

Cattleya warneri  
var. alba

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## INFLORESCENCE

June, 2004

**New Web Site Address:** [www.southbayorchidsociety.com](http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com)

### Installation Banquet

Friday, June 18, 2004

6:45 pm

Georgio's

672 Silver Spur Road

Rolling Hills Estates, CA

(Across the street from the P.V. Library)

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**David P. Banks** was born in 1965 at Parramatta, a suburb of Sydney, Australia and has been growing orchids for over 30 years, having started at the age of five. He is a Past President of the Orchid SPECIES Society of New South Wales, Past President (at the age of 20) and a Life Member of the Parramatta and District Orchid Society and also served two terms as Vice President of the Orchid Society of New South Wales. David has served on the Council of the Australasian Native Orchid Society (and was bestowed Life Membership from ANOS in 2002), the Committee of the Orchid Society of New South Wales, and is one of its representatives on the Ira Butler Trophy Committee - which recognises significant developments in Australian native orchids and their hybrids. He also served a period as Patron of the Launceston Orchid Society in Tasmania. David is a qualified orchid judge (since 1988) with the OSNSW as well as the Australian Orchid Council. He is the current Editor of the *Australian Orchid Review* (since 1999) and served a six-year term as Editor of *The Orchadian* - the journal of the Australasian Native Orchid Society, from 1996 to 2002, overseeing two volumes. David has had over 200 papers relating to orchids published since 1980. He is also a member of the Australian Orchid Foundation (AOF), an elite organization with restricted membership (100), after being invited to join. In 1998, David was also appointed Editor of the series - *Australian Orchid Research*, the scientific publication of the Australian Orchid Foundation, having overseen two volumes. After accepting an invitation in late 1998, David also joined the newly formed 'Orchid Specialist Group' of the IUCN (The World Conservation Union) Species Survival Commission, being one of only four Australian delegates. This organization's headquarters are at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, in the United Kingdom. He is also a Research Associate of the Centre for Plant Biodiversity Research - in conjunction with the Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra. David has written many articles for *Orchids Australia*, where he served five years as Editorial Consultant, and his acclaimed photographs continue to appear in this and other domestic and international journals, as well as a number of books. Over one thousand of his images have been published to date. David is also one of the major photographers featured in the recent reference book, *Orchids of the Philippines* (2001) by Jim Cootes, where over 120 of his images are showcased. He has also served on the Publications Committee for the Australian Orchid Council. Recently, he has also contributed orchid features to Australia's popular *Your Garden* and *Burke's Backyard* magazines. David lectures extensively throughout Australia and overseas at various workshops, society meetings and Orchid Conferences. He has already conducted ten successful international lecture tours, the most extensive being in April-May 1999, after accepting an invitation to the USA and Canada. This was in conjunction with the World Orchid Conference in Vancouver, Canada, where he presented a paper on "Australian *Sarcophilus* Species and their Hybrids". His most recent lecture tours of the USA were in May 2001 and July 2001, including four dates in Hawaii. He has also conducted four tours of New Zealand, managing workshops, illustrated lectures and judging seminars - the most recent in March 2004. He will be doing 11 lectures in Texas and California (USA) in June

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## President's Message

June has arrived which means it is then an end of another year for South Bay Orchid Society. It takes many hours of hard work by our members to keep our society going. Our banquet, which is June 18, is the time when we acknowledge our board members and committee chairs for their diligence in carrying out the responsibilities of their positions in our society during the past year. All of our members who answered the call for volunteers to work at our shows, bring plants for our public displays, refreshments for meetings, and plants for ribbon judging at our meetings also deserve credit for their participation in supporting the activities of South Bay Orchid Society. It takes all of us working together to have a successful and viable organization.

This coming year two very talented people are retiring from our board, Ann McNeeley and Lyn Jaacks. Ann has been our treasurer for three years and has done a great job of keeping our finances in order. Lyn has done an outstanding job as our newsletter editor. Through personal illness and computer crashes Lyn has always come through with an attractive and informative newsletter. We will miss both of these hardworking ladies from our Board of Directors.

