



**Pot. Miya's Radiance "Red Beauty"**

**South Bay Orchid Society, Inc.**

**"Orchids for Amateurs"**

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**October Meeting**

**Friday, October 21, 2005**

**8:00 PM**

South Coast Botanic Garden  
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.  
Palos Verdes Peninsula

**Speaker**

**Denise C. Wilson, Conservationist - S.O.S. Save  
Orchids in California.**

**How to Mobilize to Protect Native Species**

When we think of orchid conservation, we often think of faraway tropical places. But native plants are being driven to extinction right in our own backyard.

Learn how to organize your own group to survey and protect California Native Orchids. Denise will show us how the Partners for Colorado Native Plants (PCNP) is working with Denver Botanic Gardens to recruit and train teams of volunteers to help census and monitor wild orchid populations. We're gathering the data we need to get the appropriate species designated as threatened, and developing site management plans to protect these vanishing treasures.

PCNP is modeled after the Plants of Concern program run by Chicago Botanic Gardens, Chicago Audubon and Chicago Wilderness. We unite orchid hobbyists, gardeners, students, retirees and plant lovers to take on scientific fieldwork usually done by professional botanists. After completing the free training, these volunteers are deployed by many state and federal agencies to staff programs otherwise stymied by a lack of funding. Learn how the PCNP is building a grass roots organization to extend the reach of existing botanical institutions to achieve our shared conservation goals.

Denise C. Wilson is Vice President of the Boulder Orchid Society, past Treasurer Denver Orchid Society, and an international educator and advocate for orchid conservation through the Orchid Specialist Group with The World Conservation Union.

Nick Braemer

**Culture Session—7:00 PM**

Len Judaken has been experimenting with potting media for years, and has settled on what works best. He is going to impart his wisdom and experience at the meeting. Don't miss it.

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## President's Message

What a GREAT show. We had the best event that the Gardens have had in years. In fact, their Fall plant show was the next weekend, and we heard from the Garden Management that our show was better attended than their plant sale. WOW. See Marla's thanks to everyone later in this newsletter.

We have so much coming up it will be hard to give everything justice, but I will give it a shot. But, before I launch into that, I thought that it was time to describe what goes on at one of our meetings. So, hopefully I won't bore all of you, but read over the next two pages to get a good idea of what we do for three hours on the evening of the third Friday of every month.

The Holiday potluck party is on December 16 this year, and Ron is working to get the South Torrance High School girls choir again this year for our entertainment. I plan to smoke a turkey for the party, and several others will bring hams, turkeys, and all the fixing's. Sign up with Carolyn Gould, Shirley Marble, or Ann McNeely and bring something for the potluck.

There are two events before that party that you might not want to miss. Norman's Orchids (Orchidweb.com) is having an open house next month (see the Refrigerator Door for dates). We are trying to arrange for a carpool to Norman's place for anyone who is interested. And, there are several other open houses in the San Diego area at the first of December. See Ron Henry for details on the carpool that he is arranging to San Diego.

And, once the new year begins, three things happen pretty quickly. Our Spring Show down at the Torrance civic center is at the first of March this year, and believe it or not, Marla is already getting her act together for that show. We have arranged for a bus again this year to the Santa Barbara Show later in March. I think that the date is March 25 (Saturday), but check with Ron Henry to make sure. He will start advertising the trip probably in January, so it's not that far away. Finally, we are again going to have a picnic, and we might go back to Zuma Canyon this year, since the picnic last year was such a success. We'll keep you posted.

Well, that's about it for now. For those of you that are new members, or those that are thinking about signing up, please come to the meeting Friday. Len Judaken is an expert on potting media, and you can learn so much from him. And, our speaker, Denise Wilson, will let you know where you can see orchids growing naturally right here in Southern California.

See you there, Ned

### **Cattleya Portiata**

**Grower: Eunice Ell-  
estad**

**Photo: Don Goss**



## What do we do at an SBOS Meeting

Sitting at the back of one of our South Bay Orchid Society meetings, it occurred to me that a lot of the newer folks at our meetings probably don't know what goes on and why all of us like to come to the meetings – besides the socialization, learning something new, and showing off our blooming plants. So, I thought that I would describe a meeting, what happens, when it happens, and what to expect.

So, first the timing of things:

**7:00 to 7:15 PM** – Ribbon judging starts, raffle ticket sales start, silent auction starts, and we always have a culture session that lasts for 30 to 40 minutes

**8:00 PM** – Ribbon judging ends, we have general announcements, and Nick Braemer (first VP) announces the speaker

**8:15 to 9:00 PM** – We have an informative lecture (slide presentation) about orchids by a featured speaker

**9:00 to 9:15 PM** – Silent auction ends, Refreshments in the kitchen

**9:15 to 9:30 PM** – Raffle ticket sales end, and we raffle off the plants on the plant table

Now what does all this mean, and how does each part work.

