



South Bay Orchid Society, Inc.

“Orchids for Amateurs”

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March Meeting

Friday, March 17, 2006

8:00 PM

South Coast Botanic Garden

26300 Crenshaw Blvd.

Palos Verdes Peninsula

Speaker Dennis D'Alessandro

The next SBOS meeting will feature **Dennis D'Alessandro** relating his experience of "**Searching for Orchids in Borneo**". This program details the search for *Paphiopedilum sanderianum* and *P. rothchildianum* and the adventures that accompanied the search. There is also a portion of the program about a visit to **Orchidwoods**, one of the largest orchid nurseries in Southeast Asia, on the Island of Borneo. Dennis D'Alessandro began growing orchids over 20 years ago and in 1977 moved to southern Ecuador, where he was curator of the orchid collection at **Orquideario Predesur**, a botanical garden dedicated to the cultivation of the native orchid species of Ecuador. Since then he has collected and cataloged over 1000 specimens, of which over 80 species were new to science. During the last 5 years he has spent a total of about 4 months in Borneo and Vietnam studying orchid habitats and visiting orchid nurseries. Many of his nights were spent in the bush eating wild food, and the days were spent trekking through the rainforest where the temperature and humidity were unbearable. He has also spent a number of weeks at an orchid nursery, "Orchidwoods", in North Borneo, where the owner was a practicing sorcerer. Dennis was also permitted by the Vietnamese government to visit the site where *Paphiopedilum vianaense* was discovered.

Mr. D'Alessandro now divides his time between Ecuador, where he maintains an orchid nursery in the town of Vilcabamba, and the United States, where he is the owner of **Gypsy Glen Orchids** in Beaver, PA.

Nick Braemer

Culture Session—7:15 PM

Marla Corey will give a culture session this month for beginners—first about how to choose a plant, and then about how to make sure that the plant you selected and brought home survives.

President's Message

What a great show we had this month. Marla did a great job of organizing and getting people to help out. We had over 1100 paid attendees this year—pretty good for a cold weekend in March. Look for Marla's thank you note on Page 3.

This year, since we are having the picnic in May (and remember, I'm cooking again), the Board decided to have elections at our April meeting. So, a Nominating Committee has been formed, and Marla is the Chairman. See her announcement about the Committee at the bottom of this page, along with the announcement for the Santa Barbara bus trip.

The Board has also been working to make some very minor modifications to the By-Laws of the Society. Primarily this is a clean up of a few spots that needed a little dressing up, as well as recognition that the WebMaster ought to be a Board member. I will print a number of copies of the By-Laws and have them at our regular meeting this Friday for those that attend. Please pick up a copy at the Membership table. Since we are going to have elections in April, and since it takes two regular monthly meetings to introduce the modifications to the By-Laws and then get them approved, we need to introduce the changes to the By-Laws at this Friday's regular meeting. I will send a copy of the proposed new By-Laws by e-mail when I send this newsletter. So, we will vote on two things in April—the new Board and the modified By-Laws.

See you Friday, Ned

Nominating Committee

It is that time of the year when we start looking forward to the future of our society. The nominating committee has been formed and consists of Ann McNeeley, Susann Patton, Joan Bailey and Marla Corey as chairman. If you would like to serve on the Board of Directors or would like to have input on the future of the board please contact one of us. This year the election will be held in April, rather than in May. Since we will be having a picnic at Zuma Canyon Orchids in May, the board decided it would be better to hold our election at the April meeting.

Marla Corey

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.

Spring Orchid Show and Sale

What a great Spring Show we had! The weather was great, the orchids were beautiful and the show was well attended. Everything ran smoothly thanks to the hard work of our committee chairs and everyone who came to help.

Kathy Synsteliën had the big job of signing up the vendors and managing the sales area.

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 as staffing the plant hotel.

Ron Henry organized the set-up of the show, which involved bringing all of our show supplies from storage and returning them.

Carolyn Gould, 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 organized and staffed the potting supply booth, where they also were available to answer culture questions that many of our visitors had.

Susann Patton was 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 with important information about our show. Our website is becoming more and more important as a way to publicize our society and our events. Don also helped by getting out a press release, which was picked up by several of the major newspapers in the L. A. and Orange County area.

Ned Patton was on hand to oversee and make sure that the ticket sales went smoothly.

John Jaacks made sure everyone in our area knew about our show by organizing our poster's design and printing, as well as placing ads in local newspapers.

Nick Braemer scheduled the Featured Speakers who 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 the more experienced 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 Spring Show is over and planning has already begun on the Fall Show, which is September 23rd and 24th at the South Coast Botanic Garden. This will be a special show because we will be celebrating our society's 50th Anniversary.

Marla Corey
Show Chair

IT'S THE WEATHER by Susann Patton.