While we say goodbye to retiring board members we also welcome those who will be joining the Board. Susann Patton will be our new membership chairman as Jim Rowley moves to the treasurer position. Also new to the Board will be Ned Patton who will be our newsletter editor. I look forward to working with these talented and enthusiastic members. We have a great Board of Directors who are here to serve you. If you have suggestions or comments for making our society more responsive to your needs as orchid enthusiasts and growers, let us know.

I personally want to thank all of you for showing me the support I received as your president this past year and look forward to your continued support in the coming year. I will see you at our Installation Banquet.

*Marla Corey*

P.S. A \$100 memorial donation is being made to the Orchid Digest in Genevieve Manchester's memory.

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2004, with a further date at "Speakers Day" in New York in late October 2004. David also regularly appears on a number of television networks and radio stations, both in Australia and the USA, promoting orchids (plus other collectable plants), and has been seen on *Burke's Backyard*. David and his father Graeme, who is a Past President of the Australian Orchid Council and Past President and Registrar of Judges of the Orchid Society of New South Wales and recent recipient of the prestigious Order of Australia medal, trade as Hills District Orchids. They have a large collection of many different genera, with an extensive catalogue of species orchids from around the world. David P. Banks' first book, *Tropical Orchids of Southeast Asia*, was published in 1999. His second book, *Growing Orchids*, was published by Kangaroo Press (an imprint of Simon & Schuster) and released in August 2001. It is now out-of-print, having sold out in less than two years. His third effort, the first of a planned series of four instalments – *Orchids of Australia*, Volume 1 by John J. Riley and David P. Banks was released in October 2002, being published by University of New South Wales Press. David wrote the orchid text for the major botanical opus, *Flora* – published in 2003. His next book, *Orchids at Home*, is due for release in late 2004.

## **HM (Horse Manure) vs Bark (Cymbidiums only) and SH [(Semi-hydroponic) All others]**

I have grown about a dozen plants in HM for 10 weeks, and the results are encouraging enough to try to find out how good this stuff really is. All plants show new growth, new roots and no sign of ill effect. No plant has committed suicide, I have not been eaten by the flesh-eating Streptococcus and am not surrounded by a cloud of flies.

Jim Rowley, Jim Weiss, Bob Streeter and I are going to conduct a 1 1/4 year long study to compare the performance of orchids in HM vs SH & Bark (Cymbidiums only). I could do it all under one roof but I don't follow the correct SH protocol, Jim Rowley does and he is a recognized expert in SH growing. Jim Weiss and Bob Streeter have kindly consented to grow the Cymbidiums in bark, both are not only CSA judges, but also recognized Cymbidium experts, I am far from being a Cymb expert. It would be better if all plants were grown on the same bench, but since we all live in the South Bay Area, it will just have to be good enough. I'm not a recognized expert in HM either but I've seen enough of it to give it a college try. Hopefully I'll do justice to the Noble Horse and validate the effort the Gallant Beast has made to give us this exquisite growing medium. (Is this a load or what?) Thank you Jim Rowley, Jim Weiss and Bob Streeter for contributing plants.

The motivation behind this study is different from the 'Bark vs SH' controversy. At the time many of us considered SH, 2 to 3 years ago, the practical advantages of it were so obvious that the question asked was: "Does it work AS WELL as bark?" With the answer apparently 'Yes' some of us made the switch from Bark to SH. (Cymbidiums excepted) Now the question in my mind is "Does HM work SIGNIFICANTLY BETTER than SH". It's a pain in the butt to get the stuff, HM is messy to pot plants in, it requires daily watering for a while and it has a finite usefulness, eventually it will require repotting, back to the good old 'bark repotting bench'. Having obvious disadvantages, it makes it mandatory that this method produces SUPERIOR GROWTH in order even to be considered. Planting a few plants and saying "My, my, look how nice they are growing" is not good enough. We will conduct an identical twin study using identical (as much as possible) divisions from the same parent plants, thus eliminating genetic variations. Jim Rowley will grow his plants using the best SH way he knows, Jim Weiss and Bob Streeter will grow theirs in conventional Cymbidium manner to the best of their considerable ability. I will grow mine in premium, top of the line, Rodeo Drive quality HM, derived from pedigreed thoroughbreds only. I will follow to the letter the protocol of Nic van den Bosch as outlined in his web page entitled: Nic van den Bosch's 'Horse Manure' Site. At the beginning we will carefully log pertinent facts pertaining to the divisions such as the # of leaves, sbulbs, new growths and perceived strength of the plants. We will identify unequal divisions (Which, in subtle ways, is most of them) and arbitrarily assign the stronger plant to the SH and bark groups. None of us have the foggiest idea how this will turn out, we know that both methods work, but do not know how they compare head on. Since Jim Rowley does not use a greenhouse, plants were chosen which can stay out all year long or put differently, they all are going to stay out through the winter. Here is the list of the lucky plants:

