



South Bay Orchid Society, Inc.  
 “Orchids for Amateurs”  
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**INFLORESCENCE**

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***Setting Up the Show***  
***WE NEED YOU!***

**Friday, February 20, 2004**

**3:00 pm**

**Torrance Cultural Arts Center**  
**3330 Civic Center Drive**  
**(Corner of Madrona and Torrance Blvd.)**  
**Look for the 3 Flag Posts**  
**Torrance, CA**

This will be an excellent opportunity for hands on experience. The setup preliminaries have been completed thanks to the show Chairperson, Kathy Synsteliën, and her chairpeople and their committees. Come join this session to see all the ins and outs of putting together a show. There will be food, but we are always looking for more donations. We have the use of the facility kitchen, so we will be able to store goodies for the entire show. Please contribute! Nancy Manchester has agreed to donate her excellent chili once again. What can you do or contribute, call Kathy or Marla (phone numbers adjacent)?

We start at 3:00 pm., but come anytime you can and work until we get through and are ready for the public the next day. There is a job for everyone, PLEASE COME!

Bring your beautiful blooming orchids for display, we need them. Cora needs cut orchids and greenery for the corsages and bouquets.

Learn with us,  
***Lyn Jaacks***

## President's Message

### Romance of Orchids

February 21-22, 2004

Our Spring show is just a few days away. Vendors have signed up and publicity is getting out, but we are still short on workers. Please sign up to work in an area that you feel best suits your abilities or that you would enjoy. We have members who have volunteered to be team leaders and they need to hear from you.

**Set-up:** Takes place on Friday afternoon beginning at 3:00pm. This involves setting up and arranging tables as well as draping the display tables. Call Ron Henry at (310)374-9699.

**Plant registration:** Takes place on Friday from 4:00pm until 9:00pm. This involves classifying and tagging all the plants that will be judged in the show. Call Lyn Jaacks at (310)377-4857.

**Ticket sales:** This is a good job for anyone who would like a job that does not require standing. Call Kathy Synstelien at (310)833-3029.

**Host and Hostess:** People are needed

throughout the show hours to talk to our guests and answer questions they may have. This position is also important for security. You need to make sure no one touches the plants or walks off with one. (Plant theft is a serious problem at some shows.) This position also includes the 'plant hotel' tables where people can check purchased plants, since they are not allowed in the judging area. Call Kathy West at (310)643-8740..

**Food:** Lots of food is needed to feed our hungry volunteers and vendors throughout the show. If you are bringing food on Sunday, it needs to be there by 11:30 am. Help is also needed overseeing the receiving and serving of the food especially Friday evening and Saturday morning. Call Marla Corey at (310)833-1918.

**Take-down:** Will take place right after the show closes. We need everyone to pitch in and help to make this job go quickly. Call Ron Henry (310)374-9699.

**Publicity:** Everyone can help by passing out flyers in their neighborhoods.

*Marla Corey*

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### A Fond Farewell

Robert Hill passed away this past week. Services are being held at Grace Brethren Church, 3601 Linden Avenue, Long Beach, CA, at 11:00 am on February 12, 2004.

Bob has been the raffle ticket salesman for the plant table for as long as I can remember. We will miss his cheerful face as he convinced you to buy more tickets.

He was always there to help his wife, Marilyn, with any of the projects she would take on, and he was good natured about the tasks. We will miss you, but we know you have moved on to a peaceful and pain free place.

Until we meet again,

*Lyn Jaacks*

## Preparing Your Show Plants

I overheard a conversation between two people at our last meeting. They were standing in front of an exhibition table discussing an entry. The conversation went something like this. "Look at this. It's gorgeous! It deserves that blue ribbon." After the people left I went over and examined all the plants in the section. I concurred with the people, and the judges. The entry did deserve the blue ribbon for that section. The flowers were nice and the over all appearance of the entry was outstanding. The owner obviously knew how to make his plant look it's best for judging.

Plants submitted for Ribbon Judging, whether it be our monthly meeting or for our Spring Show coming up, have to look their best in order to have a chance to win a ribbon. Keep this in mind. Ribbon judging is competitive judging based on what the judges like. That means the decision of the judges will be determined by more than pretty flowers.

Here are some things you should do to help your plant look it's best:

1. Be sure the plant is free of insects and pests, such as mealy bugs or scale. Remove slug or snail trails on the pot, bark or plant. Sooty mold is another thing to eliminate. If a judge sees any of these conditions he will ask to have the plant removed to eliminate contamination of adjacent plants. Avoid embarrassment and criticism. Clean your plant. (I will assume these things were not recognized at registration, else the entry would have been screened at that time.)

