



Stanhopea tigrina  
 Owner: S. Miller  
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**South Bay Orchid Society, Inc.**  
**“Orchids for Amateurs”**  
**Founded July, 1957**  
*The*  
**INFLORESCENCE**

**September, 2007**

**Friday, September 24, 2007**

**8:00 PM**

South Coast Botanic Garden  
 26300 Crenshaw Blvd.  
 Palos Verdes Peninsula

**Basic Orchid Culture**  
**Speaker: Ron McHatton**

Ron McHatton is currently the new AOS Director of Education and Regional Operations. This position was recently created to make the American Orchid Society more responsive to its membership. Ron has been growing orchids for over 43 years and has an eclectic collection of plants representing a wide cross-section of the orchid family. Ron’s passion for orchids has spanned virtually every growing regime from windowsills, to artificial lights, to greenhouses and with spans of a 200 square foot hobby greenhouse to several acres of commercial growing space. Over the years his private collection has grown to more than 2,500 plants. Ron is also an accredited American Orchid Society judge and has been an AOS volunteer for over 25 years. During that time, Ron chaired several national committees, twice held a seat on the organization’s Board of Trustees and briefly served as a vice-president. Ron has also been a long-time supporter of the Orchid Digest. In this role, he has served on its Board of Directors for many years and as its president for three consecutive terms.

**Cultural Session: 7 PM**  
**Speaker: Dr. Robert Streeter**

Bob Streeter will talk about preparing your plants for the SBOS Fall Show. He will address cleaning your plants and the show registration process. Bob has had a great deal of experience with the SBOS Shows and his talk will be relevant and informative to all participants. He will also answer any questions and if time permits, he will continue the orchid culture discussion from last month.

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## *President's Message*

The month of September is already here and it is a busy one. Besides being the month of our Fall Show and Sale, it is also the time that our membership chairman, Olga Cutting, is trying to finish the membership renewals and begin compiling this year's membership directory. If you have not renewed your membership, please contact Olga. We don't want anyone left out of the directory.

As I mentioned in last month's message, the board has been looking into changing our tax status from a 501c.7 to a 501c.3. Our society was incorporated 50 years ago and there have been a lot of changes in the tax code. Our research has found that other societies similar to ours are 501c.3, and that this classification more closely describes our organization. Ned Patton has agreed to oversee the change and file the necessary paperwork that is required. You can learn more from Ned's article in this newsletter. We will be bringing this change of tax status for approval from the general membership at our September meeting.

Our fall show and sale is just a few weeks away. Don Goss has been busy organizing our show publicity and keeping our website up to date with show information. I hope everyone has been passing out flyers and posting posters in their neighborhoods. This is an important show because it is our society's way of showing our support, both moral and financial, to the South Coast Botanic Garden and the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation.

We need everybody to bring in their blooming plants for the show. The more plants you bring in, the greater your chance of winning a ribbon or even a trophy. The plants need to be clean and free of pests and disease. Registration for the show begins on Friday at 4:00 pm and ends at 9:00 pm. If you have questions or concerns about how to register your plants, we will have people to help you. We will also have AOS and CSA judging for anyone with an exceptional orchid plant. I urge everyone to attend Bob Streeter's culture session this month to learn more about preparing your plants for a show.

The show committee chairs need your help! Make their jobs easier by contacting them to offer your help. We need lots of food to feed our hungry volunteers and the vendors. When you sign up to be a host/hostess, please sign up to bring a potluck dish. On Friday morning we are setting up tables, which requires muscles, but there are lighter jobs such as covering them. Ron Henry also needs help to move equipment from our storage facility to the Garden. Everyone's help is needed to make this a successful and well-run show.

Ron Henry:	374-9699	Set up and take down
Carolyn Gould:	310-546-2133	Kitchen and food
Sue Estess:	310-377-0773	Host/hostess
Karen Low:	310-541-4412	Host/hostess

See you at the September meeting.

### **So what is a 501(c)(3) anyway and why would SBOS want to be one?**

First a little history. SBOS was formed in 1957 as South Bay Orchid Society, Inc. The Articles of Incorporation were filed with the State of California, and the founders also registered SBOS with the Internal Revenue

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Service to get what is called a Tax ID Number (TIN). The Articles were modified slightly in the early 1970's to simplify the operation of the organization and the administration of the By-Laws. But, when SBOS was formed, the rules for non-profits were different than they are today. There is some history of these rules regarding Battelle Memorial Institute, the Xerox Corporation, the IRS, and the State of Ohio that I can relate to anyone that is interested. The outcome of all of this is that the rules for non-profit organizations (which we are) changed in 1975, long after the formation of SBOS and at about the time our Articles of Incorporation were updated.

