



Odontocidium Tiger Crow 'Golden Girl' HCC/AOS
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The INFLORESCENCE

“Orchids for Amateurs”

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April 2011

**Our April 22, 2011
Guest Speaker is Arthur Pinkers
“Oncidium Intergenerics”**

Our speaker in April will be Arthur Pinkers. Arthur has been an orchid enthusiast since age 16 (almost 40 years) when he acquired a plant of Slc. Glittering Jewel (Sl. Gratrixianum x Slc. Hermes) and got infected by the orchid bug.

He has been married to Margie of over 20 years and has two young adults who have graduated from high school and attend College of the Canyons. They currently live in Santa Clarita, California where Arthur is learning to grow orchids in extreme conditions, very different from his native Pacific Northwest where he grew up in the Seattle area and attended Western Washington University graduating with a B.S. in Chemistry and Biology.

He worked for many years as a chemist and had the fortune of having his dream job as the Lab Director for Beall Orchid Company until shortly before its close in 1990. Arthur’s interest in orchids goes over a broad range of types, though botanicals are a special draw.

Arthur has served most executive positions on the Board of the Northwest Orchid Society and is a Past President. He is an Accredited Orchid Judge and serves as a photographer and as Chair of Information for the Pacific South Judging region. Before that he was a center photographer for the Pacific Northwest Judging region.

Orchid Care Session 7 pm

Arthur will talk on intergeneric Oncidiums, a neglected group we have not discussed for a long time. The plant table will come from 'Hilo Orchid Farms', a premium intergeneric Oncidium grower in Hawaii. It should be a colorful assortment of these plants either in or about to bloom.

I'll be meeting Arthur 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. We'll go Dutch, don't forget your credit card.

Nick Braemer

From the President's Desk

As most of the Orchid shows are winding down, we welcome Spring as we get busy to start our annual repotting ritual. Don't forget to watch for new growths and remove old and dead flowers, sheaths, and rotten roots as you repot. Taking care of this needed project will ensure you healthy, vibrant, and rewarding plants in the future. As a reminder, Yamada Co.* in Gardena will provide a discount on some bark and pots to any SBOS member who displays his/her current membership card at the time of sale.

The Santa Barbara Bus Trip was a big success and we had a full bus; unfortunately we had to turn away some last minute guests. A big thank you to Earl and Karen Anderson and Ann Rogers who volunteered to give up their seats to other guests and drive up to Santa Barbara in their own vehicles.

Our nominating committee is busy at work getting candidates for our 2011 elections. Nick Braemer will be our candidate for 1st VP. Christine Hough will be giving up her Treasurer's seat and is our nominee for Director. Joe Woods has volunteered to run for the Treasurer position. Saul Miller, our Secretary, will not be returning to the board and Larry Bergen will be our candidate for that position. Please see for the slate of nominees for our upcoming May elections in this newsletter. Our entire board is made up of non-compensated, dedicated volunteers who enjoy working together as a team of Orchid enthusiasts serving the needs of all the South Bay Orchid Society members.

As I hinted last month, this year's installation banquet in June will be a combination lunch and picnic. The date is Saturday June 18th and will take place at our familiar South Coast Botanic Garden at the Koi pond area. Please wear your membership name tag to get into the garden for free. See Kayo's article for more information on the picnic.

My thanks to all members who help and continue to help with putting away the tables and chairs at the conclusion of our meetings. If some of you have any spare time and muscle and can arrive by 6:30 PM, Dave Okihara, our reliable and hard working meeting setup person would appreciate your help in lending him a hand with the setup prior to our monthly meeting. Our refreshment table at the monthly meetings could always use some more goodies, please bring some refreshments to share at the next meeting and who knows, you could be the winner of the refreshment raffle (which is the first raffle drawn at our monthly meetings).

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Arthur Hazboun - President and Webmaster, SBOS, Inc.

