



South Bay Orchid Society, Inc.

“Orchids for Amateurs”

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April, 2006

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Note the meeting date change

April Meeting

Friday, April 28, 2006

8:00 PM

South Coast Botanic Garden
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.

Speaker

Tony Velarde

Tony began collecting Cymbidiums a little over thirty years ago. He says he has a preference for pendulous Cymbidiums (and a large number of awards to show for it), but he does have a fair representation of upright novelty types and a few select standards. Tony has been a long time leader of the Cymbidium Society of America, serving as president of the San Gabriel Valley Branch on two separate occasions - once in the early 80s and again in the late 90s, the Orange County Branch in the mid 80s, and the Main Board of CSA in the early 90s. He has most recently been hybridizing Cymbidiums at Mariposa Gardens, and will bring a plant table from Mariposa. Don't miss it.

Nick Braemer

Culture Session—7:00 PM

Tony Velarde will be leading the culture session.

Show Volunteer Plant Raffle

At the April meeting we will be having a special plant raffle. Several of the vendors donated plants to the society at the end of the Spring Show. Everyone who contributed their time and talents to the Spring Show will be given a free raffle ticket to choose one plant from these donations. Any plants that remain after the raffle will be put on the plant raffle table at a later date. So far a list of 62 volunteers has been made. You must be present to win.

Spring Show Committee

Cymbidium

Red Beauty x Girl Crazy 'Nancy'

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President's Message

April is here with Spring Showers—when is it going to quit raining so our plants will dry out? Oh well—another month and summer will be here. This month I got a call from the Botanic Garden, and apparently they just noticed that there is a conflict with our normal meeting date. So, we had to move the **Meeting** to the next **Friday APRIL 28**. Don't worry, I'll remind you again a couple of times so you won't miss it.

Please make every effort to get to the meeting this month, because we have our elections in April this year rather than in May as usual. Our picnic got moved to May, so the Board decided to move the elections to April. I told everyone that last month, so it shouldn't be much of a surprise. We have two things to vote on at the general meeting this month—the election of a new slate of officers and the minor modifications that the Board made to the By-Laws. This is important so everyone please show up and cast your vote. You will see the slate of nominees on Page 5 of this newsletter. I want to personally thank the nominating committee, headed by Marla Corey, for developing what I think is a great slate for the coming year. We're all sorry to see Dr. Bob leaving the Board, but Marc Massari is a great candidate. He's a new member with experience on Boards of clubs like ours. And, this year, we have a two man race with Tom Renger volunteering to be nominated. This election is important so don't miss it.

Note the announcement below about the picnic. Olga Cutting approached me last month and volunteered to help cook. I boasted a bit about my fresh salsa, and look what happened. Should have kept my mouth shut—but that's just not my way. Last year was so much fun, you won't want to miss this year. The weather ought to be great.

Finally, the Installation Banquet is again at the Alpine Village this year, on June 16. See the announcement later in this newsletter. Please come and share dinner with your friends.

See you at the meeting **Friday, April 28th**, Ned

ATTENTION-ATTENTION THE GREAT SALSA RIVALRY IS ON!

The contest is to commence at the Zuma Canyon Picnic. Make your best (favorite) secret or not-so secret recipe for the picnic. George Vasquez will be judge in chief and you will have a chance to taste some really good stuff... (Ned and Olga Cutting already have a grudge match coming up—the battle has been joined—don't miss out)

Zuma Canyon Picnic – Saturday May 20 11AM-2PM with George Vasquez. Ned will again do the main cooking, since it was sooooo good last year. We will be having beef and chicken cooked over a wood fire. There will be lots of salads and side dishes as well.

George Vasquez will give us a tour of his greenhouses and treat us to a potting demonstration.

Plants: There will be plenty of plants available for purchase. We also will have a raffle for plants and everyone will get a free raffle ticket.