So what's so great about living on the coast in Southern California? On a daily basis I hear it: it's the weather. And I have to admit I am guilty of repeating the mantra myself. We are classified as subtropical or semitropical. We have nice warm summers here on the coast, but not the hot winters of the tropics. But we don't get cold - as in freezing - either. For most of us the times we come close to frost are so rare that they are remembered by the year it happened. And, there's another really great feature of living here - we can grow many orchids outside all year around. Our climate provides a very livable range of temperature, humidity and air movement for a large variety of orchids. We, as growers may need to adjust the yard environments some, say by providing shade with trees or shade cloth, watering systems and a little pest control, but our orchids can be enjoyed right in our backyard or even in our gardens. We are indeed lucky.

So now we know how lucky we are, let's identify those temperate growing orchids that are available to us. Orchids are not the delicate and temperature sensitive plants most people like to think they are. Most will adapt readily to conditions we have to offer here in our area. For growing purposes though, we group orchids into three temperature classes. (1) Cool-growing orchids prefer temperatures between 55-70 degrees; (2) a large group of varieties including *Cattleyas*, *Epidendrums*, *Oncidiums*, and *Laelias*, require intermediate temperatures of 60-75 degrees; and (3) warm growing orchids do best in temperature between 65-80 degrees. These warm-growing orchids, like *Phalaenopsis*, *Doritis*, and some *Paphiopedilums* and some *Dendrobiums*, make good house plants. Outside growing plants in our area include both the cool-growing and many of the intermediate growing orchids. So we do indeed to have a lot to choose from.

Cool growing orchids include *Cymbidium*, *Disa*, *Lycaste*, *Masdevallia*, *Miltonia*, *Odontoglossum*, *Pleurothallis* and *Sophrontis*, as well as some *Paphiopedilum* and some *Dendrobiums*. Look for these types of orchids to mix with your cymbidiums. For the best blooming of your *Cymbidiums*, keep them outdoors or in a place which is cool at night until they first flower. If the location has bright filtered light, the flower colors will be brighter. Give the same considerations for any of these cool growing orchids-find the right light or shade, add water and air as for all orchids then enjoy the spectacular show around your gardens.

Oncidiums and *Odontoglossums*: This is a large and varied group. These are cool growing and can take even below freezing conditions, as well as the higher heat. Hybrids are even better able to handle heat.

Hardy Cattleyas. Where a plant is grown may be the most basic and influential aspect of its culture. As a general rule, types from high elevations are hardier and can be grown outdoors in subtropical climates, and lower elevation or tropical orchids are grown indoors or in the greenhouse. In all cases, factors such as light, temperature, water, and growing medium are most important. When buying them note their temperature classification. In the table I listed some really great ones for growing outside.

Laelias. Day temperatures in the 70's and 80's (F) are perfect, but even higher temperatures up to and over 100°F are not harmful. Night temperatures 55-60°F are fine, though only a few require it. Most are able to drop down to freezing and a number of them can tolerate cold to the mid to low 20's for a few hours.

Hardy Australian Dendrobiums: This group thrives in temperatures ranging from 32-90 degrees, but can take several degrees in either direction. These are ideal for our climate.

Here are only a FEW names of those intermediate growing orchids. The list of names in these groups is printed such that you can copy it, or to carry it with you as you go about your orchid shopping. Most plants are available at local orchid nurseries (like Santa Barbara Orchid Estates, whom carries most all of these). There will have some additional information available at the meeting concerning watering and light, which as you know are equally important in growing orchids. Happy orchid hunting. Special thanks to Kathy Synstenlein and SBOE for providing me help with information

“It’s the Weather” continued from Page 4 (Carry this list with you when you buy a plant)

Cattleyas	Species and Hybrids	Laelias	
	<i>Cattleya bicolor</i> C. Claesianna lavender		<i>Laelia albida</i> * <i>Laelia anceps</i> *
	C. Frasquita bronze		<i>Laelia anceps</i> v. alba*
	<i>Cattleya harrisoniana</i>		Laelia Amonena
	C. Henrieta Japhet white <i>Cattleya intermedia</i> *		<i>Laelia crispa</i> <i>Laelia dayana</i> var. <i>coerulea</i>
	<i>Cattleya intermedia</i> var. <i>alba</i> *		<i>Laelia dayana</i> variety
	<i>Cattleya loddigesii</i> *		Laelia Finckeniana
	<i>Cattleya percivaliana</i>		<i>Laelia furfuracea</i> *
	<i>Cattleya walkeriana</i>		<i>Laelia gouldiana</i> *
Laeliocattleya	Lc Betty Ford ‘york’		Laelia Lookalike magenta
	Lc Elegans sanguinea *		<i>Laelia pumila</i>
	Lc Intercepts *		<i>Laelia purpurata</i> *
	Lc Schilleriana lavender		<i>Laelia sincorana</i>
	Lc Stonehouse		<i>Laelia superbiens</i> *
	Lc Sylvan Sprite		<i>Laelia tenebrosa</i>
	Lc Wrigleyi ‘Blue Lagoon’		
Brassolaelio-	Blc Chia Lin 'Red Rose'	<i>Dendrobium</i>	<i>Aussie Aurora</i> *
Cattleya	Blc Everything Nice 'Showtime' ,		<i>Bardo Rose</i>
	Blc Marjorie Frey 'Woodland Hills' ,		<i>Butter Star</i>
	Blc Momilani Rainbow 'The Gypsy'		<i>Delicatum</i>
			<i>Delicatum 'Apple Blossom'</i>
Brassolaelia	Bl Sea Urchin *		<i>Delicatum 'Paper White'</i>
			<i>Delicatum 'Rosminah'</i>
			Gatton 'Sunray'
Zygopetalum	<i>brachypetalum</i>		<i>kingianum 'Mauve Queen'</i> *
	<i>crinitum</i>		<i>Kingianum</i> *
	<i>mackayi</i>		<i>Thrysiflorum (I love this one)</i> *
			Miltonia Bluntii
			Belvedere