Merriment in Santa Barbara

This year we had a full bus for our annual bus trip to Santa Barbara! The overwhelming attendance made the morning of the trip an adventure, and thanks to Ann Rogers and new members Earl and Karen Anderson, we were on our way to a great day for all the orchid aficionados that joined me. Between the gorgeous weather and the lack of traffic on the freeways, I think it is safe to say that we all had a great time visiting Santa Barbara Orchid Estate and Cal Orchids, as well as at the main attraction at the Earl Warren Fairgrounds. I want to send a special "Thank You!" to my sweethearts Ron Henry (long-time member of SBOS) and Michael Miranda (from the South Coast Orchid Society) for making the driving portion of the trip so enjoyable! This was my second year hosting the trip and it gets better every time. I hope that everyone is motivated to join us for the jaunt next year. We already have some people who have reserved seats on the bus for 2012, so make sure you make your reservations early.

Kayo

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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. We welcome all orchid related news and photographs submitted by email. No special formatting or editing is needed. Any questions, please call Eeva @310.316.0707.

Installation Luncheon

**Mark your calendars for Saturday
 June 18th, 2011**

We are mixing it up a bit this year! In lieu of our regular sit-down-dinner style Installation Banquet, the Board has decided to host a picnic luncheon at the South Coast Botanic Garden for our annual Board Member Installation.

- ◆ **Place:** South Coast Botanic Garden, convening at the Koi Pond
- ◆ **When:** Starts at 10:30am. This will give everyone time to wander around and possibly hop on the garden's one-hour Tram Tour that starts at 11:00am. Please note that the Tram Tour cost \$4.00/person and the tickets must be purchased in cash at the admissions window prior to entering the gardens
- ◆ **Food:** Lunch is served at 12:30pm back at the Koi Pond
- ◆ **Cost:** \$10.00 per person. Admission to the Garden is FREE with your SBOS member badge, so don't forget to wear it proudly!

This society outing will be a super relaxed



fun and a great opportunity to socialize with old friends and maybe make some new ones. We have

this gem of a venue right in our backyards, so let's make the best of it and gather for a day of exploration, socialization and good food. Sign up with me at our April meeting, or RSVP at **kayo at Libiano dot com**. Hope to see everyone there!

Kayo

2011-2012 Nominees for SBOS Officers

The following people are nominated by the Board of Directors Nominating Committee for the South Bay Orchid Society board positions. Basic selection considerations:

1. Either previous performance or a demonstrated aptitude to execute the responsibilities.
2. Character to complement the board and work well with existing board members.
3. Computer literacy as the board frequently communicates and/or conducts business via email and the web with the use of various software programs.

The Board of Officers and Directors consists of twelve positions of which at least nine must be filled in order to conduct business. This year we will be voting on nine positions. Directors are voted for two-year terms, and the Past President is automatically selected as a new Director. Additionally, we have Director Emeritus. Three positions on the board are appointed by the President and approved by the board for a one-year term. These are: Newsletter Editor, Show Chair, and Webmaster. Following are the positions which we will be voting on for our next fiscal year during our May 27th general meeting:

President – Arthur Hazboun

Arthur is our current and very capable President and has agreed to run for another year. He has also been our dedicated and reliable Webmaster since 2008 and responsible for emailing the monthly newsletter to our members. Arthur maintains our database of the attendees at our shows and sends out hundreds of emails to our non-member email list announcing our annual shows and special events. Arthur has been an asset to the society and we will benefit greatly if Arthur is re-elected as our President.

1st Vice President – Nick Braemer

The 1st Vice President arranges for our general

meeting speakers, the plant table (often provided by the speaker), and the culture session speaker. Nick was our accomplished 1st V.P. several years ago before taking over the position on temporary basis earlier this year, and he knows the orchid speakers and growers intimately. Nick has made everyone happy with his excellent selection of guest speakers and plant tables in the past. As this position is considered the first voice of our Society within affiliate societies, Nick will be an excellent ambassador for the South Bay Orchid Society.

2nd Vice President – Kayo Libiano

The 2nd Vice President is responsible for our annual social functions which include the Installation Banquet, Holiday Party, Santa Barbara Bus Trip, and other special events. Kayo has served as our second vice-president for two years and has done a terrific job at all our special functions, including setting up displays at other society shows. By profession, she works in architectural design. She is well-suited to the task as she is experienced in managing fine details. Kayo also continues to serve as our Librarian for SBOS and has revamped the entire cataloging of all our books.

