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

**October, 2006**

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

**October Meeting:**  
**Friday, October 27, 2006**  
**One week later than usual**  
**8:00 PM**

South Coast Botanic Garden  
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.  
Palos Verdes Peninsula

**The October Speaker is Peter Lin**

He will be presenting a talk on one of his favorite topics: Mini-Catts, also known as miniature cattleyas. Peter will be presenting Power point slides of these diminutive cattleyas. The journey will begin with a review of the miniature species, early hybrids, and then to some of the relevant hybrids of today.

Peter started growing orchids 25 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 4 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again. He is currently a student judge with the American Orchid Society and a hybridizer of mini-catts. His day job is at The Happiest Place on Earth--Disneyland!

Peter will be providing the plants for this month's raffle table. There will be some nice mini-catts as well some other great plants. See you there, Nick

**Culture Session—7:00 PM**

How to grow and bloom your mini--catts. Peter will give tips on how to successfully grow and bloom your mini-catts. The basic cultural requirements will be covered: light and temperature and growing media. These make excellent window-sill plants for you in-home growers. Peter is very personable, so come in and meet him and let him answer your questions. Some of this information is also good for the larger Cattleyas you just bought at the last show or if you are a 'newbie' to the world of growing orchids this talk is just for you.

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## President's Message

Wow, what a show we had. See Marla's notes on page 3. I want to add my own special thanks for all that turned out to help and that brought in plants to show. Let's do even better in the Spring. And, since this is our 50th, we really want to make the Spring show the best it has been this century. To that end, I would like to thank and welcome Marc Massari—our newest Board member—as co-chair of the Spring show with Marla. Thanks Marc.

Now to the future. Ron is already planning our Holiday party up at the Gardens. We will again have the South High Singers for entertainment, and I'll smoke a couple of turkeys for everyone's enjoyment—like I did last year. Anyone who wants to help out with setup for the party please contact Ron.

We are also headed into the bulk of the ribbon judging year. As you all know, we changed the rules a little in order to get more plants in for judging. Bring whatever you have in bloom—you'll probably get a ribbon. That was very true at the Fall Show and will be true again in the Spring. There are so many categories that most plants get a ribbon. So, make sure to clean up your bloomers and get them to the Garden on **October 27**.

Yes, I did say **OCTOBER 27**. The Garden has something happening on our usual weekend, so we bumped the regular meeting to **OCTOBER 27**.

Finally, plans are in the works already for next year—the Santa Barbara bus trip, the picnic, and the Installation Banquet. So, stay tuned and I'll keep you posted.

See you on **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27** (is that enough), Ned

**Membership Notes:** Membership cards have been mailed out. If for some reason you didn't get yours or need an extra card for other family members, please let me know and I will get one to you right away. Not only does getting your card mean I have received your check for this year, but it will give you discounts at various orchid vendors when buying your supplies.

This year's directories are now available. Let me know if you need one mailed out to you. Also let me know if any corrections are needed.

### *Give a warm welcome to our new members this month:*

Maria Abrena	Larry & Marcia Berger	Sara Bray	June Brooks
Connie Crenshaw	Lorena Cruz	Joyce & Carrol Del Muro	Rob Dunlap & Teena Corebrooh
Sarah Ferris-Dimonda	Pam & John Fletcher	Teresa Galvez	Pat & Layward Gee
Lori Hathaway	Vicki & John Jenkins	Margie & Kees Kunsit	Maria Monzon & Leslie Manterrosa
Bravlio & Jennifer Mena	Marissa Morse	Patricia Nash	Tod Pulsifer
Amanda & Gustave Steinacher	Kathy & Arvilla Tretter	Doris & Chris Trulo	Anna & Lance Wayman

## 'Celebrating 50 Years' - An Orchid Show and Sale

### Show results Fall Orchid Show and Sale Review

What a great Fall Show we had! The weather was great, the orchids were beautiful and the show was well attended. In fact we had the best attendance we have ever had at a Fall Orchid Show, and we set a new record attendance numbers for the South Coast Botanic Garden. Everything ran smoothly thanks to the hard work of our committee chairs and everyone who came to help.

**Marilyn Hill and Sue Estes** 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, putting up shade cloth and installing additional lighting in the auditorium. He and his helpers then had the responsibility of putting everything back into storage.

**Carolyn Gould and Shirley Marble and May Dobratz** kept the kitchen organized. Everyone was well-fed and ready to work. I'm sure we have the best food of any of the orchid shows.

