



Pleione praecox  
Courtesy of Marni Turkel  
<http://marniturkel.com/Pages/orchids/o.sales/pleione/pl.praecox.html>

## The INFLORESCENCE

“Orchids for Amateurs”

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Founded in July 1957

March 2011

**Our March 18, 2011  
Guest Speaker is Marni Turkel  
“iJewels”**

Our featured speaker in March will be Marni Turkel who will talk to us about mini iJewels in the orchid world. A look at the joys, benefits, possibilities and challenges of miniature orchids. The talk covers some basics, such as "What makes an orchid an orchid," growing spaces both indoors and out, a review of cultural needs of orchids in general, and small orchids in particular. It also includes a gallery of wonderful species that are space saving and extremely rewarding.

Marni Turkel (pronounced tur KELL) is a native of the San Francisco Bay Area and has been growing orchids since 1980. She has been an active member of the San Francisco Orchid Society since 1982. She grows in three greenhouses in Santa Rosa with approximately 1000 sq ft of growing space. Her main interest is in cool-growing miniature species but plenty of larger plants have crept into the collection

as well. Marni is a contributor to Orchids magazine with her series called 'Well Worth the Space' and 'Give It a Rest'. Her articles have been translated into Dutch, German, Portuguese and Swedish for international publication. Photographs of her plants have been featured in articles noted orchid publications including Orchids Magazine, Orchid Digest, Richardiana, The Orchid Review, and The Australian Orchid Review. She has expanded her work with orchids to include propagation of orchids from seed and has set up a flasking lab of her own to take the process from start to finish. A working potter for over 40 years, she owns and manages Stony Point Ceramic Design which is a pottery that produces vases, orchid planters, flower arranging containers, ceramic barrel rims and urns.

Marni will also provide the plant table which should include many of the jewels she'll talk about. See you at the meeting,

*Nick*

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### Orchid Care Session 7 pm

Marni will also give the culture session where she will discuss the care and feeding of Pleiones and similar plants. I shall meet Marni for dinner at Mimi's Cafe on Crenshaw at PCH at 5:30 PM and would like to invite anyone who wishes to share a meal and an hour long conversation with her. No reservation required, just show up. We'll go Dutch, don't forget your credit card.

**See p. 6 “Dinner Before Meeting” for more information.**

*Nick*

## From the President's Desk

Our Spring Show was a wonderful success; our visitors appreciated the multitude of plants and the weather was perfect. Marla Corey, our hard working show chair, did another superb job with planning the event. My thanks to everyone who brought in their plants for judging, everyone who volunteered by helping throughout the show with various duties. We couldn't have done it without you. I appreciate everyone's enthusiasm and support in keeping the show moving along smoothly.



T & T Orchids Display

The bus trip to Santa Barbara is booked to full capacity and we're off to Cal-Orchids, Santa Barbara Orchid Estate, and

the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show on March 12, 2011.

Next month, Sunday April 3, 2011 from 2-4 is time for our annual Orchid Lecture at the South Coast Botanic Garden in the main auditorium. Our 1st Vice President and director, Nick Braemer, will be giving all the attendees a great presentation on basic Orchid Culture techniques.



Best in Show



Dendrobium Star of Riverdene  
Grown and Photographed by: Arthur Hazboun

Due to numerous requests from the recent survey of members the board has decided to bring back the "annual picnic" and combine it with the installation banquet for the new officers in June. The date has been set for Saturday June 18, so please mark your calendars. We hope you can attend and share a good time with your fellow Orchid members. More details will be forthcoming in future newsletters.



Newport Orchid Society  
2nd in category

If anyone is interested in running for a board position or nominating another member, please contact either Eeva Renger or Kayo Libiano.

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



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Aroma Orchids  
 1st in category



## Gold on eBay by Nick Braemer

Looking at certain vendors on a regular (weekly) basis, certain patterns appear. Not only that but there is a sense of the mind of the seller and the buyers. One particular vendor shuts down over Christmas indicating she'll be back after New Year. Another vendor lists twice as many plants at half the usual price with very little bidding activity. One obviously doesn't care the others needs or wants to keep the volume flowing. Buyers seem to go into hibernation around Christmas, especially after the holidays when the credit cards are maxed out and the bills are coming in.

The last two weeks in December and the first two weeks in January is the time some real bargains can be scored. I'll bid the asking price if it's really low and just let it sit there. Quite often I'm the only one bidding.

