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November Meeting
Friday, January 20, 2006
8:00 PM

South Coast Botanic Garden
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.
Palos Verdes Peninsula

Speaker

Norito Hasegawa—Norito Hasegawa is the owner of Paphanatics, Unlimited, located in Santa Ana, California. Paphanatics has been specializing in Paphiopedilums since 1975. Norito has been collecting, growing and studying orchids for over 30 years. His involvement has been at many levels as a hobbyist, author, and commercial grower. He specializes in Paphiopedilums and had Harold Koopowitz as a partner in Paphanatics for over 20 years. Norito is co-author, with Harold Koopowitz, of the book Novelty Slipper Orchids.

He is also a former trustee of The American Orchid Society and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Orchid Digest Corporation. He travels internationally to keep orchid fanatics up to date on Paphiopedilum happenings.

Norito was born in Los Angeles, and still lives in Southern California with his wife, Joyce, and they have three children. He created Paphanatics and wrote his book while working as a dentist in Santa Ana. Norito will speak to us this Friday about Paphiopedilum species and their influence on various Paphiopedilum hybrids.

Nick Braemer

Culture Session—7:00 PM

Norito, in addition to his speaking duties at our next meeting, will give a culture session on paphiopedilum culture.

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President's Message

Our Holiday Party was great this year. Special thanks to Ron Henry and Kathy Synstelein for decorating the meeting hall up at the Gardens, and for arranging the South High Singers. Everyone had a good time and everyone left with a plant.

We have lots of things happening early this year, so don't miss out. You will see an announcement in this newsletter for the Spring Show. It is again at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center, but this year we are having the show the first weekend in March (March 4 and 5). We still need volunteers to help out so please contact Marla if you have any time at all either of those two days. You are all going to the show anyway, so plan to stick around and help for a couple of hours.

Our bus trip to Santa Barbara is on again this year, and it should be lots of fun. We're all going up on Saturday, March 25 in the bus. See the announcement from Ron Henry on Page 5. The cost is \$35 again this year, and this trip usually fills up pretty quickly, so contact Ron as soon as you can to save yourself seats.

And, we are also planning on having a picnic up at Zuma Canyon Orchids this spring. Ron is talking to George Vasquez about a weekend in May, mostly because the weather is a little better in May than it is in April. We won't have a meeting in May because of the picnic, so I expect a good turnout this year. And, yes, I'm cooking again, so the food will be great.

At the Board Meetings over the last couple of months, we have talked a bit about the Ribbon Judging. First, we decided that Ribbon Judging will start at 7:15 PM, so that the judges can get their job done before the regular meeting. And, we also have decided that everyone must compete only in their own class. That is, only Novices in Novice, only Amateurs in Amateur, and so on. We never allowed competing down in class, but we all decided that competing up in class also wasn't a good idea (as in Novice competing in Amateur, etc.). So, Joan Bailey will be enforcing that new rule in Ribbon Judging.

We are talking about some other things at Board meetings regarding sales at our shows and how we are going to do those in the future. If you are interested, please see Susann at the back of the hall at our Friday meeting. She has all of the minutes from the Board meetings for the last 6 months or so, so you can see what we have been talking about.

We are also going to form a Nominating Committee at the next Board Meeting to nominate next year's Society Officers. I will announce the members of that committee in the next newsletter, but if you have suggestions either for Nominating Committee members or for new Officers, please let me know this Friday, or give me a call, or send me an e-mail. This is one of the most important things that we do as a Society each year—choose our leadership—so I want as much input from members as I can get.

See at the meeting this Friday, Ned

***Bulldogs in the window* by Susann Patton**

We are fortunate enough to have a really good, exciting and fun speaker this month talking about the genus *Paphiopedilum* (**Paff-ee-oh-ped-il-um**). I don't really know much about these guys, but since my son bought one this past month I thought I would at least learn the basics, so I could more easily follow our speaker. I will share this journey with you.

The first thing I read is that these guys are 'easy' growers and a good choice for amateurs growing without a greenhouse. In fact, they make pleasant houseplants that do well on the windowsill. So far—this is a good start for me—more about the windowsills later.