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ANSELLA africana 'Garden Party' SH: 3 large sbulbs + 1 new growth \*  
HM: 6 medium sized sbulbs  
BLC Sea Urchin -----SH: 1 sbulb + 1 new growth \*  
HM: same, only slightly smaller  
CYMB Balcargia v Tracey Reddaway: HM: 3 sbulbs, 2 fans, 1 new growth.  
Bark: same (Streeter)  
CYMB Del's Delight 'Buttercup' 4n ----- SH: 1 sbulb with fan + new growth \*  
HM: same  
Bark: same (Weiss)  
CYMB Feather Hill 'Heritage' HCC/AOS HM: 3 sbulbs, 2 fans, 1 new growth  
Bark: same (Streeter)  
CYMB Golden Elf 'Sundust' HCC/AOS----SH: 5 fans + 3 new \*  
HM: 5 fans + 2 new  
CYMB Sarah Jean 'Ice Capades' -----SH: 2 sbulbs, 1 fan + 2 new growths \*  
HM: same, slightly smaller  
Bark: 3 sbulbs, 1 fan, 2 new growths (Weiss)  
CYMB Sussex Dawn 'Nile'----HM: 2 sbulbs, 1 fan, 1 new  
Bark: same (Streeter)  
DEND loddigessii:-----SH: 3 branches  
HM: same  
DEND Sparkler-----SH: 9 sbulbs, taller, 3 sbulbs leapfrogging \*  
HM: 9 sbulbs, smaller  
DENDROCHILUM magnum:--SH: 9 sbulbs, 5 leaves \*  
HM: same, much smaller  
DOCKRILLA pugioniforme:---SH: 6 leaves, 2 leads  
HM: same  
DRACULA erythrochaete -----SH: 27 leaves, 4 flower stalks \*  
HM: 27 leaves, no flowers  
ENCYCLIA garciana -----SH: 3 sbulbs + 4 new growths \*  
HM: 4 sbulbs + 2 new growths  
EPI diiforme -----SH: 3 stems + 2 new \*  
HM: 3 Stems + 3 new, shorter, bushier  
EPI porpax -----SH: 7 leaves 3 leads  
HM: same  
LYCASTE aromatica:-----SH: 3 sbulbs + 1 new \*  
HM: same, slightly smaller  
MASD Prince Charming 'Highland' SH: 12 leaves  
HM: same  
MAX variabilis (yellow) -----SH: 4 sbulbs + 5 new growths  
HM: same  
MILT clowesii x Milt 'Golden Showers' SH: 1 sbulb + 2 new growths \*  
HM: same, slightly smaller  
MINI CAT DEH 300-----SH: 4 sbulbs, 3 leaves, 1 new \*

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HM: same, slightly smaller

MTDM Wildwood -----SH: 2 sbulbs + 1 new growth \*

HM: same, slightly smaller

PAPH: Prime Time x Silver Dollar -----SH: 2 x 6" fans + 1 new \*

HM: 3 x 4" fans + 1 new

PHYSOSIPHON inaeqisepalus -----SH: 7 leaves

HM: same

PHRAG: schroderae 'Evergreen' -----SH 1 fan + 2 new\*

HM: 2 fans (One small) + 1 new

PLEUROTHALLIS macrobulbon-----SH: 8 leaves + 2 new

HM: same

SARCHO Pink Baby (Pinkie x hartmani) SH: 1 fan + 2 keikis \*

HM: same, slightly smaller

SIGMOSTALIX radicans -----SH: 1 sbulb, 2 new

HM: same

ZOOTROPHIAN schrenkii-----SH: 6 leaves + 1 new

HM: same

All the starred items indicate a slight advantage for SH, not only in # of bulbs or leaves but in quality or perceived strength of the plant. Next October we will be looking at the new growths, the existing old growth of today will remain unchanged of course. The Cymbidiums will be grow in 2 or 3 ways since SH is not big with Cymbidium growers. At the end of the next growing season, sometime in the fall, we'll have a 'Judgment Day' culture session and the esteemed AOS and CSA judges amongst us will compare the performance of the 2 groups plus 1. (Cymb)

If the results are meaningful and convey a message of sorts, Harold Koopowitz has expressed interest in publishing something in the 'Orchid Digest'.

