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**South Bay Orchid Society, Inc.**

**“Orchids for Amateurs”**

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# INFLORESCENCE

**May, 2006**

Web site: [www.southbayorchidsociety.com](http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com)

**Note the meeting change**

**No May Meeting**

**Annual Picnic**

**May 20 11am Saturday**

**Zuma Canyon Orchids**

**SALSA DAYS**

**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...**

**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:** Marla Corey and Ron Henry are arranging for car pools. Please call Marla at (310) 833-1918 or Ron Henry at (310) 374-9699.

**ZUMA CANYON ORCHIDS**

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## President's Message

**It's Picnic Time**—There is a flyer in the middle of this newsletter with the announcement and a map to Zuma Canyon Orchids. I'm cooking fajitas again this year. That reminds me, I better buy my spices—I'm about out, and I get them from San Antonio. There is a map to Zuma Canyon Orchids on one side and the announcement on the other side. Last year was so much fun, you won't want to miss this year. The weather was great last year, and the forecast is for fun in the sun.

We held our election at the April meeting, and the results are posted at the bottom of this page. We had a horse race for the Director position that Bob Streeter vacated this year, and Marc Massari was the winner. For those of you that care, we initially made sure that we had a quorum present at the beginning of the meeting so that we could hold the election. There were 142 memberships in good standing as of the meeting, and 25% or 36 memberships constituted a quorum. A counting of hands of memberships (one per household) showed us that there were at least 42 memberships present, which constituted a quorum according to our present By-Laws. This was a very important meeting, and I am very glad that we had enough people show up to the meeting that we could hold the election. That demonstrates that the membership of the Society cares about this very important part of what we do every year—choose our leadership. If you have not gotten to know Marc Massari yet, I think that you will all be very pleased at the choice that the Nominating Committee made, and that you all elected. Come to the picnic and to the Installation Dinner and get to know him—and your fellow members and families.

It's time to **RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP**. If you joined at or after the Spring Show, your membership is good for this year, and you don't have a renewal slip inserted in this newsletter. If not, there is a renewal slip in this newsletter, and it is time to pay your dues.

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 picnic May 20

Ned

### Election of Officers

At the April meeting the nominating committee presented the following candidates as SBOS officers for the year 2006-2007. The entire slate was elected as nominated.

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

In addition to Marc Massari, Tom Renger also ran for the open Director seat on the Board. There were 45 votes cast which were counted by Don Smith. The final tally was as follows:

President—Ned Patton—39; John Jaacks—4, Kathy Synstelein—1 (John and Kathy were write ins)

Director—Marc Massari—29; Tom Renger—15

All other positions were unanimous in favor

## ***Read the Tag – A name is not just a name*** by Susann Patton

When you buy your first orchid, one of the first things you are told is never lose the tag that comes with your plant. When I first started growing my orchids, one of the main problems I had was precisely what to do with these so called name tags. These names are not tags that read ‘Orchid Plant-purple’. That’s for other plants, but not orchids. Orchid tags seemed to have long, alien, sometimes unpronounceable names with letter codes. Then as my collection grew, I was told once again to be careful with the tags, and don’t get them mixed up. What’s up with these tags? Since orchid tags are considered so important, I have tried to figure out what all of this ‘name calling’ is all about.

So, why all the excitement over the tag? Because losing an orchid tag is like losing a pedigree. This puts your orchid’s breeding in a questionable state; a low category, reducing the status of your plant from an expensive purebred to something on the level of an unidentifiable run of the mill mutt. Blunt, I know, but true none the less.

Orchid names use a binomial naming system. This is a system with two names. Each orchid has a first name and a last name, much as most people. Except that the LAST name is written first and this is always the name of the orchid’s genus. The genus is the grouping of orchids that are closely related. The second part of the name is either the species name or a hybrid name. This allows us to always identify at least the orchid genus and species or if it is a hybrid, allowing us to know who the parents were.

The tag will usually be found at the edge of the pot about half to two thirds buried.

