



South Bay Orchid Society, Inc.

“Orchids for Amateurs”

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Web site: [www.southbayorchidsociety.com](http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com)

## **Friday, June 20 — Our Installation Banquet**

Giorgio’s Restaruant (310) 265-9970

672 Silver Spur Road

Rolling Hills Estates

**Social begins at 6:45 PM — Dinner served at 7:00 PM**

## **Our speaker this month is . . .**

Dr. Bob Streeter admits to being an “orchid fanatic” and has been growing orchids for 52 years. He’s been a CSA judge since 1993. The most recent and 19th World Orchid Conference was held in Florida earlier this year. Dr. Bob participated in judging Cymbidiums. All the best of every genera of orchids were represented.

If you’re unfamiliar with the World Orchid Conference or have never been, it is a judged show and sales event of truly international proportions. I attended and bought home orchids from US growers, Peruvian, and Venezuelan growers. The event could fill a football field and displays reached all the way to the lights of the hall’s 24 foot ceiling. The event was open to the public for 5 days and peopled poured in from over 100 countries. I was there photographing for “Orchid” magazine and Dr. Bob will be showing you photographs selected from several people that attended.

The World Orchid Conference only happens every three years. It’s in a different country each year. It was the most amazing orchid event to which I’ve ever been. You will see some of the most amazing orchids and displays ever assembled in the US.

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## President's Message

June has arrived which means it is then end of another year for South Bay Orchid Society. It takes many hours of hard work by our members to keep our society going. Our banquet, which is June 20, is the time when we acknowledge our board members and committee chairs for their diligence in carrying out the responsibilities of their positions in our society during the past year. All of our members who answered the call for volunteers to work at our shows, bring plants for our public displays, refreshments for meeting, and plants for ribbon judging at our meeting also deserve credit for their participation in supporting the activities of South Bay Orchid Society. It takes all of us working together to have a successful and viable organization.

Two hard working members of the board will be leaving, Ned Patton and Ron Henry. Ned has worked to advance the technology side of our society by purchasing our new sound system, laptop computer and digital projector. He also did the research and filing for the 501.c.3 process. Ron has been our special events planner for the past 3 years. He has done a great job and our bus trip to the Santa Barbara Orchid Show has become well known for the fun and hospitality he provides.

This is also the time we welcome new people to our board. Change is what keeps an organization vibrant. Tom Renger, who has been serving on the board as a director, has stepped forward to become our new president. He brings to the office a wealth of experience, having been a member since 1963 and is a past president. Susan Amini is our new first vice president, and Peggy Wormington is our new second vice president. I am looking forward to another wonderful year with the addition of our new board members.

I personally want to thank all of you for showing me the support I received this past year. It was an honor to serve as your president. I look forward to seeing you at our Installation Banquet on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Marla Corey

### Installation Banquet

**Friday, June 20, 2008**

**Giorgio's Restaurant (310) 265-9970**

**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 our members were able to attend and are looking forward to sharing their experiences with you.

**If you were unable to sign up at the May meeting, contact Ron Henry at 310-374-9699.**



## May Meeting – Judging Results

### Advanced Amateur

#### **Cattleya Judged by Polly Kinsinger**

1 <sup>st</sup> Encyclia cordigera ‘Roseum’ .....	Ted & Jackie Johnson
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cat. June Wedding .....	Bobby Ignacio
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cat. Bonanza Paydirt x Lc. Ed VanBell .....	Bobby Ignacio

#### **Cymbidium Judged by Nick Braemer**

1 <sup>st</sup> Cym. Devon Railway ‘New Horizon’ 4n.....	Polly Kinsinger
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cym. Pat Ann .....	Polly Kinsinger

#### **Phaleanopsis Judged by Polly Kinsinger**

1 <sup>st</sup> Dtps. Pulcher x Dtps. Buddha’s Treasure .....	Tom Renger
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dtps. Firecracker ‘Malibu’ HCC/AOS.....	Ted & Jackie Johnson
3 <sup>rd</sup> Phal. White Wonder.....	Tom Renger

#### **Other Judged by Nick Braemer**

1 <sup>st</sup> Shomburgkia tibicinis .....	Polly Kinsinger
2 <sup>nd</sup> Angraecum Magdalena .....	Tom Renger
3 <sup>rd</sup> Colm. Wildcat ‘Carmela’.....	Polly Kinsinger

#### **Steve Moeschler Personal preference expressed by Polly Kinsinger ☺**

1 <sup>st</sup> Angraecum germinyanum
2 <sup>nd</sup> Schoenorchis juncifolia
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cuitzlazena pendulum

### Amateur Judged by Polly Kinsinger

#### **Phaleanopsis**

1 <sup>st</sup> Dtps. Taida Sala ‘Alisan’ .....	Kayo Libiano
2 <sup>nd</sup> Phal. Kaleidoscope .....	Marc Massari
3 <sup>rd</sup> Phal. Norman’s Mist ‘Montclair’ AM/AOS.....	Marc Massari

#### **Other**

1 <sup>st</sup> Cym. Alcor.....	Lorena Cruz
2 <sup>nd</sup> Iwan. Apple Blossom .....	Chris Morton
3 <sup>rd</sup> Den. Unknown.....	Pat Lewis

Our banquet is a great way to make new friends in a casual dining atmosphere. Table hop as much as you like.



