



Pot. Hawaiian Prominence 'Carmela'  
Grown by Tom Renger

## The INFLORESCENCE

"Orchids for Amateurs"

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Founded in July 1957

September 2010

Our next regular meeting will be **October 15, 2010**. Plant registration and show setup will replace previously scheduled September 17th meeting.

# Orchid Show and Sale

## September 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

**Orchids-R-Easy Classes All Weekend**

**Sales: Sat & Sun 9-5**  
**Show: Sat 11-5 & Sun 9-5**  
**Location: South Coast Botanic Garden**  
**26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes**

- Buy direct from commercial growers
- See award winning orchids/displays
- All day demonstrations on orchid care and repotting
- Stroll the botanical gardens

Admission: \$8 Adults \$6 Seniors  
Free Parking

For all show information and map to gardens:  
**[www.southbayorchidsociety.com](http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com)**  
Information: (310) 707-7097

## From the President's Desk

September is the time for our annual Fall Show and Sale at the South Coast Botanic Garden. This month's regular Friday night meeting will be replaced by setting up and registering plants. Please note the time, 4 PM – 8 PM on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> in the main hall.

Before you bring in your blooming Orchids, clean them up at home ahead of time and print out and complete the Judging Entry blank [http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/Judging\\_Entry\\_Blank.pdf](http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/Judging_Entry_Blank.pdf). This will save time and expedite the process. Forms are also available in the hall and on page 7 of this newsletter.

Only plants with a labeled name or cross can be entered for judging, no-name unlabeled plants can be entered for exhibit purposes only and will not be judged. All the information for entering plants is found on our website. Judging rules are here: <http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/PlantRegistration.html>. Classifications are found at <http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/Classifications.html>.

Dr. Bob Streeter and I would like to offer our sincere appreciation to Karen Low for the re-vamping of the plant classification judging entry catalogs and plant name placards.

Marla Corey and the entire board have been busy getting the word out and advertising our [Fall Show](#). We sent emails announcing the show to hundreds of people on our non-member email lists. We are still looking for volunteers for the show - help is needed with host, hostesses, gathering of attendees' names and emails, plant hotel staffing and other positions. Contact our hostesses Kayo Libiano or Sue Estes, and give us a few hours of your time to make this show a complete success. Empty boxes are needed for the plant hotel, as well as food to feed our hungry volunteers and vendors.

I would recommend that each member advertise the show to everyone they know. Tell your family, friends, relatives, neighbors, and co-workers. Pass out the flyers and the posters and encourage them to attend the show at least one day. Tell them about the hourly raffle, the excellent Orchids-R-Easy classes and demonstrations. Point out that this would be a great opportunity for them to tour the South Coast Botanic Garden as well.

I want to thank the set-up crew that is in charge of setting up for the shows on Friday mornings and take down on Sunday evenings. This job is very time consuming and physical. Ron Henry and his helper volunteers can use all the help you can provide; if you own a truck this would be most helpful for transporting the show items back and forth, from and to storage. Please note that we must be completely done with take down and clean-up prior to 7 PM on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at the garden.

Thanks to every member who completed the membership survey at our August meeting. If you have not filled the survey out see the insert in this month's newsletter. Complete it and return it to us via our post office box address, or to the membership desk at the Fall Show. I hope to see all our members there with their blooming Orchids.

*Arthur Hazboun - President and Webmaster, SBOS, Inc.*

Our Board has received inquiries about flower donations in memory of our deceased members. SBOS sends a monetary donation in the memory of the deceased to AOS.

