



South Bay Orchid Society, Inc.
 “Orchids for Amateurs”
 Founded July, 1957
 The
INFLORESCENCE

Friday, December 14

South Coast Botanical Gardens
 26300 Crenshaw Blvd
 Palos Verdes Peninsula

Cattleya orchid flower

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The Southbay Orchid Society Culturally invites you to the Annual Holiday Potluck scheduled for December 14. Appetizers and socializing will be from 6-7pm. Dinner at 7pm followed by awards, games prizes and FREE plants!



What a great year we had in 2007. We were able to make a good donation the South Coast Botanical Gardens from our fall show, which is very appreciated. Be sure to see Marla’s President’s Message for more details. We bought a digital projector with what we earned from the spring show last year. And speaking of the Spring show, with the new year comes our kick off for our 2008 Show. Be sure to check out where you want to help out. I am working on new art for the display portion, as are several other artists I know. My orchids are coming along, but alas no guarantee they will cooperate. They seem to have minds of their own. One of my jobs will be to help line up our vendors for the show. I will be twisting arms where appropriate to get our vendors to bring in some good stuff and it is my personal goal to get at least one new vendor that will have something new and different to offer. Wish me luck on this, but I can be pretty persistent when needed. Speaking of something different, our speaker for January will be Fred Clarke. There will be more information on this for the next newsletter, but keep this in mind as he will bring personally ordered plants when he gives us a talk (saves on mailing). Our last speaker was missing last month, as you probably noticed. He was at the Hospital and fortunately found out it was a false alarm. We had a really good meeting anyway. Many thanks to Nick Braemer and Dave De Young and others for helping to make a good meeting. Which brings me to the subject of our membership. Remember that we all belong to one great Society, full of supportive people and good information. Susann

President's Message

Happy holidays! This is the time of the year when we find ourselves busy with social events, shopping, cooking and entertaining. I hope everyone will take time to reflect on all the good things in your lives such as loving families and good friends. This also the time to look forward to another new year filled with great possibilities.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our Holiday Potluck on December 14. This year we are asking everyone to bring a dish from their cultural background. Orchid lovers come from all over the world so this should be a fun event. I hope to see spring rolls, tamales, latkes, and chicken adobo among the dishes. I am ordering orchids from Kawamoto Orchids in Hawaii to give to each family membership. This will be a fun evening and a chance to get to know fellow society members in a casual setting. You may bring guests, but Ron needs to know how many are in your party, so give him a phone call or email and tell him what type of dish you will be bringing. We will be providing coffee and punch, but you are welcome to bring a bottle of wine if you like. There will not be ribbon judging the night of the party so you don't need to worry about cleaning your plants to bring.

The final numbers are in from our Fall Show and Sale at the South Coast Botanic Garden. I am happy to report that we will be donating \$1900 to the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation to spend on special projects at the Garden. This is the largest donation we have ever made to the Foundation. Careful spending and an extra vendor made this our most profitable fall show ever.

Did you see the article in the AOS magazine about us? The article was cut down considerably for the original, but we still made it. Don Goss's photos of our members' orchids looked fantastic. Thank you Paris Merriam for all the hard work and perseverance it took to get the article published.

I hope all of you who have email are reading this from a PDF file that you received via the Internet. The board decided that it is time that we begin to deliver our newsletter electronically. This is much more efficient method and will save the society a lot of money in printing and postage costs. For the next few months we will continue to mail the newsletter to everyone as well as emailing it to those members we have email addresses for. If you have an email address and did not receive it electronically, please contact Ned Patton at his email address. Those of you who do not have email will continue to receive your newsletter in your mailbox. This change is good for us economically and it is good for the environment by cutting back on the amount of paper we use. The bonus is that our newsletter looks terrific in color!

See you at our Holiday Potluck on December 14.

Marla Corey

Upcoming Orchid Events

**For those in the mood to travel:
Orchid shows in California.**

November ribbon winners will appear in Jan's news-Letter. Look here for them.