Treasurer – Joe Woods

Joe joined our society in 2009 and has been an active member since. He has a strong accounting background and therefore the perfect candidate for this position. Joe has been volunteering numerous times for various duties when called upon by the board.

Secretary – Larry Bergen

Larry has been a member since 2006 and one of the most active volunteers in the Society. His orchid knowledge is par to none and he takes on any job that requires attention and fulfills the requirements to the fullest. Larry will be a perfect addition to our Board if elected.

See Elections on p. 6

Ribbon Judging Results March 18, 2011 Judged by Saul Miller

Amateur

Cym	1	Danetta x Cym. Devonianum	Wilma Tawagon
Cym	2	Golden Girl 'Baja Beauty' x Everett Stockstill 'Big Bend'	Arthur Hazboun
Cym	3	Cym. Lucky Shamrock	Larry Bergen
Catt.	1	Blc. Merrily Murison	Marilyn Hill
Catt.	2	Lc. Gold Digger	Danee Petrich
Catt.	3	Blc. Orange Treat	Hans Grellmann
Other	1	Den. Ellen	Wilma Tawagon
Other	2	Miltonia unknown	Bobby Davison
Other	3	Phal. Taida Smile	Larry Bergen

Advanced Amateur

Cym	1	Waterloo Sunset 'Ruby'	Bob Fisher
Cym	2	Electric Ladyland 'Pink Key' x Yowie Flame	Bob Fisher
Cym	3	unknown	Ted Johnson
Catt.	1	Blc. Merrily Murison	Ted Johnson
Catt.	2	Pot. Tropical Orange	Bobby Ignacio
Other	1	Paph. Unknown	Dave Streeter
Other	2	Calanthe Greville	Ted Johnson
Other	3	Den. Proud Appeal	Jasmine Bashi

2011 Spring Show Winners Submitted by Polly Kinsinger

BEST IN SHOW

Cymbidium

Cym. Mini Mary

Gilbert Ramirez

BEST IN SECTION

Cattleya Alliance

C. Madge Fordyce 'Red Orb'

David Streeter

Standard Cymbidium

Cym. Waterloo Sunset 'Ruby'

Bob Fisher

Novelty & Miniature Cymbidium

Cym. Mini Mary

Gilbert Ramirez

Phalaenopsis & Doritis

Phal. Sogo Lit-Sunny

David Streeter

Vanda & Allied Genera

Angraecum elephantinum

Steve Moeshler

Paphiopedilum & Allied Genera

Paph. St. Swithin

Ann Rogers

Dendrobium

Den. Speciosum Kingianum 'Crysta'

Candy Jester—AOS

Oncidium & Allied Genera

Onc. Cheirophorum

Steve Moeshler

Other Genera

Zygoneria Adelaide Oval 'Nancy'

Gregory Truex—NHOS

You will find a complete list of winners on our website

http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/2011-4_spring_show_winners.pdf

MSU Fertilizer by Nick Braemer

Membership Chair – Charlotte Morrison

Charlotte has been a member for three years and has volunteered at SBOS Fall and Spring Shows. By profession she is in human resources and has worked in information technology. Along with her detailed nature, she is very qualified for this position and we are lucky that she has agreed to run again.

Director – Don Goss

Don has been our Director for the past two years and is now a nominee for re-election. He is also our publicity chair for advertising our annual shows and events. Don is the person responsible for those outstanding colorful posters and flyers and advertisements in the print media. His "Orchids-R-Easy" lectures are as colorful as his superb photographic ability that enhances this position immensely.

Director— Christine Hough

Christine has been our very capable treasurer for the past two years and has provided us with timely, excellent, accurate spreadsheets and detailed monthly financial reports. We will welcome her running for a Director position.

Director—Tom Renger

Tom has served as our President for three terms and has been an active member since 1963, which gives him 48 years of experience with the Society. Tom has served most positions on the Board throughout the years and he has agreed to run for another term as a Director.

