



Dendrobium Benizuru 'Lorelei'

Welcome Tom Biggart to The Southbay Orchid Society!

South Bay Orchid Society, Inc.

“Orchids for Amateurs”

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Friday, April 25

South Coast Botanical Gardens

26300 Crenshaw Blvd

Palos Verdes Peninsula

General Meeting Speaker starting at 8PM

Our Speaker this month is . . .

Tom Biggart is the owner and head grower of Granite Hills Orchids in El Cajon, California, 15 miles east of San Diego. Tom will be presenting the various types of Dendrobiums found in Australia. He will give culture tips on growing the common and uncommon species from this wonderful continent and hopefully convincing everyone why they are the best plants in the Orchid Family to grow in our local climate as these orchids are cold weather hardy and easy to grow.

His nursery is a hobby business which means he doesn't make a living growing plants. It is more of a labor of love! Tom loves plants in general, and orchids are his main passion. He is very interested in Encyclias and has a large collection of Encyclia species and hybrids. All Dendrobiums fascinate him also. The Australian cool growers are a current interest. He also has many cool growing Pleurothallids from the Andes. These are more of a challenge in the warm interior valley where he lives with his wife. He is a retired elementary school teacher with orchids as his new students. He would love to have anyone stop by to talk orchids should one be in the San Diego area.

In addition, he will bring a few plants for sale — Sarcocylus and Dendrobium kingianum and speciosum hybrids. Picture, above, is from Tom's website: www.granitehillsochids.com.

Culture Session . . .

Tom will also present our culture session on Dendrobiums. This will cover a broader range of culture topics and be helpful for those new to growing Dendrobiums as well as the seasoned grower.

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President's Message

What a great Spring Show we had! The weather was great, the orchids were beautiful and the show was well attended. Everything ran smoothly thanks to the hard work of our committee chairs and everyone who came to help.

Marilyn Hill and Sue Estes recruited and organized the hosts and hostesses. They did a great job of keeping an eye on the showroom and answering questions the public might have about our plants and our society, as well as staffing the plant hotel.

Ron Henry and Steve Moeshler organized the set-up of the show, which involved bringing all of our show supplies from storage and returning them. Thank you to everyone who showed up to help with this labor-intensive job.

Bob Streeter was able to get excellent judges for our ribbon judging and for CSA and AOS judging. **Polly Kinsinger** did an excellent job of getting the plants organized for judging and coordinating the judging process on Saturday morning. Polly also managed the set-up of the show room, which looked beautiful.

Ann Rogers, Bob Fisher, Sharon Gage worked hard to get everyone's plants registered Friday night.

Josephine Balboa, Olga Cutting, Susan Amini, and Laura Ciampaglia were at the Membership and Information table to welcome our guests, answer questions about our meeting, and to sign up new members.

Susann Patton worked hard to recruit vendors to sell at our show.

Don Goss, our web-master and publicity chair, kept our show website up to date with important information about our show and sent out hundreds of emails to people interested in hearing about our show. He designed the wonderful color poster that was the centerpiece of his publicity campaign. The lovely art exhibit in the show room also benefited from Don's talents.

Nick Braemer scheduled the speakers who did an excellent job of preparing and giving talks on orchid culture. The talks were well attended and appreciated by the show attendees who were eager to learn how to successfully grow orchids. I also want to thank our members who volunteered to give the talks.

Thank you to everyone who cleaned up their plants and brought them in for judging. I also want to thank those who brought in artwork for display. This was a beautiful and successful show due to the efforts of our members.

Look for new faces in the kitchen at our next meeting. June Brooks and Joann Green have volunteered to manage the kitchen. Let them know you appreciate their efforts. I want to remind everyone that our April meeting date is changed to the 4th Friday to accommodate the show of one of the other societies that meets at the Garden. I look forward to seeing everyone on April the 25th.



Cym. Rocky Creek "Pebbles" (Tethys X Solana Beach)

Photo by Don Goss taken at the Spring 2008 Show of the Southbay Orchid Society

**Spotlight on the Southbay Orchid Society Spring Show 2008
– Judging Results–**

Best in Show

Cattleya Alliance – Best in Section (Blc. Fortune x Blc. Daybreak) x Blc. His Light ‘Carmela’	Don Goss
Standard Cymbidium – Best in Section Cym. Playa Vista ‘White Tower’	Kay Okamoto
Novelty & Miniature Cymbidium – Best in Section England Rose x Self	Frank Kageyama
Phalaenopsis & Doritis – Hybrids – Best in Section Baldan’s Kaleidoscope ‘Golden Treasure’	Susann Patton
Vanda & Allied Genera – Best in Section V. Jumellea arachnantha	Bob & Gloria Streeter
Paphiopedilums & Allied Genera – Best in Section Paph. White King x Paph. Magic Mood	Norma Ishigo
Dendrobium – Best in Section Den. Oroville	James Ly
Other Genera – Best in Section Oerstedella endressii	Steve Moeschler
Cattleya Alliance – Hybrids – Lavender/Pink 1 st Blc. Pamela Finny ‘Big Bull’	Susann Patton
Cattleya Alliance – Hybrids – Yellow/Brown/Bronze/Orange 1 st (Blc. Fortune x Blc. Daybreak) x Blc. His Light ‘Carmela’	Don Goss
Cattleya Alliance – Hybrid – Red 1 st Slc. Jewel Box ‘Dark Water’ AM/AOS	Tom Renger
Standard Cymbidium – Hybrid – White 1 st Playa Vista ‘White Tower’	Kay Okamoto
Standard Cymbidium – Hybrid – Pink 1 st Michiaki Kawano ‘Prieta’	Jose Avila
Standard Cymbidium – Hybrid – Red 1 st Red Beauty ‘Evening Star’	Ken Kato
Standard Cymbidium – Hybrid – Green 1 st (Via November x Sussex Dawn) x Citation ‘Ikeda’	Jose Avila
Standard Cymbidium – Hybrid – Brown/Bronze 1 st Sleeping Ransom x Hot Tomale	Dave & Henrietta DeYoung
Standard Cymbidium – Hybrid – Pure Color 1 st Sleeping Carmen ‘Waikanae Ice’	Bob & Gloria Streeter

