



Cattleya - Blc. Yen Orange Yen
Grower: Ron Henry
Photo by: Ron Henry

South Bay Orchid Society, Inc.

“Orchids for Amateurs”

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The
INFLORESCENCE

February 2009

www.southbayorchidsociety.com

Our February Guest Speaker is Ron McHatton:

Orchids of Madagascar: Why it's so Special

8:00 pm

Ron, a PhD Chemist by training, is currently the AOS Director of Education and Regional Operations. Prior to accepting this position he was Apopka production manager for Kerry's Bromeliad Nursery, possibly the largest wholesale orchid nursery in the United States and one of the largest Bromeliad wholesalers as well. Ron has been growing orchids for more than 43 years and has an eclectic collection of plants representing a wide cross-section of the orchid family. Ron's passion for orchids has spanned virtually every growing regime from windowsills to under lights to greenhouses running from a 200 square foot hobby house to several acres of commercial growing space. Over the years his private collection has numbered in excess of 2500 plants. In addition to his professional position, Ron is an accredited American Orchid Society judge and has been volunteering for the AOS for over 25 years. During that time, Ron chaired several national committees, twice held a seat on the organization's Board of Trustees and briefly served as vice-president.

In addition to Ron's volunteer support of the AOS, he has also been a long-time supporter of the Orchid Digest. In this role, he has served on its Board of Directors and Executive Committee for many years and as its President for three consecutive terms.

This meeting will be about Orchids of Madagascar: Why it's so special.

Orchid Care Session

7:00 pm

Culture Session: This month's culture session will be about the difference between Paphiopedilums and Phragmipediums; their care and culture.

This month's raffle table will be provided by Norman's Orchids. I've seen their website and they have an impressive selection of plants. I'm sure we will be dazzled by his beautiful blooms. Don't miss out on this month's plant table! Don't forget to buy lots of tickets.

Susan Amini

President's Message

All of our attentions and energy should be focused on our Spring Show. Marla, our excellent Show Chair will have the details, successes, and open items to date for this annual event that all members are encouraged to participate. Do bring your plants in for judging and display and invite your friends to come to the show so you can enjoy your entries with them.

Remember, if you need potting supplies for repotting this time of the year, Yamada Co in Gardena will give 10% discount on your purchases if you show your South Bay Orchid Society membership card.

Kayo Libiano is our first Nominating Committee member. She is responsible for identifying members who are interested in serving on our board of directors. Volunteers for the two additional nominating committee members are also needed now. Do help Kayo Libiano by volunteering to become a potential elected officer on our society's Board of Directors.

It is my pleasure to announce that many of our current board members have agreed to serve another term. However, we have one opening and there will most likely be some others during the next term. Our Society needs each of you to volunteer for current and future open board positions.

Elections are during our May meeting and our annual installation will be held during our June banquet.

February 20th Peggy Wormington will give us her status of our March 21st Santa Barbara fun bus trip. Many members have taken this tour before and all have had wonderful experiences. You get to know other members better and probably will end up coming home with another orchid you couldn't do without.

Tom Renger



**Orchid Show
and Sale**
March 7th and 8th
Orchids - 101 Classes! All Weekend

Sales: Sat & Sun 10-5
Show: Sat 12-5 & Sun 10-5
Location: Torrance Cultural Arts Center
3330 Civic Center Dr., Torrance, CA

- Buy direct from commercial growers
- See award winning orchids
- All day demonstrations on orchid care and repotting

Admission: \$5 Adults
Free Parking

For all show information, tutorial schedule and map to gardens:
www.southbayorchidsociety.com
Information: (310) 707-7097



Lc. Mary Ellen Carter 'Dixie Hummingbird'
x Bc. Mac Holmes 'Raye'
Grown and photographed by
Christine Hough

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Ribbon Judging Results January Meeting

Advanced Amateur

Phalaenopsis

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|-----------------|---|-------------------------|
| 1 st | Dtps. I-Hsin | Sylvia Eastwood |
| 2 nd | Phal. Fifth Avenue 'Bonnie Vasquez'
x Kathleen Ai 'Zuma Beach' | Ted & Jackie
Johnson |
| 3 rd | Phal. Hohoemi x Shirayaki | Ted & Jackie
Johnson |