The other thing that emerges, if one follows a few vendors religiously, is that certain plants keep reappearing on a weekly basis. One of them is a FCC Portia that shows up like clockwork for \$7.99. The plant appears to be about 4 years old, one or two years from blooming. Every time it shows up, I bid on it but never increase the initial bid. Sometimes the bidding goes to \$20 and beyond, other times I get the plant for \$7.99. I must have 7 or 8 of them right now. A FCC Portia in bloom is worth \$30 to \$50, Keep them coming, I got room to grow them up.



Cat Portia Cannizard  
 Courtesy of J.E. Erikson  
<http://orchids.legolas.org/gallery/v/Cattleya+Alliance/Cattleya/aaa.jpg.html>

No one is going to get rich from this but it is innocent fun that keeps me busy on a rainy day. Ahnuld wants to do it too but California is too broke to be a player.

## Spring Show Review



Exquisite Orchids  
3rd in category

What a great Spring Show we had! The weather was great, the orchids were beautiful and the show was well attended. Everything ran smoothly, thanks to the hard work of our committee chairs and everyone who came to help.

**Kayo Libiano and Sue Estes** recruited and organized the hosts and hostesses. They did a great job of keeping an eye on the showroom and answering questions the public might have about our plants and our society, as well as staffing the plant hotel and the front lobby.

**Ron Henry and Larry Bergen** organized the set-up of the show, which involved bringing all of our show supplies from storage and returning them. Thank you to everyone who showed up to help with this labor-intensive job.

**Bob Streeter** was able to get excellent judges for our ribbon judging and for CSA and AOS judging.

**Polly Kinsinger and Karen Low** organized the paperwork associated with judging as well as overseeing placing our plants for judging and public display.

**Sharon Gage and Ann Rogers** worked hard to get everyone's plants registered for judging Friday night.

**Charlotte Morrison** was at the Membership and Information table to welcome our guests, answer questions about our meetings, and to sign up

new members. Charlotte also handed out the plants to our raffle winners. Thanks to her efforts we now have six new members.

**Don Goss**, our publicity chair, designed the beautiful color poster that was the centerpiece of his publicity campaign. Don also designed the color ads placed in the local newspapers which is our #1 way of advertising our show.

**Art Hazboun**, our web-master as well as president, was busy sending out emails to our "friends" list and to other societies. Our website and email is becoming increasingly important part of our advertising campaign.

**Art and Larry Bergen** also ran the raffle at the show, calling out the winning number every hour.

**Nick Braemer** scheduled the speakers who did an excellent job of preparing and giving talks on orchid culture. The talks were well attended and appreciated by the show attendees who were eager to learn how to successfully grow orchids. I also want to thank our members who volunteered to give talks.

**Bobbie Davison** organized the art exhibit in the show room. She and her friends are students of George Lin and we are pleased they displayed their beautiful artwork as part of our show.

As always, the kitchen was a popular gathering place for eating and socializing. Thanks to **June Brooks and Joann Green** and their assistants, **Marci Bergen** and **Mika Akiyama**, for doing an excellent job of keeping the kitchen organized and to everyone who brought in food to feed our hungry volunteers and vendors. Our show has become famous among the vendors for our warm hospitality and good food.

Thank you to everyone who cleaned up their plants and brought them in for judging. This was a beautiful and successful show due to the efforts of our members.

*Marla Corey,*  
Show Chair

## Ribbon Judging Results February 2011 Judged by Don Goss and Jasmine Bashi

### Amateur

Genera		Plant	Grower
Cattleya	1	Blc. Ancep Passion Hsinying	Wilma Tawagon
	2	Lc. C.G. Roebling	Cathy Martinez
	3	L. anceps ssp. Oaxaquana	Wilma Tawagon
Cymbidium	1	Cym. No Name	Cathy Martinez
	2	Cym. No Name	Bobette Davison
	3	Cym. Strathdon 'Chailey Red'	Art Hazboun
Other	1	Den. Kingianum	Art Hazboun
	1	Zygo. B.G.White	Art Hazboun
	2	Paph. Hsinying Citron '#10" x Paph. fairrieanum 'Green Baby'	Cathy Martinez

### Advanced Amateur

Genera		Plant	Grower
Cattleya	1	Slc. Hsin Buu Lady 'Red Beauty'	Jasmine Bashi
	2	Slc. Hsin Buu Lady 'Y.T.'	Jasmine Bashi
Cymbidium	1	Cym. Ten Pin (Cym. Ruby Eyes 'Red Baron' x Cym. Tethys 'Black Magic')	Bobby Ignacio
	2	Cym. Eastern Beauty 'Robert Chang'	Don Goss
	3	Cym. No Name	Don Goss
Paphiopedilum	1	Paph. Macabre 'mem Bernice Goss'	Don Goss
	2	Paph. Raisin Jack 'Spotted Rainbow x Paph. Hsinying Web	Don Goss
Other	1	Burr. Nelly Isler 'Swiss Beauty'	Don Goss
	2	Zygo. Redvale 'Fire Kiss'	Don Goss





## Dinner Before Meeting

I was a program chair for four years and again have that duty. For the four years I regularly met the speakers at Mimi's for dinner and then took them to the meeting. I don't recall ever having anyone from the society join in. Had conversations with our last two speakers, Eric Christensen and Fred Clark about the practices of other societies and both related the same thing.

