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“Orchids for Amateurs”

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September Meeting

Friday, September 16, 2005

8:00 PM

South Coast Botanic Garden

26300 Crenshaw Blvd.

Palos Verdes Peninsula

Speaker

Leon Glicenstein—Leon joined Hoosier Orchid Company in September 1998. He began growing orchids in 1954, and became assistant to the curator of orchids at the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens - then Carl Withner - from 1957 to 1960. He has advanced degrees in Chemistry and Horticulture, with an emphasis on plant breeding, cytology, and cytogenetics. Working as a plant breeder for five years at Linda Vista S.A. in Costa Rica, he photographed, in the wild, approximately 80% of the then known orchid species of Costa Rica. He also found new species such as *Telipogon glicensteinii*, *Macroclinium glicensteinii*, *Pterichis Leo* and *Lepanthes glicensteinii*. He won the second American Orchid Society Dillon/Peterson Essay Contest using one of his Costa Rican experiences. He has photographed many of the orchids in the Northeastern United States, Florida, and all of the orchids in California, where he located some tax not formerly known to exist there. He has given numerous Conservation oriented lectures, both nationally and internationally, showing orchids growing in their native habitats and was a speaker at the World Orchid Conference in Vancouver. Before coming to Hoosier Orchid Company he worked for an internationally known plant breeding company breeding crops such as Chrysanthemum, Carnation, Azalea and Roses.

Nick Braemer

Culture Session—7:00 PM

Dr. Bob Streeter is going to tell all of us what judges look for in plants when they make their determinations. Learn how to clean up your plants and get them ready for the SHOW!!!

President's Message

Well, the Fall Show is upon us, and we all need to help out to make this a success. There are two things in this newsletter to read carefully—first, Marla has a full page on the Show and what we have for vendors, etc. Please read that, and get in touch with each of the people responsible for the critical jobs for the show. I will be there probably most of the time both days, and I want to see as many of you there as can make it. Ron needs help with set up and tear down, Marilyn needs help in Host and Hostess, and Shirley needs for all of us to bring food for the kitchen. I will probably do something for Sunday, and maybe even Saturday—as some of you already know, I do know how to cook.

And, there are other ways that you can help. When you come to the show, and you find that you have seen all the orchids that you want to see, and have bought all of the stuff and the plants that you want to buy, you have nothing better to do that day than stick around and be with your friends—right? So, I'll be there, Marla will be there, come up to one of us and ask if there's anything that you can do—or just stay in the show hall with your SBOS badge on and make sure that nobody touches anyone's plant. Sometimes the hosts and hostesses can't keep all of the little kids in line, so be gentle and cordial, but let them know that the plants are there to see, not to touch.

Set up for the show starts mid-day on Friday. Plant registration starts at 4:00 PM. Try to get your plants registered early, so that the nice folks doing registration can get home at a decent hour. And, while you're there, the vendors will be setting up their displays, and probably could use a little help getting all of their plants brought into the show area. This is a great time to pick out what you want to buy from the vendors—most of them are more than willing to put your name on an orchid so that you can pick it up on Saturday. That way you won't miss out on the best stuff.

The show starts Saturday, and runs through Sunday. When you are at the show, wear your badge proudly. We're putting this thing on, and the Shows are our best avenue for getting new members. Put on your best face, and your best hospitality, and let's really show everyone in the South Bay we know how to put on a Show. There will be member sign-ups at the Show, and Susann will be there most of the time (that's why I will be there—but that's for another Newsletter article later this year). Judging starts early Saturday morning, and I have been assured by Dr. Bob that the show doors will open as soon as the judges are done (thought I was going to give you a time—didn't you—Dr. Bob would shoot me).

As for the rest of the last month and the coming month. We now have a PayPal account for the Society. Don Goss and Jim Rowley set that up so that we could put advertising on the web site. If you remember, I talked about that a bit in an earlier version of this piece. We are also going to set up a way for you to pay your dues on line through the PayPal account. And, remember, **LAST CALL—DUES ARE DUE**. At the end of September, we are going to print the Directory, and if you haven't paid your dues, you will stop getting this Newsletter and you will not be in the Directory.

