



Ctsm After Dark
Courtesy of Sunset Valley Orchids

The INFLORESCENCE

“Orchids for Amateurs”

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**Our February 18, 2011
Guest Speaker is Fred Clarke
“Mini Catts”**

Fred Clarke is well known in orchid circles as one of the best and most innovative orchid hybridizers and growers. Owner and chief grower of Sunset Valley Orchids, Vista, CA, his Diacrium and mini-Cattleya crosses are great plants that many hobbyists have in their collections. Fred is primarily focused on the development of orchids for Southern California outdoor-growing conditions. He is also well known for his hybridizing of Catasetums, Cycnoches and Mormodes. A popular speaker on many orchid topics, Fred lectures nationally and internationally. He is an accredited American Orchid Society Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. His orchids have received many AOS awards, including eight that have

earned a “First Class Certificate”, the AOS’ highest honor.

Fred will provide the plant table and may offer plants for sale. Look for the black Ctsm After Dark which has won many FCCs. Since these are expensive (\$50 to \$100) it would be wise to research them before the meeting so you'll be prepared if they are available. http://www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com/htm/offerings_catasetinae1.html for more information.

Dr. Streeter will give the culture session on how to properly prepare your plants for our spring show.

Orchid Care Session 7 pm

Culture talk will be given by Bob Streeter on plant judging. Bob has been a judge for the Cymbidium Society of America for almost 20 years, and he was a chairman of the judging committee for 10 years. CSA (as it is referred to) is judging in Japan and New Zealand, as well as the U.S. The American Orchid Society also does international judging.

Bob will discuss preparing plants for the show and forms for registering them. He will let you know what should be on the plant labels and what each notation means. He will discuss Ribbon judging, Cymbidium Society of America, and American Orchid Society judging and how they differ. This is an excellent opportunity to learn how your plants are judged.

Nick Braemer

From the President's Desk

Our display at the Newport Harbor Orchid Extravaganza show was a big hit due to our "Mardi Gras" theme. Our society display won first place and we also won "Best Use of Color" as voted by the public. Besides bringing home two trophies, we also brought home a check for \$150. Special thanks to Kayo Libiano, Marla Corey, Don Goss and Larry Bergen, and to all our members that loaned us plants for our display. Congratulations!

Our own [South Bay Orchid Society Spring Show and Sale](#) will take place on March 5th and 6th at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center. I'm requesting that each member volunteer some time to help with the setup, security, plant registration, ticket sales, survey takers, plant hotel, host and hostess, bringing food to help feed our volunteers and vendors. This is our biggest show of the year and it is our way of keeping our society financially viable. Marla Corey, our dedicated show chair, is busy lining up vendors, volunteers, awards, and trophies. Our website, <http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/index.html> has all the show information including [plant classifications](#), [plant entry forms](#), [rules and regulations](#). Don Goss is getting the publicity out about our show. Start getting your plants ready by cleaning and staking them for the show. Dr. Robert Streeter will give us some great tips during February's culture session on how to get your plants in excellent shape for winning those ribbons and trophies. I will be sending emails to our non-member email list with all the show information.



Imagination at work!

The Board has selected a nominating committee for our May elections. The members are Eeva Renger and Kayo Libiano. If you're interested in running for a board position or know of someone who is willing to serve on the board, please contact Eeva or Kayo.

Another reminder to all members attending our monthly meetings; please lend a hand (or two) if you're able to help with putting away the tables and chairs at the conclusion of our meeting. We were cutting it really close to our 10 PM deadline during last month's meeting. If this occurs again and we exceed our allotted time of 10 PM, we will be assessed a fee by the Garden.

Arthur Hazboun - President and Webmaster, SBOS, Inc.

A new local Orchid Nursery is now open for business. **Exquisite Orchids** is located at **25633 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance, CA 90505** (same location as the old Rolling Hills Nursery.) They specialize in Phalaenopsis and they also feature a varied selection of other genera. Succulents are also well grown and are featured in varied gift baskets and growing settings. This is a wholesale and retail operation. Any current SBOS member with a 2010-2011 membership card will receive a discount upon showing their card at the time of purchase. Their phone number is (310) 325-6900. Website <http://www.exquisiteorchid.com>

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SBOS Bus Trip to the 66th Annual Santa Barbara International Orchid Show



**Saturday
March 12th, 2011
\$36.00 / Person**

South Bay Orchid Society's bus trip to the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show is scheduled for March 12th, 2011. This trip is open to all orchid lovers! The clean, comfortable bus is the most hassle-free and fun way to get to the show. The cost for the full day trip is \$36.00 per person and includes admission to the show, snacks and beverages, and a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of the plants donated by the growers where we will be stopping to shop for plants and supplies.

