



**Cattleya Los Gatos**

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

**February, 2005**

Web site: [www.southbayorchidsociety.com](http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com)

**February Meeting**  
**Friday, February 18, 2005**

**8:00 PM**

South Coast Botanic Garden  
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.  
Palos Verdes Peninsula

**February Speaker**

**Jason Makoto Fischer**

Jason of Orchids Limited will lecture on "Native Orchids of Japan." He will cover some of the most popular Japanese native orchids but mainly focus on the Neofinetia falcata and its amazing history and culture which dates back for hundreds of years.

Jason has had a life-long education in orchids by having been raised amid a family orchid business. His father started him working at the greenhouse from age 5. He learned how to repot plants and did little chores at the greenhouse in order to earn allowance, etc. He became interested in orchid hybridization and lab work when he was 14. He first started breeding with phalaenopsis, later turned to paphs and phrags, and now he breeds just about anything he can get his hands on that is unique.

After living in Japan and making a few important contacts, we finally have access to these rare gems that have such a rich culture and history, little understood outside of Japan. Jason hopes to open the Japanese orchid market to the US, as well as the US market to Japan. Jason will provide the Plant Table. He will also bring plants to sell before the general meeting, so come early to get the first pick of his unique quality species and hybrids

Nick Braemer

**Culture Session—7:00 PM**

Jim Rowley will show us how to grow orchids using a semi-hydroponic method. Jim has been using this method for several years with great success. It is a simple and easy way to grow your orchids that anyone can master by following a few simple instructions. This may be the alternative growing method to solve some of your culture problems.

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## President's Message

It's springtime and our calendar is filling up. There are so many activities taking place this time of the year. Be sure to check out the Refrigerator Door page for a list of orchid shows in our area. This weekend, February 19 and 20 the Gardena Club is having its annual show and sale. This is a chance to see cymbidium growing at its finest. Some of the best growers in Southern California will have their plants in the show for judging. If you are lucky, there will still be some of their plants for sale in the sales area. Check the Orchid Show Calendar for location and times.

May Dobratz is especially busy. She is signing up people for the bus trip to the Santa Barbara Show on Saturday, March 5 and making plans for a picnic at Zuma Canyon Orchids in Malibu on April 16. May will have more details for you on these events.

Not only is our calendar busy, the South Coast Botanic Garden's calendar is busy also this time of the year. As often happens in March, we are getting bumped out of our regular meeting night for a flower show. Instead of the usual 3rd Friday, we will be meeting on Thursday, March 17. We will be sharing the facility with the rose society, which meets in the room where we have our silent auction. This is an inconvenience for their society as well as ours, but with a little mutual cooperation it always works.

Are you using your SBOS membership card? Since you are probably doing a lot of repotting this time of the year, be sure to show your membership card if you are buying potting supplies at Yamada in Gardena. This may give you a discount on your purchases depending on what you are buying. Your membership card also gets you into the South Coast Botanic Garden with no charge. If you have misplaced your card, see Susann Patton at our meeting to be issued a new one.

This is also the time of the year when a nominating committee is appointed to select members of our society to become board members for the upcoming year. This is my last year in office, so one of the vacancies that will need to be filled is president. Ron Henry, Bob Streeter, and Ned Patton have agreed to serve on this committee. If you would like to be nominated to serve as a board member, give one of them a call. The election will be held in May, and the installation will be in June at our banquet.

Paul Davison, who has been our web-master for the past year and a half, has resigned to spend more time on his business interests. I want to thank Paul for all the hard work, skill, and time he has put into keeping our society on the web. Don Goss, one of our newer members, has accepted the challenge to become our new web-master. If you haven't visited our website recently, I encourage you to check it out. Thank you Don for stepping forward and giving so freely of your time and talents to keep us up to date on Internet technology.

Our Spring Show, Rainbow of Orchids, is coming to together very well. John Jaacks will have posters and flyers so each of you can help get the word out about our show. This year the flyer is also a coupon to save \$1 off the admission fee. The committee chairs will have sign-up sheets at the February meeting. The main areas where we will need help are hosts and hostess, ticket sales, set-up and take down. We will also need people to bring food to feed our hungry workers. This is going to be another great show and we need your help to make it run smoothly.

*Marla Corey*

## **SKWERLS ARE ON THE ATTACK, HELP!**

In the last few weeks I lost the only 2 leads forming on a division of *Dend. gracilimum*, 3 out of 4 new leads on a new division of *Den. speciosum* and the lead p-bulb on an inter-generic *Oncidium*. Arrrgh@#\$%#\$. I guess no flowers on the *Onc* this year. All this because of the cute, bushy tailed little darlings, these rays of sunshine that put a smile on your face while they eat my orchids, these cuddly, fuzzy-warm precious little furballs called skwerls.

