



Trias
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South Bay Orchid Society, Inc.
“Orchids for Amateurs”
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The
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Friday, March 21

South Coast Botanical Gardens
26300 Crenshaw Blvd
Palos Verdes Peninsula

General Meeting Speaker starting at 8PM

Our speaker recently received one of the most prestigious awards given to a hybridizer, an Award of Distinction which is given for a worthy new avenue of breeding. This plant that received the award was a cross Bill made between two Trias species.

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Bill Thomas, our speaker this month, is a renowned orchid grower, world traveler and speaker. He will be presenting a talk on Bulbophyllums; Bizarre and Beautiful and the largest genus in the world! Bill is the only person to receive an Award of Distinction for a Trias hybrid (noted above left). He is currently one of the most successful winners of awards for Bulbophyllums in the country.

In both 2006 and 2007, he received more than a dozen awards for his bulbos. He recently received a First Class Certificate on his plant of Bulbo. annandalei ‘a-doribil’ which was the cover photo of the fall issue of Awards Quarterly, as well as an Award of Merit on a clone of Bulbo. medusage which is so spotted it looks pink.

His talks are spiced with funny stories and funny associations so whether you grow thousands of orchids or only a few in your windows you will have a wonderfully entertaining time and be able to grow any orchid better. Many of the most important requirements for growing world class orchids are made easy to understand and remember. He will also share secrets for producing more award-winning plants faster.

Don’t miss this great opportunity to learn how to grow these fascinating plants by one of the world’s best and to hear one of the most knowledgeable, interesting and funny speakers in the orchid world.



Left-General picture of Bulb. medusage.
Right-Close up of Bulb medusage ‘spotty’



President's Message

It has finally stopped raining and the weather has gotten warmer. I am hoping the weather stays this great for our show. As this message is being written our committee chairs are hard at work on the final details of the show. I want to thank everyone who has volunteered to help at the show. I also hope that you are busy cleaning up their blooming orchids to bring in for judging. The trophies arrived yesterday and they are beautiful.

The bus trip to The Santa Barbara Orchid Show was fantastic. The day may have been gloomy, but that didn't dampen the spirits of the orchid lovers on the bus. Ron Henry and his friend Michael Miranda kept everyone supplied with coffee and donuts and even chocolate dipped strawberries. Cal-Orchids and Santa Barbara Orchid Estates generously donated 25 plants for our plant raffle on the bus. We even arrived back to Torrance about an hour early thanks to light traffic. Thank you Ron for doing a great job of organizing the bus trip again.

I am required to select a nominating committee for next year's election. Don Goss, with the help of Susann Patton, has agreed to be in charge of selecting a slate of nominees to present to the membership. The election will be held at the May meeting. There will be several key positions that will need to be filled. You will be learning more about the opportunities to serve on the board of directors from Don.

There are a few changes in our meeting dates coming up in April and May. We will be meeting on the 4th Friday of the month to accommodate flower shows by other clubs affiliated with the Garden. We were hoping to have a picnic in April (see dates in directory) but plans for this did not come together so we will have our regular format meeting at the garden on the fourth Friday. Reminders will be in upcoming newsletters.

I'm not sure if this will be in your mailbox before or after the show. I'll see you at the show or at the next meeting on March 21.

Marla Corey

Culture Session begins at 7:15PM. Cultural session will be begin at 7:15. It will be a session on Bulbophylliums.

**Ribbon Judging Results
February Meeting**

Advanced Amateur – Judged by Polly Kinsinger

Cymbidium

1 st	Cym. Mission Park ‘Raspberry’	Ted & Jackie Johnson
2 nd	Cym. Bisou Bisou	Ted & Jackie Johnson
3 rd	Cym. Eastern Morning ‘Shunshoku’	Jasmine Bashi

Oncidium & Genera

1 st	Colm. Wildcat	Long Ngo
2 nd	Onc. Hawaii Hot #10	Tom Renger
3 rd	Wlls. Lisa Devos ‘Hof #6’	Tom Renger

Other – Judged by Don Goss

1 st	(Paph. Laser x Paph. Ruby Leopard) x Paph. fairrieatum	Long Ngo
2 nd	Zygo. Blue Binks Arrowhead x Lycaste Auburn Fireworks	Don Goss
3 rd	Blc. Ports of Paradise ‘Glenneyries Great Giant’	Tom Renger

Amateur – Judged by Polly Kinsinger

Cymbidium

1 st	Cym. Mini Mary Bea	Bobby Davison
2 nd	Cym. Heairtage x Cym. tracyanum	Susan Amini
3 rd	Cym. Highland Mist	Ron Henry

Other

1 st	Brsdm. Shooting Star ‘Maui Meteor’	Sandy Hammersmarsh
2 nd	Sarcoglottis Vanguard ‘Fireball’	Sharon Gage
3 rd	C. Luedde x C. Susan Holquin	Hiroko Takano

checklist for March/Apri/

Cattleya

- Yellowing sheaths trap moisture and
- can lead to bud rot. Carefully remove the sheath so the bud can develop, these may need support. Very bright days can cause sunburn.
- More water and fertilizer
- Immediately after blooming repot winter and spring-flowering cattleyas

Cymbidium

- **ALERT:** aphids, slugs and snails.
- More water and increase nitrogen level in fertilizer

Lycaste

- Repot if new growth has appeared.
- Fertilize and water

Miltoniopsis

- Cleaning off the older yellow foliage.

