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South Bay Orchid Society, Inc.

“Orchids for Amateurs”

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The
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November 2008

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FRIDAY, November 21

South Coast Botanic Garden

26300 Crenshaw Blvd

Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274

General meeting starting at 8 PM

Our November Guest Speaker is Ron Parsons.

Ron Parsons is considered by many to be one of the finest flower photographers in the United States. His photography and encyclopedic knowledge of orchids is known both nationally and internationally. He has been photographing orchids, wildflowers, and almost every other kind of plant for over 25 years, and has a slide collection that numbers well over 80,000 slides! Ron loves to travel, photograph orchids and wildflowers in situ, visit orchid and other plant enthusiasts' collections, and most of all, to take photographs of plants and flowers that he likes. His love of photography of orchids has taken him to faraway places such as Panama, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Belize, Mexico, and Australia, to name a few.

Ron has co-authored several books, including “Masdevallias: Gems of the Orchid World”, and “Calochortus, Mariposa Lilies and their Relatives.” His knowledge is wide-ranging, giving talks nationally and internationally on these and other topics: “Bulbophyllum,” “Rare and Unusual Orchid Species”, “Dendrobium Species”, “Masdevallias and Draculas”, “Pleurothallids”, “Cattleyas and Laelia Species”, “Orchids of SE Australia”, “Oncidium Species”, “Monopodial Orchids”, “Miniature Species”, and “Orchids under Lights.”

Ron has also given talks at societies for Cacti and Succulents, Carnivorous Plants, Gesneriads, and California Wildflowers. He comes to our November meeting from his hometown of San Francisco.

This meeting will be about Rarities and Oddities in the Orchid World. (Rare and Unusual Species.)

With 20,000 to 25,000 species, orchids are the largest plant family in the world. They are found on every continent, except Antarctica, from hot, lowland tropical forests to high alpine reaches. Orchids grow in soil, on trees, rocks, and even underground and there are species that are nearly aquatic, in fact they occupy nearly every available habitat. They have evolved some of the most interesting and varied pollination schemes in the plant world. This presentation features plants from most of the major groups, ones that are rarely seen and others that are extremely unusual in their appearance or natural history.

Orchid Care Session 7 pm

Dave De Young will be doing a follow-up to last month's session on virus testing.

This month's raffle table will be provided by Andy's Orchids. I'm personally going to the nursery to pick plants. Don't forget to buy lots of tickets. I'm sure we'll have lots of wonderful plants and I know I'll be buying lots of tickets!!

Susan Amini

President's Message

The leaves are turning color and our greenhouse heaters are coming on at night to prevent black spots (botrytis) attacking our orchid flowers.

Be sure to pick up your copy of the 2008-2009 SBOS Membership Directory, if you haven't already. Have the benefit of seeing your name in print with the names of our many orchid growing friends.

Enjoy a presentation on how to take pictures of your orchids to show their best characteristics. Our speaker, Ron Parsons, will reveal his professional secrets on 21 November.

Our potluck Christmas party has been popular and successful in all of our past years. This year we will celebrate the season on 19 December 2008, and your board has decided unanimously that we prefer not being interrupted by singing or bell ringing. We feel we need to share our mutual love for orchids in the Christmas spirit and get pleasure from getting to know each other better.

We won't be talking about our Spring Show until after Christmas but do reserve the dates of 7 - 8 March 2009, when we will have another occasion to harvest the benefits of our orchid society shows. Our dear Marla is scheduling and making all the advanced planning necessary for a successful show.

Be sure to read Dave De Young's article regarding virus-testing experiments of our members' plants. It will be exciting to witness the virus test results and realize that maybe a plant or two that we have should be virus checked.

All members are encouraged to display their orchids, which they have grown for a minimum of three months, for ribbon judging at our monthly meetings. You receive an opportunity drawing ticket that may win you a free plant – drawing is held ahead of the purchased plant ticket drawing. Also, providing food for our meetings will get you an opportunity drawing ticket. Without a question, our plant opportunity table is the best deal in California, as our society provides exquisite orchids that everyone would find irresistible to have in their collection.