Lunch: The cost is **\$10.00**/person

Guests: Always welcome

Transportation: Individual responsibility-no bus planned. Please sign up at the meeting and/or call Ron Henry at 310-374-9699 Maps will be available at the meeting

ZUMA CANYON ORCHIDS

CYMBIDIUM COMPANIONS -The 'Toothed-tongues' by Susann Patton

Odonoglossum WEARISIDE BANK x DURHAM GALAXY 'Lyoth Supreme'



My absolute favorite orchid is the Phalaenopsis. For me that is the flower of complete perfection. I am, however—years later—still working on being successful growing it. Upon moving to Southern California I discovered the wondrous gorgeous cymbidium orchid. Along with their beauty; I have had success with them, so I can't help but love them even more. So rather than continuing with angst and limited success I have started to look at other ways to build on my success. One way I have done that is to look more closely at those plants that are cymbidium companions. These are the guys that thrive under similar environmental conditions as cymbidiums, for us in southern California this is backyard culture. It only made sense to me that I might have better success in this direction. Not that I have given up on the Phalaenopsis;

as I do love a good challenge.

The first group of cymbidium companions that caught my eye was the Odontoglossums, known as 'Odonts'. But I had some fear because I had 'heard' they didn't grow well in southern California. And that may be true in our desert areas, but here on the coast they are the companions of choice. Also many of the Hybrids are more temperature tolerant and include names like Odontonia, Odontioda and Wilsonaras. (note table at end of article). I say 'caught my eye' because Odonts has some incredibly bright flower colors, set on graceful arching inflorescences. What's not to love?

Light- In order of importance, light is first. It's not an obstacle, but a condition that needs controlling. Light levels can be moved up when temperatures are cooler or down when with hotter temperature. Sunlight doesn't burn the leaves; it's the heat that builds up inside the leaf that you want to avoid. Keep the leaves cooler with cool temperatures or a good breeze and less sun on warm days. I bloom my cymbidiums with morning sun on them about 30% of the day. Filtered light or bright shade is ideal for Odonts, which many growers also use for Cymbidiums. Too little light results in weak growth and few flowers. The leaves should be bright green, just to the point of turning pink. Red leaves indicate too much sun.

Water- Water comes in second as importance, but a close second. During the summer months and active growth, you water your cymbidiums regularly. The same can be said for Odonts. With cooler months you'll adjust your watering frequencies. During cold winter months, many orchids cannot tolerate being wet and cold. Keep them drier, just as you would your Cymbidiums. Watering should resume when new growth appears regardless of the flowering stage. I may move my plants during rainy months, because we get our rain when its cooler and I don't want them washed away with copious amounts of rain water for days on end. Don't be tempted to give a little drink to your Odont because it is damp and not quite dry. Give it a couple more days and then give it a good flush. The pseudobulbs will store what they need.

Air- Orchids need air flow, cymbidiums and Odonts are no exception. I have trouble not buying another cymbidium because it would crowd my other pots too close together and minimize air flow. As with cymbidiums, Odonts don't like drafts, either cold or hot. Santa Ana winds can be drying and plants maybe need to be protected or watered extra.






Temperature- We have the right temperatures here in Southern California. Day temperatures below 85 degrees F are preferred year-round. Night temperatures above 55 degrees are best. During warmer periods give more water and air. Bring them inside if by chance frost is called for. The introduction Oncidium, Miltonia, Brassia, etc. with Odonts have given a more elevated temperature tolerance. The addition

Odontoglossum (Odonto) continued from Page 3



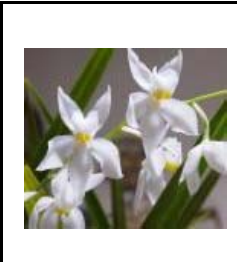


Cochlioda has had very little affect on temperature requirements. Most of the Odontoglossums and Odontiodas have cooler temperature tolerance. Cymbidiums actually can go cooler than Odonts, but both probably benefit from a substantial temperature drop between day and night. Potting is done after the blooms are finished. If dividing, keep the divisions at 3-4 pseudobulbs. Avoid repotting in summer heat and always sterilize cutting tools to prevent spread of viruses.

Are your cymbidiums feeling lonely? I hope this has encouraged you to grow more orchids outside and right along with your cymbidiums. They will reward you with better growth and more flowers that are wild with color. They can be grown in the usual growth mediums I have bark mostly, but I have a dozen plants mounted on a 11' tree trunk in my back yard. I ignore them for the most part, until they bloom that is.

Odontoglossum Hybrids

				
Wilsonara Kolibri 'Rainbow'	Odontioda Lovely Penguin	Odontocidium Tiger Hambuhren	Odontonia Fiona Isler	Vuylstekeara "Fall In Love" This orchid was originally produced by the Flemish grower Vuylsteker.
Wilsonara is Odonto x Cochlioda x Oncidium	Odontioda is Odonto x Cochlioda	Odontocidium is Odonto x Oncidium	Odontonia is Ondonto x Miltonia	Vuylstekerara is Odonto x Cochlioda x Miltonia

Below are Odontoglossum species.

