



Bulb echinolabium 'Eastern Star' HCC
Sunset valley.com
Fred Clark

South Bay Orchid Society, Inc.

“Orchids for Amateurs”

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Friday, May 23

South Coast Botanical Gardens

26300 Crenshaw Blvd

Palos Verdes Peninsula

General Meeting Speaker starting at 8PM

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Our Speaker this month is . . .

Fred Clark, of Sunset Valley Orchids. Fred is a professional grower with more than 24 years experience and involved in very sophisticated hybridizing. He is known, among other things, for producing the “closest flower color to black ever witnessed,” Fredclarkeara After Dark, Catasetum is the name of this beauty.

This month, Fred’s visit to the Southbay Orchid Society, will focus on successfully growing bulbophyllums (bulb-oh-FILL-lum). Although, in recent months we’ve had a speaker of bulbophyllums, Fred Clark will illuminate the subject in a different and equally interesting manner. Fred is the leading bulbophyllum expert on the West coast, we will learn about his successful growing techniques in our climate.

Bulbophyllums are of interest for many reasons, one being that they are one of largest genus in the orchid family. Secondly, they are of interest to orchid grower because of their unusual forms and colors of the flowers. Although we don’t find them at the local Home Depot or Trader Joe’s, these orchids are companion plants to phalaenopsis because they thrive under the similar conditions. Hence, those of us who grow phals can welcome to or collection a bulbophyllum and add diversity to our orchid collection.

Fred will bring some plants for our plant table. These are rare so don’t miss the opportunity to add to your collection-come to this month’s meeting, moved to May 23.

Culture Session . . . Be There by 7:15PM

Dave De Young is the gracious host of our culture class this month. He will teach on repotting cattleyas. Count me in!

President's Message

This month is prime repotting time. I'm sure all of you are busily repotting your cymbidiums and other early spring bloomers to take advantage of new growth they are putting out. This is also the time to start planning for the hot summer weather that will be here soon when they will need some protection from the hot sun and more water. Just a few simple steps can be the difference between poor blooms and fantastic blooms.

This month is also the time that we elect officers for the upcoming year. I would like to thank Don Goss for the time and energy he has put into finding replacements for the vacancies on our board. Ron, who has been our 2nd V.P. for 3 years, has decided that it is time to pass the job on to someone else. Tragically, we need to fill Susann's position as 1st V.P. Ron and Susann have each done a wonderful job. I, also, have decided not to run for a second term. I feel it is time to pass the job on to someone else and I will happily serve on the board as past president, again.

Elections mean installation banquets. Our banquet is being held at Giorgio's again this year. We have held it here before and had a wonderful time. Giorgio's is a well-established and popular Italian restaurant in Palos Verdes that has plenty of parking and is easily accessible. They also are able to serve a delicious multi-course dinner at a reasonable price. You can get more details on the banquet later in the newsletter. Be sure to contact Ron to sign up.

This is another month where we are asked to move our meeting to the 4th Friday because of a flower show by one of the other clubs. Please be sure to mark this on your calendar, so you can cast your vote for our new board of directors. I look forward to seeing you on Friday, the 23rd.

Marla Corey

Installation Banquet

Friday, June 20, 2008

Giorgio's Restaurant

672 Silver Spur

Rolling Hills Estates

**(Across the street
from the P. V. Library)**

Cost: \$26 per person



The Installation Banquet will begin with a social time at 6:45 and dinner will be served at 7:30. Dinner will include an appetizer, salad, pasta, both chicken picata and veal parmigiana, and dessert. The cost of dinner does not include the meal beverage but coffee and hot tea will be served with dessert. A no host bar will serve you your beverages of choice.

The program of the evening will be slides of the World Orchid Conference. Several of members were able to attend and are looking forward to sharing their experiences with you.

If you are unable to sign up at the May meeting, contact Ron Henry at 310-374-9699 or mail your check to 838 Cypress #10, Hermosa Beach, CA, 90254.

April Meeting – Judging Results

I would like to thank Saul Miller for organizing the judging for me while I was basking in the lava glow on the Big Island of Hawaii for my mom's 80th birthday.