Paphiopedilum

- Increasing light levels to encourage spikes
- stake after the flower has hardened

Phalaenopsis

- **ALERT:** Mealy bugs and scales. The signs are sooty mold.
- As the days lengthen the plant will need more water.

based on AOS checklist by Ned Nash and James Rose



Some basic thoughts on Bulbophyllums

Susann Patton

My introduction to Bulbophyllum Orchids (Bulbos) started when one of our members brought in a very elegant flower, orange in color, fairly good sized (if I remember around 8” or more) with an elastically articulated column on it. But what really cemented it in my memory was its smell. My friend said, “go get close and get a good smell”. Rotten flesh. I don’t mean similar, I mean the real rotten stuff and that is why I remember it so distinctively. We remember the colors and textures of our favorite flowers easily enough, but scent bypasses our higher reasoning brain and goes directly to our emotional brain where when we smell that same smell again all of the emotions, time and place of the first smell returns. I didn’t need to be told that this is not a flower - no matter how beautiful - to have inside a home. There are

Bulbos. that get quite large with flowers that smell of rotten infested meat with flowers that actually look like maggots eating rotten meat (Bulbo. Phalaenopsis). But there are many orchids with this technique of reproduction, not just Bulbos. They use flies to pollinate, just like other sweeter smelling orchids are pollinated by moths which are attracted by the evening-scented flowers. Bulbophyllums have other scents as well, Bulbo. cocoinum small flowers smelling like coconuts and Bulbo. ambrosia smells likes honey and Bulbo. rothschildianum smells of peaches, just to name a few. No more comment needed on this tract, its just that my first introduction to Bulbos was mainly by scent.

Bulbos are a very diverse group of over 3000 species, mainly from India, Nepal, East through Southeast Asia, Japan, China, and the Philippines. They are also naturally occurring in the tropical parts of Australia and Africa with over 135 species that have been discovered on just Madagascar. It is one of the largest genus’ in the entire orchid family and as you may be able to tell they have the largest diversity.

Unfortunately this is why it is impossible to provide any but general Bulbo. orchid care. So I give some generalities. They are generally found in the tropics, but may be found in temperate zones. Most species are epiphytes, but a few are lithophytes and from what I have read these that grow on rocks can be for more advanced growers. Some are bare root growers, creeping closely up the trunks of trees; while others are tall and have more conical shaped pseudobulbs and flower stems that stand upright. Some are leafless, using the pseudobulbs for photosynthesizing. I look in by favorite reference book ‘Botanica’s Orchids’ and I find again that generally speaking Bulbos. species with close growing pseudobulbs grow shallow roots and should be grown in shallow containers with good drainage, yet able to hold adequate moisture. Those species that have widely spaced pseudobulbs can be grown in hanging baskets or mounted on slabs. My reference goes on to say that high humidity, some warmth and shade with good light is needed. Here is what most of that means: Bulbos. are generally water lovers, so if they are mounted, they can take a watering twice a day. If potted, every 3-4 days with a slight drying out between waterings will keep them happy. If plants are not watered enough, the new leaf will be smaller than the previous one. Natural humidity level of 60 percent is good, so anything from 60 to 100 percent will benefit them. If they are in pots, use a larger, shallow pot and fine seedling bark mixed with perlite. Using a clay pot and letting them grow will soon result in a specimen ball. This is pretty vague I must admit so my best advice will be follow detailed information about the Bulbo. species or hybrid you are interested in. There are many diverse flowers in this group, so when our expert is here be sure to query him about your plants’ culture. Many of these plants are called easy growers, so don’t pass up on them because they may not be what you usually see for sale by our vendors at the Show. Enjoy.



Bulbo cocoinum
Smells of coconuts. Small flowers.



Bulbo. rothschildianum
Looks like rotting meat, but smells of peaches



Bulbo. phalaenopsis
Looks and smells like rotting meat complete with maggots. Huge flowers.



Bulbo. Ambrososia
smells of honey

People, Places and Things

South Bay Orchid Society, Inc.

Meets on the third Friday of each month
Culture Session at 7:15 p.m.
General Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
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Next Board Meeting—March 25, 2008

The Board Meetings will be held at the
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Sunshine

Welcome New Members

Please warmly welcome our newest members. It is up to us, as a society to make all new members feel welcome.

Jim Schlusemeyer. Jim grows several genera already on his patio but wants to have a better understanding of orchid habitats. Additional family member includes **Tiep Nguyen.** They heard about us at our show. Could that have been our fabulous Fall show? Welcome.

Kristen Hudson. Kristen grows phalaenopsis indoors. She wants to improve a little on her techniques. Thank you Hiroko for spreading the good news about SBOS.

James Eakins. James is an outdoor grower and want to learn more. We look forward to helping him.

Take few minutes at the meeting to say seek out and say hello to our newest members!

A big warm THANKS to **George Hatfield** from **Hatfield Orchids** for his talk, which was well received. If we get a chance, lets car pool down to his next open house, which he does have a couple times a year. hatfieldorchids.com

Dorothy Stockhill 'Forgotten Fruits' HCC AOS



It's elementary 'Noamee'

(This one is for Everett)

**The Refrigerator Door
Orchid Show Calendar**
March, 2008—May, 2008

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SBOS Torrance Show: March 15, 16

Regular meeting in March will be March 21

Meeting for April and May will be the 4th Friday.

March 2008

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April 2008

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May 2008

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“The Inflorescence”

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Friday March 21