



*Lycaste aromatica* (Graham ex Hook.) Lindl.  
Epiphytic species with Large pseudobulbs. An uncommon orchid mostly found along rivers in Belize.

South Bay Orchid Society, Inc.  
Fifty Years of "Orchids for Amateurs"  
Founded July, 1957  
*The*  
**INFLORESCENCE**

September, 2006  
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**September Meeting:**  
**Friday, September 15, 2006**  
**8:00 PM**

South Coast Botanic Garden  
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.  
Palos Verdes Peninsula

**The September Speaker is Mark Bentow.**

Mark will be showing us some of the fruit of his work in Peru. Mr. Bentow holds a B.S. degree in Biology from UCLA, having graduated in 1976. He has been growing orchids since 1994, having started his collection with a few hybrids purchased in Hawaii. He soon thereafter changed his interest to species and now concentrates mainly on species.

The orchid plant family is the largest of all flowering plants which is most evident in the many thousands of known species. His main interest in species is their interesting diversity and adaptation features, rather than their large inflorescence and bright coloration.

Mark has made several trips to Central and South America in search of orchids. These trips include visits to Costa Rica, Belize, Mexico, Peru, Ecuador, and Venezuela. He has legally collected plants in Belize and Mexico and has taken many photos of the plants growing in their natural habitat in the countries he has visited.

Our speaker believes that studying orchids in their natural habitat and conditions provides the most information on how to cultivate them successfully in captivity. Through his presentation he hopes to pass on to all of us some of his valuable knowledge.

Nick

**Culture Session—7:00 PM**

We are combining the culture session this month with the main presentation. Mark Bentow will be discussing how to culture and care for these kinds of orchids.

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## President's Message

Well, last month's meeting was a little different, if I do say so myself. We had a little miscommunication with the Garden, but all of that is straightened out at this point, and our regular meeting is again in the main hall. But, one of the things that some of us on the Board liked was the cozy atmosphere that we had holding a regular meeting in one of the classrooms. Let us know what you thought. We sort of liked it, and thought that we might want to arrange the chairs a little differently for meetings in the future—make it a little more cozy.

It's SHOW TIME!!!! The meeting next Friday is the last one before our Fall Show, so we need folks to come to the meeting and sign up to help out. Marla normally handles all of that, but she's going to be in Paris on the 15th, so each of the folks responsible for their part will be at the meeting with sign up sheets—looking for volunteers. For that matter, I will be moving my youngest into his on campus apartment at UC Santa Cruz so you won't see me either. Note the "Celebrating 50 Years" show announcement below, and the Featured Speakers on Page 3. We ought to have a great Fall Show this year, and we're already in the planning stages for the Spring Show down at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center in March. We need everyone to at least show up—and we especially need plants in bloom for the show. **Ned**

### **'Celebrating 50 Years' - An Orchid Show and Sale September 23 and 24, 2006**

Our fall show is just days away, but there is still time to sign up to help. All of the committee chairs still need people to help in the various areas. Pick up the phone and call them or speak to them at the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Set-up and takedown:** Ron Henry (310) 374-9699

**Host and hostess:** Marilyn Hill (310) 675-0604 or Sue Estes (310) 377-0733

**Food:** Shirley Marble (310) 379-0855 or Carolyn Gould (310) 546-2133

Publicity is an ongoing project that every one can participate in by passing out flyers and putting up posters. If you have any posters you were unable to put up, please bring them to the meeting so they can be redistributed to other members. We will probably not print any more color posters, but we will have more flyers available. If you have any questions regarding publicity contact Don Goss.

I also want to remind everyone to bring in their blooming plants for judging. Registration will take place beginning at 4:00pm until 9:00pm on Friday. At the meeting there will be plant classification sheets as well as the registration forms for those of you who would like a head start and have lots of plants to enter. These are also available on the website and are printable, thanks to our web-master, Don Goss. Don't worry if you don't understand the registration procedure. We will have a qualified group of members, led by Ann Rogers, to help you decide which category your plants belong in and how to fill out the forms. Just remember that the plants must have been in your possession for at least 3 months and be free of pests and diseases. It is also a good idea to cut off dead foliage and clean the dust and dirt off the leaves. We want every plant to look its best for the judges. AOS and CSA judging forms will also be available at registration.

The show room will have a new look this year. We have ordered custom-made table clothes to replace the plastic we have been using for years. This will give our show a more elegant look as well as making set-up easier and quicker. Also, be sure to check out the "Featured Speakers" agenda. We have knowledgeable speakers covering a wide range of topics that orchid growers will find useful.

