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February Meeting

Friday, February 17, 2006

8:00 PM

South Coast Botanic Garden
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.
Palos Verdes Peninsula

Speaker

Loren Batchman—Together with his wife Nancy, the Batchmans own Casa de las Orquideas, an orchid nursery in Solana Beach, California. They have been growing orchids there for over 35 years. Loren is acknowledged as one of the leading hybridizers of Cymbidiums in this country, and has many hundreds of hybrids registered under his name. He is also the editor of the CSA Journal, the official publication of the Cymbidium Society of America. Mr. Batchman is also a certified judge of both the American Orchid Society and the Cymbidium Society of America.

The thrust of their breeding programs is intended to provide new and different materials for outdoor growing in California for both the amateur and serious collectors of orchids. They are widely known for their high color Cymbidiums and are constantly working to develop clear, clean colors suitable for outdoor growing with no special shade requirements.

Over the many years, Loren has done many talks on a wide range of subjects. He has chosen to talk about "Plant Selection for Hybridization" at our meeting, and time permitting, he may do a short demonstration of virus testing kits.

As it is the start of the Cymbidium flowering cycle, his talk will be most interesting and should not be missed.

Nick Braemer

Culture Session—7:15 PM

Loren Batchman, in addition to his speaking duties at our next meeting, will give a session on Cymbidium culture.

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President's Message

Hello again, and welcome to February—Spring is just around the corner, and lots of stuff is in bloom. Again, we have lots of things happening early this year, so don't miss out. The Spring Show is the first weekend in March this year (see Marla Corey to help out), the bus trip to Santa Barbara is shaping up (see Ron Henry and sign up for the trip), and our picnic will be on May 20 at Zuma Canyon. That will be our May meeting, so please see Ron to let him know that you're coming. And, Ron is talking again to the Alpine Village for the Installation Banquet in June. A tentative date for that banquet is Friday, June 16, which is our normal meeting night.

I want to let you know some of the things that the Board has been doing over the last couple of months. We have decided several things with regard to sales at the Shows, and also have begun a clean-up of the By-Laws. First, it was the nearly unanimous decision of the Board that we allow consignment type sales at the Fall and Spring Shows and end the practice of the Society owning inventory to be sold at the shows. We will still have pots, potting supplies, fertilizer, mounts, and hopefully a Boutique, but these will be run by members managing these sales with their own inventory and giving the Society a fixed percentage of the total. We also have decided not to allow member plant sales at the shows since these might compete with our vendors.

We are also going through the existing By-Laws, cleaning them up a bit, and making some minor changes to reflect how the Society is actually being operated. One change that is a typical example of this is that we have decided that the Web Master (currently Don Goss) should be a Board level position, since the web site is very important to us.

Finally, Marla Corey has been named as the head of the Nominating Committee for this year. She will be naming two additional members to that committee, and if you would like to either be on the committee or wish to provide a suggestion to her for someone that you would like to nominate, please do so. Again, this is one of the most important things that we do each year, so we need to take this seriously.

P.S.—The cymbidium on the front page is blooming on our front step—just had to brag a little.

See at the meeting Friday the 17th, Ned

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.

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 orkidguy@earthlink.net
Make checks payable to S.B.O.S. and mail to:

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

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

Thank you to those who signed up to work at the show at the last meeting, but there are still plenty of slots that need to be filled. This is a fun event and a great time to get to know fellow society 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.

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 also needs help getting things back to our storage locker on Monday. Call Ron Henry at (310) 374-9699

Publicity: The print media publicity has been in place for some time, but we need everyone to put out posters and flyers in your community. We want all of your friends and neighbors to know about our show. Posters and flyers will be available at the meeting for you to pick up.

Bring in your blooming orchids for judging. Registration is Friday the 3rd and will begin at 4:00pm in the Toyota Meeting Hall and end at 9:00pm. Your plants need to be clean and free of pests and diseases. A limited number of registration forms will be at the meeting, but they are also available on our website. Don't worry if you don't understand how to register your plants, there will be plenty of registration volunteers to help you. We need everyone's blooming orchids to make this an outstanding show. Besides ribbon judging we will be having AOS and CSA judging for those of you with exceptional orchids.

If you have any questions give me a call.

Marla Corey
(310) 833-1918

South Bay Orchid Society

Spring Show and Sale 2006

Featured Speakers Saturday, March 4

- 11:00am** **Dave DeYoung** will share with us the techniques and culture he uses to grow his beautiful prize winning cattleyas.
- 12:30pm** **Jim Rowley** grows his orchids using a semi-hydroponic method. This method is easily mastered with a little instruction from Jim.
- 2:00pm** **Jim Weiss**, of the Orchid Garden, has been growing beautiful cymbidiums for many years. He will give an overview of how to grow cymbidiums so that you too can get beautiful blooms.
- 3:30pm** **Mark Gibbel**, of Gibbel Orchids, specializes in growing cymbidiums. His preferred growing medium is coconut. Learn why this is becoming a popular alternative to bark.

Sunday, March 5

- 11:00am** **Chuck Spain** is a licensed pest control advisor. He will give advice on the latest methods to control the pests that seek to destroy our orchids.
- 12:30pm** **Jim Rowley** will give an encore presentation on how to grow orchids using a semi-hydroponic method.
- 2:00pm** **Len Judaken** will introduce us to using diatomite as a growing medium. Learn why these rocks can be great for growing orchids.
- 3:30pm** **Nick Braemer** is an accomplished grower who successfully grows many of his prize winning orchids on mounts. He will share with us the proper techniques for mounting orchids and how to care for them.