Just some pictures from the SHOW

**AND
The Winner IS
Smiling Steve and
his Best in Show**



**Pretty
Pretty
Pretty**



**A Good Time
Was Had By All
(Vendors Included)**

2/17/06 SOBS Ribbon Judging			
Ribbon	Plant	Exhibitor	
Novice	Cymbidium	Judge	Haque/Estes
	1 nightshade x rubyeyes	Exhibitor	Bobbie Dawson
	2 Ruby Sarah "Gem Stone"		Don Goss
Novice	3 Satan doll "Golden Yellow"		Don Goss
	Odontoglossum		
	1 Bllra Marfitch 'Howards Dream'		Don Goss
Novice	2 Oncidium unknown		Don Goss
	3 Oncidium unknown		Sandy Hammersmark
	Other Genera		
Amateur	1 Dendrobium Paradise		Sandy Hammersmark
	2 Brassolelia 'Yellow Bird'		Bobby Davison
	3 Coelogne cristata		Ann Rogers
	Cattleya	Judge	Toby hoyle
	1 C. mini Purple Maikai		Jasmine Bashi
	2 L.anceps		Jasmine Bashi
Amateur	3 LC. Trick or treat x SLC. Seagull mini-catheaven		Jasmine Bashi
	Cymbidium		
	1 Enza Summer		Jasmine Bashi
Amateur	2 Rincon 'Clarisse' x Ruby Eyes "Red Baron"		Bobby Ignacio
	3 Samarkand 'Snow White'		Jasmine Bashi
	Other Genera		
Amateur	1 Den. Kingianum		Jim Rowley
	2 Odonta. Susan bogdanon		Thamina Haque
	3 Onc. Unknown		Bobby Ignacio
Amateur	Paphiopedilum		
	1 P. gratixianum		Ron Henry
	2 P. Hellas (Amanda x Jack Tonkin)		Jasmin Bashi
Amateur	3 P. Supersuk "Eureka" x P. Raisin Pie "Hsinying" x sib		Ron Henry
	Phalaenopsis		
	1 Spring Sunshine Spot		Thamina Haque
Adv Amateur	2 Dtps. Chain Xen Diamond		Thamina Haque
	3 Salu Spot		Thamina Haque
	Species	Judge	Thamina Haque
Adv Amateur	1 Amesilla philippinensis		Steve Moeshler
	2 Onc. Cheiophorum		Steve Moeshler
	3 Medicalcar decoratum		Steve Moeshler

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—March 22, 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 book titled “The Orchids: Natural History and Classification” by Robert Dressler. This book has extensive coverage for understanding orchid taxonomy and classification. Provides a full review of the primary orchid families, tribes and subtribes with color plates and illustrations. Fully annotated with glossary, and references.

Passings

Peggy Queitzsch who was in the hospital as of last month, has passed away.

Thanks— Plants for the Fascination Show

Thamina Haque, Ted & Jackie Johnson, Len Judaken, Vallie McCray, Susan and Ned Patton, and Tom Renger all lent our Society their beautiful plants so that we could be represented at the Fascination of Orchids Show this year. Hopefully we will have continued support next year. And a special thank you goes to our membership lady Susan Patton and to Thamina Haque for taking the time to put this year’s display together. We have already started on props for our next display and I hope to see everyone there again next year.

Thanks always, Joan Bailey

Dgmra Winter Wonderland 'White Fairy'

Owner: Ron Henry

Photo: Ron Henry



The Refrigerator Door
Orchid Show Calendar
March, 2006—July 2006

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March 17-19
San Diego County Orchid Society
Spring Orchid Show and Sale
Mission Valley Scottish Right Center
San Diego

March 24-26
61st Annual Santa Barbara International
Orchid Show
Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara
Call (805) 969-5746
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Call Ron Henry for March 25 Bus Trip
THERE IS STILL ROOM ON THE BUS

April 1-2
Newport Harbor Orchid Society
Rogers Gardens
2301 San Joaquin Hills Road
Corona Del Mar
Sat 9am-6pm
Sun 9-4pm

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

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See You Friday, March 17

Ned