Our Fall Show and Sale is the premier event at the South Coast Botanic Garden, and is our way of helping raise money for projects that the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation funds. I will be in France from September the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup>, so if you have any questions regarding the show, contact Ron Henry. If he isn't able to answer your question, he knows who can.  
Marla Corey—Show Chair

**Our featured speakers at the show—Celebrating 50 Years**  
**Saturday, September 23**

- 11:00am** **Dave DeYoung** is an accomplished cattleya grower. He will teach you the basic cultural requirements to successfully grow and bloom these hardy and beautiful orchids.
- 12:30pm** **Len Judaken** will give the pros and cons of various types of media in which orchids are grown. Find out which medium is best for your plants and growing conditions.
- 2:00pm** **Jim Rowley** has been growing his orchids using a semi- droponic method for many years. This is an easy method that everyone can learn with a little instruction from Jim.
- 3:30pm** **Mark Gibbel**, of Gibbel Orchids, grows his orchids in a coconut husk media. He will explain why this is becoming a popular alternative to bark, as well as giving basic culture tips that apply to all orchids.

**Sunday, September 24**

- 11:30am** **Chuck Spain**, a licensed Pest Control Advisor, will help identify and eradicate pests that threaten our orchid plants.
- 1:00pm** **Jim Weiss**, of The Orchid Garden, specializes in cymbidiums. Learn his culture techniques for year round care to ensure beautiful spring blooms.
- 2:30pm** **Nick Braemer** grows many of his orchids on mounts. He will share his methods of choosing what plants can be mounted, what to mount them on, and the care they need to grow and produce lovely flowers.

**Ribbon Judging Changes**

The Board decided to change the Ribbon Judging rules slightly. We decided that we needed to get more plants to the meetings that are in bloom and that are being judged. And, it seems like every year we force someone to go off the top of the Ribbon Judging and become an Exhibitor—thus losing the plants on the floor that were brought in for judging by that person. So, we have decided that we will now only have two classes of competitors. And, since SBOS is “Orchids for Amateurs” we have decided to call these two classes “Amateur” and “Advanced Amateur.” Effectively everyone that is now a Novice becomes an Amateur. And everyone else is an Advanced Amateur. The Amateur competitors will still need 20 points to be promoted to Advanced Amateur, but we won’t send the top Advanced Amateur off to Exhibitor automatically. We have decided that promotion to the exalted state of Exhibitor will be at the discretion of the Board. So, if and when someone dominates the Advanced Amateur for a couple of years, the Board will “promote” that person to Exhibitor. One more thing—you have to accompany your plants to the meeting to win a ribbon.

See Joanie at the meeting for more details.

## **FLOWERS WANTED -It's Show Time and time to bring in your plants with flowers.**

The SBOS Fall Show is upon us, and all of us that have more than just one or two orchids (that means you - you are a member of this club, aren't you?), have at least something in bloom. That means that we all need to think about how to get our flowering plants ready for the Show. After all, that's what being a member of SBOS is all about – right? Bring our plants to the show and so we all can see them. Here are some tips on how to get them ready for the show, so even if your plants aren't perfect, clean 'em up and bring 'em in! Excuses of imperfection won't get you anywhere with your friends in the Society. Here are a few things to do to make your plants look like they're ready for the show :

**Make sure there aren't any bugs on the plant** While we can't do anything about a plant that has been infected by a virus, we can do something about the creepy crawly sort of bugs.

Look over your plants very carefully – don't just look at flowers, turn the leaves over and really take a good look. If the nice folks checking in your plants, or the judges themselves find any bugs at all – you're toast. That also goes for molds and slug or snail slime. Clean up the plant very carefully.

**Get rid of the dead stuff** – If there are any dead leaves, or even leaf tips, either pull them off if they are that dead, or if they aren't completely dead but look really bad, trim them up with a razor blade. The judges look at the leaves too, so make the plant look as healthy as you can without actually damaging the plant.

**Make your flower spikes look their best** – Stake up your flower spikes so that they form a nice shape. This is most especially important for Phalaenopsis, but it goes for most other types of orchids as well. Hint – Thick Bonsai wire is pretty good for this – any you can buy those little butterfly clasps from most orchid supply places (Yamada has them).

**Made the pot look nice** – Either clean up the outside of the pot that the plant is in, or better yet, put the plant and pot into a nice ceramic pot that is glazed in a color that accentuates the color of either the flowers or the foliage. My wife does that with everything that she shows, and she gets ribbons.

**Fix up the pseudobulbs** – Cattleyas like to grow in all directions, but judges like to see a more orderly arrangement, so move them around a little and stake them up. But, before you do that, get rid of the dead stuff (bracts) on the outside of the pseudobulbs. You can peel that stuff off very easily, and if you leave it on it's a good hiding place for bugs anyway.

**Make the leaves shine** – Clean up the water stains on the leaves and put something on them to make them shine. There are commercial products that do this, but the judges don't like leaf shine. A little milk (NOT skim) mixed about 50-50 with water will do the trick to remove water spots.

**Get rid of used up flower spikes** – and anything else that would detract from the beauty of the flower spike that completely came out just in time for the show. Any old inflorescences, keiki, or anything else that just doesn't look right.

**Spruce up that potting mix** – Dig down a little and get rid of the mossy rotten looking potting mix at the top. Then dress up the top with some fresh stuff – bark, coconut, whatever you have the plant potted in.