.... Continued Judging Results from Southbay Orchid Society Spring 2008 Show

Standard Cymbidium – Hybrid – Spots

1st Rocky Creek ‘Gotcha’ Light Matsumoto

Standard Cymbidium – Hybrid – Other

1st Brett Lee ‘Purple Rain’ Dave & Henrietta DeYoung

Novelty & Miniature Cymbidium – Hybrid – White

1st Sarah Jean Ken Kato

Novelty & Miniature Cymbidium – Hybrid – Red

1st Ten Pen Marla Corey

Phalaenopsis & Doritis – Hybrids – Stripes

1st Phal. Baldan’s Kaleidoscope ‘Golden Treasure’ Susann Patton

Vanda & Allied Genera – Species

1st V. Jumellea arachnantha Bob & Gloria Streeter

Paphiopedilums & Allied Genera – Paphiopedilum - Species

1st Paph. parishii Billy Bates

Dendrobium – Species

1st Den. kingianum Louie Hirokawa

Dendrobium – Nobile Type

1st Den. Oroville James Ly

Dendrobium – Others

1st Den. Star of Riverdene Norma Ishigo

Oncidium & Allied Genera – Odontoglossum

1st Odontioda ‘Red Freckled’ Sylvia Eastwood

Other Genera

1st Oerstedella endressii Steve Moeschler



Ascodena Tubtim Velvet
Grown by Janine Slane
Photo by Don Goss

More Water Longer – and the ¼ Inch Deep Water Tray

By Don Goss

Last month we had Bill Thoms as our speaker and he was great . . . IMHO. I thoroughly enjoyed him and his WAFL-HS style of growing – where the “W” stands for, and repeat after me, "More Water Longer." Bill’s recommendation for Bulbophyllums is to pot them up using sphagnum moss and place their pots in a tray with a ¼ inch of water. Since Bulbophyllums take up water more slowly, this allow the plant to take up that water over a longer period of time. I know the ¼ inch deep tray of water instruction raise some eyebrows as well it did mine. So, I wrote to Bill for clarification.

Since he showed his plans in both plastic pots and wood baskets, I asked about both. In pots, he explains, he places Styrofoam peanuts in the bottom of the pot. The sphagnum moss basically sits on top of the peanuts. Once the pot is watered “on all sides” and the sphagnum moss is saturated it can then be placed in the ¼ inch deep tray of water. The Styrofoam peanuts keep the sphagnum moss from sitting directly in the water. The peanuts work as a slow acting wick to allow the water in the tray to be taken up slowly by the sphagnum moss. He goes on to write "I don't keep the plants wet constantly, just a lot longer than catts and others. Wood baskets have bottom slats that keeps the majority of the water out but it (the water) will climb up the wood and get to the plant."

For those of you who are into semi-hydroponics, this is not earth shattering news. It should however, provide validating confirmation of your growing methods.

I have since placed my Bulbophyllums (Styrofoam peanuts in the bottom) in a tray with water per Bill's instructions. It poked at them regularly and did find that the plants were getting "more water longer." I noticed by the end of the week all the water in the tray had been taken up. Given my temperatures and humidity level, I will likely water less frequently to allow the added moisture to be consumed.

Additional Notes:

Bill Thoms also mentioned a product called Aluminet, a product that provides the benefit of shade cloth and the added benefit of keeping your growing area cooler. A quick search for “Aluminet” on the Web will provide lots of places from which to buy.

If Bill Thoms inspired you to grow more Bulbophyllums, he does have a pricelist. I will bring a few to the meeting. First come first serve! See you then, Don



Do you suspect you are under attack but can't identify the pesky pests? Bring your plants to this months meeting for help.



Paph. lowii X Paph. Philippinense
Grower: David & Henrietta DeYoung-
Photo by: Don Goss

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.
South Coast Botanic Garden
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA

Next Board Meeting—April 29, 2008

The Board Meetings will be held at the
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Sunshine

*Mable Manel would like to hear from her friends,
please call or write her. She will be moving soon.
310-727-9702*

Welcome New Members

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

Fertilizer

Cymbidiums: During the growth season (spring through late summer), high- nitrogen fertilizer , 30-10-10, is used.

Dendrobiums: fertilize heavily from when roots appear until top leaf appears on canes.

Cattleyas: on a regular schedule. In fir bark, a high nitrogen ,30-10-10 . High-phosphorus or bloom booster (10-30-20) formulation may be used occasionally (every 4 to 6 applications) to make sturdy growths and promote healthy blooming.

When in active growth, plants need fertilizer every two weeks, and when not growing, once a month. Fertilizer can also be applied with every watering at 1/4 recommended dilution. Thorough flushing with clear water every month is recommended to prevent



Cym. (Sir. Glen X Sara Jean) X Touchstone.
Photo by Don Goss at SBOS Spring Show,

A big warm THANKS to **Bill Thoms** for his talk, which was well received. Thank you for providing the inspection to grow these lesser known beauties.

Bulb. Medusage



**The Refrigerator Door
Orchid Calendar**
April, 2008—May, 2008

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Important Notice:
Monthly meeting in April and May temporarily changed. See calendars for dates.

April 2008						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Phrag. Besseae
Grower: Billy S. Bates
Photo: Don Goss

May 2008						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31



“The Inflorescence”

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Friday April, 25th
7:00 P.M.**

