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South Bay Orchid Society, Inc.

"Orchids for Amateurs"

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Web site: www.southbayorchidsociety.com

Installation Dinner
Friday, June 17, 2005

7:00 PM

Alpine Village Inn
833 W. Torrance Blvd.
Torrance

Installation Dinner Speaker

Dr. Joseph Ardidi

Join us for a fun filled evening with a special speaker from U.C. Irvine - Dr. Joseph Arditti who will give a humorous talk on how orchids have intruded into the world literature, been depicted in romantic situations, etc. Dr. Arditti has a Ph. D. from the University of Southern California, Professor of Biology (1966-2001), University of California, Irvine; Professor Emeritus (present). He has done research on orchids all of his life. Numerous research papers, popular articles and books. He speaks on a number of topics including Orchids and Romance:

- History of Orchid Propagation
- How Orchid Survive in Nature
- What Controls the Flowering of oOrchids
- Orchids in Science Fiction, Mystery and Romantic Novels
- Ethnobotany of Orchids (how orchids are or have been used by different cultures)
- Orchid Seed Germination (can be made technical or popular)
- Resupination (scientific and technical)
- Aging of Orchid Flowers (technical)

And, of course, **Begetting Orchids**, which can be X or R rated or worse, depending on the audience. Come join us.

See you at the Installation Banquet

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President's Message

This is the last President's Message I will be writing, so I want to take this opportunity to say "thank you" for allowing me the privilege to serve as president of South Bay Orchid Society for the last two years. The challenge of being president was made easier because of the support that I was given by all of you. Whenever I needed a volunteer to take on a task there was always someone willing to take on the responsibility. I also had an outstanding Board of Officers. Each of them took their job seriously and diligently carried out his/her responsibilities. The end of my presidency means a new beginning as we welcome our incoming president, Ned Patton. I hope all of you will attend our Installation Banquet when we can show our appreciation to the outgoing Board and our support for the incoming Board.

I'll see you at the Installation Banquet on June 17.

Marla Corey

Installation Dinner

Our installation dinner will be held on Friday, June 17th (regular meeting date) at the Alpine Village Inn on Torrance Blvd near the Harbor Freeway. For map directions, the address is 833 West Torrance Blvd., 90502.

The cost per person will be \$23.00 and you will order that evening from the following:

1. Sauerbraten (pot roast with spaetzle and vegetables)
2. Wienerschnitzel (with bratkartoffeln - sautéed potato and vegetables)
3. Beef rouladen (with chef's potatoes and vegetables)
4. Tyrolian chicken (with rice and vegetables)
- 5.

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Call in your reservation to May Dobratz at (310)-375-2693, mail your reservation check to May Dobratz, 4413 West 234th Place, Torrance, CA. 90505-4507, or email May at bdo-bratz@ix.netcom.com. Please have your reservation in no later than June 10th.

As always, we're counting on our members to provide blooming orchids to decorate our table.

Looking forward to seeing you, May Dobratz

Trading

I've always been fond of trading but never made the right connection until this spring (2004) when I joined GardenWeb. One needs to fill out an app, get a GW name and a PIN and then can participate in their forums. The Orchid Forum is informative, interesting and at times amusing and has an 'Exchange' component where people list their plants under 'Wanted' or 'Have' categories. There is a continuously changing smorgasbord of all kinds of plants and a connection to orchid people nation wide who are interested in trading. After a few e-mails are exchanged to nail down a trade, plants are mailed using USPS either regular or priority mail at a minimal cost. (\$0.60 to \$3.85). A few days later plants arrive, thanks are exchanged and the trade is complete. I have never lost a package, have not been disappointed and to my knowledge have not disappointed anyone I traded with. I have sent off over 200 plants without giving up a single plant from my collection as front end divisions, keikis and sprouted backbulbs are exchanged. There is a member page where a "Trade List" can be posted thus directing requests towards plants that have lots of available divisions such as my Cirr mackayanum which has about 30 front end leads. At the point of writing I have received 257 plants at a cost of \$196,17 (I knew I was going to write this article so I kept a record), each plant therefore costing less than \$1.00. These specimens are comparable to the \$7.50 plants at SBOE.

