

The INFLORESCENCE

"Orchids for Amateurs"

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Paph, fairrieanum
Grown and photographed by Don Goss

**Our August 19, 2011
Speaker is Nico Goosens**

**"Indoor and Outdoor Orchid Growing
Structures for Southern California "**

Nico Goosens is our August speaker and will talk to us on "Indoor and Outdoor Orchid Growing Structures for Southern California" with the emphasis on outdoor growing tricks.

Nico Goosens is a grower and co-owner of Lico Orchids and Flowers, Encinitas, CA. His first exposure to orchids came in 1978 when he was given custodial care of a shipment of bare root central American orchids that had been questioned by US Agriculture, fumigated, held in quarantine, and warehoused for over two months, and finally refused by the consignee (due to total degradation). With time and lots of research on orchid care, Nico managed to bloom some of the plants thus marking the beginning of his passion for orchids. He continued to sparingly and cautiously dabble with orchids until

about 1995 when Lisa Humphreys and he started Lico Orchids & Flowers. Nico enjoys growing all kinds of varied orchid genera and especially species and is also very interested in the conservation of Southern California's local native orchids. He has traveled to Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Ecuador, and Brazil to see orchids growing in the wild.

Comment by Don Goss:

I'm a condo dweller with nothing more than my skinny patio for growing orchids. It's too small for a green house. Just prior to joining SBOS I had constructed a badly designed 4' x 8' shade structure that while inexpensive resulted in my plants being too hot in the summer. No wonder I had so many sunburned leaves. This should be a very useful evening. I'm looking forward to it.

Nico will also give a culture session on Tolumnias and share some of the secrets to grow these little beauties. He will provide the plant table.

I'll be meeting our speaker 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. Please call or email me so I can have an approximate head count for seating. The cafe is usually empty at that time and should have no difficulty accommodating us. We'll go Dutch, don't forget your credit card.

Nick Braemer

From the President's Desk

Our July meeting had a great turnout with many members bringing in a great selection of blooming Orchids in both the Amateur and Advanced Amateur divisions. Let's continue this trend for the benefit of the society to show everyone the different genera we can succeed in growing in our area. My thanks to Polly Kinsinger for her article in last month's newsletter regarding the criteria she uses for ribbon judging. I believe this answered a lot of our members' questions and contributed to the great selection of plants that were brought in.

Let's hope all of your plants are surviving this heat spell and you're repotting chores are complete. It's time to start getting your best plants ready for our annual Fall Show next month. Don't forget to water, fertilize, and check for those wonderful new roots that are being born every day. We need your clean, disease/pest free blooming Orchid plants to enter in our upcoming show in September and who knows maybe you'll win a first or a best of section trophy.

Volunteers are always needed to give us a hand at our shows. We need help in getting items from storage, setting up, registering plants, hosting, security, plant hotel duties, kitchen staffing, tear down, etc... We will have signup sheets at our August meeting, as well as posters and flyers to advertise our show. Next month's meeting on Friday, September 16 will consist of show setup and registering of plants; there will not be a regular monthly meeting with a guest speaker. Please don't wait until the last minute to bring in your plants and fill out the registration slips. Plant entry registration slips are on the website or just click this link to obtain one: [Plant registration slips](#). The plant classifications are also online and can be found here: [Plant classifications - Fall Show](#).

This is our show where the admission proceeds are collected and retained by the South Coast Botanic Garden. It's one way of thanking the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation and the Los Angeles

County Department of Parks and Recreation for allowing us to conduct our monthly meetings and hosting our annual Fall show at the garden.

Reminder: If you haven't paid or renewed your membership dues, this is the time to do so. Please send in your payment of \$17.00 or bring it with you at our August meeting as we are getting ready to put together the membership directory. Any paid member in good standing will be listed in our Membership Directory for 2011-2012.

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



Lc. Cornelia var. coerulea 'Floralia' X
Lc. Tahoe Rose var. coerulea 'SVO' AM/AOS
Grown and photographed by Don Goss

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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.

Annual Membership Dues are Do Wacka Due

Just another reminder that this is membership renewal time. I have received renewals from 45 members and there are still about 100 of you that need to renew. It is only \$17.00 per couple per household, which is a bargain considering the dues have not been raised in a number of years. Please renew soon so that your name will appear in the membership directory which will be published in the fall. You can use this link to [download and print our renewal form](#). Either mail it to the name and address on the form or bring it to the August meeting.

Remember the great benefits you get from being a member:

- ◆ Learn about collecting, growing, and repotting from our monthly meetings' cultural sessions
- ◆ Listen and ask questions of local, national and internationally recognized orchid experts and their fabulous photographs, techniques, and presentations
- ◆ Rub elbows with your fellow orchid enthusiast members, ask questions, exchange ideas and learn from each other
- ◆ Win ribbon awards for bringing your own orchids to the meetings; year-end winners receive a subscription to Orchid Digest.
- ◆ Borrow reference books from the SBOS Library
- ◆ Take home fabulous orchids at unbelievable prices through our monthly silent auctions
- ◆ Win orchid plants by participating in our monthly orchid raffle
- ◆ Receive a free Orchid, courtesy of the Board, at the Holiday Potluck Dinner
- ◆ Attend the Santa Barbara International Orchid show and visit Orchid growers with other members at a reasonable cost
- ◆ Attend our Orchid Shows without paying if you help out at the show

Charlotte Lazar-Morrison

Judge's Corner by Polly Kinsinger

What a turnout this month at the judging tables! Thank you to everyone for bringing in such a wonderful variety of plants for me to judge and for all of us to enjoy. I haven't been around a whole lot in the last year or so, but the display of plants brought in by our Amateur growers was very impressive this month!

