

The INFLORESCENCE



Pleurothallia alvaroi (red)
Grown by Nick Braemer
Photo by Jerri Larsson

Born in Berkeley, California in 1946, Bob attended Berkeley Public Schools and the University of California with a major in Physics. He is a career employee at UC Berkeley and works as Principal Engineer in the Department of Electrical Engineering/Computer Sciences' Nanofabrication Laboratory, a 15,000 sq. ft. semiconductor research facility used by more than 450 researchers.

His interest in orchids began in 1975. He specializes in cool growing Oncidiae hybrids, specifically Odontoglossums. Bob grows in two greenhouses, a home-hobby glasshouse in Berkeley shared with his partner of 32 years, John Leathers and a cooperative greenhouse in Pacifica, California. Bob hybridizes and does his own plant propagation. In addition, he is an expert on the art of making artificial tetraploids.

Orchids have captured the interest of hybridizers and the passion of growers since the end of the 19th Century. With the advent of clonal propagation orchids have changed from plants accessible to the rich to a commodity. Many orchid hobbyists have reacted with a switch from a preference for hybrids to a greater interest in the species.

“Orchids for Amateurs”
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Our April 13, 2012
Guest Speaker is Bob Hamilton

“Oncidiae and Their Hybridization”

The gene-pool embodied in modern hybrids was derived from superb species orchids, mostly collected at the beginning of the 20th Century -- the best of the best from nature. Species with these superior qualities are now rarely, if ever, found. Mass-market orchid producers, catering to the commodity market, care little about the orchid legacy or the gene pool contained therein. Simply stated, a very precious, irreplaceable gene pool may soon be lost.

Bob's talk introduces plants of my interest, their history and their propagation. His talk discusses the history of orchid propagation and concludes with the laboratory work required for propagation. And he will do his best to present the science entertainingly avoiding the rigor many find boring.

The opportunity table will be provided by Bob Hamilton and John Leathers. The quality of their plants is outstanding, so it should be a great opportunity for our members. Please contact Nick Braemer if you want to preorder some Odontoglossum hybrids from Bob Hamilton or any other plant from Hawk Hills (Dracula, Masdevallia and Odontoglossums).

As usual we will meet at Mimi's cafe at 5:30 for dinner.

Nicholas Braemer

From the President's Desk



Spring has arrived as we begin our yearly ritual of cleaning, repotting, and organizing our Orchid collection. Spring is the start of new growths for most of our beloved plants, they depend on us to take care of their needs: provide a new home (pot, basket, mount, etc.), give them food (potting media), liquid nourishment (fertilizer), and of course a needed trim if needed. They will (we hope) reward us with new leaves, roots, and most importantly abundant long lasting blooms.

We had a wonderful trip to the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, and our hostess Kayo Libiano is to be commended for organizing and planning this great fun excursion. Thanks to Ron Henry, and Michael Miranda for acting as our travel refreshment attendants on the bus and passing out all the goodies. A special welcome and thanks to a new member Lisa Coplen who volunteered to pick up our delicious "breakfast" early on Saturday morning. Thanks Lisa, everyone said those donuts were outstanding.

The society's financial situation is stable due to the outcome from our Spring show last month. We had a good turnout with a record number of attendees on both days. Any member interested in looking over our latest monthly financial report and balance sheet is welcome to do so at our next meeting.

As we get closer to the end of our fiscal year we will start to focus on our upcoming election next month. If any active member is interested in any open position listed below please contact me or anyone on our nominating committee. We have nominees interested in the following positions on the board, the complete roster will be published in the May 2012 newsletter.

Board of Directors:

President -
Second Vice President -
Director (2 year term) -
Director (1 year term) -

Committees:

Publicity -

All other board members and committee chairs are willing to continue with their respective roles and positions. As a reminder, all the services performed by all officers are voluntary and without any compensation. Please note: this is your society and I encourage anyone interested in serving to do so, if you believe you have nothing to offer, think again. Each member is unique and special with different ideas, qualifications, strengths, and skills to share with all of us.

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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 Marcy@310.326.5405.



President's message continued

As a result of the survey I initiated when I took over as President in June 2010, there were quite a few requests for the society to sponsor a visit or trip to Orchid nurseries, members' greenhouses/growing areas, and the like. Since this is not practical during the week for most of the working members, the society is thinking about organizing a field trip or a detailed potting/culture demonstration at some future date either a Saturday or Sunday to honor your requests. We will provide more details in an upcoming newsletter. Stay tuned.

Arthur Hazboun

Santa Barbara Bus Trip & Show



Loren Batchman

With much sadness, I have to report that Loren Batchman passed away yesterday (4/3/12) on his 72nd birthday. Loren had been battling Pancreatic Cancer for the last couple of years and finally lost the battle.

Loren was the owner of Casa de Orquideas Orchid Nursery, an AOS and CSA judge, a lecturer, writer, past editor of the CSA Journal, a CSA board member for many years and one of the most admired cymbidium hybridizers in So. Calif. He received the Hudlow Medal which is the highest recognition that the CSA gives, for his work with CSA and development of spotted cymbidiums, his passion. He had lectured at our society, exhibited many of his awarded clones and sold at our Spring Show for the last few years.