**Ribbon Judging** - When you bring in a plant for ribbon judging, you need to clean it up and make sure that there are no bugs on the plant. You also have to know what your plant is, and what group it belongs in (keep the little plastic tags that give you the parentage of the plant). See last month's column on getting your plants ready for a show for info on how to clean them up, but ignore the thing about the leaf shine – milk is OK but the judges don't like leaf shine. Dr. Bob wouldn't like me to say this, but pretty much anything that you have in bloom has a pretty good chance of winning a ribbon, so bring in your blooming plants. But, you must have owned the plant for at least 3 months before you can enter it for ribbon judging. In other words, you need to put the blooms on them, not Home Depot!

**Silent Auction** – People who have plants that they want to sell – like when you split up a Cymbidium for the third or fourth time, and you have 7 that bloom with the same green blooms – bring one or two of the smaller ones in and put them in the silent auction. And, you can bring other things too, pieces of cypress bark to mount plants on, I have even seen bromeliads in the silent auction. Anyway, there are several things on the table in the second lecture hall (the one farther from the entrance) that each have a bid sheet on them. If you bring something in to sell, you put what you want to get for the plant or whatever on the top of the sheet, and that will be the minimum bid. Everything above that goes to the Society—so it's a great way to give back to our organization. There are several blank rows below your minimum price. If you want something, you can start the bidding with the minimum bid by putting your name and your bid right below the minimum bid price. Or if someone else has already bid on it, you put your name below theirs, and bid a dollar higher. Bidding always goes up by a dollar. At the end of the silent auction, you pick up what you won and pay Jim Rowley (Treasurer). Jim takes care of everything else—giving you whatever you put on the tag for minimum bid and making sure that the Society gets the rest.

**Culture Session** – We always have a short training session about some aspect of growing or blooming orchids. Some of these are pretty basic, like watering and fertilizing – some are more advanced, like hydroponics. We recently have had culture sessions on particular species – *disa uniflora* for example. But we usually have something more broadly general for everyone. Every year there are several culture sessions about potting and potting media, pests, diseases, getting your plant ready for show, getting your babies to bloom, etc. These are always informative, and are a great chance to learn new things from people who have been doing this for a while. You are always welcome to bring in your problem plants and have the person giving the culture session diagnose your problem.

**Speakers** – We always try to get informative and lively speakers for the main part of the meeting. Sometimes we do pretty well, sometimes the speakers can be a little advanced for beginners. But, the pictures that they show are always pretty, and more often than not you will get a unique opportunity to see where orchids grow in nature. Remember, your job when you grow them is to replicate their natural habitat as closely as you can. That's the way champion orchid growers get those gorgeous flowers.

**Refreshments** – The kitchen always has sweets, punch, coffee, and other stuff to eat after the speaker is finished. This stuff is always brought to the meeting by volunteers, and we have a couple of very hard working gals in the kitchen who take care of getting all of it ready for us. As soon as the speaker is finished, we retire to the kitchen for eats and to chat with our friends.

**Plant Table** – There is always a plant table (15-20 plants) in the front of the hall that we raffle off at the end of the meeting. There are four ways to earn raffle tickets:

1. **Wear your badge** – you get a badge ticket if you have it on you when you come to the meeting
2. **Bring a plant** – Every plant that you enter for ribbon judging gets you a raffle ticket
3. **Bring refreshments** – The nice ladies in the kitchen will give you a raffle ticket if you bring something in for the kitchen.
4. **Buy tickets** – Raffle tickets are on sale at the back of the hall. Ted and Betty Cornell sell raffle tickets at every meeting – they've been doing this for years, so they pretty much have it down to a science at this point.

At about 9:15, I will get up in front of the hall and start drawing raffle tickets. I usually draw one ticket from the badge, ribbon judging, and kitchen cans to start with so that if you get lucky and wear your badge, bring a plant, and/or bring some cookies, you get first shot at the best plants on the table. Once I'm done with those, I start drawing numbers from the rotating cage that Ted and Betty Cornell have filled up with raffle tickets. Listen carefully because it gets pretty late, and I for one want to get out of there and get home. If I call your number and I don't hear anything, I go on to the next one. So, listen and stay awake or you will miss your chance to go home with a nice plant.

**That's about it** – If you have any questions, I usually sit back with my wife at the Membership table. Or, talk to any of the old hands around the place – we're a pretty friendly bunch.

**See you there ..... Ned**

## Fall Orchid Show and Sale

What a great Fall Show we had! The weather was great, the orchids were beautiful and the show was well attended. In fact we had the best attendance we have ever had at a Fall Orchid Show. Everything ran smoothly thanks to the hard work of our committee chairs and everyone who came to help.

**Marilyn Hill** recruited and organized the hosts and hostesses. They did a good job of keeping an eye on the showroom and answering questions the public might have about our plants and our society, as well staffing the plant hotel.

**Ron Henry** organized the set-up of the show, which involved bringing all of our show supplies from storage, putting up shade cloth and installing additional lighting in the auditorium. He also had the responsibility of putting everything back into storage.

**Carolyn Gould and Shirley Marble and May Dobratz** kept the kitchen organized and the coffee hot. Everyone was well fed and ready to work.

**Bob Streeter** was able to get excellent judges for our ribbon judging and for CSA and AOS judging. We were able to open the show earlier than scheduled.