PARKING LOCATION: We will leave from the K-Mart parking lot @ 500 Carson Town Center, on the southeast corner of Torrance Blvd. and Figueroa. Look for the bus in the parking lot closest to Figueroa.

DEPARTURE & RETURN TIME: Check in at the bus at 7:15 am. We depart at 7:30 am and will leave the Orchid Show at about 3:00 pm to return to your cars around 6:30 pm, depending on traffic conditions.

We will have approximately two hours at **Santa Barbara Orchid Estate** and **Cal-Orchid**; we'll have about 2 ½ hours at the Santa Barbara Orchid Show.

FOR RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION:

Email Kayo Libiano at kayo@libianoco.com or call 310-897-8085.

Please make checks payable to SBOS and mail them to Kayo Libiano at 209 Beryl Street, Redondo Beach, CA 90277.

Annual Spring Orchid Show and Sale "The Art of Orchids" March 5th & 6th, 2011



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 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. We need to make sure no one touches the show plants or walks off with one. (Plant theft is a serious problem at some shows.) This position also includes the plant hotel table and the ticket sales area. Call Sue Estes at (310) 377-0773 or Kayo Libiano at (310) 897-8085.

Food: Lots of food is needed to feed our hungry volunteers and vendors throughout the show. We have been short on food the last few shows so please bring a casserole, salad, fried chicken, etc. when you come to work your shift. If you are bringing food on Sunday, it needs to be there by 11:30 am. Call Joann Green at (310) 830-1585.

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 amateur 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 three 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.

Volunteer sign up sheets will be available at the February meeting or you can call the committee 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

Ribbon Judging Results January 2011

Judged by Saul Miller

Amateur

Cattleya	1	Lc. Gold Digger	Wilma Tanagon
"	2	L. anceps	Wilma Tanagon
Cymbidium	1	unknown	Larry Bergen
"	2	Cym. Agnes Norton 'Bit O' Honey'	Arthur Hazboun
Other	1	Phal. unknown	Hans Grellmann
"	2	Onc. Sweet Sugar	Hans Grellmann
"	3	Phal. Leopard Prince x Phal. Ching Her Buddha	Larry Bergen

Advanced Amateur

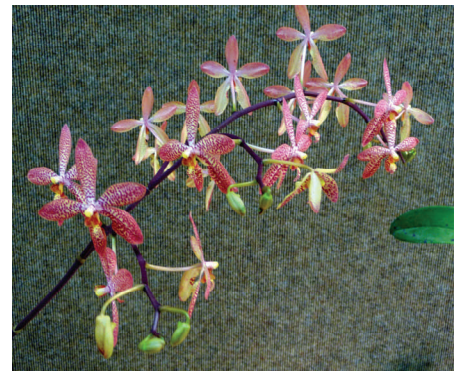
Cattleya	1	Scomburgkia superbiens x C. amethystoglossum	Ted Johnson
"	2	Slc. Hsin Buu Lady x Slc. Wendy's Valentine	Lorena Cruz
"	3	Lc. Melecio Huerta 'Senor Perfecto'	Ted Johnson
Cymbidium	1	Beau Guest 'Glenn'	Ted Johnson
Vanda	1	Renanthopsis Mildred Anderson	Ted Johnson
"	2	Ang. Crestwood	Tom Renger



Unknown Phalaenopsis



Lc. Melecio Huerta
'Senor Perfecto'



Renanthopsis Mildred Anderson

The 'God Particle' for Orchids

Scientists are looking for the Higgs Boson, often referred to as the 'God Particle', as confirmation of its existence that will help nudge them closer to the Unifying Theory, the connection and unification of the theory of relativity and quantum mechanics. This quest is happening right now at the Large Hadron Collider in Switzerland.