**Bob Streeter** organized the ribbon judging and recruited excellent judges.

**Ann Rogers, Eunice Ellestad, Thamina Haque, and Bobbie Davison** efficiently registered all the plants for judging.

**Ann McNeeley** and her helpers were busy with the boutique and book sales.

**Susann Patton and Phyllis Amago** were at the Membership and Information table to welcome our guests, answer questions about our meeting, and to sign up new members. As a result of their hard work at the show, we have 24 new members! **Mark Gibbel** donated certificates for a free plant for each new member.

**Ned Patton and Don Goss** organized a table to gather information from our guests to help plan publicity campaigns for future shows. **George Vasquez** donated plants for an hourly raffle to support their efforts.

**Don Goss**, our web-master and publicity chairman, brought in record crowds with his publicity campaign. He designed the posters, put ads in newspapers, and kept the website up to date regarding information about the show. The website is becoming an increasingly important venue for getting information to the public.

**The Featured Speakers** 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 growing techniques.

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 Fall Show is over and planning for the Spring Show has already begun. Mark your calendar for March 3rd and 4th at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center.

Marla Corey  
Show Chair

## Show results for Fall 2006

Genera	Plant Name	Winner	
<b>Cattleya Alliance, Labia Type</b>			
White	C Madeleine Knowiton "White Eagle"	Bernadette Nazareno	BEST OF SECTION
	C Madeleine Knowiton "White Eagle"	Bernadette Nazareno	2
	Madame Edith Bango	Joan Bailey	3
Lavender	Lc Sunset Flare x Lc Hawian Attraction	Joan Bailey	1
	Blc Lucky Strick	Bernadette Nazareno	2
	Blc Crispin Rosales	Bob Streeter	3
Yellow	Cheng Yeah	Joan Bailey	1
Art Shade	Lc Jacquinetta x C. Trimos	Don Goss	1
	Lc Mariner 'Far Harzion'	Susann Patton	2
	Lc Fiesta Days 'Solo flight'	Bob Streeter	3
<b>Cattleya Alliance Bifoliate</b>			
White	C Angel Bells	Marla Corey	BEST OF SECTION
Yellow	Blc Hfawaiian Passion 'Carmela'	Peggy Oberg	1
Pink	Lc Lizz Streeter	Bob Streeter	1
	Bc Sea Urchin	Nick Braemer	2
Red	C Coon tune	Vallie McCray	1
	Lc Loog Tone	Marla Corey	2
	C Loog Tone African Beauty	Vallie McCray	3
Green	Pot Burana Beauty "Burana"	Bob Streeter	1
Blue	C enterylessa x L. anceps	Thamina Haque	2
Lavender	C minurva	Joan Bailey	3
Mini-Catt	Pot Hpoclypse 'Citin Li'	Bob Streeter	1
<b>Phalaenopsis</b>			
White	Phal Norman's Mist 'Montclair'	Don Goss	1
Semi-Alba	Phal Luchia Lip	Gabriel Del Rey	BEST OF SECTION
Yellow	Phal Taisuco Glory	Gabriel Del Rey	1
	Phal New Gold	Don Goss	2
Blush	Phal Hinamatsuri 'Blushing Bride'	Thamina Haque	3
Spots	Dtps Leopard Prince	Don Goss	1
	Dtps Leopard Price	Susann Patton	2
	Dtps Everspring Pioneer	Gabriel Del Rey	3
<b>Papiopedilum</b>			
Primary Hybrids	Paph Ho Chi Minti	Gabriel Del Rey	1
	Paph Pinocchio	Joan Bailey	2
Spotted	Paph Winston Chrchill	Sylvia Eastwood	1
Yellow	Paph Landmark	Bob Streeter	1
<b>Phragmipedium</b>			
	Phrag Bete House Point 'Streeters Choice'	Bob Streeter	BEST IN SECTION
	Phrag Paul Eugene Controy	Bob Streeter	2
	Phrag Jossnier Supergrande	Joan Bailey	3
<b>Vanda</b>	Mokara 'Chiti Haldos'	Susann Patton	1
<b>Angraecum</b>	Angraecum Commorensense	Bob Streeter	CULT AWARD
<b>Other Genera</b>	Dendrochilum Lowii 'Streeter Choice'	Bob Streeter	BEST IN SECTION
	Spiranthes	Vallie McCray	1

## Show results for Fall 2006 Cont

Genera Other Genera Continued	Plant Name	Winner	
	Haraella Odonata	Joan Bailey	2
	Encyclia Cochleata	Sylvia Eastwood	3
	Cymbidium dayanum	Bob Streeter	1
	Dendrobium bradeosum x bracheosum	Joan Bailey	1
	Epidendrum Porpax 'St Nancy'	Bob Streeter	1
	Oncidium Kalitti 'Orchis'	Bob Streeter	1
	Bellara 'Howards Dream'	Vallie McCray	2
	Oncidium Sweet Sugar	Bernadette Nazareno	3
	Zygopodutulum Mackaii	Joan Bailey	1
	Cochleonthes Nanboh Pixy	Joan Bailey	1
	Rex x Verucosa Brassia	Eunice Ellestad	2
	Ctsm Frilly Doris	Joan Bailey	3

## SEPTEMBER 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	

# 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  
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.  
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA

## Next Board Meeting—November 1 2006

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

**Show Committee**—An organizational meeting will be held at the Garden on October 16. Contact Marla or Marc if you're interested in helping out.