Peninsula Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale



JANUARY 5-6, 2008
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, 10 AM - 5 PM

Community Activities Building
1400 Roosevelt Avenue
Redwood City, California

Admission \$5 Adults, \$3 Seniors, Disabled and Children 12-16
Information: <http://penorchidsoc.org>

Directions from 101: take 84W (Woodside Rd) 1.7 miles to Hudson St. Turn right. Go 0.5 miles, Turn left on Roosevelt
Go 0.3 miles. The Community Activities Building is easily located by the large arch of purple balloons over Roosevelt



Sonoma County Orchid Society

invites you to our
Annual Spring Show

www.sonomaorchids.com

Orchid Show & Sale

February 2-3, 2008

Sat. 10am - 5pm, Sun. 10am - 4pm
Admission \$7.00

Santa Rosa Veterans Building

1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, CA (across from the Fairgrounds)

ORCHIDS GONE WILD

SAN FRANCISCO ORCHID SOCIETY'S 2008
PACIFIC ORCHID
EXPOSITION
AMERICA'S FINEST ORCHID SHOW

FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 2

FORT MASON CENTER
SAN FRANCISCO

GALA BENEFIT PREVIEW
THURSDAY, FEB. 28, 6:30 - 10PM

FEATURING WINNERS OF
THE SF CHRONICLE'S WINE COMPETITION

SHOW & PLANT SALE
FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY
FEB 29 - MAR 2

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Dian uniflora, Sally Robertson

ORCHID GLOSSARY

Clone All the various vegetative manifestations (divisions, meristem propagations, and so forth) of a single orchid plant grown originally from a single seed; designated by single quotes around its name.

Mericlone - A generally exact copy of an original orchid plant made via the laboratory technique of meristem propagation; since it is a specific cultivar, it is designated by single quotes around its name.

Meristem - Technically, the actively dividing cell tissue taken from root tips and from the tips of new growths or floral shoots; sometimes loosely used to refer to the mericlone plant that is produced from the laboratory propagation of meristem tissue.

Micropropagation - Making new orchids by any of the laboratory techniques, including meristem tissue propagation and sterile seed culture.



Southbay Orchid Society

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE SOUTHBAY ORCHID SOCIETY!
HANUKKAH STARTS DEC. 4, EID DEC. 20, CHRISTMAS DEC. 25

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

- If weather is too wet, protect the plant from the rain.
- 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)

Paphiopedilum

- Paphs are at their peak
- Can be potted even in bud. They respond favorably to fresh mix & cleanup
- Keep an eye on watering until roots begin to grow

Phalaenopsis

- Shorter days and cooler nights signal inflorescence initiation in phals
- Reduce nitrogen levels for best spiking. Do not repot this month
- 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



BOARD MEETING JAN 8, 7 PM

Next Board Meeting
South Coast Botanic Garden



Thank You

While I am back at home now re-cooperating I wanted to thank everybody for their thoughts and prayers. It is times like this when you realize how much beauty and love there really is in the world.

Again Thanks.

Susann

Directories for 2008 will be handed out at the Holiday Potluck. It's only one person's opinion, but I think you are going to like this years' directory cover. The picture was done by Don Goss and is of a winning plant bloomed and groomed by Steve Moeschler. Come and get 'em while they last.

Susann

SUNSHINE

We wish both Judy Schroeder and Jack Manchester a speedy recovery. Judy suffered a broken elbow and Jack underwent surgery and may require additional surgery. Surely, they will enjoy hearing from their friends at the Society. Let's send them our heartfelt get well wishes.

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. We were joined in Nov. by Leen Bautista from LB and Mary Ann McKendry from MB.

The Refrigerator Door

Dec 2007—Jan 2007

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Ron Henry.....310-374-9699

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David Okihara.....310-324-3211

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Southland Representative:

Marilyn Hill.....310-675-0604

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December 14—SBOS Annual Holiday Dinner at South Coast Botanical



A Week in the life of a Orchid Enthusiast's Spouse

She bought the Phal on Monday,
the mix was rich and fine
But she forgot to put the dinner
on, so out we went to dine.