2. Remove any dead, dying or broken leaves from the plant. They are very detrimental to appearance. Use a clean razor blade to do the job. The remaining portion of dead leaves at the base of cymbidium bulbs should be removed also. Doing this will eliminate the hiding place for scale as well as improve the appearance of the plant.

3. Stake flower spikes as they mature and before the buds set. When the buds begin to open do not turn or move the plant. Buds are sensitive to light and changing the direction of the light will change the direction of the opening flowers. Phals look their best when all the flowers are pointing in the same direction. Paphs should "look" straight ahead, not down at the table or up at the ceiling.

4. Clean the exterior of the pot or put the plant inside a decorative container.

5. Stake up any errant growing pseudobulbs. Floppy looking cattleyas are not what the judges like to see.

6. Remove the dead bracts on cattleya pseudobulbs. Besides being a good hiding place for undesirable pests they deter the appearance of the plant.

7. Clean the leaves of any hard water stains. A solution of milk and water will do the trick. The acid in the milk will dissolve the hard water deposits and the fat in the milk will make the leaves glow. Use a cotton ball dipped in the solution and rub away. (This may not get the approval of AOS judges!)

8. Remove any flowering stem that detracts from the picture. It is better to exhibit a plant with one stem with nice flowers than two, where one of them has damaged (bacteria or pest) or dying flowers. Also remove any dead stems from the plant.

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9. If you are putting your plant in a show it would be a good idea to water it a day or two before registration. The dryer conditions of an exhibition area will dehydrate the plant quickly and the first thing it will sacrifice to survive will be it's flowers. Tip the pot on the day of registration to remove any excess water still remaining in the pot. A puddle on the table will attract the wrong kind of attention.

10. Hide old looking potting media, possibly with moss or a topping of fresh bark.

There are other things you can do to improve your chances to win a ribbon, but I might be competing against you some day so I'm not eager to reveal all my secrets. Use your imagination! Do what it takes to make your plant look it's finest. The results (ribbons and compliments) are worth the effort.

*Dr. Potzalot*

### **Santa Barbara Orchid Show Bus Information**

#### **South Bay Orchid Society Bus Trip to The 59th Annual Santa Barbara International Orchid Show**

March 20, 2004

Cost: \$32

For reservations and information call May Dobratz at (310) 375-2693.  
Email: [bdobratz@ix.netcom.com](mailto:bdobratz@ix.netcom.com). Make checks payable to S.B.O.S.

The South Bay Orchid Society is again sponsoring a bus trip to the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show. This trip is open to all orchid lovers. This is the most comfortable, hassle free and fun way to get to the show.

The cost of \$32 includes show ticket, morning and afternoon snacks, and a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of the plants generously donated by the growers where we will be stopping to shop for plants and supplies

Gallup & Stribling Specializing in Cymbidiums at very reasonable prices. They also have bargain tables full of Phalaenopsis and other wonderful orchids.

Santa Barbara Orchid Estates They have Cymbidiums and a wide variety of orchids that grow well outdoors. This is a good place to buy potting supplies. Be sure to check out the plants on the \$7.50 tables.

Cal-Orchids They have a large variety of high quality orchids.

We will be leaving from the Park and Ride area at Alpine Village behind the Texaco Station. This is at Torrance Blvd. and the 110 South Freeway. Check in time is 7:15 a.m. and Departure time is 7:30. We expect to back around 6:30 p.m. Come join us for a fun filled trip. Bring a lunch, comfortable shoes, your watch, and a way to identify your purchases. (Return labels work well.) For reservations and information call May Dobratz at (310) 375-2693.