In the State of California, there are two types of non-profit corporations – Mutual Benefit Corporations and Public Benefit Corporations. SBOS is currently organized as a Mutual Benefit Corporation with the State of California, and the Internal Revenue Service recognizes us as a 501(c)(7) organization. This means that SBOS is organized as a flower club that only takes in dues from members and exists solely for the mutual benefit of its members. When SBOS was formed, the stated purpose of the organization was as follows (taken directly from the original Articles of Incorporation):

“That the specific and primary purposes for which said corporation is organized are to actively foster and encourage the appreciation and love of native and hybrid orchids and their collection, growth, production, use, culture, hybridization, preservation and perpetuation, not only among the members of this corporation, but among all members of society. And to this end this corporation and all of its members shall actively participate in the acquisition, distribution and dissemination of all practical and scientific information regarding such purposes by means of exhibits, study, consultation, lecture, issuance of publications and close cooperation with other members of society and corporations whose purposes are similar to the purposes of this corporation.”

This purpose led the Board of Directors of SBOS to re-examine the way that we are organized. In fact, we do put on shows – at which we have educational experiences for the general public (we call these Orchids 101 and Orchids 102 – our show lectures). At the Membership table at our shows, SBOS has cultural information about all types of orchids that are provided at no charge to anyone that wants to learn about these wonderful plants. We do not receive the gate receipts for our Fall Show. Instead, since we put this show on at the Garden, they get the gate receipts. We also donate money to the Garden each year that represent our “excess income over expenses” from the Fall Show. This always amounts to more than \$1000 as a donation to the Garden.

So, are we a Mutual Benefit or a Public Benefit Corporation, and how are other organizations like ours organized, and why would we want to change? The Board of Directors of SBOS has been talking about this topic for about 6 months. Most of the other garden clubs that have meetings and shows up at the Garden are organized as Public Benefit Corporations and have 501(c)(3) status. What this means in a practical sense is that any donations that are made to these organizations by members, companies, or other individuals are tax deductible. With our 501(c)(7) status, if someone makes a donation to SBOS, they cannot deduct the value of that donation from their taxes. But, aside from the monetary benefit that accrues to any benefactor of SBOS, changing our status to a Public Benefit Corporation and registering with the IRS as a 501(c)(3) aligns us with our peer organizations and will permit us to more broadly benefit the general public as well as other Orchid Societies (most of which by the way are already registered as 501(c)(3)'s). At the August SBOS Board Meeting, the SBOS Board decided that, we are a Public Benefit Corporation and that we should be organized as such.

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What does this mean to the membership? First, since I am familiar with corporate law in California, and also with the IRS tax code, I have volunteered to process the appropriate paperwork for the Society and serve as what California calls “Agent for Service of Process” for SBOS. What this means is that I will take care of all of the registering of the revised Articles of Incorporation with the State, and the application to the IRS for 501 (c)(3) status. Other than that, very little will change for the membership. We already qualify for this status because of the way the Society has always been operated, so there will be little to no change in how the Society and the membership interact. Jim Rowley and I will have a little more paperwork to do as a result of this, but both of us know how to do this and are both willing. We do, however - because of our By-Laws – need to get approval from the membership for modification of the Articles of Incorporation that we file with the State of California.

So, at our upcoming September meeting, the Board will bring forward to the membership the question of whether or not you all agree with us and approve of changing our corporate status with the State of California and the IRS to align us with our peer organizations. Once the membership approves of this, I will draft a new set of Articles of Incorporation for review and approval by the Board. Once they are approved, I will file the paperwork and get California and IRS approval.

See you all at the meeting. Ned

## **Fall Show Demonstration Schedule**

### **Orchids 101**

Saturday:	11:50 am	1:20 pm	2:50 pm	3:30 pm
Sunday:	10:50 am	12:20 pm	1:50 pm	

Top growers from the South Bay Orchid Society will demonstrate how to repot your orchids, discussing all basic growing issues, and answer your questions. This is for the novice/beginner.

