



*Dendrobium javieri*

South Bay Orchid Society, Inc.

“Orchids for Amateurs”

Founded July, 1957

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# INFLORESCENCE

November, 2007

**Friday, November 16**

South Coast Botanical Gardens

26300 Crenshaw Blvd

Palos Verdes Peninsula

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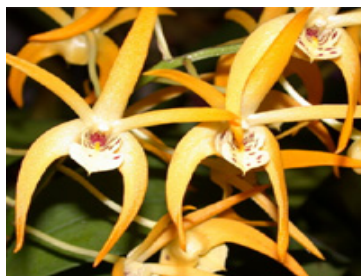
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## **General Meeting Speaker starting at 8PM**

### **“ Growing Australian Dendrobiums”**

Our speaker this month is Tom Biggart owner and head grower of Granite Hills Orchids located in El Cajon, California (15 miles east of San Diego). Tom’s talk will be on Australian Dendrobiums. He will give culture tips on growing the common and uncommon species from this wonderful continent/country. In addition, he will bring a few plants for sale—Sarcochilus and Dendrobium kingianum and speciosum hybrids. This is a timely topic because the cold season is upon us and these orchids are cold weather hardy and easy to grow. Picture, above, is from Tom’s website: [www.granitehillSORchids.com](http://www.granitehillSORchids.com).

## **Cultural Session starting at 7PM**



For your learning enjoyment we present Nick Braemer speaking on how to mount and care for mounted orchids. Nick has been doing this successfully for many years.. He thinks Harry’s talk last month made it sound much too difficult and would discourage new growers from trying this method of growing orchids. Nick even mounted an orchid in an old tennis shoe—and it’s doing well.

## President's Message

Cooler weather has arrived and the fall blooming Cattleyas are bursting into bloom and the cymbidiums are spiking. The change of weather doesn't just mean that winter is coming, but that a new blooming season has arrived. This is also the time that we begin planning for the holiday season. We will be having our Holiday Potluck Dinner as we have always done. This year we will be adding a new dimension to our celebration. Since orchid growers come from all ethnic and cultural backgrounds, we thought it would be fun to ask everyone to bring a dish from their own cultural background. You need to sign up and tell Ron Henry how many are in your party and what kind of dish you will be bringing. The categories are main dish, vegetable, appetizer and dessert. Ron will have a sign up sheet at the November meeting or you can phone or email him. Also note that we have changed our meeting date to December 14 to keep our meeting from coming so close to Christmas when many of us are busy or going out of town.

On the business side of our society, we are required to have our books reviewed every year. Don Smith, who has a great deal of expertise in nonprofit organizations, donated his time to review our financial records. I am glad to report that he found every thing in order. Our treasurer, Jim Rowley, is doing a great job managing our finances.

Look for an article about us in the December issue of the AOS publication "Orchids". Paris Merriam, a freelance writer and photographer, spent countless hours photographing our shows last year and researching our society to write an article about our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. Thank you Paris for making us famous. This is also giving us a great lead in for our spring show.

We had a lot of plants donated to our October meeting. I want to send a special thank you to Betty Cornell, Len Judaken, Dave DeYoung, and Kawamoto Orchids for their generosity and support of our society. I hope everyone who bought tickets went home with at least one orchid.

Last month I was asking for someone to become our new newsletter editor. I am happy to announce that Sabrina Roque has taken on this challenge. Thank you Sabrina!

I'll see you at our next meeting on November 16.

Marla Corey

**Ribbon Judging Results  
October Meeting**

**Advanced Amateur – Judged by Ron Henry**

**Cattleya**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Lc. Maria Ozella	Ted & Jackie Johnson
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lc. White Spark ‘Panda’	Bernadette Nazareno
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lc. Ackers Madison ‘Kyle’	Ted & Jackie Johnson

**Other – Judged by Nick Braemer**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bhra. Morfitch ‘Howard’s Dream’	Bernadette Nazareno
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bulbophyllum echinolabium	Polly Kinsinger
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ros. Orande ‘SB’ x Ros. Williamsianum	Ted & Jackie Johnson

**Amateur – Judged by Polly Kinsinger**

**Catleya**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Slc. India Rose Sherwood ‘Kulani’	Peggy Wormington
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lc. Blue Angel ‘Glove’	Peggy Wormington
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lc. Edgard Van Beller x (C. intermedia x Blc. Magic)	Long Ngo