Nominating Committee

Marni Turkel's Potting Mix

3 parts of bark
5 parts of pumice
3½ parts of coir (coconut fiber)
1½ parts of lava rock
1 part of horticultural charcoal

Marni Turkel came over and visited my growing area before the March meeting and had some valuable suggestions. Many are specific to my watering habits but two are general and should be passed on to RO and cool loving plant growers.

On the subject of RO water, she is adamant that MSU has proven to be the best fertilizer. She also adds a wetting agent. I have known this and have resisted doing it but she convinced me to give it a try. MSU cannot be bought from Yamada, so here is another source:

The Blackmore Company
10800 Blackmore Avenue
Belleville, MI 48111 U.S.A.
U.S. & Canada (800) 874-8660
International (734)-483-8661
Fax (734) 483-23

I have ordered a 25-lb bag, total cost \$65.00 or \$2.60 per pound. If someone uses RO water and wants to give it a try, I'm willing to share. If you end up with it, be warned, it attracts water from the air and becomes solid. Marni puts hers in Zip-lock bags to prevent that. She also recommends adding a wetting agent to the mix, Aqua-Gro at 50 to 110 ppm is recommended. Apparently one can get it at a hydroponic store; I have not searched it out yet.

The other thing she had to say was news to me. Cold loving plants like Draculas and Pleurothallids apparently like to get warm during the day in order to keep growing in the winter. Growers in the San Francisco and north of the area have noticed that if they are allowed to get cold 24 hrs/day, they stop growing in the winter. They need the cold nights but prefer to get at least up to 70F during the day. So Marnie heats her cold greenhouse, during the day only, to reach at least this temp. During the summer her swamp cooler is set to go on at 80F but night temps are forced down to 50F. My growing technique will need a little adjustment, it makes sense.

Ahnuld said he will stop using anabolic steroids and switch too to MSU.

Orchid Calendar 2011

Our future membership meetings are

- ◆ **April 22** (4th Friday)
- ◆ **May 27** (4th Friday) **Elections**
- ◆ **June 18** (3rd Saturday) **Picnic Luncheon and Installation of Officers**

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

Next board meeting will be

- ◆ **April 26**
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
- ◆ Spring plant sale; April 16, 9am-4pm
- ◆ Epiphyllum Show and Sale; May 1, 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

Chris Walter, Rehaana Khan, Catalina Go Chua
Monica Murphy, Bee Rarewala, Kathleen Rarewala

Silent Book Auction Continues

Look at the variety of high quality books that we will auction off in April:

- ◆ Orchids by Alice Skelsey & Time Life Books Editors
- ◆ The Native Orchids of Florida by Carlyle Luer
- ◆ Orchid Species Culture-Phalaenopsis by Margaret & Charles Baker
- ◆ Orchid Growing by Peter McKenzie Black
- ◆ Growing Hybrid Orchids Indoors by Jack Kramer
- ◆ Culture of the Phalaenopsis Orchid by Bob Gordon
- ◆ Orchid Species Culture-Dendrobium by Margaret & Charles Baker



In Memoriam

We have heard from several unconfirmed sources that Eric Christenson has died

If any member has SBOS ribbons sitting around gathering dust, please trade them in at any of our regular monthly meeting for free raffle tickets. Each ribbon gets you one ticket. Gather up all those winners and turn them in. It's a win-win situation - you get free raffle tickets and might win a plant at the end of the meeting and the society wins by not having to purchase new ribbons. Think of it as a good ribbon recycling practice. Thank you.

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.

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OUR MEETING DATE IS April 22, 4th Friday

Upcoming Events

Epiphyllum Show and Sale

May 1, 2011
South Coast Botanic Garden
More info: 310-544-1948

Annual Seedling Sale

May 21, 2011
Casa de las Orquideas
170 S. Nardo Ave, Solana Beach, CA
More info: 858-755-7572

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](#)

South Bay Orchid Society Fall Show and Sale

September 17-18, 2011
South Coast Botanic Garden
26300 Crenshaw Blvd
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274
More info coming soon

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](#)