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# The INFLORESCENCE

"Orchids for Amateurs"

South Bay Orchid Society, Inc.  
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Founded in July 1957

June 2010

**Our June 18, 2010  
Guest Entertainer is  
Kendrake the Magician**

**What:** 2010 South Bay Orchid Society  
Installation Banquet

**When:** June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Time:** Social hour 6:30PM, Dinner 7:00PM

**Where:** Ports O' Call Restaurant  
(Breakwater Room  
- upstairs to the Right)  
Berth 76, San Pedro, CA 90731  
Tel. 310.833.3553

**Cost:** \$25.00 per person  
(Our Society pays the difference)

**RSVP:** Please make your checks payable to  
South Bay Orchid Society and mail to Kayo  
Libiano @ 209 Beryl Street, Redondo Beach  
CA 90277

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Cell Phone- 310.897.8085



For your entertainment, we have booked Kendrake the Magician to perform for us in lieu of a speaker. We look forward to seeing everyone there for a fun filled evening honoring our 2010-2011 Board Members!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Once a year, we are given the opportunity to enjoy the installation of our society officers. While we meet socially, we get to know each other better and enjoy the exchange of information regarding our families and our orchids.

It is time for a "State of Our Society" message. This year's success is a result of our board members working together to provide a pleasant and productive time during our society's membership and board meetings.

We have enjoyed cultural sessions and excellent speakers and plant opportunity tables, thanks to Susan Amini. She drove the extra miles to obtain plants for our opportunity tables when the speakers didn't provide plants.

Kayo Libiano stepped up to the plate for several well-done activities. She organized our library with the help of Arthur Hazboun, and she efficiently organized our society's Christmas celebration, our annual Santa Barbara trip, and this Installation Banquet. Her inputs during our board meetings have been exceptional and appreciated.

Saul Miller has been doing two jobs, both of them very necessary for our Society. Being our society secretary is an essential office to our board meetings by recording the minutes. He has an excellent ability to clearly state the facts. Additionally, his judging of our orchids on display at our meetings is an attraction that draws many of our members.

Christine Hough's ability to accurately keep our financial records is comparable to any CPA (and you know what they cost). Just to mention a few accounting items that she provides for expenses are plant raffle, speakers fees, newsletter cost and postage, insurances, and show costs. Some of the income items are annual dues, opportunity table tickets, and show income.

As our Membership Chair and Newsletter Editor, Eeva Renger has had her hands on her computer for many hours organizing and updating our annual Membership Directory with new members, membership and board meeting monthly dates and the Board of Directors and Committee Chair names. Monthly newsletters require her to obtain news items from board members and disseminating the information on a timely basis for each monthly newsletter that is distributed to all members.



Arthur Hazboun, our webmaster, has continually upgraded and updated our expertly designed website. He is also busy emailing newsletters to our members. He keeps a database of over thousand people who have attended our shows and sends periodic emails

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## South Bay Orchid Society Board

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**Director Emeritus:** Bob Streeter ..... 310-541-6692  
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## SBOS Committee Chairs

**Librarian:** Kayo Libiano.....310-897-8085

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to them announcing our shows and special events. He will be our next President, and continues as our Webmaster.

Our three Directors, Nick Braemer, Don Goss, and Robert Streeter are experts in many functions of running an organization the size of SBOS. Their organizational, financial, computing and management skills have been valued and respected at each board meeting.

Marla has been, and continues to be, our official Show Chair; however, she is much more. Marla is truly our operations officer. Being experienced as a three-term past President, she knows how all of the successes are earned and how to avoid dangerous pitfalls. She has, time and time again advised our board on how to achieve our goals.

All our Committee Chairs are very important to us. Without their loyal help we would not have any membership meetings. Thank you June Brooks, Burt Dobraz, Joann Green, Ron Henry, Marilyn Hill, David Okihara, and Kathy West.

Thanks goes to all volunteers for helping our Fall and Spring Shows running smoothly. Your positive attitudes and helping hands make our guests and vendors return happily.

With gratitude, I thank all those responsible for giving me the opportunity to be your president for the past two years. With your help, I have enjoyed this experience again.