You'll notice on the results page that I have brought back the Speakers Choice category. This plant will be chosen each month by the speaker for that month and can be chosen from any plant in the room. Everyone has a chance so primp those plants and bring them in for judging and sharing.

I can't recognize awardees if you don't fill out the white entry slips completely, so please be sure to write legibly and fill in your name.

See you in August.

Polly Kinsinger

July 2011 Ribbon Judging Results

Speakers Choice:

Dendrobium dearei Nick Braemer

Advanced Amateur

Cattleya – Judged by Polly Kinsinger

1 st	Laelia purpurata 'Venosa'	Jasmine Bashi
2 nd	C. Mrs. Herbert Greaves	Larry Bergen
3 rd	C. Sea Breeze	David Streeter

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium

Judged by Steve Moeschler

1 st	Phrag. Cardinal	David Streeter
2 nd	Paph. venustum 'SVO'	Don Goss
3 rd	Paph. primulin x Paph. sanderianum	Polly Kinsinger

Advanced Amateur Species

Judged by Polly Kinsinger

1 st	Schoenorchis juncifolis	Steve Moeschler
2 nd	Brassia verrucosa	Steve Moeschler
3 rd	Platystele	David Streeter

Other – Judged by Steve Moeschler

1 st	Ascofenitia 'Twinkle'	Polly Kinsinger
2 nd	Phal. Alyshia's Delight 'New York' x Phal. Golden Buddha 'Zuma Beauty'	Bobby Ignacio
3 rd	Dendrobium Roy Tokunaga	Marla Corey

Amateur – Judged by Polly Kinsinger

Cattleya

1 st	Blc. Waianae Leopard 'Ching Hua'	Nancy Larsson
2 nd	C. aclandine	Wilma Tawagon
3 rd	C. Tassie Barero x C. Green Fantasy	Fely Fernandez

Oncidium

1 st	Bllra. Marfilch 'Howard's Dream'	Marilyn Camisa
2 nd	Onc. Unknown	Cathy Martinez
3 rd	Colm. Wild Cat 'Leopard'	Cathy Martinez

Phaleanopsis

1 st	Phal. Yu Pin Panda 'M'	Silvia Eastwood
2 nd	Phal. New Gold	Silvia Eastwood
3 rd	Phal. Demi	Silvia Eastwood

Other

1 st	Miltonia Unknown	Jerri Larsson
2 nd	Phrag. longifolium	?
3 rd	Epidendrum piliformum	Wilma Tawagon

Annual Fall Orchid Show and Sale September 17 & 18, 2011

Our fall 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 team leaders and they need you to sign up to work.

Set-up: Takes place on Friday morning before the show at 9:00. This involves setting up and arranging tables as well as draping of the display tables. We will also need people with trucks to help bring things from storage. 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. You need to make sure no one touches the plants or walks off with one. (Plant theft is a serious problem at some shows.) This position also includes the "plant hotel" table where people can check purchased plants, since they are not allowed in the judging area. Call Kayo Libiano (310) 897-8085 or Sue Estes at (310) 377-0773.

Food: Lots of food is needed to feed our hungry volunteers and vendors throughout the show. If you are bringing food on Sunday, it needs to be

there by 11:30 am. The ladies in the kitchen need to know what food is coming to avoid making a last minute trip to get more food. Call Joann Green at (310) 830-1585.

Take-down: Will take place right after the show closes. We need everyone to pitch in and help to make this job go quickly. Again, Ron will need trucks to take things back to storage on Monday. Call Ron Henry at (310) 374-9699.

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 August meeting.

Plant Registration: Registration will take place on Friday in the auditorium beginning at 4:00pm and ending at 8:00pm. I hope everyone will bring in their blooming plants for judging. I have noticed that some of the best plants have been in the novice 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 3 months and be free of pests and disease.



Sign up sheets will be available at the August meeting or you can call the team leaders 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

Simple, Mechanical Shut-off for a Reverse Osmosis System

I have 2 x 40 gallon 'Tough Stuff' garbage cans which hold my RO water. I'm going to expand to three. While redoing the system I decided to replace the solenoid shut-off valve I have with a float valve. The solenoid is getting old and was acting weird. Replacement is about \$70 including all costs. Why not get a toilet-like float valve to do the job? No electricity, just a simple float such as we all have in our toilets, which works perfectly well there to shut off the water when a certain level is reached.

