



Stanhopea occulata  
Photo by Jay Pfahl

South Bay Orchid Society, Inc.

“Orchids for Amateurs”

Founded July, 1957

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## INFLORESCENCE

August 2009

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### **Our August Guest Speaker is Robert Lauri “Stanhopeas”**

***\*\*\*Meeting date change: Our meeting will be 28 August, 4th Friday\*\*\****

Bob Lauri is a native Californian and has been growing orchids here for thirty years. He received his M.S. degree at San Diego State University where he completed his thesis "Comparative Floristic Study of Palomar Mountain State Park". During his thesis he began to study terrestrial orchids which created a specific interest, leading him to further his education. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden and will be completing his dissertation in the summer of 2009. His dissertation focuses on a native

California genus of terrestrial orchids known as Piperia. His study also has enabled him to grow and work with several tropical and terrestrial orchids native to North America, South America, Africa, and Europe. Many of these orchids are beautiful and easy to grow here in Southern California.

The topic of his talk tonight will be Stanhopeas (this topic covers about 15 genera of which many are not commonly grown, but are available).

### **Orchid Care Session 7:00pm**

Culture Session: This month's culture session will be presented by Bob Lauri. He will be demonstrating Stanhopea care and culture. He will also share some tips on repotting Stanhopeas.

This month's raffle table will be provided by Santa Barbara Orchid Estates.

*Susan Amíní.*

## President's Message

This is the short quiet time before we start organizing for our Fall Show for the benefit of The South Coast Botanic Garden. Many new members may be interested in knowing that South Bay Orchid Society provides the profits from this show to the Garden. In return, we are provided a date each month for our membership meetings. Normally, they try to schedule our membership meetings on the third Friday of each month. However, due to the large number of other organizations patronizing the Garden, schedule conflicts arise for their shows and other garden activities. This month, August, we will be meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday.

A wonderful summer is about over and with fall approaching, we better have most of those orchids repotted that have shown new root growth. Many orchids won't show new growth during the next cooler months when our sun rises late and goes to bed early. In addition, when the sun goes to the southern hemisphere, it appears weaker and our orchids realize it is time for a rest.

We hope that you can attend our meeting on 28 August, NOT 21 August, as published in the Membership Directory. Further, mark your calendar back to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 18 September, NOT 25 September as published in our Membership Directory, as well.

Changes like the above are good reasons to read your newsletter each month so you are not disappointed when showing up for a membership meeting on an obsolete published date. Additionally, Eeva makes an effort to have members' orchid related articles included in each issue.

*Tom Renger*



Epi. Parkinsonianum  
Grown and photographed by Don Goss  
(Ask Don how he got a total of 43 flowers on his plant!)

## Fall Orchid Show and Sale October 10 & 11, 2009

It's that time of the year when we are gearing up for the Fall Show and Sale. Don Goss is busy working on publicity and designing posters and fliers while Art is getting the word out through our website and the internet. As always, we need volunteers to staff the show. I will have a sign-up sheet at the August meeting and Don will bring posters and fliers for you to post in your communities. This show is our way of thanking the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation for allowing us to be a part of their organization. If you have any questions regarding the show or volunteer positions, please phone me at 310-833-1918.

*Marla Corey*

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## Beer Formula By Nick Braemer

On the [Garden Web Orchid Forum](#) the subject of 'BEER' was kicked around and it became apparent that a lot of people are adding beer to their feeding routine. Not for them but for their plants that is. I have occasionally added beer to my fertilizing mix, except on really hot days when I drink the beer myself.

Here is one of the formulas that was suggested:

12 oz beer  
1 cup Epsom salts  
1/2 cup ammonia, plain  
2 cups water  
1/2 cup molasses or a little Sulphur  
(I assume the molasses is sulphured)  
Mix together



Add  
4 TBL bloom booster (Dyna Gro Bloom during spring; Dyna Gro Grow in fall and winter)  
250-500 mg Vit B12

Mix 2 TBL of above mixture to 1 gal of water

I personally use Grow More fertilizer as my base and then have things I add on a sporadic basis. These add-ons are:

- Beer, one can for the entire collection once or twice a week
- Epsom salt, a handful once a week
- Cane Sugar, a handful now and then
- Sea Weed Extract, a squirt once a week
- Birth control pills, a package once a month starting on the 5th day.
- Cheap rotgut Vodka, a jigger or two once a week when I have it around.
- Horse tea, take a few handful of HM add water, let it sit and then run the brown liquid through a cloth into the mix.