She brought home a Vanda on
Tuesday, she says they are a
must.
They really were quite lovely, but
she forgot to dust.

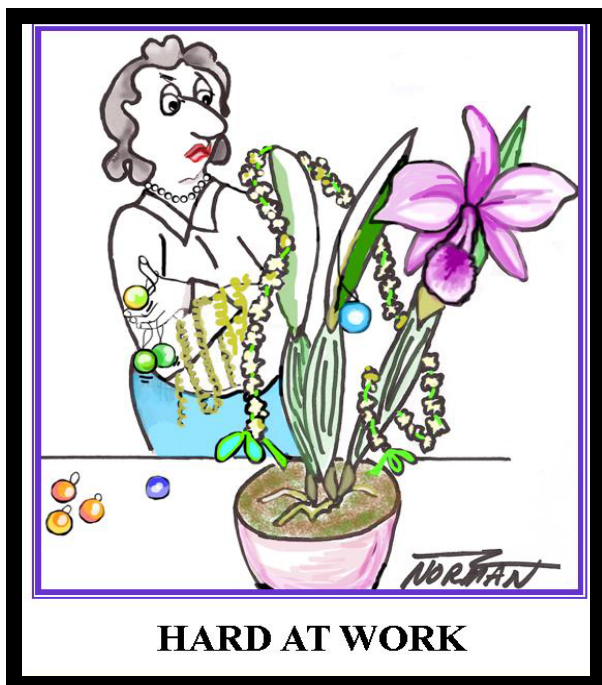
On Wednesday it was Cattleyas
they opened with the sun,
All pinks and whites and yellows,
but the laundry wasn't done.

The Dendrobiums came on Thurs-
day all bright and cherry red,
I guess she really was engrossed,
she never made the bed.

It was Paphs here on Friday in col-
ours she adores,
It never bothered her at all, the
dirt upon our floors.

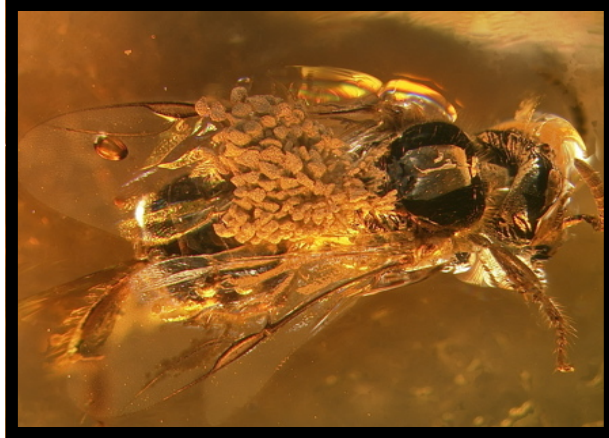
Saturday I hired a maid, I'd not
admit defeat,
She can garden all she wants now
and the house will still be neat

It's nearly lunchtime Sunday I
cannot find the maid,
Oh I don't believe it. She's out
there alongside my wife with her
own spade!



News and Announcements

Older Than We Thought?!



Pictured above is a 15-20 million year old bee preserved in amber. The stuff on its back are pollinia– and represent the only known piece of fossilized orchid ever discovered. The discovery of *Meliorchis caribea*, in the Dominican Republic, reveals new information moving the estimate of the existence of orchids from less than 65 million years to between 76 to 84 million years ago. Prior to this discovery orchids were believed to exist after the dinosaurs, now with this information publish in August of this year it is believed orchids co-existed with the dinosaurs. The photo was taken by Santiago Ramirez of the Organismic and Evolutionary Biology Museum of Comparative Zoology Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

HELP NEEDED



More volunteers are still needed to help with the Spring Show planning. Our next meeting will be January 8, 7pm at the South Coast Botanic Garden. Please join us if you would like to be a part of the planning of this fun event. There are still openings for committee chairs. Call Marla if you have questions, 310-833-1918.

“The Inflorescence”
South Bay Orchid Society
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A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Dinner at 7 P.M.
South Coast Botanic Garden
December 14 (*Annual Potluck*)