Slipper Orchids 101—or the basics of *Paphiopedilums* (Paphios). Those of you who know me know I like big displays of flowers on my orchids, so it's not surprising that I haven't gotten into the traditional Paphio's, since they usually have one flower at a time. And, Paphios have a couple different formations from other orchids. Orchids usually have two petals, three sepals, and a lip. In some cases (like with newer cymbidiums) these actually look like five petals though technically they aren't. Instead of being equal sized, like some cymbidiums, the sepal above the lip on Paphios is often very broad and brilliantly marked. The petals on the side are smaller and usually more slender than the upright sepal. In some cases, the petals can be quite round, but still remain smaller than the upright sepal. The other two sepals are fused together to form one sepal that lies behind the pouch, which is the lip in other orchids, and is the distinguishing feature of Paphios. The name *Paphiopedilum* comes from the Greek word *pedilon*, meaning 'sandal' or 'slipper'. These orchids may resemble insect eating plants, but they use their pouch for reproduction, rather than nourishment. As with insect eaters the insect hopefully falls into the pouch, but it is guided as it crawls out past the reproductive area of the orchid. The difference being the insect does crawl out. To quote our speaker from his book 'Novelty Slipper Orchids' "Some of the slippers can be described as big and chunky like Dutch clogs, while others seem to be air balloons resembling Chinese lanterns". Many of those chunky clogs are what are known as Bulldogs. They are referred to as bulldogs due to their size and consistency; they are much waxier and heavier than a regular Paphio, looking large, round and varnished. These guys have round full petals on the sides, with a flower range from 3.5" - 6" and can bloom for 10 weeks at a time. I have heard them referred to with several different names, such as 'Toads, Bullfrogs, Exhibition or Complex', but I like the term 'Bulldogs' best.

Now for the windowsills. Windowsills, as you may know come in all shapes and sizes, much more so than even Bulldogs. A good windowsill is one that is wide enough to hold your plant safely and provides good light. So if you have a plant in a four inch pot, you will need to have a sill deep enough to hold it. If you don't you may want to consider a stand next to the window. I use tables with copper drip trays under my plants.

Windows present a variety of lighting conditions, which can vary with the seasons. A leafy tree can be great in the summer, but during the winter it may drop its leaves, leaving you with a strong light. Shading with sheer curtains, mini-blinds, or window film can be used to adjust the amount of light reaching your plants. Windows with a southern exposure work best for natural light. Just take care that your plants don't get too hot, cold or sunburned.

Air movement in a room can make a difference in the amount of light your plants are able to receive. Read your leaves for feedback on how well you are doing. Plants which seldom flower, and have floppy, dark green leaves need more light. Yellow leaves with sunburned spots are in too much light. Bulldogs have a lower light requirement but bringing them to flower can be difficult if you hold back on light too much. Regardless of where in your home you grow your bulldogs, you will need to supplement the humidity, mostly because we tend to heat a bit, even in Southern California. You can increase your humidity directly by placing your plants on a tray filled with gravel and partially filled with water. Make sure the water level doesn't touch the bottom of the pot or the roots will rot, and the water will be drawn up into the potting medium, which will sour it. Aluminum baking trays are suitable, as well as plastic trays.

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**South Bay Orchid Society
Spring Show and Sale
March 4th and 5th, 2006**

Our spring show will be here soon. Kathy Synstelien has been busy signing up vendors from Southern California and Hawaii to sell at our show, and John Jaacks has been working on our publicity. It is now time to start signing up volunteers to help on the various committees. Sign up to work in an area that best suits your abilities or that you would enjoy. This is a good opportunity to get involved in the society and get to know fellow members.

Set-up: This involves helping get supplies out of storage and bringing them to the Cultural Arts Center. Help is also needed in setting up the show room and draping the tables beginning at 3:00 pm on Friday. Call Ron Henry at (310) 374-9699.

Plant registration: Takes place on Friday from 4:00pm to 9:00pm. This involves classifying and tagging all the plants that will be judged in the show. Call Marla Corey at (310) 833-1918.

Ticket sales: Two people will be assigned in shifts to sell tickets at the door. This is a good job for those who prefer a seated job. I would still like to find some one to be in charge of organizing the staffing of this position. Call Marla Corey at (310) 833-1918.

Host and Hostess: People are needed through out the show hours to talk to our guests and answer questions they may have. This also involves manning the exits and staffing the plants hotel where purchased plants are held. Call Marilyn Hill at (310) 675-0604.

Food: Lots of food is needed to feed our hungry volunteers and vendors during the show. Please signup if you can bring food. Call Shirley Marble at (310) 643-5740.

Take down: Will take place right after the show closes. We need everyone to pitch in and help this job go quickly. Ron will also need help getting things back to our storage locker on Monday.

If you have any questions give me a call.

Marla Corey
(310) 833-1918

Bulldogs in the Window—Continued from Page 3

I do not use a set schedule for watering my houseplants. I examine each plant to judge for myself when it is time. No matter how hard I try to explain it to them, my houseplants refuse to accommodate my artificial schedule. Don't let your Bulldogs dry out, but don't let them sit in water either. Be careful not to use house water that is softened with a water softening system that uses salt. Bulldogs don't like salty water, period.