Please note that Super Thrive is conspicuous by its absence.

All this goes into a 5 gallon drum where it's dissolved and added to the water with the Siphonex system. Is any or all of this necessary? Who knows, it does not seem to hurt and is probably doing some good. I keep an eye on the root tips and the leaf tips where over fertilizing shows up first. Ahnuld suggested using German beer but I told him he was unpatriotic. Budweiser or Natural (Natural is the cheapest beer in the world) and locally grown HM for the exotic orchids from the 7 corners of the world is going to have to be good enough.

Use it as you see fit.

*Nick*

# The Plant Raffle is Rigged !

## By Don Goss

Winning plants off our raffle table is one of the cheapest ways to acquire new plants. If you know how the raffle is "rigged," then you can boost your chances at winning an orchid. So listen up as "Da Bookie" is about to tip you off to tipping the odds in your favor.

The plant raffle is actually four separate raffles, each with their own odds at winning. These are:

1. Raffle tickets you pay for.
2. A raffle ticket you get free for just showing up and remembering to wear your name badge.
3. You receive a free raffle ticket for each plant you bring in for ribbon judging or just to share (but not for the Silent Auction).
4. If you bring in some refreshments for the kitchen, we give you a free ticket for food raffle.

Now . . . a little something about the odds – Da Bookie Speaks!

Each of the four raffles is pulled separately. Your best odds are in participating in a raffle with the fewest "competitive" tickets. For example: if there are 20 plants brought in for judging/display and six of them are yours, you have a 3:10 chance of winning. If 10 people bring dishes into the kitchen, you have a 1:10 chance. If everyone forgets to wear their badge, but you, then you're "in like Flynn." If you buy plenty of tickets, you could win lots of orchids.

So listen up while my cousin Louie, that's right, Lead Pipe Louie, gives it to you straight:

*1. All members are asked to bring their bloomin plants to our monthly meetins for a pat on the back and to be the envy of everybody else. Plants are divided up by categories. So, Cats 'll compete against other Cats, Ladys against Ladys, you get the pitcha. You got tree chances to win ribbons. A foist, a second, and a thoid for each category. Sometimes the judjas will award a ribbon to a plant with particaler exceptional cultua, if ya know what I mean. Me?, I don't know from cultua.*

*2. There are two competin classifications; Amateur for beginna orchid enthusiasts and the Advanced Amateurs. If you are one of the Amateurs and you knock off at least 20 point for the year, you graduate from Amateur to Advanced Amateur. If you're an Advanced Amateur and totally blew away all ya competition then I'm extra proud a ya. Then we boot ya ugly mug up to Exhibitor and you keep bringin ya bloomin plants in to show the rest of us how it's done. Exhibitor don't compete against nobody. No matter what ya do, ya bring in a bloomin plant, you get a bloomin ticket.*

*3. Da way ya make points wit me is ya get 5 points for foist or Cultua, 3 for second, and 1 for thoid. My bookie keeps track of all a ya. There are three special drawins; (1) The bloomin plants you bring in for da judge or display, (2) Wearin ya name badge, (3) bring in and share some a ya grub. These three plant raffle drawins got good odds I tell ya.*

*One last ting – if ya like my buddy here wit a couple a years of ribbons stashed away in ya safe, bring um in. They is wert one ticket each in da big raffle.*

## Ribbon Judging Results

### July 2009 Meeting

#### Advanced Amateur

#### Phaleanopsis

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|---|----------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Phal. New Gold          | Don Goss             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dtps. Ming Hsing Beauty | Ted & Jackie Johnson |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Phal. Leopard Prince    | Don Goss             |

#### Other

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|--|----------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Sobralia macrantha     | Saul Miller          |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Maxillaria sanderiana  | Saul Miller          |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Liparis Nutans HCC/AOS | Ted & Jackie Johnson |

#### Amateur

- |   |               |
|---|---------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Miltonia Hajimeno               | Kathy West    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Liparis coelogynoides           | Sharon Gage   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dendrobium Unknown (Noble Type) | Danee Petrich |

### 2008/2009 Year End Judging Results

#### Advanced Amateur

- 1<sup>st</sup> Don Goss  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Ted & Jackie Johnson  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Bobby Ignacio

#### Amateur

- 1<sup>st</sup> Larry & Marcia Bergen  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sharon Gage  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Janine Slane  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Ann Rogers

All names listed will be given a year long subscription to the Orchid Digest magazine and Larry & Marcia Bergen will now move to the Advanced Amateur Division for coming in first in the Amateur Division.