As a beloved orchidist, a true gentleman and an example of the finest family man, he will be sorely missed by all. Our love goes out to Nancy and their children.

Bob Streeter

Ribbon Judging Results February 2012 Judged by Polly Kinsinger

Standard Cymbidium First place

White	Cym.	Janet Carter	Arthur Hazboun
Bronze	Cym.	Little Orphan Annie 'Top Girl'	Bob Fisher
Yellow	Cym.	Canary Flight 'Glo'	Bob Streeter
Pure color	Cym.	Sunshine Smile 'Harriet Ishitani'	Bob Fisher
Others	Cym.	Valley Splash 'Aurora'	Bob Fisher

Miniature Cymbidium First Place

Bronze	Cym.	Eight Carat X (Chot Pepper X Tethys)	Bob Streeter
Pure color	Cym.	Sarah Jillian	Bob Fisher
Spots	Cym.	Pepperpuss 'Pokie'	Bob Fisher
Others	Cym.	Fatal Beauty	Marla Cory

Phalaenopsis First place

Red	Phal.	Sunset	Sylvia Eastwood
Yellow	Phal.	Taida Smile 'Little Gold'	Kathy West
Blushes	Phal.	Sunlight	Carrie Moeller

Standard Paphiopedilum First place

Yellow	Paph.	Agincourt	Sylvia Eastwood
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Novelty Paphiopedilum

Reddish	Paph.	Vanguard	Christine Hough
Green	Paph.	Norito Hasegawa 'Glo'	Bob Streeter
Spotted	Paph.	Hsinying Raisin X Paph. Acmodontum	Don Goss

Dendrobium First place

Other	Den.	Speciosum Windermere	Wilma Tawagon
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NEW MEMBERS



We had a number of new members this month, most of whom joined at the Spring Show. We welcome the following people and hope they enjoy their membership in SBOS.

Chris and James Aquilina, John Bryant, Lisa Copen, Glenda Llewelyn, Mary Miller, Irene and Lewis Pine, Randy Price, Mechele Rodriguez and Edia Roman.

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.

What Can We Learn From AOS Judging

It takes years of study and internship before one becomes confirmed as an American Orchid Society (AOS) Judge. They know what to look for in a quality orchid. We have an AOS judging center nearby in Long Beach. They meet once a month. The judges meet in a back room on the same day that the South Coast Orchid Society meets.

On April 23rd the AOS judges will setup in the main hall where the society normally meets. By attending, you will get to see firsthand what judges do; how they research, compare, hear their discussion and how they score and award plants. Judges Peter Linn, George Hatfield, and the Judging team will explain the process and what they look for. Only the best survive such scrutiny. Last month I submitted my Phrag. Giganteum and received 77 points – just enough for an HCC/AOS award. If you’ve ever wondered what make a really great orchid, then this is a must attend event for you. Or, if you have something amazing, bring it and submit it for AOS judging. Either way, this open forum is a one night only event and you are invited to observe, learn and ask questions.

There is no charge and parking is free. It begins at 7pm, Monday, April 23rd at the Whaley Park Clubhouse, 5620 E. Atherton St., Long Beach. This is a unique opportunity to learn what judges look for in quality orchids. See you there!

For the latest, visit:

<http://www.southcoastorchidsociety.com/>

PS: There will be a plant raffle table provided by the judges. It will be interesting to see what they bring. You are invited to participate in the raffle.



LOST & FOUND; A travel neck pillow was left on the bus the day of the Santa Barbara trip. Please call the Bergens to claim your pillow. 310-326-5405

Orchid Calendar

Our future membership meetings are

- ❖ April 13 (2nd Friday) *****
- ❖ May 18 (3rd Friday)
- ❖ June 16 (3rd Saturday)

- ❖ Cultural sessions start 7pm
- ❖ General meetings start 8pm
at South Coast Botanic Garden

Next board meeting will be

- ❖ April 16
Call 310-995-1592 for more info

South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation Upcoming Events

- ❖ Tram tours most Saturdays at 11am & 1pm
- ❖ Free Admission to Garden every 3rd Tuesday
- ❖ Tuesdays- Ikebana Class 10am
- ❖ Wednesdays – Craft Workshop & Duplicate Bridge Class
- ❖ April 21 Annual Spring Plant Sale
9am – 4pm
- ❖ April 22 Spring Boutique 11am – 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 and events, visit their website
<http://www.southcoastbotanicgarden.orgorgoorgotanicgarden.org> ocall 310-544-1948.



**ORCHID
AUCTION**

May 17, 2012
Preview: 6PM
Auction Begins: 7PM

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& Botanic Gardens
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OUR MEETING DATE IS APRIL 13, 2rd Friday

Mariposa Garden
Winter Festival Sale
April 14, 2012 9AM – 3 PM
6664 South Street
Lakewood, CA 90713
<http://www.mariposagarden.net>

Spring Garden Show
April 26 – 29, 2012
South Coast Plaza
(Bear Street Entrance)
Costa Mesa, CA

Santa Barbara Orchid Fair
July 13 – 15, 2012
9AM – 5PM Friday / Saturday
10AM – 4PM Sunday
Earl Warren Showground, Santa Barbara
Open house at Santa Barbara Orchid
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South Coast Botanic Garden
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