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Ribbon Judging Results October Meeting

Advanced Amateur

1 st	Onc. Sharry Baby	Ted & Jackie Johnson
2 nd	Phal. Venosa 'Malibu Giant' x Phal. Malibu 'Miss Sierra Vasquez'	Ted & Jackie Johnson
3 rd	Phal. Leonore Annenberg	Ted & Jackie Johnson

Novice

1 st	Cat. Unknown	Marcia Bergen
2 nd	Cat. Unknown	Lorena Cruz
3 rd	Cat. Unknown	Marcia Bergen

There were very few plants brought in this month (probably due to the Fall Show). Don't forget that by bringing in your plants and having them awarded you could earn a subscription to the Orchid Digest. At the least, each plant gets you a ticket for the raffle table. So, get out there and talk to your plants and ask them to produce flowers. Then, clean them up and bring them in for us all to oogle over. J

Polly Kinsinger
Judging Chairman



Cym Isle Flamingo '3 lips'
Grown by Tom Renger
Photo by Tom Renger

A New Challenge Looms on the Horizon, by Dave De Young

Of the 30+ identified viruses, the two most common that effect the majority of orchids, are CymMV (cymbidium mosaic virus) and ORSV (Odonoglossum ring spot virus), both of which are incurable and very stable in vitro. Both have the potential to weaken the host plant, as well as ruining the appearance of the flowers, not to mention the ability to spread to your entire collection in a very short time!

Recently, while at a major home improvement center and a very well known nursery, I noticed an alarming number of very suspicious symptomatic plant leaves. Add to that the alarming number of seemingly infected plants coming from two major growers in Santa Barbara, I believe we should be very concerned about the plants in our collections as well as the plants we purchase from retail stores, orchid vendors, and newspaper ads.

Because of my ongoing testing and research, it is becoming easier for me to recognize symptoms as they appear and as I survey plants at shows and on vendors' benches, I am becoming more convinced that the viruses are more wide-spread than we would like to admit.

There have been several studies and articles written lately that would be very helpful in recognizing symptoms and point out steps that can be taken to minimize cross-contamination, three of which have been in the A.O.S. Orchid Magazine. One in March of 2008, one in the May issue of '08, and the most recent in September '08. They all illustrate various symptoms as well as suggested techniques to avoid spreading the diseases. November 's culture session will be diagnosis and testing of members' plants. Dr. Streeter and I will be conducting the session and selecting plants for testing. Also there may be a limited supply of test kits for sale after the session. They will be priced at \$5.00 per kit.

So bring in any plants you would like evaluated, along with a pair of scissors; the rest will be provided.

Notes on this Month's Culture Session, by Dave De Young

One of the reasons many people choose to grow orchids is the challenge of taking a non-native plant and providing the conditions for it to thrive and flower.

The second reason for growing orchids is the reward of meeting the challenge and enjoying the flowers and robust growth.

A new challenge looms on the horizon, or more accurately, as I believe, on our doorstep--the challenge is keeping our collections Virus-free!!

Holiday Potluck

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Here it is!

Mark Your Calendars! Come on December 19 to the South Coast Botanic Garden for our annual holiday dinner. Count on a delicious selection of home made dishes from the kitchens of the talented Orchid Society cooks.

Your Board will provide turkey and ham - you provide a dish for 6 (think about how much you will eat...) Each member family will take home a beautiful orchid plant. Let the holiday spirit reign!

To ensure that we are prepared for you, be sure to sign up at the November meeting.

Any questions? Call or email me:
Peggie peggie@wormington.com or 310-548-4344

Silent Auction Policy

Our monthly silent auction is intended to provide a service for society members to exchange their plants or divisions with minimum cost. It is not intended to provide any vendor a market for sales. To comply with our society's intent, a limit of five plants and/or flasks may be offered for sale during each meeting.