01/20 /06 SBOS Ribbon Judging

Ribbon	Plant	Exhibitor
Novice	Paphiopedilum	Thamina Haque/Sue Estes
1	Paph Chardmoore x Grore	Tom Renger
2	Paph lowii	Gail North
3	Paph ary Bess	Gail North
Novice	Cattleya Alliance	Thamina Haque/Sue Estes
1	Blc Toshie Aoki x Waianae King	Tom Renger
2	Hawaiian Lightning 'Fiesta'	Tom Renger
3	Pot Hawaiian Prominence 'Carmela'	Tom Renger
Novice	Cymbidium	Thamina Haque/Sue Estes
1	Cym Red Beauty	Bobbie Davison
2	Cym unknown	Valle McCray
3	Cym Ready Beauty Netty	Valle McCray
Novice	Other	Thamina Haque/Sue Estes
1	Onc unknown	Don Goss
2	Dtps WWhite Castle 'Malibu Princess x Zuma White Puff 'Malibu Creek'	??????????
3	Vuyl Meliss Brianne 'Shady Lady'	Don Goss
Amateur	Cattleya Alliance	Toby Hoyle judge
1	L. anceps 'Splash'	Thamina Haque
2	L rubescens	Jasmine Bashi
3	Slc Luetticke's Sparkler	Thamina Haque
Novice	Cymbidium	Toby Hoyle judge
1	Cym erythraeum 'Paradise'	Jim Rowley
2	Cym New Century 'Ice Dance'	Ann McNeeley
3	Rincom 'Clarisse' x Ruby Eyes 'Red Baron'	Bobby Ignacio
Amateur	Oncaidium	Toby Hoyle judge
1	ODM Margaret Holm	Bobby Ignacio
2	Lemboglossum bictoniense x cordatum	Jim Rowley
3	Onc unknown (twinkle?)	Thamina Haque
Amateur	Paphiopedilum	Toby Hoyle judge
1	Paph unknown	Silvia Eastwood
2	Paph rothchildiana cross	Jasmine Bashi
3	Paph Blanch Sawyer x snowman	Jasmine Bashi
Amatuer	Phalenopsis	Toby Hoyle judge
1	Phal Mahalo 'Carmela Orchids'	Bobby Ignacio
2	Phal Golden Poeker	Silvia Eastwood
3	Phal City Girl	Silva Eastwood
Adv Amateur	Paphiopedilum	Joan Bailey judge
1	St Swithin	Dave Streeter
2	Mclaren Park San Mateo	Kathy Synstelién
Adv Amateur	Species	Joan Bailey judge
1	Encyclia polybulbon x polybulbon	Steve Moeschler
2	L anceps 'alka'	Steve Moeschler
3	Ascocentrum pumilum	Steve Moeschler
Cultural award	Encyclia	Steve Moeschler
Adv Amateur	Other Genera	Joan Bailey judge
1	Den Taren Hilda Poxon x Star of Gold	Kathy Synstelién
2	Masd Peach Fuss	Kathy Synstelién
3	Maikai Mayanui	Kathy Synstelién

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—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 on Cymbidiums:

Du Puy, David and Phillip Cribb. *The Genus Cymbidium*. Timber Press, Portland, OR, 1988 Below is a review by T. Lawrence Mellichamp of the University of North Carolina:

“This is the definitive monograph of the orchid genus Cymbidium, an important group horticulturally, which has, surprisingly, never been treated before in a single volume. Some consider it the world's most popular orchid, and it certainly is commercially, with cultivation dating back to 500 B.C. in China. As I studied the text for my review, trying to think of a way to present a book of great appeal to orchid growers and hybridizers to such a diverse group as the present readers of the Plant Science Bulletin, I decided to evaluate its usefulness as a teaching tool for modern systematic botanists. ...

Overall, I was very favorably impressed by this well-produced volume; and even if you are not an orchid specialist, you would find it very useful as an example of a thorough modern monograph to be used for comparison purposes in teaching. “

Passings

Trudy Marsh—long time member and accomplished orchid artist—has passed away. A card was passed around at the last meeting, and a donation in her honor was sent to AOS.

Boutique Book

For those of you interested in outdoor growing of orchids—Ann McNeely has *Outdoor Growing of Orchids for the Greater LA Area* by the Southern California Horticultural Society for sale in the Boutique.

Get Well

Peggy Queitzsch is in the hospital, and we have sent a card.
Marilyn Hill is also in the hospital, but expected to recover quickly.
Please wish both of them well

**Floripink 'Fanny' X
'Canary Yellow'
'Dolores'**

Owner: Ron Henry

Photo: Ron Henry



**The Refrigerator Door
Orchid Show Calendar
February, 2006—July 2006**

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**February 17-19
Gardena Cymbidium Club
Annual Orchid Show**
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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

**April 22 and 23, 2006
Sacramento Orchid Society Spring Show**
Scottish Rite Temple, Sacramento
6151 H St Sacramento, CA
Sat: 10-5, Sun: 10-4

**July 7-9, 2006
26th Annual Santa Barbara International
Orchid Fair**
Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara
Fri-Sat: 9-5, Sun 10-4

“The Inflorescence”

South Bay Orchid Society

c/o Ned Patton

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See You Friday, February 17

Ned