Some people like to send large established plants in which case a 1 for 2 or 3 trade is arranged. Most trades involve multiple plants which enhances the efficiency of the whole operation. I just returned from the post office where I sent 6 packages with 11 plants for \$8.82, by Wednesday or Thursday I should find 11 plants in the mail, all species I don't have right now. I will list what's offered at the point of writing on the exchange list to illustrate the nature of this thing:

Wanted: Bulbo cominsii Wanted: Compact Cymb Have: Phal Alice Sharp
Have: Phal Sara Gold hybrids Have: 2 Phals Kahurangis
Have: Bulbo brevitylidium Have: Dracula species Have: Mtssa cm Fitch 'Izumi'
Have: Ansellia Africana Have: Grammatophyllum scriptum var citrinum 'Hihimana'
Have: Ornithopera radicans Have: Terrestrial Calanthe 'Baron Schroeder'
Have: Cattleya gutalamensis Have: Pescatore wallisii Wanted: Bulbos
Have: Dendrobium thrysiflorum Have Tolumnia urophyllum
Wanted: Paphiopedelium, any variety Have: Max ochroleuca Have: Paphs
Wanted: Bulbo phaelanopsis Have: Dracula pusilla Have: Dend batanense
<DIV>Have: Onc sphacelatum Wanted: Bulbos, vandaceous, Phrags
<DIV>Wanted: Bonatea speciosum Have: Paph Maudie Wanted: Max species
Have: Masdevallias Wanted: Max species
Have: Pleurothallis restrepiodes 'Dragon Stone' CBR/AOS

The offerings can be quite specific or general, a brief blurb follows each post often describing the size of the plant offered, sometimes a picture is also available. Within 2 weeks most of the above will be replaced by a new set of offerings or requests.

To illustrate what I have traded for, I will list the 40 Bulbos and the Coelogeny I have received since April:

Bulbos auratum 'Josh', bandishii, burfordiense 'Magnifico', corno-cervi, curtesii, clipeobulbon, 'Daisy Chain' x self, Dearei x B echinolabium, dentiferum 'Emly' CBR/AOS, dayanum x fascinator, ecornutum, flabelloverins, leysianum, lobbii 'Sonoma' HCC/ AOS, longissimum, longissimum x B dayanum, lobbii x longiflorum, nymphopolitanum 'Doggidoo', maculatum, masdevalliaceum, medusa, macraei, morphogurum, orectopetalum, oreodoxa, oreintale, rothschildianum 'Red Chimney', pulchrum 'Mountainside', saurosephalus, serratotruncatum, stenobulbon, tainiophyllum, spatulatum, wedellii, ynorii, Cirr rothschildianum "A-doribil" x Cirr rothschildianum 'Red Chimney', Louis Sander 'Crownpoint' AM/AOS, minatum, masyersianum x lepidum. Coelogeny bilamelata, brachyptera, flexuosa, massangeana, ovalis, placida and speciosa.

I have looked for Bulbos but if one's pleasure is Paphs a similar list could be created. The other 197 plants I traded for are mostly a wide variety of species. None of the plants will show up at the meetings in bloom for a couple of years as they usually are front end divisions but its just a question of time. A few plants did not survive but the vast majority are doing just fine. I would highly recommend this to anyone who likes the \$7.50 table at SBOE, the more the merrier.

Ahnold wants to get in on this too, he sees the economic advantage of conducting California's trade with China, and all these things, using this method.