Polly

Advanced Amateur

Cymbidium – Judged by

1st Cym. Mighty Sunset 'Foxburgh Red'

2nd Cym. Unknown

Oncidium & Genera - Judged by Bob Streeter

1st Onc. Sweet Sugar

2nd Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'

3rd Brassia Rex 'Sakata'

Cattleya – Judged by Saul Miller

1st Slc. Jewel Box 'Dark Water'

2nd Lc. Jacquinette x C. Trimos

3rd Pot. Hawaiian Prominence 'Carmela' Tom Renger

Phalaenopsis – Judged by

1st Phal. Baldan's Kaleidoscope 'Golden Treasure'

2nd Dtps. Taida Salu

Vandaceous – Judged by Saul Miller

1st Sarchochilus hartmanii v. alba x sib.

2nd Renantheropsis Milared Anderson

Amateur

Cymbidium – Judged by

1st Cym. Unknown

2nd Cym. Unknown

3rd Cym. Langlaynse

Cattleya – Judged by

1st Cattleya Unknown

Bob Streeter

Ted & Jackie Johnson

Ted & Jackie Johnson

Don Goss

Ted & Jackie Johnson

Ted & Jackie Johnson

Bobby Ignacio

Don Goss

Saul Miller

Tom Renger

Tom Renger

Ted & Jackie Johnson

Ted & Jackie Johnson

Saul Miller & Bob Streeter

Larry Bergen

Larry Bergen

Lorena Cruz

Bob Streeter

Larry Bergen



Cattleya: unknown
Photo by Sabrina Roque



Phrag. besseae
Grower: Billy S. Bates
Photo by Don Goss

South Bay Orchid Society
2008 – 2009 Board of Directors Nominees

The following nominees are recommended by the Board of Directors Nominating Committee for open director positions. Basic selection considerations were:

1. Either previous performance or a demonstrated aptitude to execute the responsibilities.
2. Character to complement the board and work well with existing board members.
3. Computer literacy as the board frequently communicates and/or conducts business via email with the use of a number of software programs.

The Board of Directors consists of 12 positions of which at least 9 must be filled in order to conduct business. We will be voting on 5 positions. Additionally, three directors are voted in every two years, three positions are appointed, and the Past President position is automatic. Following are the positions which we will be voting on for our next fiscal year during our May general meeting:

Treasurer – Jim Rowley

Jim has been our treasurer for several years and has provided us with excellent and accurate work. He is best suited for this position as this is also his profession.

Secretary – Polly Kinsinger

Polly is our current Secretary and has done an outstanding job of recording the Society's business during board meetings. Her results are always clear, concise, and punctual.

2nd Vice President – Peggy Worthington

The 2nd Vice President is responsible for our annual social functions which include the Installation Banquet, Holiday Party, Santa Barbara Bus Trip, and our annual picnic. Peggy will be new to the Board. She has been working toward her horticultural certificate at UCLA and teaches "Successful Gardening," courses at the Gardens. By profession, she works in document management and has a computer background. She is well-suited to the task as she is experienced in managing details.

1st Vice President – Susan Amini

The 1st Vice President arranges for our general meeting speakers, the plant table (often provided by the speaker), and the culture session speaker. Susan will also be new to the Board. She became interested in orchids 11 years ago and currently belongs to four orchid societies. Frequently, local societies will coordinate arranging out-of-town speakers. With Susan's membership in three other societies she will have an advantage in this area. As this position is considered the first voice of our Society within AOS affiliate societies, Susan will be an excellent ambassador for the South Bay Orchid Society.

President

At this time we have not found a willing member who meets the criteria. As the Board of Directors only needs to maintain 9 members, this vacancy would leave the Board with 11 members. The President's position is primarily managerial in nature. The Society will still be able to conduct both general meetings and board meetings without issue. The Society's By-Laws allow for the filling of vacancies by the Board of Directors. It is the committee's recommendation that the position remain open until such time as the newly elected board can elect a suitable member.

Watering

Not too long ago a speaker at SBOS showed us his drenching technique. I recall vividly the Vandas and the change in the color of their roots as he repeatedly drenched them. Now that the season is getting hotter our orchid plants will benefit from frequent and judicious watering, especially mounted plants such as vandas, asconcedas, and cattleyas.

Drenching Technique and Scheduling

It is commonly agreed the best technique for watering orchid plants is giving them a “once over lightly” and then waiting 5-10 minutes and watering once again. This allows the velamen (white epidermal covering on the roots) to become absorbent. This technique is helpful both for mounted orchids as well as potted plants. The potted plants and mounted ones benefit from this double drenching technique because it allows harmful salts, dust or loose vegetative matter to wash off. If we allow the salts and dust and loose matter to remain we create a fertile ground for algae and pathogens that will be harmful for the plants.

