyone's help to make this show a success.

March 19-21 is the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show. May Dobratz will be organizing a bus trip to the show on Saturday, March 20. This is the easiest and most fun way to get to the show. Not only do you get to go to this wonderful show, you also get to

visit several of the local growers. Watch for upcoming details from May.

Thank you to May Dobratz for organizing our holiday party. The room was beautifully decorated, the food was delicious, and the choral group from South High was delightful. Thank you also to Bob Streeter for ordering plants from Carmela's in Hawaii as gifts for our members. There were plants left over at the end of the evening so watch for them on the silent auction table at our January meeting.

Norma Cantafio, the director of the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation, wrote a thank you letter for our donation from the proceeds of our fall show. They have three large projects in the development stage at the Garden. Our donation is greatly appreciated and will help make these projects a reality.

Be sure to check the "Refrigerator Door" page of your Inflorescence. Lyn does a great job of keeping us up to date on all the orchid shows and activities in Southern California. Winter and spring are busy times for orchid enthusiasts.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the January meeting.

Marla Corey



Fascination of Orchids Show

The theme of the fascination of orchids show is "A World of Orchids" and will be held on February 5 to February 8, 2004. The South Bay Orchid Society will put in a display to help advertise our spring show two weeks later. We will need quality plants in bloom, plus helping hands to make a noteworthy display. Please sign up at the January meeting to help out or lend plants. This show gets tremendous traffic, and we need all the advertising we can get to promote our spring show.

Chuck Spain

Editor's Note: No kidding members! Participation in this show cannot materialize without your cooperation.

ORCHIDS ON EBAY

After watching my son purchase a digital camera on ebay at a ridiculous low price, I was finally motivated to check out their orchid situation. After registering I discovered a link called ORCHID SPECIES which had from 400 to 700 plants for sale (the numbers change continually). These were indeed species, some hybrids, and the occasional cactus and even bromeliad. They also have a link called ORCHIDS which includes mostly dry goods plus the rare live plant. Under STORES, after specifying ORCHID, several vendors came up with interesting offerings.

The variety is endless, under STORES Los Osos Orchids offered their Paph Doll Goldi with FCC potential for a mere \$10,000 (Shipping is included), while under the ORCHID SPECIES link one could find seedlings of this that or the other starting at \$3.00. For my first venture I chose 7 *Cattleya* seedlings (\$5.00 each) and a *Neomoorea irrorata* (\$6.00). Shipping is \$6.00 for the first plant, \$2.00 for each additional one. The total came to \$61.00 for 8 plants, exactly the same as the \$7.50 table in Santa Barbara. Payment prove to be a pain as I had to establish an account with Pay Pal which took 4 days but finally the plants were paid for and arrived in the mail like clockwork within a week. They were healthy seedlings with strong growths, roots and a new lead, exactly as described. Since then I discovered a vendor offering eclectic *Bolbophyllums*, I ordered 7 of them at a cost of \$94 including shipping however have not seen the plants yet. One of our members, Joanie, who has a lot of experience with ebay, has received nice plants from this vendor.

There is nothing magical about this, however it feels like I'm in Santa Barbara with the wide array of plants offered. Unlike Santa Barbara the menu changes constantly and they are open for business daily instead of 4 times a year. It's just another way of collecting the plants we all like so much.

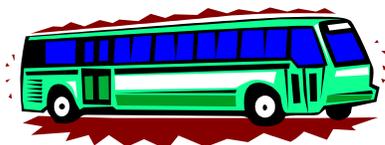
For security reasons I maintain a bank account with a balance never above \$250.00 and use the ATM card of that account in situations where the card # has to be revealed. Also one buys the plants without seeing them, and not from recognized vendors but maby a backyard grower in Alabama, who knows. Ebay encourages feedback for every sale which is made available to future buyers, so that helps.

So far so good, If I get cheated, I'm going to get Ahnold to beat up the bad guys, he's good at that.

Nicholas Braemer

Santa Barbara Bus Trip

Although final arrangements have not been confirmed yet, May wants to remind us all that work is in progress. There will be a bus on Saturday, March 20, 2004. The riders will not only visit the Santa Barbara Orchid Show, but will visit Cal-Orchids, Santa Barbara Orchid Estates and Gallop & Stribling nurseries. A great time will be had by all. Attend the next couple of meetings and watch the newsletter for further updates.



SAVE THE DATE!

