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**South Bay Orchid Society, Inc.**

**“Orchids for Amateurs”**

**Founded July, 1957**

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**INFLORESCENCE**

**July, 2005**

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

**July Meeting**

**Friday, July 15, 2005**

**8:00 PM**

South Coast Botanic Garden

26300 Crenshaw Blvd.

Palos Verdes Peninsula

**Speaker**

**Fred Clarke—Sunset Valley Orchids**

Fred Clarke created Sunset Valley Orchids in 1995 as a natural outgrowth of a hobby he began twenty five years earlier. Sunset Valley Orchids is a “Boutique” style nursery where the plant offerings are unique to the breeding lines developed there.

Orchid breeding is Fred’s passion. He is currently working in several lines; Cattleya, Paphiopedilum, Catasetinae, Bulbophyllum, and hybrids for cool to intermediate growing. Plants are selected on strict criteria of robust growth and ease to flower. The flasking lab produces 1000 replat flasks annually, representing 100 hybrids. They select only the most vigorous seedlings throughout the process; in flask, community trays, and again when potting into individual pots. This grading selects for the strongest plants, both for the customers and for their own future breeding.

Fred is a certified American Orchid Society Judge, in the American Orchid Society’s Pacific South Judging Region. Orchids from Sunset Valley Orchid have received many AOS awards, including four ‘First Class Certificates’, the highest honor.

And, it was Fred’s black orchid on the back of Orchid Digest a few months back. Come listen to a master hybridizer.

Nick Braemer

**Culture Session—7:00 PM**

Jim Rowley and Nick Braemer will talk about disa uniflora (one flower). This famous red orchid is an emblem of the Western Cape of Good Hope. Fascinating and gorgeous.

## President's Message

Welcome to a new year of the South Bay Orchid Society. I am honored to be the one writing this column for the newsletter, and hope that I live up to all of your expectations. In the last newsletter (Editor's Corner—which is now history) I talked a little bit about what I want to do and what all of the Board members want to do to make membership in the Society better for all of us. One of the things that may surprise you is that those folks that volunteer their efforts to do things for the Society find it very rewarding. And, on that subject, there are a few people that I want to thank heartily for their hard work over the last couple of years, and that are looking to retire from doing their jobs.

First, thanks to Ted and Jackie Johnson who have handled the ribbon judging at our meetings for the last couple of years. They have done a superb job and my thanks goes out to them. But, it is time for someone else to take over that job.

Next, thanks to the two lovely ladies who have handled the kitchen for us for both the meetings and the shows, Carolyn Gould and Shirley Marble. They're the ones that make sure that there are goodies at the meeting and also plenty of food at the shows for all of the volunteers. And, this last year they have really outdone themselves. Thanks to both of them for a job very well done. But, again, these two need a break, so we need some fresh volunteers to take over in the kitchen.

In the last Editor's Corner, I talked a little bit about myself and how I want the Society to feel for all of us and especially for the new members. 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. Again, over the coming year, we are going to try some new things at the meetings, in this newsletter, and on the web site. The bottom line is that we want new ideas and new people to help out and to make the Society more fun for all of us. We can always attract new members with meetings, lectures, this newsletter, etc. But, if these new members don't think that they are having fun and getting something out of being members, we won't keep them.

Another thing that I want to try to do is to make the operation of the Society more transparent to the membership. I am going to talk in this forum about what goes on in Board meetings so that everyone can be involved in making decisions for our Society. Like I said, I'm looking for new ideas, no matter what or how big or small the idea is. The only bad idea is the one you don't let us know about. The last Board meeting (and probably the next couple) was dominated with discussions about the **Fall Show**. Anyone who wants to help out at the **Fall Show** please talk to **Marla**. Since she gave up this job, she has taken on the responsibility for both of the shows that we put on each year. And, the shows are one of the main ways that we connect with the community and get new members, as well as show off our hard work. The shows only come off well if we all pitch in and make them happen.

Finally—**DUES ARE DUE!!!** - You will all be receiving a flyer in the next newsletter, but:

**BRING YOUR CHECKBOOK TO THE MEETING FRIDAY!!!**

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.

Ned

## My list of definitions.

As a newbie, it wasn't that long ago that I was flooded with new words and terms. So as the abbreviations, acronyms and lingo seemed to swirl around me I finally took the time to keep a few definitions handy. The following is my list and I hope those of you just starting out may find it helpful as well. **Happy gowing - Susann**