*Cattleya intermedia*

### **Tag #1 (First name is the genus)**

This is a simple tag. It is for a species *Cattleya* called *intermedia*. The words *Cattleya* and ‘*intermedia*’ are of Latin origin and are in italics- so it is a species. The genus is always capitalized and a capital C may be used instead and is the official abbreviation for *Cattleya*. Note table 1. The second name is in all lower case and is either in italics or underlined for a species. The genus abbreviation starts with a capital letter even if it has several letters in sequence. Note that the single letter abbreviation is a normal capital in this example.

This next label is building upon the last label. If the species name is followed by a name without quotation marks, this represents a variation in the way the species

***C. intermedia* var. *alba***

### **Tag #2 (Second name is intermedia)**

looks. This is called a varietal name. This is abbreviated ‘var’ and may precede the name. The varietal name refers to a ‘variety or a sub-group within a species that is uniquely different from the others, but not so much as to warrant a classification as a separate species.

***C. intermedia* var. *alba* ‘Show White’**

### **Tag #3 (Varietal name *alba*)**

Tag #3 shows that the plant has been cloned from the *alba* variety and named ‘Show White’. Clonal names always appear with single quotation marks. This name can only be used on plant divisions or clones and are essentially all the same plant. And now we have an official name, the varietal name and a clonal name –all for one species plant.

***C. intermedia* x *B. nodosa***

### **Tag #4 (‘x’ means crossed with)**

The same kind of nomenclature is applied to hybrids. Hybrids are the result of human intervention (mostly). Hybrid names are not italicized or underlined. Like species the genus name always starts with a capital or can be abbreviated with a capital letter. In many cases hybrids are produced by using two or more genera. For example a *Cattleya* and *Laelia* cross is called *laeliocattleya* and has an official abbreviation of *Lc*.

This tag indicates that two species have been crossed from different genera (*Cattleya* and *Brassavola*). It shows that this plant has not been named yet, as only the parents are shown. This is sometimes called a *grex* and a good cross is usually named by the cultivator.

The off spring from seeds will be similar, but not identical. The capsule parent is listed first, followed by the pollen parent.

*Read the Tag—continued from Page 3*

**Bc. Noname (C. intermedia x B. nodosa)**

**Tag #5**

In the register of hybrids we find that a name has been given., and it is called Noname. Note the hybrid name is first and that it is capitalized. The names of the parents are in the parentheses. The name Noname is the grex name and will follow the plant from here on.

**Slc. Valentine 'June' HCC/AOS**

**Tag #6**

Here I see a hybrid using three genera (Slc.) and that it has been registered since it has a hybrid or grex name (Valentine). It was a good cross because I see that it is a clone ('June') and it has been awarded a HCC from the AOS. Note table 2 for award designations.

**Pot. Yellow Glory 'Peach Surprise'  
(Blc. Oconto x Slc. George Hausermann)**

**Tag #7**

I recently had to look up the abbreviation Pot. which turned out to be C.+B.+L.+S. In other words Cattleya, Brassavola, Laelia, and Sophronitis are all in the breeding with the abbreviation Pot. Although with different concentrations of each (can I say that?) Note that the parents are also listed, a nice touch if a little complicated.

**Slc. Bright Angel x  
Slc. Tangerine Jewel 'Southern Cross'**

**Tag #8**

This shows the tag for a seedling plant, meaning that the plant was the result of crossing two different parent plants. The x stands for "crossed with". So Tag # 8 would read, Slc. Bright Angel "crossed with" Slc. Tangerine Jewel 'Southern Cross'. (Slc. stands for Solphonitis-laelio-cattleya.; we see that there are three genera used in this breeding, by both parents. The varietal names are Bright Angel and Tangerine Jewel and that one has been cloned with a Clonal name of Southern Cross.

I hope that this brief outline of naming orchids has helped. There is a lot more I could talk about, but I will save that for later.