May Dobratz

Spring Show Flower Arrangements

Attention all members, we will need all your donations of Cymbidium Spikes and Greenery. (Bring them Friday night when you bring your blooming plants for the show.) The Gardena Club usually gives us all of their Spikes, but this year they postponed their show so that our show would not conflict. I know we all have that cymbidium in the back were the plant is not good enough to show but the spike is nice. Also look in your garage for some old baskets that we can spray and rejuvenate. Bring the baskets to our January meeting. Give the baskets to Cora Manahan or Kathy Synsteliën.

Cora Manahan & Kathy Synsteliën



HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP!

Spring Show

February 21 & 22 will be our Spring Show and we need everyone in the Society to lend a hand to make it a success. For those who do not know it takes about \$400.00 to have a speaker and plant table. The membership dues don't cover much of that cost. It takes a successful spring show to have all those great speakers and nice plant tables. We need all you new members to come and help. The following are the team leaders please give them a call:

Set-up and tear down...Ron Henry 374-9699
Hostess & Host... Marilyn Hill 675-0604
Sales (books etc.)...Ann McNeeley 375-7750
Registration.....Lyn Jaacks 377-4857
Kitchen.....Carolyn Gould 546-2133

Please save your holiday baskets for Cora Manahan she will recycle them into flower arrangements for the Spring Show,

For further information you can reach me (Kathy Synsteliën) at 833-3029 or on the net at ksynstelië@earthlink.net

Editor's Note: This show cannot be done by so few participants. No one has signed up to help. S.O.S.! Mayday! Whatever, we need you!

People, Places and Kudos

South Bay Orchid Society, Inc.

Meets on the third Friday of each month
Culture Session at 7:00 p.m.
General Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
South Coast Botanic Garden
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA

Board Meeting

The January 21, 2004 board meeting will be at the Meeting Room at Whole Foods Market at Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw. The meeting will start at 7:30 pm. The room is easily accessed by an elevator located past the café area at the front of the store.



Kudos

To those giving people who provide the information for the newsletter:

Nick Braemer
Marla Corey
May Dobratz
Carolyn Gould
Cora Manahan
Chuck Spain
Kathy Synsteliën
Katherine West

Refreshments

Once again no one has signed up for refreshments! If you want snacks, bring snacks! In the future, please look for the sign up sheet in the refreshment area and do your thing.

Get Well Soon!

Debbie Heckerth
Robert Hill
Polly Kinsinger
Bob Streeter



Participate
All Members!



ROMANCE OF ORCHIDS



February 20-22, 2004



The Refrigerator Door
Orchid Show Calendar
January, 2004

SBOS Committee Chairs:

Bargain Table:

Ted Cornell.....310-327-2826

Hospitality:

TBA

Librarian:

Bernadette Nazareno.....310-538-3280

Meeting Set-up:

David Okihara.....310-324-3211

Plant Opportunity:

Bob Hill.....310-675-0604

Property Manager:

TBA

Refreshments:

Carolyn Gould.....310-546-2133

Shirley Marble.....310-379-0855

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Bob Streeter.....310-541-6692

Southland Representative:

Marilyn Hill.....310-675-0604

Culture:

Sunshine:

Kathy West.....310-643-8740

January 17-18, 2004

“SDCOS Mini Show”

San Diego County Orchid Society
Balboa Park, San Diego
CASA DEL PRADO—ROOM 104
Robert Hodges
(619)461-4915

January 24, 2004

“Annual Orchid Auction”

San Diego County Cymbidium Society
Woman’s Club of Carlsbad
3320 Monroe St.
Carlsbad, CA
Warren Stehle
(760)729-0467
sstehle@msn.com

February 5-8, 2003

“World of Orchids”

Fascination of Orchids
International Show & Sale
South Coast Plaza
3333 Bear St.
Costa Mesa, CA
www.foshow.com
714-962-8165

February 21-22, 2004

“Romance of Orchids”

South Bay Orchid Society
Set-up and Registration: Friday, Feb. 20, 2004
Show and Sales: February 21-2, 2004
Torrance Recreation Center
www.southbayorchidsocietyshow.com

March 19-21, 2003

*59th Annual Santa Barbara
International Orchid Show*
Santa Barbara, CA
More information later!

“The Inflorescence”

South Bay Orchid Society

c/o Lyn Jaacks

3310 Seaclaire Drive

Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Remember Our Orchid Show!