*Tom Renger*

Saul & Wendy enjoying our 2009 banquet



## Growing Moisture Loving Plants in Standing Water

Bill Thoms talked to us about Bulbos some time ago. He made mention of the fact that he grows them in shallow trays of water with great results. My warm greenhouse got completed three months ago and I started growing the Bulbos that way. Four weeks ago the cold GH was completed and I am now growing the water loving rain forest plants the same way. This includes the Draculas, Masdevallias, Pleurothallus, Restrepias, Lepanthes, some Maxillarias etc, etc. The Draculas and other bottom bloomers have to be inspected at regular intervals for emerging flower spikes.

The Bulbos showed good growth, which was not surprising as, according to Bill Thoms, they should. I can now say with confidence that the rain forest plants from Central and South America also seem to love it. I can only compare the current growth to my previous effort, which in itself does not prove anything; however, I'm impressed with the across the board excellent new growth. Lots of new leaves, new roots, and no evidence of harm.

They are sitting in 1/2" of water in cookie trays. All are in moss, which is fairly wet as it sops up the water. The Bulbos get regular tap water, they are animals that will live in your toilet; the rain forest plants on the other hand are sensitive queens who get RO water which is bumped up to a between 150 and 200 ppm with fertilizer and nutrients like Sea Weed Extract. The ppm of my tap water is around 300, I bump it up to 500. I surface mist them daily, which is probably not necessary but satisfies the co-dependency relationship I have with the Chids. Evaporation dries out the trays in 2 to 3 days so they need to be kept at the right level. Some plants are in baskets which elevates the plants from the base of the trays,

they get 1" or more water so the bottom of the moss is in water. Every two weeks or so I get to clean out each tray as debris seems to accumulate.



Courtesy of  
<http://exoticbulbophyllum.tripod.com/>

Marnie Turkel does not grow her plants that way, which says something, as I respect her growing ability. My growing ability does not match hers, this way may be superior to my usual growing skills, as there usually are days when I don't water. When I visit my son in Redding it may be 2 to 3 days between drinks. At least the rain forest plants don't appreciate a dry spell of that duration. With this method they are never dry. Cattleyas and Dendrobiums are examples of plants who would not do well in this constant moisture.

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## Ribbon Judging Results May 2010 Judged by Saul Miller

### Amateur

Cymbidium	1. Cym. lowianum	Lorena Cruz
Cymbidium	2. Cym. Phar lap x Devon 'Ichiko Park'	Lorena Cruz
Cymbidium	3. Unknown	Sandy and Don Hammersmark
Phalaenopsis	1. Phal. Unknown	Charlotte Morrison
Phalaenopsis	2. Phal. Brother Victory x Taisuco Atienyuki	Kayo Libiano
Phalaenopsis	3. Phal Brother Sara Gold	Kathy West
Other	1. Maxillaria tenuifolia	Lorena Cruz
Other	2. Oncidium unknown	Kathy West
Other	3. Otara Hwa Yuan Bay	Arthur Hazboun

### Advanced Amateur

Cattleya	1. Epi Parkinsonianum	Don Goss
Cattleya	2. June Wedding	Bobby Ignacio
Phalaenopsis	1. Phal Kaleidoscope	Marc Massari
Other	1. Colm. Wildcat	Marla Corey
Other	2. Bulb. Wilmar Candy Stripes x Wilmar Galaxy	Don Goss



Unknow Oncidium  
Grown by Kathy West  
Photo by Eeva Renger

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## A New Kind of Dendrobium Nobile

I'm slowly expanding the number of plants I'm trying in this, AU terrestrials, Gongoras, Pescatore, Bolleas and others are slowly being introduced to living in a cookie sheet with 1/2" of water. There are three plants though that suggest to me that this method might work for many plants. A Maxillaria, a Coelogeny and a Liparis have almost as many new growths as they have old bulbs. Seven new growths on eight old bulbs is not what I'm used to, maybe some of you get results like that but I usually don't. The jury is still out on some of them but maybe others could try this method and report.