In reality what this represents is nothing short of a terrorist attack, taking down 3 towers of the 4 towers my *D. speciosum* was producing. It's not just the devastating sneak attack by these nut cracking demons from hell, it's much more serious than that. I will remember for the rest of my life what I was doing when these 3 towers collapsed. Go to the link 'Squirrels go to Heaven' browse around a little and the devastating truth about these disgusting tree rats will be revealed to you. Skwerls are evil, scheming, cunning little monsters in disguise, whose goal is nothing short of world domination. They are waiting for the coming of the "Nice Skwerl" who supposedly will set everything straight. In reality this will mark the beginning of the end of civilization as we know it. Skwerlageddon will be upon us and we will all be doomed unless we take precautions. This may mean giving up some of our civil liberties, but our patriotic duty commands nothing less.

I put out rat poison which the little witch ignored, then I bought an animal trap, 24" x 9" x 9" which I baited with peanuts. This was ignored until I upgraded to more expensive cashew nuts. Being female, the pernicious skwerlie demon followed the trail of money and was in the trap the next morning. How anything so cute could possess such a black heart is beyond me, I guess Lucretia Borgia was good looking too. In a moment of misguided skwerlhuggery I took her for a 5 mile ride and let the little chitterbox predator go. I think I was in Chuck's neighborhood at the time. 3 days later I caught a big buck skwerl, looking for his main squeeze I guess. I also released him, same neighborhood, a fatal mistake. With evil, cunning, diabolic powers he made me speed and get a speeding ticket on the way home. Since I never speed I can lay the blame squarely on this gargoyle from hell. I should have sent him head first down the garbage disposal unit. Jim Rowley suggested a big blender to make skwerl extract—not a bad idea. The one I dropped had 666 tattooed on the back of his head—I'm sure he was the Antichrist.

If skwerls are eating your orchids, consider one of the following attack strategies:

- 1) Contact me at [orchidnick@yahoo.com](mailto:orchidnick@yahoo.com) and borrow the trap.
- 2) Go to <http://www.critter-repellent.com/squirrel/squirrel-repellent.php#solutions> - a natural way to keep them away from certain areas.
- 3) Go to [www.outsidepride.com](http://www.outsidepride.com) where along with the other repellents they also have an electronic device which keeps them away - works best if you don't have dogs.

4) Call the White House and let W know that the skwerls have WMDs, are linked to Al Qaeda, share responsibility for 9/11 and are an imminent threat to the USA. Without any further due diligence, he'll send the Marines - that should take care of the skwerls. Under no circumstance allow the Marines to take on the task of bringing Freedom and Democracy to the skwerls as you'll have the Marines in your backyard for the next 10 years.

5) Call the Right Reverend Ashcroft and tell him one of the skwerls had the mark of the Beast on the back of his head. The Good Reverend will be right there and conduct an exorcism. Make sure you hide your booze, your stash and any educational pornographic material you might have lying around, otherwise you'll be in trouble.

6) Call PETA (People Who Eat Tasty Animals), skwerl stew is a delicacy. With these people skwerls are no problem; they'll come, they'll eat, no problem.

I have had skwerls in my area for the last 8 years, never any damage, now suddenly 3 plants were victimized, I don't know why. Maybe they are gearing up for the coming of the "Nice Skwerl"; many skwerls believe the "Nice Skwerl" already came some time ago, they form a separate group who are waiting for the second coming of the "Nice Skwerl". Whatever!!! Just don't eat my orchids.

If I make Ahnold a pair of skwerl fur ear muffs for the cold Sacramento winter, do you think he'd fix my speeding ticket?

Be on guard, the skwerls are coming,

**Nicholas Braemer.**



**Cattleya  
L.C. Sierra Skies**

**Photo Ron Henry**

**Owner  
Dave DeYoung**

1-21-05 SBOS Ribbon Judging

<b>Ribbon</b>	<b>Plant</b>	<b>Exhibitor</b>
<b>Novice</b>	<b>Cymbidium</b>	<b>Charlie Jackson judge</b>
1	Cymb Ruby Eyes 'Red Baron'	Bobby Ignacio
2	Cymb Kyata 'Nightshade' x Ruby Eyes 'Claret Veil'	Bobbie Davison
3	Cymb Ruby Eyes 'Red Baron'	Len Judaken
<b>Novice</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Charlie Jackson judge</b>
1	Colma Wildcaat 'Howard'	Len Judaken
2	Paph Unknown	Len Judaken
3	Onc Margarete Holm	Bobby Ignacio
<b>Amateur</b>	<b>Cymbidium</b>	<b>Jim Hoyle judge</b>
1	Cymb Stars & Stripes	Joan Bailey
2	Cymb Dag Dorothy	Ron Henry
3	Cymb Oratory Girl x Pure Delight	Jasmine Bashi
<b>Amateur</b>	<b>Paphiopedilum</b>	<b>Jim Hoyle judge</b>
1	Paph gratixianum	Ron Henry
2	Paph Spotglen 'President Polk' x Fairburn 'Little John'	Joan Bailey
3	Paph Irish Moss x Jolly Green Gem	Ron Henry
<b>Amateur</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Jim Hoyle judge</b>
1	Epidendrum centradenum	Joan Bailey
2	Oncidium Gower Ramsey	Thamina Haque
3	Ascda Princess Mikaza	Marilyn Hill
<b>Speaker's Choice</b>	Laelia albida	Thamina Haque
<b>Adv Amatuer</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Dave De Young judge</b>
1	Pleurothallis restrepioides	Jim Hoyle
2	Mediocalcar decoratum	Jim Hoyle
3	Pleurothallis titan	Jim Hoyle
Cultural	Encyclia polybulbon	Steve Moeschler
<b>Adv Amatuer</b>	<b>Paphiopedilum</b>	<b>Dave De Young judge</b>
1	Paph Flower Blaze	Kathy Synsteliën
2	Paph McLaren Park 'San Mateo'	Kathy Synsteliën
3	Paph Little Irene x [McLaren Park x Minster Lovell]	Kathy Synsteliën
<b>Adv Amatuer</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Dave De Young judge</b>
1	Oncidium Sweet Sugar	Marla Corey
2	Masdevilla veitchiana x picea	Kathy Synsteliën
3	Dendrobium Tarean	Kathy Synsteliën