Miltonia/Odontoglossum

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|-----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 st | Ondont. Unknown | Sylvia Eastwood |
| 2 nd | Mtssa Aztec 'Nalo' | Ted & Jackie
Johnson |
| 3 rd | Wills. Tiger Brew 'Pacific Holiday' | Bobby Ignacio |

Cattleya

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|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 st | Lc. Daffodil | Nick Braemer |
| 2 nd | Slc. Wendy's Valentine 'June' | Don Goss |
| 3 rd | Slc. Hsin Buu Lady 'Y.T.' | Don Goss |

Other

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|-----------------|---|---------------|
| 1 st | Den. Hilda Poxon | Nick Braemer |
| 2 nd | Paph. Blanch Sawyer x Snowman
AM/AOS | Jasmine Bashi |
| 3 rd | Angr. Crestwood | Tom Renger |

Novice

Cattleya

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| 1 st | L. Anceps Tierra del Fuego AM/AOS
x 'Helen HCC/AOS | Marc Massari |
| 2 nd | Blc. Nacouche 'Pink Feathers' | Ann Rogers |
| 3 rd | C. unknown | Larry Bergen |

Paphiopedilum

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|-----------------|--|-------------------------|
| 1 st | Paph. (Raven Big 'N Black HCC/AOS
x Rufi 'High Rise AM/AOS) x Paph.
Double Deception | Marc Massari |
| 2 nd | Paph. bellatulum x Winston Churchill | Bobby & Paul
Davison |

Cymbidium

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|-----------------|--|--------------|
| 1 st | Cym. Via Rincon Vista
'November Canary' | Bob Fisher |
| 2 nd | Cym. unknown | Braulio Mena |
| 3 rd | Cym. Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade' | Braulio Mena |

Annual Spring Orchid Show and Sale “The Art of Orchids”

March 7th & 8th, 2009

Our spring show is coming soon and planning is well underway. Vendors are signing up and publicity is getting out, but to make this show a success your society needs your help. We have members who have volunteered to be committee chairs and they need you to sign up to help.

Set-up: Takes place on Friday afternoon beginning at 1:00 pm. This involves setting up and arranging tables as well as draping of the display tables. We will also need people with trucks to help bring things from storage on Friday morning. Call Ron Henry at (310) 374-9699.

Host and Hostess: People are needed throughout the show hours to talk to our guests and answer questions they may have. This position is also important for security. You need to make sure no one touches the plants or walks off with one. (Plant theft is a serious problem at some shows.) This position also includes the “plant hotel” table where people can check purchased plants, since they are not allowed in the judging area. Call Sue Estes at (310) 377-0773.

Food: Lots of food is needed to feed our hungry volunteers and vendors throughout the show. If you are bringing food on Sunday, it needs to be there by 11:30 am. Call Joann Green at (310) 830-1585. We also need a few volunteers to work in the kitchen to serve food and keep the kitchen clean throughout the show. Call Marla at (310) 833-1918.

Ticket Sales/Survey Takers: People are needed to sell admission tickets and give out free raffle tickets to those who give us their

email address and tell us how they heard about the show. Call Marla Corey at (310) 833-1918.

Membership Information Table: Eeva Renger needs members to help answer our guests’ questions about our society and sign up new members. This is also the location where the hourly raffle winners can pick up their plants. Call Eeva at (310) 316-0707.

Publicity: Don Goss is in charge of publicity. Everyone can help by putting up posters and passing out flyers in their neighborhoods. Flyers and posters will be available at the February meeting.

Plant Registration: Registration will take place on Friday in the show room beginning at 4:00 pm and ending at 9:00 pm. I hope everyone will bring in their blooming plants for judging. I have noticed that some of the best plants have been in the novice category so don’t be shy about putting your plants in the show for ribbon judging. All we ask is they have been in your possession for a minimum of 3 months and be free of pests and disease. We will have AOS and CSA judging for those of you with exceptional plants in bloom. The classification list is available on our website with the registration slips.

Sign-up sheets will be available at the February meeting or you can call the show chair directly. Volunteering a few hours of your time is a great way to get to know your fellow society members and we always have a good time. Call me if you have any questions about the show or the volunteer positions.