If any of you want to contribute plants to this study it would be appreciated. The more plants we have the better. If you have 2 identical (as much as possible) division from the SAME parent plant you wish to donate, please bring them to the banquet or contact me before the banquet if you are not going. After the banquet, I will make up the final list which will be used for comparison next October. The divisions can be quite small, we are not looking for AOS award quality blooms next year, just want to compare how many and how big the new shoots will be at the end of next year's growing season. The AOS awards will come the following year.

Thanks in advance for any plants.

Ahnold is betting on HS and all these things, he says it has worked extremely well for most politicians and even a few actors.

*Nicholas Braemer*



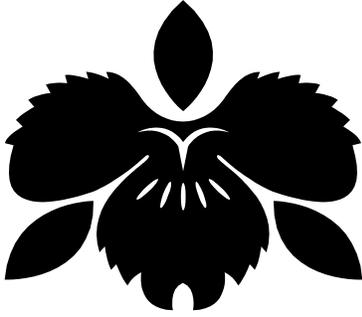
**Note:**

**Do not forget Friday, June 18, 2004!  
Installation Dinner**

## May, 2004 SBOS Ribbon Judging

<b>Ribbon</b>	<b>Plant</b>	<b>Exhibitor</b>
<b>Novice Cattleya Alliance</b>		
1	Epidendrum ciliare	<b>Jim Rowley judge</b> Joan Bailey
2	Encyclia atropurpureum x Epi 'Purple Glory'	Mary Jacobs
3	Laelia purpurata var concolor	Joan Bailey
<b>Novice Oncidium</b>		
1	Epi prismatocarpum	<b>Ron Henry judge</b> Mary Jacobs
2	Colmanara Wildcat	Jim Rowley
3	Miltonidium Issaku Nagata 'Volcano Queen'	Mary Jacobs
<b>Novice Paphiopedilums</b>		
1	Phagmidedium Pinocchio	<b>Jim Rowley judge</b> Jasmine Bashi
2	Paph unkown	Jasmine Bashi
3	Paph Dragon Mint	Ron Henry
<b>Novice Other 1</b>		
1	Cymbidium findlaysonianum	<b>Jim Rowley judge</b> Jasmine Bashi
2	Renanthera monachia	Jasmine Bashi
3	Phalaenopsis Ching Her Budda 'Star'	Jasmine Bashi
<b>Novice Other 2</b>		
1	Pleurothallis schiedei	<b>Jim Rowley judge</b> Mary Jacobs
2	Dendrobium Sailor Boy 'Popeye'	Joan Bailey
3	Dyakia hendersoniana	Joan Bailey
<b>Amateur Cattleya</b>		
1	L purpurata var werkhauserii x C Intermedia var. coerulea	<b>Mary Jacobs judge</b> Marla Corey
2	LC Love Knot	Marla Corey
3	LC Chit Chat 'Tangerine'	Toby Hoyle
<b>Cultural L purpurata var werkhauserii x C Intermedia var. coerulea</b>		
<b>Adv Amateur Other</b>		
1	Bulbophyllum orthosepalum	<b>Gloria Streeter judge</b> Nick Braemer
2	Cymbidiella rhodichila	Nick Braemer
3	Maxillaria variodis atrgreaurium	Nick Braemer
<b>Cultural Dendrobium loddigesii</b>		
<b>Adv Amateur Oncidium</b>		
1	Colmonara Wildcat 'Bobcat'	<b>Gloria Streeter judge</b> Nick Braemer
2	Mltdon Wildwood	Nick Braemer
3	Catesetum Black Knight	Nick Braemer
<b>Adv Amateur Cattleya</b>		
1	LC unkown hybrid	<b>Gloria Streeter judge</b> Jim Hoyle
2	BLC Waianae Leopard	Kathy Synstelien
3	Epi species unkown	Jim Hoyle
<b>Adv Amateur Dendrobium</b>		
1	Dend unicum	<b>Gloria Streeter judge</b> Jim Hoyle
2	Dend wilsonii williamsonii	Jim Hoyle
3	Dend tortile	Jim Hoyle