**San Diego County
Cymbidium Society**



Annual Orchid Auction
Saturday, January 31, 2009

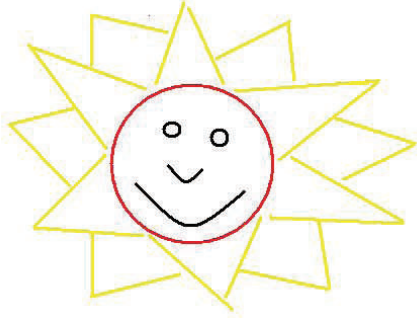
All Types of Orchids!
Preview at 11 a.m. Auction at 12 noon

Woman's Club of Carlsbad
3320 Monroe Street
Carlsbad, CA 92008

East from the 5 on Carlsbad Village Dr. ¼ mile to Monroe. Turn right (south) on Monroe. Woman's Club will be on left. Parking in rear.
Auction Chairperson: orchldy2@mac.com or 760-732-0055

Meetings monthly on the 3rd Wednesday at the Woman's Club.
Culture class 6:30 p.m. - General meeting 7:00 p.m.

People, Places and Things



Orchid Trader

Tom Renger has many duplicate award winning Cattleyas. What do you have?

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Nick Braemer has (1) Stanhopea grandiflora, 2 leafless back bulbs plus 3 front end bulbs with leaves. (2) Miltonia clowessii x Milt. Golden Showers 2 leafless back bulbs and 3 front end bulbs with leaves, one spike. I won Best Oncidium of Show at the New Otani with this plant a number of years ago.

Would like any orchid I don't have that can live outside all year long. Both of the above have been outside all the time.

orchidnick@yahoo.com 310-560-4384.

President's Choice Personality of the Month

Edith Robinson has been a dedicated team member of our Membership since June.

Edith's participation recruiting and signing up new society members is much appreciated. Her follow-up getting existing members to sign up for our new year made it possible to publish our 2008-2009 Membership Directory on time. Thanks again Edith for contributing your time, skills and enthusiasm.

New members:

Please come to the membership desk at each meeting.



V. Pachada Delight FCC/YOGA
Grown by: Sabrina Roque
Photo by : Daniel Meyn

**The Refrigerator Door
Orchid Calendar
November 2008**



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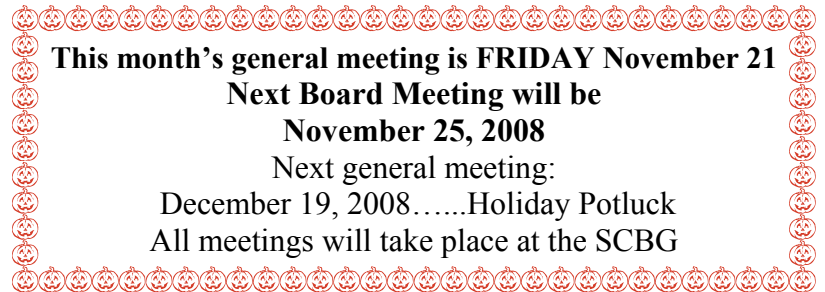
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Next Board Meeting will be
November 25, 2008
 Next general meeting:
 December 19, 2008.....Holiday Potluck
 All meetings will take place at the SCBG

**South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation
Events in Fall 2008**

- 14 of December (Sunday), 2pm-4pm
PV Symphonic Band Holiday Concert

Please support our host, the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation at any of these educational and fun filled events.

southcoastbotanicgarden.org/3montheventcalendar.html

HELP!

Members whose last name starts with an "H", "I" or "J" are requested to help with the setup and storing of chairs and tables for November's meeting. If you do not help, you should get an inferiority complex. Please be there on or before 6:30 PM. After setup, do enjoy our cultural session.

Chocolate
Drop
Grown
by:
Sabrina
Roque
Photo
by:
Daniel
Meyn



“The Inflorescence”

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Lc Aqui Finn
Grown by Tom Renger
Photo by Tom Renger

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