**Water your babies** – They are going to be in the show hall for at least two days, and it's pretty dry in there and they are not going to be in their home, so your babies are going to be unhappy (as in stressed). Give them a nice cool drink before you bring them in so that they don't look like they're stressed by the time you take them home on Sunday.

All of us can bring in some thing to help with the show. If you follow these tips then you have a good chance of winning . **Good luck and I look forward to seeing you and your plants at the show.** Ned

## AUGUST Ribbon judging results

Cattleya		Exhibitor	Judge
1st	BLC Waianae Leopard	Don Goss	Joan Bailey
2nd	LC. Saqarik Wax	Susann Patton	
3rd	Lc Rosies Surprise "Crestview"	Don Goss	
Dendrobium			
1st	Clarissa Gagauan x oOmahs Heart	Bobby Ignacio	Ron Henry
2nd	deareii	Steve Moeschler	
3rd	cuthbersonii	Steve Moeschler	
Other			
1st	Miltoniopsis "Limelight" x St Hellier	Don Goss	Thamina Haque
2nd	Colm. Wildcatt "Petite Siroh"	Ann Mc Nelly	
3rd	Brassia verucosa	Jim Rowley	
Paphs			
1st	Grande 4n x caudatum	Don Goss	Joan Bailey
2nd	Lynleigh Koopowitz	Ron Henry	
3rd	transianum	Ron Henry	
Phalaenopsis			
1st	Normans Mist Montclair	S.Eastwood	Don Goss
2nd	Ever-spring King	S.Eastwood	
3rd	Taipei Gold x Sara Gold	S. Eastwood	

**Wanted**-Any and all photos of your blooms for the newsletter. We all enjoy seeing what our members have bloomed. See Page 6 for one that Susann bloomed and I photographed.

## BOTANICAL GARDEN FALL PLANT SALE- SEPTEMBER 30

The Botanical Gardens will be having their Fall plant show the weekend after our Fall Orchid Show. SBOS will have a table there to sell our orchids. Anybody with extra orchids that they need to sell please call Joan Bailey at 310-835-9614. We participated in the Spring Sale and not only was it a lot of fun, but we sold a lot of orchids. It's a way to make some extra money off the plants for which you have extra divisions. Let them earn you some extra cash instead of absorbing all your extra cash. A novel idea.

Joan Bailey at 310-835-9614.



Photo and Owner: Ron Henry

## People, Places and Things (Like Photos)

### South Bay Orchid Society, Inc.

Meets on the third Friday of each month  
Culture Session at 7:00 p.m.  
Ribbon Judging at 7:15 p.m.  
General Meeting at 8:00 p.m.  
South Coast Botanic Garden

### Next Board Meeting—September 20, 2006

The Board Meeting this month will be held at the Levy Center, Torrance Adult School—probably the cafeteria. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM.

**Wanted: Orchids in bloom:** Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, October 20-22, 2006. We need orchids from our society to put into a display at this show. This is where we can really shine and show 'em what we got. Judging will available, so if you have something in bloom don't miss out.  
**Contact Joan Bailey : 1-310-835-9614**

### *Orchid Tips*

**Staking tip.** For those large spikes that need staking, try long pieces of dried curly willow branch. These are readily available at most craft or floral stores. Use the curls in the branch to support your spikes! This idea is awesome for those huge Oncidiums or Odontoglossums (and other cymbidium companions) with long inflorescences. The willows are inexpensive and can easily be broken into smaller pieces should you like to add them for smaller plants. I am going to try this at the upcoming show.

**Cleaning pots-**Put clay pots in the oven when you run the self-cleaning cycle; they come out with just a bit of ash where the algae and roots have been growing. Allow the pots to cool off before removing them. When you clean this way, be sure that you soak the pots well before reusing. This has worked great for me, as I like using clay pots for keeping roots humid.

*Susann Patton*



Blc. Mayina Yahiro "Ulii"

Photo and Owner: Ned Patton (Susann bloomed it, I just took the picture)

**The Refrigerator Door**  
**Orchid Show Calendar**  
September 2006—November 2006

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**South Bay Orchid Society Fall Show**

**Yep, that's ours folks**

September 23 and 24, 2006

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Call Marla Corey (310) 833-1918

**San Diego International Orchid Fair**

Friday, October 13 - Sunday, October 15

AOS/CSA Judging on Friday

Quail Botanical Gardens

230 Quail Gardens Drive

Encinitas, CA

**2006 Southland Orchid Show**

**"All Hallowed Orchids"**

Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens,

October 20-22, 2006.

1151 Oxford Road

San Marino, CA 91108

***WANTED BLOOMING PLANTS-  
FOR THIS SHOW -SEE PAGE 6***

**Santa Barbara Orchid Estate 47th Annual**

**Fall Open House & Sale**

November 4 and 5

8 AM to 5 PM

Santa Barbara Orchid Estate

1250 Orchid Drive

Santa Barbara, CA 93111

(805) 967-1284

***“The Inflorescence”***

South Bay Orchid Society  
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**See You Friday, September 15 at our regular  
meeting, and then at the show September 23-24**

***Ned***