Orchid roots let you know when they have enough water. Phal leaves will become elongated, and oncidiums and cymbidiums leaves will come out accordion shaped and wrinkled when underwatered. In Vandas, for example, look for green roots with water droplets clinging to the roots a few minutes after watering. If you don't see water droplets, give water one more time. In dire cases, if the plants are looking water stressed, soak it for 10 to 30 minutes in a bucket of water to rehydrate the roots. Root rot will signal overwatering.

Water first in the morning before the temperature rises to help the plant resist harmful drying, this also allows for healthy drying to deter the growth of pathogens. The second drenching should be no later than 3:30, to avoid wet leaf axils.

Signs of Under-watering

If the velamen takes as long on subsequent watering to turn green as it did on the first day, or the roots are long and beadlike the interval between watering is too long. If the lower leaves on vandas and asconcedas fall off this too may indicate not enough watering.

Caveat: be sure the surface water on your plants dries within 3 hours, if the drenching is successful the roots will retain water even if the surface appears dry. This is crucial to avoid the growth of harmful fungi.

By Sabrina Roque, Southbay Orchid Society

SBOA Library Book Review

This reviewer borrowed from our society's library David L. Grove's Vandas and Asconcedas and Their Combinations with Other Genera, Timber Press, Portland Oregon. This is a 241 page book, 67 pages of which are readable for all the members of our society who are not equipped with a Phd in horticulture. That said, the 67 pages towards the end of the book offer a wealth of information that will be valued for all of us who think Vanda's are the cat's meow!

Part Two contains information ranging from buying seedlings, watering, light, nutrition, to container potting media, pests and diseases.

I highly recommend this book to any member interested in Vandas, just omit the introductory 136 pages. Many of us have bought Vandas at shows. Have fun reading!

People, Places and Things



Susann Patton left peacefully on Thursday, May 15th, losing her battle with cancer. Susann loved life, loved nature, and loved the Society. She lived each day with vibrant energy and unwavering passion. Susann had a desire to contribute in any way she could, to build relationships with new members, and to share her knowledge of orchids with everyone. Even though she was wheelchair bound for more than a decade, she never stopped, never complained. She always brought cheerfulness, fun, and a smile to everyone she touched. Susann was truly a gift to us.

You are invited to her memorial service:
Sunday, May 25th at 1 PM
Rice Mortuary
5310 Torrance Blvd, Torrance CA
Reception to immediately follow. Feel free to bring food to share with friends.



Ascodena Tubtim Velvet Grower: Janine Slane
Photo by Don Goss

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—May 27, 2008

The Board Meetings will be held at the
South Coast Botanic Garden
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA

Welcome New Members

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

Meeting this month is May 23
Culture class, speaker, raffle table and wonderful snacks— don't miss all the

Repot , Repot, Repot

Now that days are longer and light levels are higher we find joy discovering all our plants are showing growth. Repot first those plants that have outgrown their pots, these roots are ready to adhere to new mix. Next repot those with decomposing mix.

A big warm THANKS to **Tom Biggart** for his talk, which was well received. Thank you for valuable information on growing dendrobiums and all the specimens you brought for our educational enrichment and many plants for our plant

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

SBOS Committee Chairs:

Librarian:
Kayo Libiano.....310-897-8085
lilkyky@mac.com

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

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Important Notice:
Monthly meeting in April and May temporarily changed to 4th Friday

MAY 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	31

Helpful Tip for the Month

Melquist's Law: plants that bloom at an early age are most likely to be free-blooming throughout their life. Application: when choosing plants among siblings choose the biggest ones because these have displayed greater vigor and will be easier to grow. These are likely to bloom earlier and have larger and more numerous flowers than their siblings.

Best Location in the Greenhouse/habitat for Your Vandas and Asctm.'s

V. dearei and its hybrids are sensitive to cold and require the warmest spot in the greenhouse or growing environment. *Arachnis* and *Papilionanthe* and their hybrids require the most light and heat they can get so they can bloom. *Ascocentrum ampullaceum* and *Asctm. Curvifolium* require some coolness to start blooming and should be moved to cool location about a month before blooming.

JUNE 2008						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

“The Inflorescence”

South Bay Orchid Society
c/o Sabrina Roque
4922 Delacroix Rd
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

**Friday, May 23rd — 7:00 P.M.
South Coast Botanic Garden**



Don't Forget our June Banquet. Good People, Good Food, Good fun. Make a reservation on Friday.