## In Search of Dendrobium Speciosum

By Nick Braemer

This is not an article on D spec but a story of my journey with this plant. A treatise of this magnificent plant would require description of the 6 to 8 varieties (they are dividing and subdividing) their locations on the Au Continent, growth, flowering habits etc etc. I would need to do some research to do justice but am writing this article on short notice.

The Aussies think this is the greatest of all orchids. It has been said that if people bred other orchids for another 50 years they might develop a plant as grand, beautiful and majestic as a great speciosum. They affectionately refer to them as "Rock Lillies"

I got my first one in 1996, a 5 cane specimen for \$50. It bloomed 2 years later and now has 32 canes many of them 2 1/2 feet long. Maximum bloom has been 16 spikes with 50 to 75 flowers per spike. I met George Kenner from San Diego who specialized in these plants and got an example of each of the 6 varieties recognized at that time. I also purchased a couple of hybrids from him, one being D spec 'Daylight Moon' FCC/AUS x Neville. This stimulated my interest in awarded speciosums but getting a division of Daylight Moon then was like trying to buy a Panda Bear from the Chinese. I tried for a while to get these famous clones but gave up as they were very seldom available and then only at astronomical prices.

Things appear to have change a bit and my interest has reawakened. This year I found divisions of D spec 'Windermere' HCC/AUS, a deep rich yellow flower for \$70 per cane and D spec 'Daylight Moon' FCC/AUS a white flower, probably the most famous of these plants for \$180 per cane. These 2 plants appear over and over in hybrid crosses. This may seem expensive but is reasonable compared to what they were asking for these things in the past. With due diligence maybe more of the famous plants will become available. With the cooperation and help of a fellow member of our little group, these plants have become reality.

The other thing I have ventured into is the purchase of hybrid seedlings of these famous plants. I have resisted this in the past as with seedlings, you don't really know what you are getting but have come around to the realization that in my lifetime I will probably not get too many more of these great plants so why not take a crap shoot and see what comes up.

I have purchased 28 seedlings with famous parentage for an average price of \$8.70, including transportation. They are sold by a couple of Aussie nurseries for \$6 to \$8 a plant, add 10% for transportation. They take care of all the paperwork, the plant is delivered to your door by the mail man. I will bring a few samples to this meeting so you can see how big a plant we are talking about. I estimate 5 to 7 years to bloom. Since the price is low enough, I think I will eventually end up with 100 of them. Like they say, if you throw enough against the wall, some will stick. I assume that some of them will produce outstanding specimens, the others will still be blooming sized D speciosums that are easily worth \$100 each so some of the outlay can be recaptured.

If any of you have questions about this please let me know, I will gladly share what I have learned about this. When Ahnold learned that a \$6 seedling turns into a \$100 plant he said the State of California will get a bunch to hedge against future budget shortfalls.



Speciosum Grown By Nick Braemer  
Photographed by Don Goss

## To Cut or Not to Cut– that is the question

Ever since my first orchid, an unfortunate Phalaenopsis purchased from a grower, I've been haunted by the question of how to cut the Phal spike so it continues to flower. Through the course of many years, and many plants (may they rest in peace) and cutting many spikes after the first bloom to never see another bloom, I came to the conclusion the practice of cutting the spike to trick the plant into another bloom was a myth. Last year, I stopped trying. Sure enough at around the same time I purchased a phal from one of our orchid shows and it bloomed consecutively for five months!

My conclusion at that time: buy phals that naturally bloom sequentially. Phew! Why didn't I figure that out sooner?! However, for those adventurous by nature who wish to experiment much can be found about spike cutting.

Many growers believe it is best to leave the plant to do as it is meant by nature. The plant may grow a new spike from the node on the old spike or bloom again from the old spike! For example, Phalaenopsis modesta is a plant that will bloom again from an old spike as well as form new spikes. Hence, the spike on this species as well as the miniature Doritis pucherrima x Phal. Decumbens and Phal. Nancy Gordon Daves should never be cut as you can have several years of spikes continue blooming.

For large standard pink or white flowering phals, on the other can, you should cut the spike at the base once it has no flowers. This will allow the plant to save energy for its next phase of growth.

Some have successfully used a cut spike to produce a keiki. Apparently, a reasonable method seems to be to apply Superthrive in a bucket and cut the spike under the water of this solution. The spike may keiki. Keiki Grow, a commercial product can also be used to induce a keiki or flowering. You must, however, be very patient since it will take many months to see results.

A third approach is to cut the spike 3/4 of the way above the third node from the bottom, this will encourage the plant to grow another spike from one of the remaining spikes.

Thus the answer to question of whether to cut or not: it depends on the plant.