## South Bay Orchid Society Board

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## Fall Show—Final Announcement September 18-19, 2010

As stated in the President's Message, we are still signing up volunteers to help with the Fall Show and Sale. Areas where we need help are hosts/hostesses, food to feed our hungry workers, boxes for the plant hotel, and set-up on Friday morning at 9:00am. Below are the names and phone numbers for committee chairs:

### Set-up and take-down:

Ron Henry 310-374-9699

### Hosts/Hostesses:

Saturday: Sue Estes 310-377-0773

Sunday: Kayo Libiano 310-897-8085

### Food:

June Brooks 310-549-4266

I also want to encourage everyone to bring in their blooming orchids for ribbon judging at the show. We can't have a beautiful show without lots of beautiful orchids, and you can't win a ribbon or trophy if you don't bring your plant in for judging. Registration begins at 4pm and ends at 8pm.

Participating in the show is fun and a great way to get to know fellow society members. See you there!

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

## SBOS Committee Chairs

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

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**Refreshments:** June Brooks.....310-549-4266

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The gorgeous old cross on the top right of the page, Digbyana x Loddigessii FCC, was grown by Dave DeYoung



## The Fine Art of Doing Nothing by Nick Braemer

As you know, because I have bragged about it often enough, I got a large *Grammatophyllum speciosum* from Hawaii a few months ago. I put it in a large pot (40 gallons) with large Styro-foam chips on the bottom, large and medium bark, and slow release fertilizer sprinkled throughout. Placed it in full blazing sun from sunrise until sundown and watered it daily. That's what the experts recommend for this plant; you'd think it should be very happy.

Almost immediately it started losing fronds. Each leaf has a strong central stalk and many fronds similar to the fan of a palm leaf. Some of these fronds started turning brown, then black and falling off. Over the course of the next six weeks it probably lost 5% of all its greenery, although no actual leaf was lost. There was a 5" new growth which stopped growing, no evidence of new root formation could be seen.

Since this sucker set me back \$500 I was as nervous as a sheep at a Harley Davidson rally. One well meaning friend in particular, and a couple of others, advised all kinds of action. "Move it to a different location, add shade cloth, give it Super Thrive, Sea Weed Extract, and even a dilute mix of sugar". All this was recommended by the type of experts who at age 55 have been growing orchids for 60 years. I never figured out how that is done; however, I got plenty of expert advice from people who truly know virtually everything about orchids.

Six weeks ago it stopped losing fronds and now has a bunch of new leaves and 17 flower stalks developing. There is also evidence of new root formation. I am doing the happy dance and was going to make a sacrifice to the Orchid God (OG). Since this thing is from Hawaii, a virgin in a volcano would be the appropriate sacrifice but since in SOCAL we have neither, virgins nor volcanoes, a chicken will have to do. Maybe the society should make a group sacrifice to OG to ensure the flowers are in perfect

bloom for the fall show. We could increase the ante to a goat or a lamb.

The point of all this is that benign neglect, after covering all the bases, is often the right choice. A plant in a new location needs to be given ample time to adjust, then let the plant tell you if it's happy or not in the long run. I believe too much intervention, too soon, is not necessarily the best thing. Ahnuld agrees, he is going to write a book about the fine art of doing nothing.

*Nick*



Laelia flava  
Photo, courtesy of  
Greg Allikas  
[http://  
www.orchidworks.com  
/brazil/portraits/  
index.html](http://www.orchidworks.com/brazil/portraits/index.html)

### Rupicolous Laelias

Some of you may have won these plants at last month's raffle without really wanting to get into them. I want to start a collection of Rupicolous Laelias and try different growing conditions for them.

If anyone got some they don't really want, I'd trade more normal plants for them or just buy them.

Let me know,

*Nick*  
310-560-4384

## Ribbon Judging Results August 2010 Judged by Saul Miller

### Amateur

Other	1	Lc. Casitas Spring x C. little Dipper 'Sato'	Arthur Hazboun
Other	2	Miltonidium Pupukea Sunset	Gayle Henrichon
Other	3	Degarmoara Winter Wonderland	Marilyn Camisa
Phalaenopsis	1	Phal. Unknown	Cathy Martinez
Phalaenopsis	2	Phal. Matou Freed 'Golden Stripe Leaf'	?