### **Orchids 102**

#### **Saturday, September 29th, 2007**

**11:00 am** Mark Gibble of Gibble Nursery grows his orchids in a coconut husk media. He will explain why this is becoming a popular alternative to bark and demonstrate how to repot your orchids.

**12:30 pm** Don Goss will show you how to make beautiful photographs of your orchids using a typical point-and-shoot digital or film camera with only an inexpensive trip to the hardware and fabric store.

**2:00 pm** Nick Braemer grows many of his orchids on mounts. He will share his methods for choosing what plants can be mounted and what they will grow well on, and the care they need to grow and produce lovely flowers.

#### **Sunday, September 30th, 2007**

**11:30 am** Jim Weiss of The Orchid Garden specializes in cymbidiums. Learn his culture techniques so you can have the best spring blooms.

**1:00 pm** Chuck Spain, a licensed Pest Control Advisor, will help you identify and eradicate pests that threaten our orchid plants.

**2:30 pm** Jim Rowley has been growing his orchids using a semi-hydroponic method for many years. This is an easy method that everyone can learn with a little instruction from Jim.

***Ribbon Judging Results***  
***August Meeting***

**Advanced Amateur – Judged by Polly Kinsinger**

**Cattleya**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Blc. Three Suns ‘Snow Piece’	Ted & Jackie Johnson
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lc. La Salva	Ted & Jackie Johnson
3 <sup>rd</sup>	C. Chocolate Drop ‘Kodama’	Tom Renger

**Oncidium & Allied Genera**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Dgmra. Winter Wonderland	Bobby Ignacio
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Onc. Sharry Baby	Don Goss
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dgmra. Winter Wonderland	Don Goss

**Other**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Gongora galeata	Bobby Ignacio
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bulbophyllum echinolabium	Ted & Jackie Johnson
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Coelogyne massangeana	Ted & Jackie Johnson

**Cultural Awards**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Dendrobium dearei	Steve Moeschler
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dendrobium cuthbertsonii	Steve Moeschler

**Amateur – Judged by Polly Kinsinger**

**Oncidium & Allied Genera**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mtssa. Shelob ‘Red Spider’	Josephine Balboa
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Onc. flexuosum	Sharon Gage
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Grammatophyllum scriptum var. citrinum ‘Hihimanu 4N’	Kayo Nakamura

**Other**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Laelia lucasiana	Peggy Wormington
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bulbophyllum makoyanum	Sharon Gage
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lockhartia lunifera	Sharon Gage

## *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—September 25 , 2007***

The Board Meetings starting in June will be held at the  
South Coast Botanic Garden  
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.  
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA

The meeting will start at 7:00 PM on Tuesdays  
Please note the change in location and day of the week-  
Everybody is welcome!

### ***Welcome New Members***

Please welcome our new members. It is up to each of us  
to make all new members feel welcomed.

### ***Sunshine***

**Ann McNeeley** has just come from the hospital. She had  
another operation and is doing much better. Please give  
her a call, drop by and see her, or send her a card. She  
will appreciate it.

***Librarian needed.*** A Librarian is needed for our soci-  
ety. The SBOS Library is a great resource for beginning  
to advanced orchid growers. Volunteering to be the Li-  
brarian would be a benefit to the society members and  
would give you an opportunity to become a more knowl-  
edgeable orchid grower. Please let Marla know if you  
can.



*Dendrobium uniflorum*  
Owner: Saul Miller  
Photo: Joe Ramsey

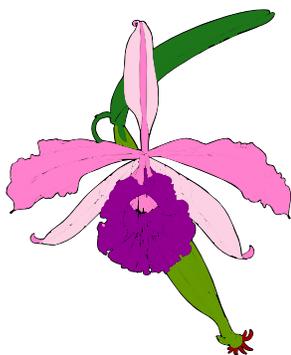


**And she was just wondering  
where her grandmother's tea pot  
went.....**



***“The Inflorescence”***

South Bay Orchid Society  
c/o Saul Miller  
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***See you at the next meeting on September 21.***

***IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP.*** Please stop by the membership desk to make your payment of \$17.00/per household. This is the last opportunity to renew your membership before the SBOS Membership Directory is printed.

Contact Olga Cutting at 310-891-3380 (tcutting@socal.rr.com) or Susann Patton 310-944-9798 (slpatton@earthlink.net). Thanks.