### ***Hitching a Ride:***

*(part 1 of several snail odysseys)* **Susann Patton**

He crawls closer and closer, his burden is heavy. Something is slowing him down from reaching his goal, which happens to be fresh tasty romaine lettuce. Can't resist that smell, but it is taking too much time and effort. He stops and reconsiders. Something is not right. Then he feels movement on his back. They touch antennas with instant repulsion. Now he knows and rolls his shell over knocking off the hitchhiker on his back. His speed picks up and he is moving at a rate of 1 inch a minute. Much faster than I thought a snail could travel. Several things about them have surprised me though. In this writing I will give you the results of the first experiment on snail evasion in my yard. I have written and have told people that copper is an effective physical barrier to keeping snails off of the orchids. The orchid flowers seem to have the same appeal as the romaine lettuce to snails. I have been criticized for not having tried out some of the remedies I have passed on to you and I am grateful for that feedback. So here goes. I am a basic scientist. And being a scientist I have used experiments many times to test out theories. In this case my helper (Ned) and I gathered up 35 snails in all sizes from my garden. We put this healthy group in an enclosed large glass terrarium. The only available food was placed in the middle of the terrarium, but within a solid copper humidity tray that had a lip of 1.5 inches high. We watched and waited. Two were moving straight toward the lettuce with steadfast determination. After dumping this hitch hiker our friend reached the copper lip first and started up the side. He got about half way up the side of the copper tray when he suddenly withdrew. After a moment he turned and left leaving a bubbly slime trail behind him. We were delighted, especially when the second snail had the exact same reaction. We marked both of these two, in case they got sick or died. Confident we really had something here we went to bed. The next morning however we found the lettuce mostly eaten and a half dozen snails just hanging out on the copper. The two we marked appeared to be just fine and no autopsy was needed. You can make up your own mind, but I am a lot *less confident* in the copper barrier. I will provide you with results of our next experiments and pass on what we find.

For your information on the copper it has been measured that the interaction between the snail's mucus and copper produces an electrical current that has been measured at 350mV. This is like putting your tongue on a 9V battery. There has been a lot of real science done on keeping the snails out of food crops. And many papers report success in repelling them. Tests include using wide bands of copper, copper wire, and copper bands with flanges that flare out as an extra barrier the snails have to fight; slowing them down a bit. They have studied new shiny copper and copper with patina (which my humidity trays do have). I will happily hook you up with how to get these papers if you let me know.

### ***Orchid Tips:***

**Susann Patton**

**DNA Research Finds Surprise Connection.** Orchids are among the most colorful and complex, even bizarre, members of the plant world. For biologists, they are among the most challenging as it has been difficult to place them in their plant family tree and identify their closest relatives. However, new research from New York, using DNA technology, suggests they are more closely related to... wait for it .... the asparagus family, than to other plant groups. Well, I have often thought of the inflorescences as being as tender as asparagus tips when I accidentally break them off time and again (and then mutter a few bad words).

**Wine Corks:** For those of you who accumulate wine corks, keep in mind that they can be broken up and added to the potting mix you use. I have the word that the plants love the corks, maybe it's the all in the wine. Marla has glued corks cut in half on a board and grown mounted orchids on these corks. Again they did seem to do well and it made a great presentation. She will be happy to share her method.

# The Refrigerator Door Orchid Show Calendar

October 2006—February 2007

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## **2006 Southland Orchid Show "All Hallowed Orchids"**

Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens,

October 20-22, 2006.

1151 Oxford Road

San Marino, CA 91108

(626) 405-2100

## **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

## **SCOS Annual Orchid Auction**

November 27, 2006

Whaley Park

5620 Atherton

Long Beach, CA

Contact Joan Bailey

## **The Orchid Society of Santa Barbara's Annual Exhibition and Sale**

December 9 and 10

Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

2559 Puesta del Sol Road

Santa Barbara, California 93105

## **Fascination of Orchids**

February 9-11, 2007

Orange County Fair and Expo Center

88 Fair Drive

Costa Mesa, CA 92626

***“The Inflorescence”***

South Bay Orchid Society

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**See You Friday, **October 27****  
**at our regular meeting,**

*Ned*