Happy trading, *Nicholas Braemer*



**Catt. Dial. Star
"Twinkle"**

Photo Ron Henry

**Owner
Dave DeYoung**

5-19-05 SBOS Ribbon Judging

Ribbon	Plant	Exhibitor
Novice	Other	Jasmine Bashi judge
1+Cultural	Vanda testacea	Shawn Bird
2	MDTM Hawaiian Sunset x Hot #8	Bobbie Davison
3	Dendrobium scabrilingue	Shawn Brid
Amateur	Other	Jim Hoyle judge
1+Speaker's Choice	Paph Prince Edward of York	Joan Bailey
2	Encyclia oncioides	Joan Bailey
3	Anselia africana 'Garden party'	Jasmine Bashi
Amateur	Dendrobium	Jim Hoyle judge
1	Den. amabile	Joan Bailey
2	Den. chrysotoxum	Joan Bailey
3	Den. Stardust 'Firebird'	(no name)
Amateur	Oncidium	Jim Hoyle judge
1	Rossioglosum Rainbow Jester	Joan Bailey
2	Col. Wildcat	Jasmine Bashi
3	Oncidium sphacelatum	Joan Bailey
Amatuer	Cattleya	Jim Hoyle judge
1	Catt. forbesii 'Orchidglade' x 'Ilgenfritz' AM/AOS	Joan Bailey
2	BLC Liliputian Princess	Jasmine Bashi
3	Epicatt. Hsinying Orange x 'China Hut'	Jasmine Bashi
Adv Amatuer	Species	Joan Bailey judge
1	Cattleya guatemalensis	Jim Hoyle
2	Dendrobium unicum	Jim Hoyle
3	Dockrilla cucumerina	Jim Hoyle
Adv Amatuer	Other	Joan Bailey judge
1	Psychopsis Kalini 'Big'	John Jaaks
2 +Cultural	Vanda Robert's Delight	Ed Voelker
3	Phal Galanat Beau x Dpts Malibu Beach	Marla Corey

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—June 22, 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 7:30 PM. The room is easily accessed by an elevator located past the café area at the front of the store.

Editor's Corner

Well, this is the last editor's corners that I write. It appears that I will be writing the President's Message soon, as well as this newsletter. I would like to invite every member to please come to the Installation Dinner. This Society belongs to all of us, and we all need to work together to make it better.

I think that most of you that have gotten to know me at all know that I am pretty approachable. That's how I want the Society to be, approachable. It is the new members that we attract into our midst that bring fresh ideas and fresh talent to our Society and its leadership, and that make the Society more fun for all of us. And, when we get new members, we all need to welcome them with open arms and help them to become better growers of orchids. After all, that's what this is all about, growing orchids and getting those incredible blooms.

So over the coming year, we are going to try some new things at the meetings, in this newsletter, and on the web site. We are already working with local vendors to get them to put ads on the web site for their products. In the Board meetings we all decided that this would be limited to suppliers of plants and things to grow plants. After all, we're an Orchid Society.

The bottom line is, if we try something that works for you, please let someone in the Society leadership know about it (like I said, I'm pretty approachable). And, especially, if you have an idea that you think might make what we do a little better, no matter what the idea is, please talk to me about it. Or, talk to Marla, or Bob Streeter, or Ron, or Thamina, or anyone that can do something with the idea. Even better, come to the Board meetings with your ideas and let us know what you think of how we're doing. I for one am quite comfortable with constructive criticism, and I think that I can speak for the Board that we are all that way. And, of course, the converse is also true, if we try something and we bomb, let us know it didn't work for you. We won't know that it was a screwed up idea unless someone tells us it was screwed up and why.

So, I am very much looking forward to the next year. We can do great things together and grow the Society into what it really deserves to be. But, we can only do that together.

Your friendly editor (soon to be President), Ned

The Refrigerator Door
Orchid Show Calendar
February-April, 2005

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Santa Barbara Orchid Estate
INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FAIR
Grand Anniversary!
July 8-10, 2005
Earl Warren Showgrounds,
Santa Barbara, CA

2005 Orchid Digest Speakers' Day
'Slipper Orchid Extravaganza'
Huntington Botanical Center
1151 Oxford Road
San Marino, CA
Saturday, July 16, 1:00 pm

August 30
Central Coast Orchid Society Show
First Presbyterian Church,
227 Ne 12thNewport, OR.
Contact: Elsie Flower, 557 NW 54th Ct,
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Orchids at the Coast
October 1 - 3, 2004
Westminster Mall
Westminster, California

“The Inflorescence”

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

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Torrance.**

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