**Other**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Lycaste Unknown	Josephine Balboa
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mtssa. Charles m. Fitch ‘Izumi’	Braulio Mena
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Den Maiden Charlotte	Braulio Mena

**ORCHID GLOSSARY**

**ANDROECIUM** (an-DREE-see-um) The stamen-bearing or “male part” part of a flower; the stamens spoken of collectively.

**BACKBULB** (bak-buhlb) An old pseudobulb, often without leaves but still alive and bearing one or more eyes, frequently used for propagation, located behind the actively growing portion of a sympodial orchid.

**CATAPHYLL** (KAT-a-fill) An undeveloped leaf, as at the beginning of a growth; a rudimentary leaf form, as a bud scale, at the beginning of a growth.

**DAMP, DAMP DOWN** To spray or sprinkle the walks, benches, etc. of a greenhouse to cool it or to increase humidity without directly watering the pots or plants.

## Checklist for November and December

### Cattleyas

- Reduce watering
- Reduce fertilization (do not eliminate)
- Early sheath development does not mean early flowering on plants with winter-spring seasons. Some sheaths will show normal signs of yellowing.
- Water condensation inside the sheath can rot the bud within, sheaths can be safely removed by peeling down toward the pseudobulb.

### Cymbidium

- The cymbidium season lasts for about seven months
- Miniature varieties will peak for the next three to four months
- Stake inflorescences ramrod straight for best presentation
- Watch for slugs and snails (especially after rain)
- Regularly fertilize with a mild balanced formula (once a month)

### Oncidium

- Give plants high light to produce strong upright inflorescences
- The pseudobulbs should be plump— do not let the plants dry out while they are in bloom
- Later plants will enter a dormant period

### Phalaenopsis

- Shorter days and cooler nights signal inflorescence initiation in phals
- Reduce nitrogen levels for best spiking
- Boost potassium and phosphorus—”bloom booster” type fertilizer
- Take care of pest problems now or else they will be difficult to eradicate, look for mealy bugs in the bracts and flower buds
- An application of copper-based compound will control rot problems before they start

### Vandaceous

- Vandas do not benefit from cold (except *Neofinitia falcata*)
- Orient your plants to take advantage of as much light as possible
- Reduce watering and feeding schedules

# 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

## SUNSHINE

Susann Patton is undergoing cancer treatments. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her at our meetings in the near future. She would love to hear from her orchid society friends, so send her a short note or a card.

## Next Board Meeting November 27,

The Board Meetings will be held at the  
South Coast Botanic Garden



### Lyn Jaacks

Lyn Jaacks passed away on November 1 from a heart attack. Lyn was a dedicated and hard working member of our society for many years. She served as newsletter editor and show registration chairman. Lyn was also a dedicated volunteer at her church and with the Boy Scouts of America. She spent her retirement years using her talents to better her community, and will be fondly remembered by everyone whose life she touched.

Lyn is pictured above.

## Welcome New Members

### Olga's Corner

We have 18 new members from the Fall Show. As they appear at the meetings I will be sure to give them a proper introduction. It is up to us, to make all our new members feel welcome, so when you see somebody new — be sure to walk over and make a new friend.

Irma Carel & Roy Nakamura from Lomita  
Laura & John Ciampaglia from Palos Verdes Estate  
Rosalie Eugenio from San Pedro  
Kathy Gould & Alexandra Walter from Redondo Beach  
Leslie Kelly from San Pedro  
Thelma Llorin from Long Beach  
Peggie Lynch from Rancho Palos Verde  
Sylvia & Toshihiko Mihara from Rancho Palos Verde  
Miyo Nakamura from Los Angeles  
Long Ngo from Los Angeles  
Dean Rajudin from Rancho Palos Verde  
Reyne & John Rehm from Harbor City  
Shirley Torstenson from Rancho Palos Verde  
D. Toby Umemoto from Torrance  
Mady West from El Segundo  
Bonnie C. Zahn from Long Beach  
Chloeleen N. Mena, new member joining us with her father Braulio Mena, renew-



# The Refrigerator Door

Nov 2007—Dec, 2007

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**NOV 16**—Tom Biggard “Growing Australian Dendrobiums”. Cold weather orchids for the winter growing season. Don’t miss this timely presentation.