Thank you to all of you who brought in your plants to the shows and to the meetings all year long. Growing and having bragging rights for your plants is what we're all about.

If you're having trouble blooming your orchids, be sure to come to the 7:00 pm culture sessions. You're also welcome to bringing plants that are not performing well if you have questions about them.

Good Luck in the coming year!

*Polly Kinsinger*  
 Judging Chairman



**June Installation Dinner.** 2009-2010 Board of Directors: Nick Braemer, Kayo Libiano, Arthur Hazboun, Saul Miller, Robert Streeter, Tom Renger, Eeva Renger, Christine Hough, Marla Corey, Don Goss, Susan Amini. Photo by Nanci Lewis.

# People, Places and Things

We are extending our best wishes to  
Polly Kinsinger and Don Goss  
who are recovering from their respective surgeries.  
Eeva Renger is on the road to recovery  
from staph infection.

To assure a continuation of SBOS membership,  
**please pay your \$17 dues by September 1st.**  
It will guarantee that your name will be included  
in our 2009-2010 Membership Directory  
that will go to print in September.

Please print your renewal form from our website  
<http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Membership.html>  
and bring it with your check (payable to SBOS) to our  
August meeting, or mail to the address on the form.  
A form is also included in our postal newsletter.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Claudia Oneto, Joseph Hunyady, Judy Unrine, Fely Fernandez, Tom Gates.

New members, please come to the Membership Desk to pick up your name badges.

# The Refrigerator Door Orchid Calendar August 2009

## **SBOS Committee Chairs:**

### **Librarian:**

Kayo Libiano..... 310-374-7353

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Burt Dobratz ..... 310-375-2693

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## Our future meetings are

- ◆ Friday August 28 (4th Friday)
- ◆ Friday September 18 (3rd Friday)
- ◆ Friday October 16 (3rd Friday)

- ◆ Culture sessions start 7 PM
- ◆ General meetings start 8 PM  
at South Coast Botanic Garden

## Next board meeting will be

- ◆ September 1, 2009  
Call 310-316-0707 for more information

## **South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation Events in August-September 2009**

- ◆ 8/23, Begonia Show & Sale; 9am-4pm
- ◆ 8/30, Kids Concert; 5pm-6pm
- ◆ 9/07, PV Symphonic Band; 5pm-7pm
- ◆ 9/10 & 12, Children's Disc. Garden; 10am-Noon
- ◆ 9/13, Jaguar Owners' Car Show; 9am-4pm

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:  
<http://southcoastbotanicgarden.org/3montheventcalendar.html>

- ⇒ Do you enjoy computers?
- ⇒ Do you know MSWord?
- ⇒ Would you like to customize our newsletter to your liking?
- ⇒ Do you take pleasure in completing projects on time?

This is the opportunity to get your creative juices flowing and having fun creating our monthly newsletter!

Contact Eeva 310-316-0707 for details.



***“The Inflorescence”***  
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\*\*\***MEETING DATE CHANGE**\*\*\*

**OUR AUGUST MEETING DATE HAS CHANGED.  
AUGUST MEETING WILL BE ON THE 28TH, 4TH FRIDAY.**

**Upcoming Events & Shows:**

September 26-27, 2009 10 AM-5PM  
**Fascination of Orchids Show & Sale**  
South Coast Plaza Village  
More Info: [Fascination of Orchids](#) or call (949) 735-2930

October 10-11, 2009  
**South Bay Orchid Society Fall Show and Sale**  
South Coast Botanic Garden  
More info: [South Bay Orchid Society Fall Show](#) or call Marla Corey 310-833-1918