In summary: Bulldogs will have uniformly green leaves and large flowers that come in a range of colors. They like low to medium indirect light or about 70-80% shading. They are what you call intermediate growers and they make good companions for phalaenopsis, as well as people. Temperatures of 50-60 degrees at night, and less than 80 during the day are appreciated. Some growers drop the nighttime temperatures to less than 60 degrees for several weeks during the late fall to stimulate flowering. It is recommended that you repot these guys yearly. And please enjoy a good Bulldog soon.

Special Thanks to Joan Bailey for loaning me our speakers' book: Novelety Slipper Orchids, Breeding and cultivating Paphopedilum Hybrids. By Harold Koopowitz and Norito Haseqawa. I found this book an enjoyable read, and full of important information even for a beginner like myself.

South Bay Orchid Society Bus Trip
to
The 61st Annual Santa Barbara International Orchid Show
Saturday - March 25, 2006
Cost: \$35.00 per person

The South Bay Orchid Society is again sponsoring a bus trip to the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show. This trip is open to all orchid lovers. This is the most comfortable, hassle-free and fun way to get to the show.

The cost of \$35 per person includes admission to the show, morning and afternoon snacks and beverages, and a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of the plants generously donated by the growers where we will be stopping to shop for plants and supplies:

Gallup & Stribling Specializing in Cymbidiums at very reasonable prices. They also have bargain tables full of Phalaenopsis and other wonderful orchids.

Santa Barbara Orchid Estates They have Cymbidiums and a wide variety of orchids that grow well outdoors. This is a good place to buy potting supplies. Be sure to check out the plants on the \$7.50 tables!

Cal-Orchids They have a large variety of high quality orchids as well as free coffee and popcorn!

We will be leaving from the Park & Ride area at Alpine Village behind the Texaco gas station. This is at Torrance Blvd. and the 110 South (Harbor Freeway) Check in time is **7:15AM** and Departure time is **7:30AM**. We expect to back around **6:30PM**.

Come join us for a fun filled trip. Bring a lunch, comfortable shoes, your watch, and a way to identify your plants (Return address labels work great).

For reservations and information call Ron Henry @ 310 374-9699 or email orkid-guy@earthlink.net Make checks payable to S.B.O.S. and mail to:

Ron Henry, 838 Cypress Ave #10, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254.



Cym. (Floripink 'Fanny'
X 'Canary Yellow')
'Dolores'

Owner and Photo
Ron Henry

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—January 25, 2006

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.

CHECK IT OUT

Our library has a great book by Phillip Cribb—*"The Genus Paphiopedilum"*. Here's a review that we found:

"The 2nd edition of this full colour monograph. All known species are described and lavishly illustrated with over 200 full colour plates, photographs and distribution maps; the watercolour illustrations are by Kew botanical artists such as Pandora Sellars, Stella Ross-Craig, Lilian Snelling and Carol Woodin. As well as the systematic account additional chapters cover classification, conservation, evolution, hybridisation and cultivation. A substantial and essential reference for researchers, collectors and growers."

New Member

Please welcome the following new member who joined us in December.

Saul Miller

If you want contact info for Saul, please contact Membership (Susann Patton)

Get Better

Lyn Jaacks fell and broke her ankle in December, but apparently is on the mend and back home. Please wish her well.

Dgmra Winter Wonderland 'White Fairy'

Owner:
Ron Henry

Photo:
Ron Henry



**The Refrigerator Door
Orchid Show Calendar**
January, 2006—March, 2006

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**January 18, 2005
Orange County Orchid Society Annual
Auction**

Yorba Linda Public Library
18181 Imperial Highway, Yorba Linda
Call Sandy Walters, President, OCOS

**February 10, 11, and 12
26th Annual Fascination of Orchids**
Orange County Fair & Exposition Center,
Costa Mesa

\$3 One Day Admission
\$5 Unlimited Weekend Pass
Call (949) 293-3095
www.ocorchidshow.com
For the SBOS Display

**February 17-19
Gardena Cymbidium Club
Annual Orchid Show**
Nakaoka Community Center
1670 West 162nd Street, Gardena
Contact:

Kay Okamoto (310) 473-3587

**March 4 and 5
South Bay Orchid Society
Spring Orchid Show and Sale**

YES, THIS IS OUR SHOW FOLKS!!!

Torrance Cultural Arts Center
\$5 Admission, \$4 Seniors
Call Marla Corey (310) 833-1918
or e-mail marlacorey@sbcglobal.net

**March 24-26
61st Annual Santa Barbara International
Orchid Show**

Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara
Call (805) 969-5746
or e-mail sborchid@west.net

Call Ron Henry for March 25 Bus Trip

“The Inflorescence”

South Bay Orchid Society

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See You Friday

Ned