Den. Oriental Smile 'Fantasy'  
AD/AOS  
Courtesy of <http://www.yamamotodendrobiums.com/>



Den. New Century  
'Happiness'  
Courtesy of <http://www.yamamotodendrobiums.com/>

When I got into this and I bought cookie sheet after cookie sheet, the local supermarket check-out queen thought I became a Girl Scout troop master and was suspicious of my motives. Ahnuld vouched that I was not a sex offender and I was allowed to buy more cookie sheets. What a guy, I'm going to miss him!

**Nick Braemer**

I recently purchased Dendrobium Dream 'Ace'. A bushy plant in a basket cascading over the sides and also standing erect. It's a 'nobile', although I would have never guessed. I was told that as a result of hybridizing and crossing with crosses, this plant does not need a dry, cool winter rest and will bloom at least twice a year. Water it year-round, expect blooms around Mother's Day or soon after and one more time per year. Certainly different from the usual D nobile that I'm familiar with.

I was told that this is a 'Yamamoto cross'. Check them out (in Hawaii) at <http://www.yamamotodendrobiums.com/> They specialize in D nobiles and have developed these plants that have larger, longer lasting flowers and do not need the cold dry winter rest. I also was told that they are easier to grow with more predictable results, and that some will bloom more than once a year.

I contacted them and was told that my plant is NOT one of their clones but that they have a number of plants with the characteristics I described above. They suggested the following:

Himezakura 'Sanokku'; Spring Dream 'Apollon'; Spring Dream 'Kumiko'; Sea Mary 'Snow King'; Country Girl 'Murasuzume'; Spring Bird 'Kurashiki'; Fancy Angel 'Lycee'.

I have never been too lucky with D nobiles, I can make them grow but they don't look nearly as good as they should. I'm going to give these a try. Ahnuld said he'd also try them. Soon he'll have lots of time on his hands unless they finally pass a constitutional amendment or accept the fact that he was also born in Kenya.

**Nick Braemer**

# Orchid Calendar

**Our future membership meetings are**

- ◆ **June 18, (3rd Friday) *Installation Banquet (Ports O' Call Restaurant)***
- ◆ **July 16, (3rd Friday)**
- ◆ **August 27, (4th Friday)**
  
- ◆ **Culture sessions start 7 pm**
- ◆ **General meetings start 8 pm at South Coast Botanic Garden**

**Next board meeting will be**

- ◆ **July 20, 2010 (no meeting in June)**  
Call 310-995-1592 for more info

**South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation  
Upcoming Events 2010**

- ◆ June 12-13, Fuchsia Show and Sale, 10am-4pm
- ◆ June 13, Ferrari Car Show, 9am-3pm
- ◆ June 20, Windyridge Bluegrass Band, 4:30pm-7:00pm
- ◆ July 11, Cactus Society Lecture, 1pm-4pm
- ◆ July 17-18, L.A. Fern Show, 9am-4:30pm

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: [SCBG](#)



Oh how easy those Margaritas go down!



We are having fun!!



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**c/o Eeva Renger**  
**438 Avenue E**  
**Redondo Beach, CA 90277-5141**

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### **Upcoming Events**

**Eighth Orchid Digest Speakers Day**

June 12, 2010  
Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, San Marino, CA  
Orchid sales/lectures/dinner  
Simone Friend, 562-431-1247  
[Orchidsimone at aol.com](http://Orchidsimone@aol.com)

**Orchid Society of So CA Annual Plant Auction**

June 19, 2010  
221 S. 6th St, Burbank, CA  
[Orchid Society of Southern California Auction](http://Orchid Society of Southern California Auction)

**Santa Barbara International Orchid Fair**

July 9-11, 2010  
Earl Warren Fairgrounds, Santa Barbara, CA  
Free Admission  
[Santa Barbara International Orchid Fair](http://Santa Barbara International Orchid Fair)

**South Bay Orchid Society Fall Show and Sale**

September 18-19, 2010  
South Coast Botanic Garden  
26300 Crenshaw Blvd  
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274  
[SBOS Show Info](http://SBOS Show Info)

**Fascination of Orchids Show and Sale**

September 25, 2010  
South Coast Village, Santa Ana, CA  
[Fascination of Orchids](http://Fascination of Orchids)