See you Friday, Ned

The Show is here and my plants look – Well.....

The SBOS Show is upon us, and all of us that have more than just one or two orchids (that means you - you are a member of this club, aren't you?), have at least something in bloom. That means that we all need to think about how to get our hard work ready for the Show. After all, that's what being a member of SBOS is all about – right? Bring our plants to the show and show off a little. But, what about all of that dead looking stuff on the pseudobulbs, and what about the leaves, and the flowers aren't perfect, and the pot that the plant is in is ugly, and, and, and..... – Excuses won't get you anywhere with your friends in the Society.

Here are a few things to do to make your plants look like they're ready for the show (by the way, I did talk to other more experienced growers and some judges about some of this, so you're not listening to a complete amateur):

- **Make sure there aren't any bugs on the plant** – Remember the last speaker we had – he talked to us about bugs, both the crawly kind and the others. While we can't do anything about a plant that has been infected by a virus, we can do something about the creepy crawly sort of bugs. Look over your plants very carefully – don't just look at flowers, turn the leaves over and really take a good look. If the nice folks checking in your plants, or the judges themselves find any bugs at all – you're toast. That also goes for molds and slug or snail slime. Clean up the plant very carefully.
- **Get rid of the dead stuff** – If there are any dead leaves, or even leaf tips, either pull them off if they are that dead, or if they aren't completely dead but look really bad, cut them off with a razor blade. The judges look at the leaves too, so make the plant look as healthy as you can without actually damaging the plant.
- **Make your flower spikes look their best** – Stake up your flower spikes so that they form a nice shape. This is most especially important for Phalaenopsis, but it goes for most other types of orchids as well. Hint – Thick Bonsai wire is pretty good for this – and you can buy those little clasps from most orchid supply places (Yamada has them).
- **Make the pot look nice** – Either clean up the outside of the pot that the plant is in, or better yet, put the plant and pot into a nice ceramic pot that is glazed in a color that accentuates the color of either the flowers or the foliage. My wife does that with everything that she shows, and she gets ribbons.
- **Fix up the pseudobulbs** – Cattleyas like to grow in all directions, but judges like to see a more orderly arrangement, so move them around a little and stake them up. But, before you do that, get rid of the dead stuff (bracts) on the outside of the pseudobulbs. You can peel that stuff off very easily, and if you leave it on it's a good hiding place for bugs anyway.
- **Make the leaves shine** – Clean up the water stains on the leaves and put something on them to make them shine. There are commercial products that do this, but a little milk mixed about 50-50 with water will do the trick.
- **Get rid of used up flower spikes** – and anything else that would detract from the beauty of the flower spike that completely came out just in time for the show. Any old inflorescences, keikis, or anything else that just doesn't look right.
- **Spruce up that potting mix** – Dig down a little and get rid of the mossy rotten looking potting mix at the top. Then dress up the top with some fresh stuff – bark, coconut, whatever you have the plant potted in.
- **Water your babies** – They are going to be in the show hall for at least two days, and it's pretty dry in there and they are not going to be in their home, so your babies are going to be unhappy (as in stressed). Give them a nice cool drink before you bring them in so that they don't look like they're stressed by the time you take them home on Sunday.

Just call me Dr. Ned

An Orchid Garden
South Bay Orchid Society Fall Show and Sale
September 24 and 25, 2005

Our annual Fall Show and Sale is quickly approaching. This show is our annual fundraiser for the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation, of which our society is a member. Proceeds from this year's show have been designated to go toward a project to identify and label plants throughout the garden. Many of the original labels have been lost or become illegible through the years. This is worthy project for our support, and our way of showing our appreciation for the use of the wonderful facility we are able to use for our meetings.