<http://public.web.cern.ch/public/en/lhc/lhc-en.html>

In the meantime, I have found my own Higgs Boson for orchids. For the last year and a half or so, I have used 1 1/2" sized chunks of rock to stabilize and add weight to bare-root orchids growing in pots. I use a limestone rock called 'Sonoma Gold' because it is much lighter than granite. It is regularly available in Northern California but I have not seen it down here. I happen to go up north regularly because I have a son and grandchildren living in Redding. I don't drive to Sacramento primarily to get the rock, just pick some up when I happen to be there. It is available at Sierra Rock in Roseville, 15 miles NE of Sacramento. <http://www.sierranurseryandrock.com/>

I like to grow almost everything bare-root, moss loving Bulbos and cloud forest plants being the exception. Having epiphytic orchids mounted on branches works well but leads to awkward structures which are difficult to display when the plant

blooms. I therefore often mount in, or better on, empty pots. An empty pot with a bare-root plant in it is light and therefore unstable, tipping over at the slightest provocation. Hanging them solves that problem, but if you want them to sit on a bench, you need to add weight. I therefore started adding 1 1/2" rocks, no more than 5 to 10 pieces per 5" round pot.

This adds weight and stability to the pot and it now can sit on a bench without tipping over at the slightest breeze. There is so much space between these irregular rocks the plant is essentially mounted. The plants seem to like this and the results over the last year or so have been very encouraging. The resulting growth method seems to unify [potting](#) and mounting. I have been growing 'mounted' plants in empty pots, wooden or plastic baskets and the 'pot in pot' situations for years but have concluded that adding these large, yet relatively light rocks to a bare-root plant in an otherwise empty pot gives me the best combination. The advantages of a potted and a mounted plant are enjoyed. Hence the reference to the Higgs Boson and the Unification Theory or Theory of Everything.

This rock has become my 'Higgs Boson'. Try it, you might like it. Ahnuld would like to try it too but he said he will never set foot in Northern California again.

Nick Braemer

Silent Book Auction

We will continue our silent book auction in February by bringing you the following books:

- ◆ [Orchids](#) by All Japan Orchid Society
- ◆ [Botanical Latin](#) by William T. Stearn
- ◆ [Home Orchid Growing](#) by Rebecca Tyson Northern
- ◆ [Growing Hybrid Orchids Indoors](#) by Jack Kramer
- ◆ [Orchid-Grower's Manual](#) by B.S. Williams and Henry Williams
- ◆ [An Introduction to the Orchids of Mexico](#) by Leon A. Wiard



Orchid Calendar 2011

Our future membership meetings are

- ◆ February 18, (3rd Friday)
- ◆ March, 12, (3rd Friday)

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

Next board meeting will be

- ◆ February 22
Call 310-995-1592 for more info

South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation Upcoming Events 2011

- ◆ Tram Tours each Saturday at 11am
- ◆ Basic Drawing; 2/16 & 23; 1-4pm
- ◆ Square Foot Gardening; 2/16 1:30-3pm
- ◆ Container Gardening Workshop; 2/20 2-4pm
- ◆ Windy Ridge Bluegrass; 3/6 2:30-4:30pm
- ◆ African Violet Show & Sale; 3/12 11am-4pm
- ◆ Rare Fruit Society Lecture & Sale; 3/13 9am-4pm

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 or call 310-544-1948.

Welcome New Members

We gained three new members in January:

Mika Akiyama
Jackie Coppin
Jerry Smith



Dan Urrera



Wilma & Edita Tawagon

More new member pictures coming in future newsletters.

New members: When you come to our next meeting, stop by the membership desk to pick up your name badge and a new member package. We will include ten free plant table raffle tickets as our "thank you" for joining SBOS.

Newsletter submissions cut-off date is the 1st of each month for articles and photos to be included in that month's issue. Items presented after the 1st may be included in the following month's edition.

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OUR MEETING DATE IS February 18th; 3rd Friday

Upcoming Events

Gardena Cymbidium Club Annual Show

February 19-20, 2011
Nakaoka Memorial Center
1670 W. 162nd St. Gardena
More info: Don Shigaki (310) 371-1000

South Bay Orchid Society Spring Show and Sale

March 5-6, 2011
Torrance Cultural Arts Center, Torrance, CA
Info: [South Bay Orchid Society Spring Show 2011](#)

Happy Valentine’s Day, February 14th !



Santa Barbara International Orchid Show

March 11-13, 2011
Earl Warren Showgrounds
3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA
More Info: [Santa Barbara Int'l Orchid Show](#)

36th Annual Cymbidium Congress

In conjunction with the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show
For registration brochures contact: luciamarie-brandt@gmail.com
or [36th Annual Cymbidium Congress](#)

South Bay Orchid Society Lecture Series

April 3, 2011 2-4 PM
South Coast Botanic Garden, Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA
More Info: [South Bay Orchid Society](#)