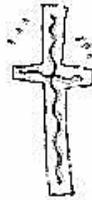
**Note: Orchid names and pictures can be checked on <http://>**



## In Memory of Genevieve Manchester

We lost one of our dearest and hardest working members on May 20, 2004. Genevieve Manchester, for many years, mailed the newsletter or prepared it for posting. She was our newsletter editor for several years and served on the Board. She supported Jack during his two terms as President, as any mother would. Our deepest condolences go to Jack and Nancy for their loss. She was a friend who gave so much to so many.

***Chuck Spain***  
Past President



**Rebecca Tyson Northen**  
August 24, 1910—April 30, 2004

Sadly we have the task of reporting the loss of Rebecca Northen. She was a biologist that enjoyed collecting, growing, speaking, teaching about her knowledge of growing orchids. She has written two books, who many of us use continuously for reference, on orchids—*Home Orchid Growing* and *Orchids as House Plants*.

She spoke to our society on several occasions. Also, Rebecca was a member of the American Orchid Society for 50 years and had written articles for the Bulletin. I remember her as having an infinite amount of patience and the willingness to help. We met her at a Santa Barbara show when John was interested in constructing a lathe house. She talked to us for over an hour and a half and then asked us to call for more information. John did call her, and she was graciously willing to spend several more hours explaining the particulars of her lathe house.

Rebecca will be missed by the orchid community.

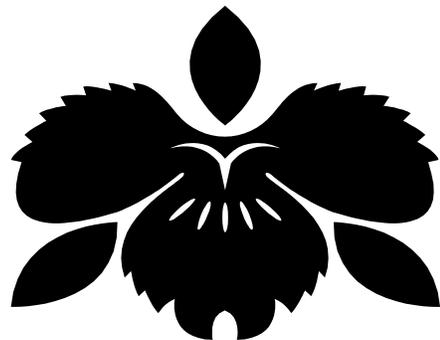
***Lyn Jaacks***

## Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me  
to be a happy one  
I'd like to leave an afterglow  
of smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo  
whispering softly down the ways  
Of happy times and laughing times  
and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve,  
to dry before the sun  
Of happy memories that I leave  
when life is done.



# 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 June 23, 2004, board meeting will be at the Meeting Room at Whole Foods Market at Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Blvd. 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.

## Kudos

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

Nick Braemer  
Marla Corey  
Ted Johnson  
Chuck Spain  
Katherine West

## Get Well Soon!

Mabel Manel

## Remember—Installation Banquet June 18, 2004

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## Happy Mother's Day!

Our 16 year old (name unknown) vanilla orchid bloomed the day before Mother's Day. It was the first time it had produced flowers. We had to keep close watch as the blooms only lasted one day.

Photographs by Holly Jaacks

**The Refrigerator Door**  
**Orchid Show Calendar**  
June, 2004

SBOS Committee Chairs:

Hospitality:  
TBA

Librarian:  
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June 18, 2004

***South Bay Orchid Society***  
***Installation Banquet***

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June 26-27, 2004

***"The genus Phalaenopsis"***  
Huntington Botanical Gardens  
San Marino, CA  
Two half-days, lectures  
Two afternoons hands-on lab work  
Cost: Including Lunches  
\$150/Orchid Digest Member  
\$250/others

July 9-11, 2004

***Santa Barbara Orchid Estate***  
***International Orchid Fair***  
Earl Warren Showgrounds  
Santa Barbara, CA  
www.orchidfair.com

July 17, 2004

***"New ways of Growing Orchids for the***  
***21st Century"***  
Lectures at Huntington Botanical Gardens  
San Marino, CA  
Fee: \$40.00 Lectures  
\$50.00 Lectures & Dinner  
Contact: Simone Friend  
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***“The Inflorescence”***

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**Thank you, everyone for your contributions, support and encouragement! I know you will extend the same courtesies to Ned Patton.**

***Lyn Jaacks***