We have an impressive list of vendors for our sales area. As of this writing we have: Zuma Canyon Orchids, Orchids and Gardens, P M Orchids, Gibbel Orchids, Tropical Gardens Orchids, Pura Vida Orchids, and Kawamoto Orchid Nursery. We will have an abundance of quality orchids for sale and an informative "Featured Speakers" series. John Jaacks is doing a great job with publicity, but we need everyone to help get the word out that this is an orchid show and sale not to be missed. We will have more flyers at the meeting to pass out in your community and to your friends.

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to work at the show, but we can use even more help. Please make the job of the committee chairs easier by volunteering to work. We will also need people to sign up to bring food to feed our hungry and hard working volunteers and vendors. Working at the show is fun and a good way to get to know your fellow society members. There are jobs for every ability level. Give these committee chairs a phone call or sign up at our next meeting:

Ron Henry, set-up and take-down 310-374-9699
Marilyn Hill, hosts and hostesses 310-675-0604
Shirley Marble, food and kitchen 310-379-0855
Lyn Jaacks, plant registration 310-377-4857

Bring your blooming plants in for the show! Plant registration will be in the auditorium on Friday the 23rd beginning at 4:00pm and ending at 9:00pm. Be sure that they are clean and free of pests. For more information on how to prepare your plants for the show come to Dr. Bob Streeter's culture session at this month's meeting. I want everyone to win a ribbon. If you have something exceptional it can be entered for AOS or CSA judging.

Marla Corey
Show chair

August 18 Ribbon Judging Results

Novice	Judge/Beverly Christensen	Exhibitor
1st	Yellowbird Richard Muller x B. nodosa	Susann Patton
2nd	Phalaenopsis	Bobbie Davison
3rd	Phalaenopsis Dpts Hsin New Girl x Dtps brother Success	Susann Patton

Amateur

Phalaenopsis	Judge/Ron Henry	Exhibitor
1st	Phal/no name	S Eastwood
2nd	Phal/No Name	S Eastwood
3rd	Dtps Malibu Lipstick	S Eastwood

Other	Judge/Ted Johnson	Exhibitor
1st	Onc Kalihi Big	Ann McNeily
2nd	Bllra Peggy Ruth carpenter "Morning Joy"	Thamina Haque
3rd	Catt/unknown	Thamina Haque

Paphilopedilum	Judge/Ron Henry	Exhibitor
1st	Unknown	S Eastwood
2nd	Delenati	Jasmine Bashi

Advanced Amateur

	Judge/Thamina Haque	Exhibitor
1st	Mtssa Dark Star "Dark Vadar"	Joan Bailey
2nd	Paph. Gilbert Blyth x Quicksilver "message Service"	Joan Bailey
3rd	Dend/Phal	Joan Bailey

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Novice		Exhibitor
3rd	brassavola sp	Sean Byrd

People, Places and Things

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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—September 21, 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.



**Cattleya
Skinneri 'Danae'**

**LaelioCattleya
Mari's Song
'CTM217'**



The Refrigerator Door
Orchid Show Calendar
July-October, 2005

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

Southern California Orchid Species Society Annual Orchid Auction

October 9—1pm
Placentia Public Library

11th Annual
San Diego International Orchid Fair

October 14-16, 2005
Bing Crosby Hall
San Diego County Fairgrounds
Del Mar, California

Santa Barbara Orchid Estate
Fall Open House & Sale

November 5 & 6, 2005
Extended Open House Hours:
Saturday: 8am-5pm & Sunday: 9am-5pm

Fall Orchid Festival
Orchids.com and Norman's Orchids

November 4-13, 2005
Montclair, CA (909)627-9515

SBOS San Diego Car Pool Trip

Open Houses include:
Sunset Orchids, Casa De La Orchids, and
Andy's Orchids
December 2 or 3
Call Ron Henry 310-374-9699

“The Inflorescence”

South Bay Orchid Society

c/o Ned Patton

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REMEMBER

The Fall Show is in about a week—Be There!!

Ned