**Table 1 Just a few official abbreviations**

Ascda.	Ascocenda
B.	Brassavola
Bc.	Brasso-cattleya
Blc.	Brasso-laelio-cattleya
Brs.	Brassia
C.	Cattleya
Cym.	Cymbidium
Den.	Dendrobium
Dtps.	Doritaenopsis
Epi.	Epidendrum
L.	Laelia
Lc.	Laelio-cattleya
Mtdm.	Miltonidium
Onc.	Oncidium
P.	Phalaenopsis
Paph.	Paphiopedilum
Pot.	Potinara (note above)
Slc.	Sophro-laelio-cattleya

**Table 2 A few Award designations**

QUALITY AWARDS	
HCC	Highly Commended Certificate (75-79 pts)
AM	Award of Merit (80-89 pts)
FCC	First Class Certificate (90-100 pts)
GM	Gold Medal
SM	Silver Medal
OTHER AWARDS	
JC	Judges Commendation
CCM	Certificate of Cultural Merit
CBR	Certificate of Botanical Recognition

These are some of the letters you may find on your tags at the end of the orchid name. As each award is won, the awarding society, such as the American Orchid Society (AOS) is noted after the award, preceded by a slash (note tag # 6).

04/28/06 SBOS Ribbon Judging

Ribbon	Plant	Exhibitor	Judge
Novice	Other		Sue Estes
	1 Dendrobium midnight velvet	Don Smith	
	2 Cattelya skinnerei alba	Tom Renger	
	3 Rynchovanda Colmarie	Vallie Mc Coy	
	Intergeneric		Toby Hoyle
	1 Milt. Edwidge sabovrin "Bridal Veil	Sue Estes	
	2 Brsdm. Shooting Star Maui Meteor	Sandy Hammersmark	
	Paphiopedilum		Sue Estes
	1 chamberlainum	Nancy Larson	
	2 lowii	Nancy Larson	
	3 Unknown	Leni Brechner	
	Phalaenopsis		Sue Estes
	1 Little Mary	Tom Renger	
	2 Hsin Actor Actor x Ever Spring Pearl	Sue Patton	
	3 Normans Mist "Montclair"	Sue Patton	
	Species		Sue Estes
	1 Disa uniflora	Vallie McCraig	
	2 Epidendrum fimbriata	M&M Anderson	
	3 maxilaria picta	M&M Anderson	
Amateur	Cattleya		Toby Hoyle
	1 Lctna. Jamaica Red x Peggy Huffman	Jasmine Bashi	
	2 Lc. Trick or Treat "Orange Magic"	Thamina Haque	
	3 Lc. Trick or Treat x Trick or Treat	Jasmine Bashi	
	Other		
	1 Paph. Dr Knuch x Hellas	Bobby Ignacio	
	2 Ansellia africana "Garden Party"	Jasmine Bashi	
	3 Dend. Pure White	Jasmine Bashi	
	Phalaenopsis		
	1 Baldan's Kaleidoscope "Golden Treasure"	Jasmine Bashi	
	2 Phal. Oriental love	Thamina Haque	
	3 Dtps. Taida Salu	Thamina Haque	
Adv Amateur	Cattleya alliance		Thamina Haque
	1 Epidendrum radioferens	Joan Bailey	
	2 Lc. Straight Answers "No Questions"	Joan Bailey	
	3 Rhynocostylis digbyana	Joan Bailey	
	Other		Thamina Haque
	1 Bifrenaria triandena	Joan Bailey	
	2 Calanthe	Joan Bailey	
	3 Cym. Mad Irishman	Joan Bailey	

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.  
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA

### **Next Board Meeting—May 24, 2006**

The Board Meeting 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.

### **Passings**

We are very sad to report that Jack West, husband of long time member Kathy West, lost his battle with cancer. Please offer your condolences to Kathy.

### **INSTALLATION BANQUET—June 16**

Again this year, we will hold our Installation Banquet at the Alpine Village in Torrance. The cost is \$23 per person. Please let Ron Henry know if you are coming—he needs to give the Alpine Village a head count a week or so before the event. The address is:

Alpine Village  
833 Torrance Boulevard  
Torrance, CA  
Call Ron Henry at 310-374-9699

Cym.

Cachuma 'Painted Cave'

Grower: Dave De Young

Photo: Ron Henry



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

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Librarian:  
open

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**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”***

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**See You Saturday, May 20 at the Picnic**

***Ned***