**December 8 & 9** **Orchid Society of Santa Barbara Fall show & Sale**—Theme "The Friendly Addiction"

**December 14—SBOS Annual Holiday Dinner** at South Coast Botanical Gardens.

## NOVEMBER 2007

Birthstone - Topaz				Flower - Chrysanthemum		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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***HAPPY THANKSGIVING***  
*November 22*



The Trouble With Ants

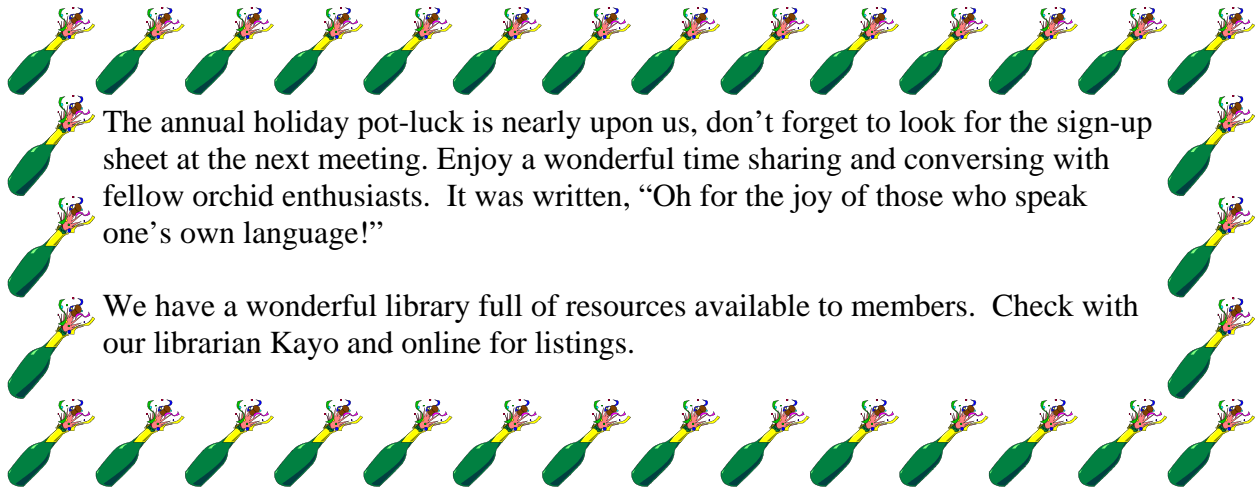


## News and Announcements

A new orchid species was discovered in our very own backyard, Yosemite National Park. The botanist who found the species was drawn to it ,not by its beauty ,but by its stinky smell. It grows only in the wet meadows of Yosemite National Park. Botanist Alison Colwell states the orchid smells like a “horse corral on a hot afternoon.” *Platanthera yosemitensis* is the orchid’s official name.



Alison Colwell / AP *Platanthera yosemitensis*, a new orchid species found in Yosemite National Park, emits a stinky-feet odor to attract would-be pollinators.



The annual holiday pot-luck is nearly upon us, don't forget to look for the sign-up sheet at the next meeting. Enjoy a wonderful time sharing and conversing with fellow orchid enthusiasts. It was written, “Oh for the joy of those who speak one's own language!”

We have a wonderful library full of resources available to members. Check with our librarian Kayo and online for listings.

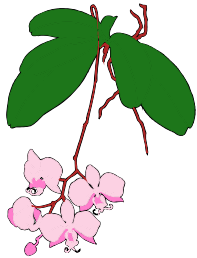
## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Show Chairman Search

The fall show has come and gone, which means we now start working on the spring show. The last few years, the SBOS Board has been working double duty as the show committee. At last weeks Board meeting we discussed actively looking for a new show chairman. Perhaps you're not ready to take the whole thing on and want to co-chair it with someone else, or maybe you've had experience with running a group event. Either way, please give me or Marla a call if you are interested in what the job description is. The show is our main source of income for the year and is a fun social way to give back to your society.

Polly Kinsinger  
310/374-6471

***“The Inflorescence”***  
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**7:00 P.M.**  
**South Coast Botanic Garden**  
**November 16 (*third Friday*)**