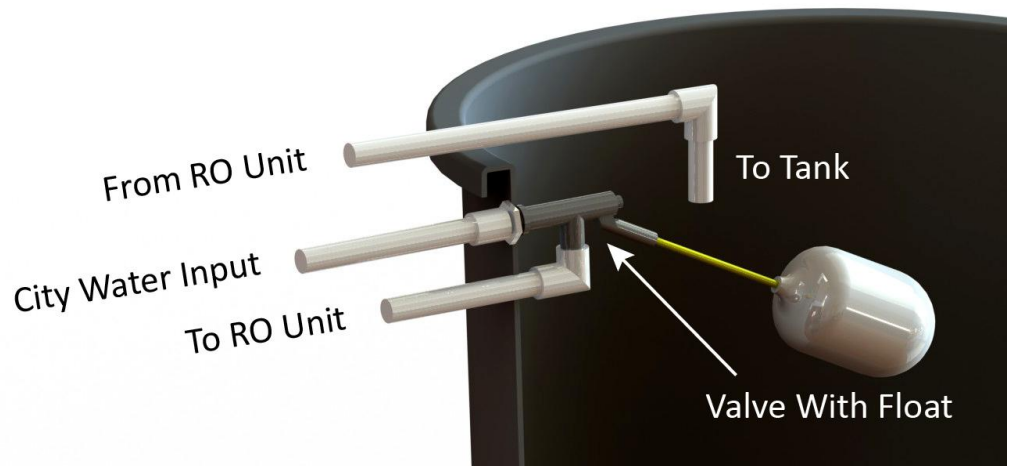
Off to Home Depot, then a local plumbing shop, finally Ferguson, a specialty plumbing shop, all dead ends, no luck. Every float valve has a threaded inlet but features a non-threaded outlet thus making it unsuitable to interrupt the 1/2" PVC pipe, such as the one feeding my RO unit. You cannot plumb the outgoing water unless there are threads. The shut-off valve has to be before the RO unit, not afterward.

After considerable bouncing around the internet, mostly banging my head against a wall, I found the valve I wanted right here at



Grainger. From them, I got a 1/2" Kerick Float Valve, Bulkhead Mount, PVC 0.25" Orifice. It is the Golden Grail of Float Valves as it has threads going in and going out. It's made out of PVC, schedule 80. I also needed a Float Rod and a Float Ball, standard items everywhere. Total cost: \$27.

This makes for an easy, homemade, shut-off mechanism to regulate RO water production



without electricity, solenoids and other stuff that cannot be dealt with, as easily as a leaking toilet float valve. 1/2" PVC in and out, a simple way to solve the problem. Make a hole near the top of the can, the bulkhead inlet fixes it in place, it's a no-brainer. For me, it's not so much about saving \$40 but having a simple, mechanical and easy to fix system rather than an electric solenoid

Rube Goldberg triumphs again. Ahnuld wants one too to keep the water from rising above his nose.

Nick Braemer

Orchid Calendar 2011

Our future membership meetings are

- ◆ **August 19** (3rd Friday)
- ◆ **September 16** (Show setup)
- ◆ **October 21** (3rd Friday)
- ◆ **November 18** (3rd Friday)

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

Next board meeting will be

- ◆ **August 23rd**
Call 310-995-1592 for more info

South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation Upcoming Events

- ◆ Tram tours most Saturdays at 11am & 1pm
- ◆ August 13; Rare Fruit Society, 11:00am
- ◆ August 14; Cactus & Succulent Society, 1:30pm
- ◆ August 15; Rose Society, 7:00pm
- ◆ August 16; Dahlia Society, 7:00pm
- ◆ August 21; Fern Society, 12:30pm
- ◆ August 28: Bonsai Society, 10am
- ◆ August 28; Bubble Rock Kids Concert, 4:30pm

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 and events, visit their website [SCBG](http://www.scbg.org) or call 310-544-1948.



C. Lynn Spencer
Grower: Dr. Bob Streeter
Photo by Don Goss



C. maxima
Grower: Tom Renger
Photo by Don Goss

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.

“The Inflorescence”
South Bay Orchid Society
c/o Eeva Renger
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OUT MEETING DATE IS: August 19th (3rd Friday)

Upcoming Orchid Events

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:
<http://southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/index.html>

Fascination of Orchids Show and Sale

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

San Diego International Orchid Fair

September 30 and October 1-2, 2011
San Diego Botanic Garden
San Diego, CA 90274
More Info: <http://www.sdbgarden.org/orchid.htm>

Southland Orchid Show Committee

"Beauty and the Bees"
October 14-16, 2011
Huntington Library
San Marino, CA 90274
More Info: <http://www.orchidshow.org/>

San Diego County Orchid Society Show and Sale

October 22 - 23, 2011
Casa del Prado Bldg, Room 101
Balboa Park, San Diego, CA
More Info: <http://sdorchids.com/shows.htm>

South Coast Orchid Society Annual Auction

October 24th, 2011 at 7:00pm
Whaley Park Clubhouse
5620 East Atherton St
Long Beach, CA
More Info: <http://southcoastorchidsociety.com/>