*May Dobratz*

## 01-16-04 SBOS Ribbon Judging

Ribbon	Plant	Exhibitor
<b>Novice</b>	<b>Dendrobium</b>	<b>Mary Jacobs judge</b>
1	Den. Angel Smile 'Kihī'	Joanie Bailey
2	Den. Cootesii	Joanie Bailey
3	Den. Sea Mary 'Snow King'	Jim Rowley
<b>Novice</b>	<b>Odontoglossum type</b>	<b>Mary Jacobs judge</b>
1	Odbrs. Kenneth Bivens 'Santa Barbara'	Don Smith
2	Miltassia Olmec 'Kanno'	Joanie Bailey
3	Milt. Ron's Rippling Delight 'Pacific Parfait'	Joanie Bailey
<b>Novice</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Mary Jacobs judge</b>
1	Rhynchostylus gigantea	Ron Henry
2	Eplc. Don herman 'Gold Rush'	Joanie Bailey
3	Maxillaria elatior	Joanie Bailey
<b>Amatuer</b>	<b>Cattleya alliance</b>	<b>Jim Hoyle judge</b>
1	Potinara Red Crab 'Kuan Miao' AM/AOS	Bernette Nazareno
2	C. Candy Tuft 'Fairy Floss'	Ann McNeeley
<b>Amatuer</b>	<b>Cymbidium</b>	<b>Jim Hoyle judge</b>
1	Cym. Clarisse Austim	Bernette Nazareno
2	Cym. Unk	B. Davidson
3	Cym. Oriental Elf	Ron Henry
<b>Amatuer</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Jim Hoyle judge</b>
1	Rhynchostylus gigantea	Bernette Nazareno
2	MDTM Hawaiian Sunset 'Hot #8'	Ann McNeeley
3	Paph. Unk	Marla Corey
<b>Adv Amatuer</b>	<b>Vanda alliance</b>	<b>David DeYoung judge</b>
1	Dorwinia Pacific Charm	Nick Braemer
2	Ascofineta Cherry Blossom	Nick Braemer
3	P. Unk	Nick Braemer
<b>Adv amatuer</b>	<b>Oncidium alliance</b>	<b>David DeYoung judge</b>
1	Bllra Marfitch 'Howard's Dream'	K Synstelien
2	Onc. Gypsy Beauty	Nick Braemer
3	Onc. (orthithorychum v grandiflorum x orthithorychum)	Nick Braemer
<b>Adv amatuer</b>	<b>Catellia alliance</b>	<b>David DeYoung judge</b>
1	L. anceps	K. Synstelien
2	L. gouldiana	K. Synstelien
3	BLC Amy Sanbar	Nick Braemer

## 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 February 25, 2004, board meeting will be at the Meeting Room at Whole Foods Market at Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm. The room is easily accessed by an elevator located past the café area at the front of the store.

### Fascination of Orchids Show Display

I want to thank all who contributed to our display at the South Coast Plaza West Wing. This display turned out well despite little time and last minute monkey wrenches. Thanks to Ann McNeeley, Marla Corey, Nick Braemer, Bob Streeter and Jim Hoyle with help putting the display in and removing. Special thanks to Don Smith and Jack Manchester for picking up plants and being the drop off point. Thanks go out to Len Judaken, Ted and Jackie Johnson, Bill Bailey, Eunice Elsted, Polly Kinsinger, Dave DeYoung, Nick Braemer, Bob Streeter, Marla Corey, Kathy Synstelién for loaning plants to the display; plus yours truly. We won lots of ribbons, best of section, one A.O.S. Award, \$200 for display entry and \$50 for Third Place.

*Chuck Spain*

### Kudos

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

Marla Corey  
May Dobratz  
Ted Johnson  
Cora Manahan  
Jack Manchester  
Chuck Spain  
Kathy Synstelién  
Katherine West

### Refreshments

We need sustenance for our working show people and the vendors. There are not any restaurants close by.

### Get Well Soon!

Billy Bates  
Debbie Heckerth

### Special Note

If you have a new Email address, please contact Jim Rowley or Burt Dobratz. When we have a need, we can send messages out in a hurry.

### Romance of Orchids Show

We need help selling supplies (fertilizer, pots, bark and mixes) etc., Feb. 21, 2004, AM to closing and Feb. 22, 2004, AM to closing. I cannot be there all day on Saturday and especially need extra help on that day. Please call me at (562) 531-3018. We may do some mixing or bagging before the show, so if you can lend a hand, please call upon receipt of your newsletter. This is a way our society makes needed money from the show

*Chuck Spain*

**The Refrigerator Door  
Orchid Show Calendar  
February, 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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Kathy West.....310-643-8740

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](http://www.southbayorchidsocietyshow.com)

March 6-7, 2004

*"Orchids on Parade"*

Five Cities Orchid Society

South County Regional Center

800 West Branch

Arroyo Grande, CA 805.929.1791

[www.fcos.org/show\\_info.html](http://www.fcos.org/show_info.html)

March 12-14, 2004

Malihini Orchid Society Show

Vallco Fashion Park

10123 N. Wolfe Rd.

Cupertino, CA

Contact: Barry Zimmerman

408.262.5782

March 19-21, 2003

*"Wonderful World of Orchids"*

59th Annual Santa Barbara

International Orchid Show

Earl Warren Showgrounds

Hwy. 101 and Las Positas Road

Santa Barbara, CA

March 26-28, 2004

*"San Diego County Orchid Society Show"*

Scottish Rite Temple

1895 Camino Del Rio South

San Diego, CA

Contact: Ivan Harrison

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***“The Inflorescence”***

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