**Lyn Jaacks** had the paperwork and her staff organized to efficiently register our plants for judging.

**Ann McNeeley** and her helpers were busy with the boutique and book sales.

**Jim Hoyle and Polly Kinsinger** organized and staffed the potting supply booth, where they also were available to answer culture questions that many of our visitors had.

**Susann and Ned Patton** were at the Membership and Information table to welcome our guests, answer questions about our meeting, and to sign up new members. Susann also donated one of her beautiful orchid paintings as a raffle prize.

**Don Goss**, our web-master, kept our show website up to date on important information about our show. Our website is becoming more and more important as a way to publicize our society and our events.

**John Jaacks** made sure everyone knew about our show. Publicity is the key to a successful show and John organized a successful campaign that included posters, flyers, and newspaper ads.

**The Featured Speakers** did an excellent job of preparing and giving talks on orchid culture. I'm sure that their knowledge and enthusiasm gave many novice growers the confidence to grow orchids and others to try new ways of growing them.

And of course a big thank you to everyone who took the time to clean up their blooming orchids and bring them in for judging in our show. There were not as many orchids in bloom the weekend of the show so every plant was even more appreciated. Congratulations to all the winners.

The Fall Show is over and I have already started planning the Spring Show, which is March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center.

Marla Corey  
Show Chair

**Editor's Note:** Look for the Fall Show judging results in the next newsletter as a supplement. Or, if you really want them now, send me an e-mail and I will find a way to get them to you. I will have more pictures from the show in the next newsletter also.

09-16-05 SBOS Ribbon Judging

<b>Ribbon</b>	<b>Plant</b>	<b>Exhibitor</b>
<b>Novice</b>	<b>Oncidium</b>	<b>Thamina Haque judge</b>
1	Mtssa Dark Star "Darth Vader"	Susann Patton
2	Milt. unknown	Don Goss
3	Odont hybrid unknown	Don Goss
<b>Novice</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Thamina Haque judge</b>
1	Angreacum leonis	Shawn Bird
2	Laelia pumila	Shawn Bird
3	Holcaglossum kimbliannum	Shawn Bird
<b>Novice</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Thamina Haque judge</b>
1	Blc Wainae Leopard x C. Penny Kuroda	Don Goss
2	C. bowringiana coerulea x sib	Bobby Ignacio
3	Zygo Red Vale "Fire Kiss"	Don Goss
<b>Amateur</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Toby Hoyle judge</b>
1	Aer. Lawrence x ascda. Bangkhuntian	Thamina Haque
2	Onc. papillo	Ann McNeely
3	Bllra. Peggy Ruth Carpenter "Mourning Joy"	Thamina Haque
<b>Amatuer</b>	<b>Cattleya</b>	<b>Toby Hoyle judge</b>
1	LC Petticoats "Can Can"	Ken Servis
2	LC Orizaba	Thamina Haque
3	LC Novissima	Thamina Haque
<b>Adv Amatuer</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Burt Dobratz judge</b>
Cultural	Dendrochilum magnum	Joan Bailey
1	Novissima	Joan Bailey
2	Phrag Don Wimber	Marla Corey
3	Paph Parishii	Joan Bailey

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

## MORE PICTURES



**Blc. Bryce Canyon  
'Splendiferous'**

**Grower: Bernadette  
Nazareno**

**Photo: Don Goss**

**George Vasquez and Dr.  
Bob cutting the cake at the  
Fall Show**

**A more rogueish pair you  
will rarely see**



**Angraecum Comorense 'Zuma  
Canyon'**

**Grower: Bob Streeter**

**Photo: Don Goss**



## 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 will be held at the 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.

**Get Well Soon**—Mabel Manel is recuperating from surgery. Those of you that know her, please send your best wishes. Contact Kathy West for details.

### **Thanks from Jim Hoyle (for the Fall Show)**

I just wanted to say thank-you for all the help at the Society Sales Table. Much effort was expended by Janine Slane, Polly Kinsinger, Toby Hoyle, Shawn Bird, and least we forget, thanks for the great entertainment by Art Bailey.



**Cattleya Maxima**

**Grower: Tom Renger**

**Photo: Don Goss**

**Pot. Congaree  
'Menden hall'**

**Grower: Dave &  
Henrietta DeY-  
oung**

**Photo: Don  
Goss**



**The Refrigerator Door**  
**Orchid Show Calendar**  
October, 2005 to

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**Southland Orchid Show**

October 21 - 23  
Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens  
San Marino, CA  
Contact Dr. Graham Purcell at (818) 985-3032 for an invitation to a special preview on Thursday Oct 20th.

**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

**UCI Arboretum**  
**“Rainbow of Wonders”**

Fall Orchid Festival  
Saturday, November 5  
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Admission \$2  
Call (949) 824-5833

**South Coast Orchid Society**  
**Fall Plant Auction**

Monday, November 28  
Whaley Park Clubhouse, 5620 Atherton,  
Long Beach CA  
Call Joan Bailey 310-835-9614

**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

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**See ALL of you on Friday October 21**

***Ned***