Aerial:	Root type (okay that was easy).
Alba:	A white flower form usually from something with color.
AM:	Award of Merit AOS designation award to a plant receiving 80-89 points during formal judging.
Anther:	Pollen bearing part of stamen.
Backbulb:	An inactive pseudobulb behind the active growth in a sympodial plant. Cymbidiums are for me the most obvious. These are the bulbs without leaves, but that are still alive and healthy.
Bifoliate:	Having two leaves on a pseudobulb.
Bigeneric:	Having two different genera for parents.
Blight:	Rapid decline and death of plant parts (something I am too familiar with).
Cane:	Dendrobium pseudobulbs (took me a while to realize these function like bulbs and backbulbs).
Capsule:	Seed pod.
Clone:	All the appearance of a single orchid plant grown originally from a single seed (divisions, meristem propagations and so forth).
Community pots:	Sometimes called compots, it is a pot containing many seedlings or clones from a flask.
Cool growing plants:	Plants preferring an average temperature of 55 degrees F at night, 65 degrees F during the day and 70 degrees with sun (cymbidiums, odontoglossums and masdevallias require the cool temperature to grow well and initiate flowers).
Divisions:	Making new plants from an older plant by cutting the rhizome with pseudobulbs and attached rhizome. This is done commonly with Cymbidiums.
Epiphyte:	Air plant; uses other plants for support and environment for its habitat.
FCC:	First Class Certificate. Designation awarded to plants receiving 90 points or more in formal judging.
Genus:	A grouping of plants that have similar characteristics.
Habitat:	The location a plant lives and grows naturally.
HCC:	Highly Commended Certificate. Designation given to plants receiving 75-79 points in formal judging.
Intermediate temperature:	A temperature average of 60 degrees F at night, 68 degrees during the day and 75 degrees with sun (some varieties of cattleyas and dendrobiums require the lower night time temperatures).
Flask:	A clear container used for laboratory germination or propagation of orchids.
Floriferous:	A plant that flowers freely, as opposed to flowering at a set time.
Hybrid:	Cross between species or other hybrids.

## My List of Definitions (Continued)

Inflorescence:	Flower spike of an Orchid (as well as our Illustrious Newsletter).
Keiki:	Offshoot of a plant. Hawaiian word for baby plants formed on mother plant.
Lip:	Modified petal on orchid-usually distinctive of orchids.
Lithophyte:	Plants that grow attached to or on rocks.
Mericlone:	Plants that are produced via vegetative reproduction (reproduced from just a piece of a plant).
Monopodial:	Plant which grows from a single stem (Vanda and Phalaenopsis come to mind). Here you won't see baby plants or shoots coming up from the base of your plant, only the one stalk
Nocturnal:	Refers to flowers that open after dark.
Node:	Area/joint on stem that will bear leaf or leaves.
Parasite:	Organism living on another plant, getting its nutrients from that plant (host).
Petal:	Inner segments or parts of the flower.
Pistil:	Female reproductive part of the flower that bears seed(s).
Rhizome:	Portion of the plant that sends up new shoots, root bearing part.
Semi-alba:	White flower with colored lip.
Septal:	Outer part of the flower.
Sheath:	A Covering that encloses a developing leaf or flower.
Species:	A subdivision of a genus.
Spike:	An unopened emerging flower stalk.
Stamen:	Male reproductive part of the flower, bearing pollen.
Sympodial:	Latin for many footed. Plants spread in and over their medium (catts come to mind here). Baby plants emerge from the base of the larger plant, and this makes the plant appear to be spreading sideways from its origin.
Unifoliate:	Having one leaf.
Virus:	Dreaded microscopic infectious agent (something to avoid). See one of the more experienced members to find out how to tell if your plants are infected.
Warm Growing:	Varieties preferring a temperature average of 64 degrees F at night, 72 degrees during the day and 80 degrees with sun. I am learning that to produce beautiful, long lasting blooms a temperature fluctuation 10-15 degrees F is necessary whether cool, intermediate or warm growing plants.

**The South Bay Orchid Society**  
presents

# **An Orchid Garden**

An orchid show and sale



**Saturday and Sunday**  
**September 24 and 25, 2005**

Show: Sat 11-5, Sun 9-5

Sale: Sat & Sun 9-5

**South Coast Botanic Garden**  
**26300 Crenshaw Blvd.**  
**Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274**

Show free with paid admission to Botanic Garden  
General admission \$7, Seniors \$6

Visit our website at  
[www.southbayorchidsociety.com](http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com)

Show proceeds benefit the South Coast Botanic Garden  
Foundation

## 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—July 20, 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.



**Cattleya LC  
Sierra Skies**

Photo—Ron Henry

Owner—Dave DeYoung

**Paph. Macabre  
'Black Lace' x Glori-  
osum 'Hallalujah'**

**Photo and Owner  
Ron Henry**



**The Refrigerator Door**  
**Orchid Show Calendar**  
July-October, 2005

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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,  
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**South Bay Orchid Society Fall Show**  
**South Coast Botanic Garden**  
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.  
Palos Verdes Peninsula

**September 24-25, 2005**  
**Yes, Folks, This is OUR Fall Show**  
**See Marla Corey**  
**Or (310) 833-1918**

**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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**REMEMBER**

**Dues are due!!! Bring your Checkbook Friday**

*Ned*