Both speak frequently all over the US and even outside the country. Both relate that the obligatory dinner before the meeting is commonly attended by several members of the host society who seem to enjoy hobnobbing with the guest speaker. The societies usually pay for the 1st VP and the speaker, everyone else picks up their own tab.

I am wondering if we are missing out on something here as it is not traditional with our group to do so. This month the speaker is Marni Turkel who hails from the San Francisco area and is an excellent grower of species, particular cold growers and minis. She is a meticulous grower with three greenhouses of varying temperatures and would be an excellent source of very specific information regarding precise needs of difficult orchids. I'll be meeting her at Mimi's cafe at 5:30 PM the night of our meeting and would like to encourage anyone to attend who can swing the logistics of an extended evening. No doubt, this will be an interesting and educational conversation. I don't need prior confirmation, the cafe is usually empty at that time and should have no difficulty seating however many should show up. If you can make it, simply show up.

I sent an invitation to Ahnuld but he is busy getting ready for Terminator 4 so he took a rain check.

*Nick*

## Silent Book Auction

Look at these interesting books that will be featured in our silent book auction this month:

- ♦ Native Orchids of Belize by I. McLeish, N.R. Pearce, B.R. Adams
- ♦ Home Orchid Growing by Rebecca Tyson Northern
- ♦ Miniature Orchids by Rebecca Tyson Northern
- ♦ Orchids by Peter Taylor
- ♦ How to Grow Orchids by the Sunset Editorial Staff



### FOLLOW UP ON THE PLEIONE ARTICLE

On Feb 4th I took the Pleiones out of the veggie drawer of the fridge for the 1st time and inspected them. All had initiated with new growths of 1/4" to 1/2" in size. I planted them in 3" squares with the top 1/2 of the bulbs out of the loose potting soil. They will get a little misting until the growths protrude, then watering and fertilizing will start in earnest.

Feb 22 : One of them is in bloom, no sign of bloom on the others. All are actively growing at this point.

Will keep you updated.

*Nick*

# Orchid Calendar 2011

## Our future membership meetings are

- ◆ **March 18** (3rd Friday)
- ◆ **April 22** (4th Friday)
  
- ◆ **Culture sessions start 7pm**
- ◆ **General meetings start 8pm**  
**at South Coast Botanic Garden**

## Next board meeting will be

- ◆ **March 22**  
Call 310-995-1592 for more info

## **South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation Upcoming Events 2011**

- ◆ Ongoing - Tram Tours each Saturday at 11am
- ◆ Exercise for people who love to garden; Mondays 9:30am -10:20am
- ◆ Basic drawing; Wednesdays 1pm-3:30pm
- ◆ So. Coast Cactus Show & Sale; April 2, 9am-4pm
- ◆ Spring plant sale; April 16, 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](http://SCBG) or call 310-544-1948.

## Welcome New Members

...and our new members are...

Lucia Brandt  
Leny Catamisan  
Phyllis De Crescenzo  
Hector & Susan Delgado  
Cecilia Fabulich  
Trang Nguyen

WELCOME!



Jackie Coppin

New members: When you come to the 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 1<sup>st</sup> of each month for articles and photos to be included in that month's issue. Items presented after the 1<sup>st</sup> may be included in the following month's edition. We welcome all orchid related news and photos submitted by email. No special formatting or editing is needed. Any questions, please call Eeva @310.316.0707.

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### **Upcoming Events**

**San Diego Orchid Society Show and Sale**

Orchid Magic March 25-27, 2011  
Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino Del Rio South  
Mission Valley, San Diego, CA  
More Info: [San Diego County Orchid Society](#)

**SBOS Lecture**

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

**Santa Barbara International Orchid Fair**

July 8 - 11, 2011  
Earl Warren Fairgrounds  
Santa Barbara, CA  
Santa Ana, CA 92704  
More Info: [Santa Barbara International Orchid Fair](#)

**Fascination of Orchids Show and Sale**

September 24 & 25, 2011 10 AM - 5 PM  
South Coast Plaza Village  
1631 W Sunflower (Sunflower & Bear)  
Santa Ana, CA 92704  
More Info: [Fascination Of Orchids Show](#)