Note: Orchid names and pictures can be checked on <http://www.orchidspecies.com>

# People, Places and Things

## 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.

## Next Board Meeting—Feb. 23, 2005

The Board Meeting this month will be held 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.

### **In Memoriam**

**Lois Smith**, wife of Richard Smith - Past President of SBOS - died on January 18 in Roseville, CA. The Smiths had been members from the mid 1980's and Richard has a fond photo of her peddling cymbidiums at an SBOS show. We all send our sincerest condolences to Richard and family.

**Conrad "Sandy" Sandberg**, long time member and collector of pins from shows, passed away. He and his wife June lived in Seal Beach for a long time and were good friends with several members. He will be missed.

**Norris Powell**, owner of the Orchid House in Los Osos, and founder of the Paph. Guild passed away at the age of 98. He was one of the pioneer growers and will be missed.

### **Editor's Corner**

I want first to personally thank Paul Davison for the hard work that he put in getting the web site to the shape that it was in. It isn't easy putting one of these things together, and Paul is to be commended for taking on the challenge. Thanks, Paul for your hard work. And I want also to welcome Don Goss, our new web master. If you haven't seen the new web site, please visit it. Don has done a wonderful job of taking up where Paul left off. There are new e-mail lists for all of the members, so that I can send the newsletter to all who have e-mail addresses. And, the show site that Don has put together is spectacular. Tell all of your friends about it.

As another reminder, the bus trip to the Santa Barbara Orchid Show (Saturday, March 5) this year is \$36 per person. Please get in touch with May Dobratz to sign up. This trip is always fun, and the Santa Barbara Orchid Show is spectacular. May has all of the info for the bus trip like where to catch the bus and when, and also when the bus will return.

Our April meeting is going to be at Zuma Canyon, up in Malibu, on Saturday, April 16. We will have a picnic up there on that afternoon, and I have been talked into cooking. So, since I'm in charge of the barbeque, we're having fajitas. And, yes, I did live in Texas long enough to know what I'm doing. The food will be good, trust me. We are thinking of charging about \$10 to cover the cost of the food, and we will need to know how many are going to be there, so please let May know if you're coming.

Remember, the show is the weekend before the picnic at Zuma Canyon, so there's lots of orchid stuff to do in April. See you this Friday.

Your friendly editor, Ned

**The Refrigerator Door**  
**Orchid Show Calendar**  
February-April, 2005

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**Gardena Cymbidium Show**

Ken Nakaoka Memorial Community Center  
1670 West 162nd Street, Gardena, CA  
February 19-20, 2005  
For info call (310) 217-9500

**Pacific Orchid Expo 2005**

San Francisco Orchid Society  
February 17-20, 2005  
Festival Pavilion, Fort Mason Center  
San Francisco, CA

**Santa Barbara Orchid Show**

March 4, 5, and 6, 2005  
Earl Warren Showgrounds  
Santa Barbara, CA 93111  
(805) 967-6331

**For you World Travelers**  
**18th World Orchid Conference**

Dijon, France  
11-20 March, 2005  
www.woc2005.org

**University of California, Irvine**  
**Winter Orchid Show**

March 12-13  
UCI Arboretum  
(949) 824-5833

**SBOS Spring Show**  
**“Rainbow of Orchids”**  
**YES, THIS ONE IS OURS**

April 9 and 10, 2005  
Torrance Cultural Arts Center  
Torrance Blvd. and Madrona St.  
Torrance, CA

***“The Inflorescence”***

South Bay Orchid Society  
c/o Ned Patton  
21816 Barbara Street  
Torrance, CA 90503

**REMEMBER**  
**Our Spring Show is April 9 and 10**  
**Tell all your friends, and sign up to help out.**

***Ned***