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Fred Clarke, owner of Sunset Valley Orchids (SVO) our speaker this month needs little to no introduction. He will be giving us a great slide show and presentation on the development of the **new mini and mid size cattleyas**. I cannot tell you how often I see his name pop up on the Orchid online Blog sites—

always in a more than positive vein. Those who have bought plants from him here or across the nation, are always quick to note what healthy and wonderful plants he has to offer. We are lucky in that for those of you who want to invest in some quality plants we can go to his website and pre-order any of his plants we want and he will bring them to our meeting. He is not only a premier grower of cattleyas, but also of *Catasetums*, *Cycnoches* and *Mormodes* as well as many other Orchid genera. Just check out his web site and let him know what you desire and he will bring it with him. He will also be bringing a plant opportunity table for us as well as some of his favorite plants to sell. His nursery is located in San Diego, CA. He has been growing orchids for over 27 years, coming from the California Horticultural Industry before successfully applying these skills to his own 13,000 square foot greenhouse space. Fred is a Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. He has developed many award winning plants and has received many awards himself from the American Orchid Society. Be sure not to miss this opportunity.



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President's Message



Happy New Year to everyone! I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season. As I look at our calendar of events for the new year, the first event is our annual bus trip to the Santa Barbara Orchid Show on March 1. This is always great fun and Ron Henry does a great job of organizing it. Not only does the bus take you to the show, it also goes to Cal-Orchids and Santa Barbara Orchid Estates. There will be more details on the bus trip at our next meeting as well as a sign up sheet.

The most important upcoming event is our own "Art of Orchids" show and sale on March 15 and 16 at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center. The show committee is hard at work preparing for the show. This is a large show and requires the efforts of lots of people. This is our society's major source of income and we need everyone's help to make this show a success. At this time we are still looking for volunteers to manage the kitchen, be in charge of ticket sales, and help with the plant raffle on Sunday. If you would like to take on one of these positions, please contact me. Marilyn Hill and Sue Estes have the huge job of being in charge of the hosts and hostesses. Please contact them if you can donate a few hours to help out in this job. Getting involved in the show is a great way to get to know fellow members of our society.

Thank you to Ron Henry and his helpers for the great December Party. I had a fun time and it seemed everyone else did too. We only had 35 people sign up and over 70 people came! Fortunately we had lots of delicious food, plenty of prizes, and enough plants for everyone. Thank you to everyone for helping clean up after the party.

This month we will be having another one of our super plant raffles. Our speaker, Fred Clark, always bring a great plant table and we will be adding the left over plants from Kawamoto Orchids that were ordered for the December party. To top this off we will be including a \$50 gift certificate that Kawamoto Orchids donated to us. Save your money so you can buy lots of raffle tickets.

We will continue to mail the newsletter to all of our members who would like to receive it through the mail, but we would like for those of you with email to switch to email only. Printing and mailing costs continue to rise but modern technology allows us to send it to you in color for no cost to the society. If you have email and are not receiving it check your spam folder (that's were I found mine), if it is not there make sure we have your correct email address. Email a note to Don Goss for any needed corrections.

The new directories are here! If you did not receive one at the Holiday Party, Susann will have them available at the January meeting.

I look forward to seeing everyone January 18.

Marla Corey

Southbay Orchid Society Holiday Dinner

Once Again, the Annual Holiday Potluck Dinner is a great success for 2007. Special thanks to all the members who brought all the delicious thoughtfully prepared food. Pictured below are some of the wide variety and bountiful plates we enjoyed with origins from all over the world. A true reflection of our membership. Thank you all for all the time and effort you put into making delightful dishes. Ned's famous turkeys and some other dishes were shy. Nonetheless, Yum 2all!



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

Pictured below, our happy members at the Society's Potluck Holiday Dinner.

Be Sure to make your reservations to attend this year. Next December is just around the corner!



Southbay Orchid Society

More happy Southbay Orchid Society members enjoying themselves

Be sure to come this year and join in the warm fellowship of fellow members



Surrounded by terrific people who share our passion. A great ending to 2007 and fortuitous beginning to 2008. The SBOS wishes you all a joyous year to come.



Saved from Extinction!

Yes you Can!
You can Survive!

NEWS

Fringed Orchid from Kaua'i *Platanthera holochila*



photo credit: David Bender, NTBG

Currently, a quarter of Hawaii's native flora are gone. However, recently a botanist searched and found the last surviving Green Fringed orchid, he found her knee deep in mud in Kaua'i's Alaka'i Swamp, just a dozen miles from Mount Wai'ale'ale, the second wettest place on earth. The natives believe that with respect to the native flora, that "If we see them thriving, we know as a people we too will thrive." This was a very special mission. Field botanist, Steve Perlman, of the National Tropical Botanical Garden, collected seeds from the rarest of the Hawaiian orchids. Botanist believe there is only one plant left on the island and they feared it would not survive past spring 2008. In fact, the only reason it survived to be found is that it was growing in a swamp and the swamp is pig proof.

Pigs, Ginger, common garden plants introduced into the system when the wind blows seeds from local household gardens, and Climate Change are leading to the extinction of many plants like the Fringed Orchid. Hawaii's wild pigs actions are like living rototillers destroying the native fauna. Hawaii's Ginger plants are invading the ecosystem—nothing can germinate and grow under the shade of ginger and it is spreading. Climate change is adding increasingly severe storms, tearing the life out of the ecosystem. Thus the importance of Steve Perlman's endeavor.

From three tiny stems he collected hundreds of dust size seeds. In the past, artificial propagation of the Green Fringed orchid failed. However, much hope is placed on the current attempt to propagate. The following day Mr. Perlman shipped the vial of seed pods to orchid specialist Larry Zettler, professor of biology at Illinois College.