				
Odontoglossum insleayi	Odontoglossum rossii	Odontoglossum pulchellum	grande	bictoniense

03/17/06 SBOS Ribbon Judging

Ribbon	Plant	Exhibitor
Novice	Phalaenopsis	Toby Hoyle judge
1	Kaliedoscope	Mark Massari
2	Brother Sara Gold	Kimo
Amateur	Cattleya Alliance	Toby Hoyle judge
1	Pot. Shinfong Dawn	Thamina Haque
2	C. Irene Holquin 'Brown Eyes'	Thamina Haque
3	Lc. Kat Red Panda 'Kendolie'	Jasmine Bashi
Amateur	Others	Toby Hoyle judge
1	Z.B.G. White 'Steonehorse' x z Imagination 'Big Boy'	Jasmine Bashi
2	Cym Dr Len 'Geyserland'	Bernadette Nazareno
3	Cym Sara Jean 'Ice Casade'	Jasmine Bashi

Nomination Slate Election of Officers

At the April meeting the nominating committee will present the following candidates as officers for the year 2006-2007.

President: Ned Patton

First Vice President: Nick Braemer

Second Vice President: Ron Henry

Treasurer: Jim Rowley

Secretary: Thamina Haque

Membership: Susann Patton

Director: Marc Massari

Tom Renger has volunteered his name for Director and will run against Marc Massari.

Nominations from the floor will also be accepted during election process. Ann McNeeley and Joan Bailey are both serving the 2nd year of their two-year directorships so their names will not appear on the ballot.

This year we do have a choice to make for the directorship that is being vacated by Bob Streeter. We are sad to see Bob step down, but a choice has to be made that will influence the growth of our society as we evolve to meet the future.

Nominating committee: Ann McNeeley, Joan Bailey, Susann Patton, Marla Corey

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—May 3, 2006

Note the change in date. 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 general orchid growing:

Mimi Leubbermann . "Easy Orchids : Simple Secrets for Glorious Gardens--Indoors and Out"

This is a good beginners book. With growing orchids as a pastime ever increasing in popularity, here, reissued with a lovely new cover, is one of the most popular books on the subject. This engaging volume provides all the inspiration and hands-on facts for transforming a windowsill, patio, glassed-in porch, or small garden plot into orchid territory, with the emphasis-given a plant that can be all too intimidating-on the easy. There's Lady's Slipper orchids and Jewel orchids for low-light homes; Laeliocattleyas to take advantage of a sunny kitchen window; and a host of other varieties. Complete with concise, easy-to-follow instructions, and beautifully illustrated with full-color photographs, Easy Orchids makes growing these prima donnas of the plant world rewarding and enjoyable for beginner and expert gardeners alike.

Mimi Leubbermann is the author of a wide range of garden books, including Easy Orchid and lives in Napa California.

Ron Henry
Took this picture on the
Bus trip to the
Santa Barbara
Orchid Show
last month.
WOW



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

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**April 22 and 23, 2006
Sacramento Orchid Society Spring Show**
Scottish Rite Temple, Sacramento
6151 H St Sacramento, CA

Sat: 10-5, Sun: 10-4PM

**May 6, 2006
Spring Fling**
1894 Dehesa Rd
El Cajon, CA
Say 10-4PM
Contact Tom (619) 441-9874 for details

**May 20, 2006
South Bay Orchid Society Picnic
Zuma Canyon Orchids
SALSA DAYS -COME ONE,
COME ALL-LOADS OF FUN**

**June 9-10, 2006
Westminster Mall Orchid Show**
1025 Westminster Mall
Westminster, CA
Contact (949)292-9091

**June 16, 2006
South Bay Installation Banquet
Alpine Village**
Call Ron for details
310-374-9699

**July 7-9, 2006
26th Annual Santa Barbara International
Orchid Fair**
Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara

Fri-Sat: 9-5, Sun 10-4PM

“The Inflorescence”

South Bay Orchid Society
c/o Ned Patton
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See You Friday, April 28 for voting

**REMEMBER—THE MEETING IS A WEEK
LATE—FRIDAY APRIL 28**

Ned