### Simple Tips to Follow with Your Cattleyas

If your cattleya bloomed in the winter or spring, it will require a 6-8 week rest period. Water only once a week. However, if your cattleya blooms in the summer, no rest period is required. You can fertilize cattleyas with 20-20-20 every other week. If in bloom please use a higher nitrogen product such as 30-10-10.

Cattleyas benefit from moisture and need plenty of moisture to develop healthy pseudopods. Twice a week during growth period is good. Do not let the roots sit in water because they will develop root rot. During the summer they will benefit from the use of a humidity tray or a shallow dish with water. Place pebbles on the bottom to ensure the plant does not sit in water. Follow these simple suggestions and you will enjoy the growth of these hearty orchids.

Grown by Bobby Ignacio  
Photographed 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

## Important Notice:

This month our regular meeting will not occur at the gardens, we will meet at Giorgio's for the Installation Banquet. See front page for details.



19th World Orchid Conference — Krull-Smith Display

## Next Board Meeting—June 24, 2008—7 PM

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.

## Upcoming Event

**July 11—13**

**28th Annual Santa Barbara Orchid Estates Int'l  
Orchid Fair at the Earl Warren Fair Grounds  
3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA**

For more information:  
sboe@sborchid.com  
800-553-3387

## Paphiophidelum

- require plenty of light, about 30 % full sun in the greenhouse
- do not let them dry out
- ideal temperature range is 55-85 degree F.
- fertilize every week at 1/4 recommended dilution with 10-10-10 or 12-12-12
- repot every one to two years before the mixture starts to break down.

## **As the Spring ends and Summer begins:**

- Repot cymbidiums, dendrobiums, ondon-toglossoms, oncidiums, paphs and phrags
- Look for blooms in cattleya, epidendrum, vanda, catasetum, miltonia and encyclia
- Fertilize twice the winter rate.
- Increase watering
- You move your inside plants outside. Phals and Catts require bright light but not direct sun. Vandas and epidendrums can stand direct light but be sure they are not positioned so that the noon sun can cause sunburn. A sign of sunburn is a black spot on the leaves.
- With increases watering is the possibility of fungus growth, examine your plants for signs of brown/black rings on the leaves or roots.
- Check for pests.

A big warm THANKS to **Fred Clark** for his talk, which was well received. Thank you for valuable information on growing bulbophyllums in our Southern California climate.

Hearty thank you also for all the specimens you brought for our educational enrichment and many plants for our plant table.

# The Refrigerator Door Orchid Calendar

June, 2008—July, 2008

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19th World  
Orchid Confer-  
ence Display

JUNE 2008						
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### Helpful Tip for the Month

**Epsom Salt:** Magnesium is critical for bloom initiation for this reason some growers recommend watering with Epsom salts (magnesium sulfate) especially if you are watering with water processed through reverse osmosis. If your commercial fertilizer already contains these ingredients some still use the Epsom salts. Jim Kawaski recommends watering phals with a 1 teas- to-quart of water in August to help initiate the blooming cycle for two to three waterings.

Other growers sprinkle the granules on the top of the plants and allow the magnesium sulfate to be watered in. Magnesium sulfate is water soluble and any excess amounts will be flushed.

Experiments show that seedlings given the treatment above, will grow much bigger and flower at least one year sooner than siblings not provided with Epsom salt treatment.

Additional expert recommendations:

- 1/2 teasp. to one gallon every watering
- If watering once a week, then 1 tbs/gal

JULY 2008						
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***“The Inflorescence”***

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

**Installation Banquet at Giorgio’s  
6:45 P.M. Friday June 20th**

**Call Ron Henry for reservations  
(310) 374-9699**





# SBOS Membership Renewal Form

Date Paid:

Amt: \$

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SBOS is rebuilding our membership data and updating everyone's information. We are interested in your preferences and want to give you additional privacy options. The information you provide will help us improve the organization, as well as the programs and speakers we bring you.

Please include this form with your membership dues of \$17 (for up to two in the same household).

Name(s) as you wish to appear in the Directory		Include In Directory <i>If No – For Board use only</i>	
Address	Home Phone:	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
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| <input type="checkbox"/> I'm an AOS Judge                 | <input type="checkbox"/> I'm a commercial orchid grower                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I'm a CSA Judge                  |  |

I consider myself a  beginner,  novice, or  advanced orchid grower.

Approx. how many orchids do you have: \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you been growing orchids: \_\_\_\_\_

Other horticultural organizations to which I belong: \_\_\_\_\_

There are times when the Society needs information, expertise, or help in various areas. The following questions will assist the Board of Directors in managing our Society more effectively.

**All information will be confidential to the board only.**

## Your Expertise, Interests or Hobbies

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting/Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing                 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Athletic/Sports    | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography               |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lawyer/Legal       | <input type="checkbox"/> Writer                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Management         | <input type="checkbox"/> Webmaster/Web Design      |

- I consider myself a novice with computers – email, surf and shop on the Internet
- I consider myself intermediate – use various programs like Word, Excel, image editing software, etc.
- I don't have a computer (and that's OK too!)

**Bring your membership dues and this form to our next meeting or mail to:**

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