Professor Zettler directs the Orchid Recovery Program, an ongoing research project aimed at growing North America's rare, threatened and endangered native orchids from seed using fungi. Apparently, while there is a proliferation of orchid species and hybrids in the market, our own native orchids are endangered. Professor Kettler, sowed the sees and they are in incubation. At last reported check, the embryos appeared to be well. *Platanthera* species, Prof. Kettler states, in general take considerable time in vitro, especially without fungi. However, he feels confident this plant will respond better using an asymbiotic technique. In other words, after extensive research and work growing orchids in different fungi typically associated with the plant in the wild., Zettler is coming to the conclusion that he might have better luck not using fungi at all. His findings are consistent with a recent breakthrough in orchid growing at the Atlanta Botanical Garden.



At the Atlanta Botanical Garden tissue culture, also known as micro-propagation, allows for the rapid propagation of a large quantity of plants from a very small amount of original plant material.

The Ron Determann Tissue Culture Laboratory at the Atlanta Botanical Garden conservation program helps propagate hard to propagate plants such as the terrestrial orchids native to the south-eastern United States.

Propagation techniques used by Zettler and independently by the Determann Tissue Culture Laboratory show great promise for saving endangered North American orchids.

We know this little guy can make it and hope to soon hear the good news that it is being reintroduced into the Hawaiian ecosystem. Mahalo!

South Bay Orchid Society Bus Trip
to
The Annual Santa Barbara International
Orchid show

Saturday - March 1st, 2008

Cost: \$35.00 per person

The South Bay Orchid Society is again sponsoring a bus trip to the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show. This trip is open to all orchid lovers. This is the most comfortable, hassle-free and fun way to get to the show.

The cost of \$35 per person includes- admission to the show, morning and afternoon snacks and beverages, and a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of the plants generously donated by the growers where we will be stopping to shop for plants and supplies:

Santa Barbara Orchid Estates: They have Cymbidiums and a wide variety of orchids that grow well outdoors. This is a good place to buy potting supplies and mounts. Be sure to check out the plants on the \$7.50 tables!

Cal-Orchids They have a large (huge!) variety of high quality orchids as well as free coffee and popcorn!

We will be leaving from the Park & Ride area at Alpine Village behind the gas station. This is at Torrance Blvd. and the 110 South (Harbor Freeway) Check in time is **7:15AM** and Departure time is **7:30AM**. We will have at least 2 hours at S.B.O.E. and Cal-Orchids and approx. 2 ½ hours at the show. We expect to depart the show around **3:00 P.M.** and **arrive back at Alpine Village by 6:30PM.**



Come join us for a fun filled trip. Bring a lunch, comfortable shoes, your watch, and a way to identify your plants (Return address labels work great).

For reservations and information call Ron Henry @ 310 374-9699 or email pvsbirdman@verizon.net Make checks payable to S.B.O.S. and mail to Ron Henry

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The Refrigerator Door

January—February 2008

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This artist's rendering of a wanted criminal is brought to you by our very own Susanne Patton. Thanks for all your hard work.



Feburary 2008

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You Know You Should Join the Southbay Orchid Society and attend the meetings When:

10. You rejoice in rain...even after 10 straight days of it because the cattleyas growing under your trees are loving it!
9. You have pride in how bad your hands look.
8. You have to rearrange your furniture when you get a new orchid plant.
7. You can no longer count the orchids you've killed in double digits.
6. Humidity test results actually mean something.
5. A light meter rules!
4. You'd rather go to an orchid show to shop than a clothes store. In fact, your greenhouse houses your winter wardrobe.
3. You plan your vacation around orchid growers open to the public.
2. Your non-orchid spouse is actually getting involved with your growing endeavors...watering, building green houses, worrying about "the children" in the greenhouse

And you definitely know you should join and attend all the meetings of the Southbay Orchid Society when...

1. You want to be surrounded by terrific people who share your passion!



Orchid Show

and Sale

March 15th & 16th

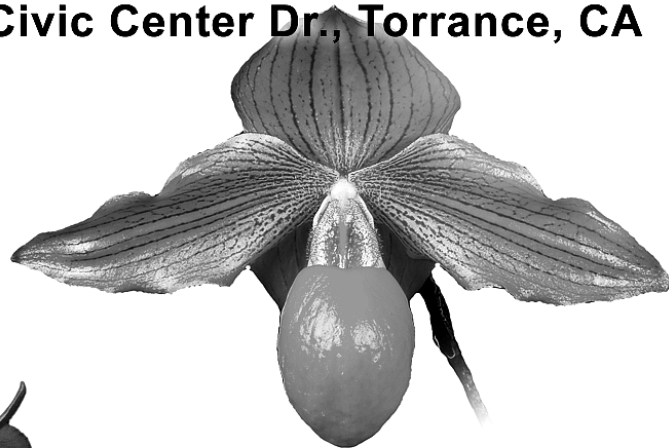
Orchids 101 & 102 Classes All Weekend



Sales: Sat & Sun 10-5

Show: Sat 12-5 & Sun 10-5

Location: Torrance Cultural Arts Center
3330 Civic Center Dr., Torrance, CA



- Buy direct from commercial growers
- See award winning orchids
- All day demonstrations on orchid care and repotting

Admission: \$5 Adults

Free Parking

For all show information, tutorial schedule and map to gardens:

www.southbayorchidsociety.com

Information: (310) 833-1918



"The Inflorescence"

South Bay Orchid Society

c/o Sabrina Roque

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