### Advanced Amateur

Other	1	Onc. MRSA Betty Berthiaume	Tom Renger
Other	2	Onc. Charlesworth 'Mishima'	Tom Renger
Cattleya	1	SLC. Summertime 'Honesto'	Bobby Ignacio
Cattleya	2	BLC. Waianae Leopard 'Ching Hua'	Bobby Ignacio



Degarmoara  
Winter Wonderland  
Grown by Marilyn Camisa



BLC. Waianae Leopard 'Ching Hua'  
Grown by Bobby Ignacio



Oncidium  
Charlesworth 'Mishima'  
Grown by Tom Renger

Our "Thank You" goes to everyone who has been bringing their plants for judging. Do continue the great work and don't forget that the plants have to be in place by 7:15 pm to be judged. Please write all necessary information legibly on the form—including your name!

## All Good Things Come to an End...

Membership Dues grace period ends September 30, 2010. That's the date when Membership Directory entries will close.

Unless Charlotte Morrison has received your \$17 payment with the annual renewal form by 9/30/2010, your name will be left out of our 2010-2011 directory.

Please don't let that happen!

Since email addresses and phone numbers change frequently, it is very important to include an updated renewal form with your dues.

Last month's newsletter had the form included but it is also available on our website at [renewal form](#).

Life members – please – do make sure that we have your current information on file.

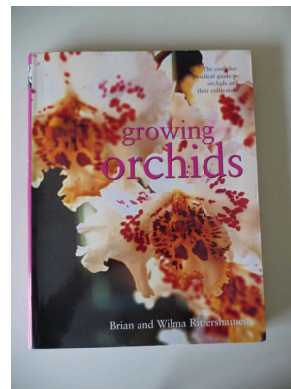


Zuma Canyon Orchids' display at AOS 2009 Fall Show

## Need a Book?

South Bay Orchid Society will start a monthly silent book auction in October. This will be an ongoing, monthly auction of duplicate books that we have in our library.

Look for an announcement in next month's newsletter naming the books being offered in October.





# Orchid Calendar

## Our future membership meetings are

- ◆ **No regular meeting on September 17**  
*(Plant registration & Show setup only)*
- ◆ **October 15 (3rd Friday)**
- ◆ **Culture sessions start 7pm**
- ◆ **General meetings start 8pm**  
**at South Coast Botanic Garden**

## Next board meeting will be

- ◆ **To be announced**  
*Call 310-995-1592 for more info*

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

- ◆ September 12, Jaguar Show; 10am-3pm
- ◆ September 18-19, SBOS Orchid Show & Sale; 9am-5pm
- ◆ October 2, Fall Plant Sale; 9:00am-4:00pm
- ◆ October 10, Windy Ridge Concert; 5pm-7pm

Please support our host, the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation for any of these educational and fun filled events. For more information and verification of hours, log-on to: [SCBG](http://SCBG) or call 310-544-1948.

Welcome Adrienne Lao, SCBG Foundation new CEO.

**Entry Blank**      **Section** \_\_\_\_\_      **Class** \_\_\_\_\_      **Sub-Class** \_\_\_\_\_

Tag #      Plant Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**“The Inflorescence”**  
**South Bay Orchid Society**  
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**NEXT MEETING DATE IS October 15<sup>th</sup>; 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday**

### **Upcoming Events**

**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](#)

**Fascination of Orchids Show and Sale**

September 25-26, 2010  
South Coast Plaza Village, Santa Ana, CA

[Fascination of Orchids](#)

**San Diego International Orchid Fair**

October 1-3, 2010  
San Diego Botanical Gardens

[San Diego Show](#)

**Southern California Orchid Species Society**

Annual Auction October 10, 2010  
Placentia Library 411 E. Chapman Ave, Placentia  
More Info: [So Cal Orchid Auction](#)

**Southland Orchid Show at the Huntington Library**

October 15-17, 2010  
More Info: [Literally Orchids Southland Orchid Show](#)