**Marla Corey, Show Chair
(310) 833-1918**

The South Bay Orchid Society Website

By Arthur Hazboun—SBOS Webmaster

We invite you to visit and take a closer look at our updated website:

<http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com>

On the website you will find information on:

- ◇ Background on the South Bay Orchid Society, including our monthly meetings, culture sessions, guest speakers
- ◇ Comprehensive listing of all our archived monthly newsletters “The Inflorescence”
- ◇ Current listings of upcoming orchid shows, events, auctions, field trips, sales
- ◇ Information & applications to join as a new member or renew your membership
- ◇ Contact information for our board, key members, webmaster, membership
- ◇ Listing details for our yearly shows – Spring and Fall – including plant registration
- ◇ Photos of orchids grown by our members, and photos from our shows & displays
- ◇ Orchid resources and links to other societies, organizations, clubs, books, forums
- ◇ Subscription information on how to receive our colorful monthly newsletter via email
- ◇ Link to the South Coast Botanic Garden and its resources and events

We hope you take a minute and give the website a visit and subscribe to receive our colorful monthly newsletter via email, and save us printing and mailing costs.

Also if you have any ideas, questions, and/or suggestions for the website please email them to our webmaster SPECIALORCHIDS AT SOUTHBAYORCHIDSOCIETY DOT COM.

Thank you.

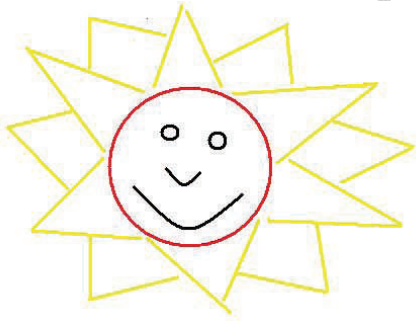


Location of Spring Show

Don't forget to bring your relatives,
friends, neighbors and
co-workers!



People, Places and Things



Welcome back
Marilyn Hill.
We hope that the worst
is over.

This Month's Greeter

Marla Corey has volunteered to greet new members and visitors this month. Please let Marla and her guests be first to go to the refreshments. This gives more time for our new members and visitors to get information about our society.

Orchid Trader

**New members:
Please come to the membership
desk at each meeting.**

Tom Renger: "Visit my greenhouse and see if there are orchid subdivisions that you may be interested in trading or buying. Virus testing available."
310-316-0707
TOMSBOS AT ROADRUNNER DOT COM

Nick Braemer will bring two wonderful plants to trade this month (1) Dendrobium speciosam compactum and (2) SCK superbiems alba.

Stop by and chat with Nick during February's meeting.
310-560-4384
ORCHIDNICK AT YAHOO DOT COM

President's Choice Personalities of the Month

June Brooks and **Joann Green** are my co-choices for February's personalities of the month. June and Joann work very hard at getting the coffee and punch ready, setting the table with excellent goodies provided by our members, and cleaning up after everyone has had their refreshments. All members appreciate their personal approach and being available for every meeting.

**The Refrigerator Door
Orchid Calendar
February 2009**

SBOS Committee Chairs:

Librarian:

Kayo Libiano310-897-8085

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Refreshments:

June Brooks.....310-549-4266

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Our next meeting is FRIDAY February 20

Culture session 7 PM

General meeting 8 PM

Next board meeting will be

February 24, 2009

All meetings will take place at the SCBG

**South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation
Events in Winter 2009**

- March 7-8, Cactus & Succulent Show
- March 14, African Violet Show & Sale
- March 21, CA Rare Fruit Lecture
- March 29, Dahlia Lecture

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

For more information log-on to:

southcoastbotanicgarden.org/3montheventcalendar.html

Hi Everyone:

The Orange County Orchid Society will be participating in our Spring Show.

They wrote a nice article about us and included our flyer in their January newsletter.

You can see it on their website:

<http://www.ocos.net/Newsletter/Current%20News%20Letter.pdf>

Arthur Hazboun - SBOS Webmaster

“The Inflorescence”

South Bay Orchid Society
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Tell us Your Story

**We’d love to hear from
our members in a
series of articles on
“How I Found Orchids
and Learned to Love
Them.”**

**E-mail your story to:
SabrinaOrchidSociety at Verizon dot net**

Our February Meeting
is

***Friday,
February 20th***