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“Orchids for Amateurs”  
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**Our July 20, 2012  
Guest Speaker is Karen Muir**

### “Maxillarias”

Karen is originally from Michigan where she began raising orchids around 1975. She was a member of the Michigan Orchid Society and held all of the offices of the Society including show chair, program chair, vice president, and president. Karen became an accredited American Orchid Society Judge in 1997. In 1998, she was transferred by her company, Lincoln Mercury, to Irvine, California and retired in January 2002. Karen also served five years as the American Orchid Society Chair of the Pacific South Judging Region and has traveled to Canada, Guatemala, Peru, Ecuador, Brazil, South Africa, England, and Japan to attend and judge orchid shows. She has lectured on the Society circuit in the US, including the California Paphiopedilum Guild, the Slipper Alliance, NCOS (National Capital Orchid Society) Paphiopedilum Forum, two South African Paphiopedilum Conferences and the Paphiopedilum Forum in London, England. Karen is now the Affiliated Societies Representative and Treasurer for the Orchid Digest. She resides in Laguna Niguel, CA.



Masdevallia Ignea  
'Royal Blood' X 'Ruby'  
Photo by M. Bergen

## *FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK*

*JULY 2012*

Welcome to another new year for South Bay Orchid Society. This year got off to a fun start at our Installation Picnic at the Botanic Garden on June 16<sup>th</sup>. It was a fun relaxed time with great food catered by Mashawi Grill in Torrance, good company, and beautiful surroundings. Some were lucky enough to take the tram ride around the Garden too. Thanks to Kayo Libiano, who organized the event before Rylen was born and to Christine Hough and Arthur Hazboun who took over for her.

I am doing double duty this month. I am President for July since we didn't have anyone run for President this year and, as a result, have decided to rotate the responsibility among the board members. You will see a different name on the President's message each month this year. Thanks to Arthur Hazboun whose term was up and finished out his presidency last month. He did a great job and we appreciate all of the time and effort he put in for the past two years keeping the board and society organized.

My other duty is that of Membership Chair. Since this is the beginning of our new year, it is time to renew your membership. For the low cost of \$17 annually, you get to take advantage of all of the benefits of the Society. Please plan to bring your renewal form and dues (check or cash) to the next meeting or you can mail them to me. See the form for the address. The sooner the renewals are submitted, the earlier I can get the directory published in the fall.

In addition, I would encourage you to bring your orchid-loving friends who might be interesting in joining to a meeting in the near future. We always welcome guests and new members and we would appreciate your help in getting the word out about our group. It is the new members that we attract into our midst that bring fresh ideas and fresh talent to our Society and its leadership, and it is the people that make the Society more fun for all of us. It also is important to make new members feel welcome, so don't hesitate to introduce yourself to someone you don't know. Besides our great programs, that's what helps keep people coming back.

So, the year looks like another promising one. I hope all of your orchids bloom in glory and that you will bring them in to share at the meetings and the shows. I look forward to seeing all of you at the first meeting of our new year. Nick Braemer has another great speaker for us this month, so don't miss this meeting.

*Charlotte Morrison*



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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.

## What we want from our Orchid Society and why we are: "Orchids for Amateurs"

by Arthur Hazboun

The feedback, opinions, comments I received from the survey I initiated upon the start of my presidential run revealed the following facts:

Everyone wants to keep an orchid healthy, make it thrive, get it to grow, divide it, or nurture it to a specimen size plant and eventually make it bloom. It's also great if that one special orchid wins a few ribbons along the way or a best of class, section or show. We hear our guest speakers tell us what works for their orchids and how we should follow all their advice and wisdom of their vast knowledge. We have seen hundreds of orchids growing in situ in the presentations and awe and gawk at the abundant blooms and quantity/size of the plants. This is splendid but these plants have adapted over hundreds of years to their particular environment. Nature decides where they will take root, when they will put out new growth, throw out an inflorescence, multiply, or die. The orchids in the wild don't worry about PH, candle power, fertilizer, water, shade, light, media, repotting, size of container they're growing in, etc... All of these factors are dictated by where the orchid is growing and what it's growing on or in.

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Paph. Valerie Tonkin 'St. Louis' X Ice Castle 'Dreamer'  
 Grown by Bobby Ignacio  
 Photo by M. Bergen

## **Congratulations to the winners in the year-end ribbon judging competition**

### Advanced Amateur Division

1st Place - Jasmine Bashi

2nd Place - Bobby Ignacio

3rd Place - Don Goss

### Amateur Division

1st Place Tie - Jerri and Nancy Larrison, Wilma Tawagon

2nd Place - Cathy Martinez

3rd Place Tie - Fe Woods, Hans Grellman

Each winner will receive one full year's subscription (or renewal) to the Orchid Digest Magazine



as a thank you from the South Bay Orchid Society Board

## ***Final parting thoughts from your past president by Arthur Hazboun***

As I wind up my presidency I'd like to express my appreciation for your friendship, participation and commitment to the entire membership of the South Bay Orchid Society and especially to the board members both past, present, and future. The installation lunch at the garden was well attended and everyone had a great time. The food was outstanding, the weather was just right and the Koi fish were a lot larger than last year. The entire board wants to thank the South Coast Botanic Garden and Foundation staff for allowing us to have our monthly meetings, our installation lunch and our Fall Show at the Garden. Please show your support to the garden by signing up as a member, or volunteering a few hours in any activity that you're comfortable with or possibly donating a contribution.

The garden will be undergoing through an extensive process to prepare a vision plan – for the next 25 years – that works with the Garden's current strengths and highlights, and provides a framework for future facility projects, programs and other improvements. The Oasis Design Group, a landscape architectural design firm, will be working with the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation to develop and provide definitive recommendations and implementation plans to accomplish the mission of the Garden of **"...providing a unique horticultural and wildlife habitat experience and be an example of land reclamation and sustainability"** along with an educational and interconnected visitor experience with a unified design planning element that works with the garden's current strengths and provide a framework for future facility projects.

This month's presidency role will be assumed by Charlotte Morrison, who is our membership chair and was kind enough to fulfill the president's duties at the May meeting. The board of directors will rotate the presidency among the elected members on a monthly basis for the following year to insure continuity in the society's ongoing activities. I will continue as the "contact" person for other societies, clubs and organizations as well as updating and revising the website. As a final note membership dues are still the same at \$17.00/year for a household of two persons. The due date is July 1 for our fiscal year July 1 - June 30. Please see the president's message for further information.

# May Meeting Ribbon Judging Results

## Advanced Amateur

### Paphiopedilum

1 <sup>st</sup>	Paph. St. Swithin 'Taida'	Dave Streeter
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Paph. Hirsutissimum	Jasmine Bashi
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paph. St. Swithin X Paph. Michael Koopowitz	Dave Streeter

### Other

1 <sup>st</sup>	Cochleanthes discolor	Bobby Ignacio
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oncidium leucochilum	Polly Kinsinger
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Encyclia aromatica	Bobby Ignacio

## Amateur

### Epidendrum

1 <sup>st</sup>	Epi. Pacific Sorbet 'Breaktime'	Fe Woods
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Epi. Unknown	Cathy Martinez
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Epi. Pacific Girl X Pacific Flame	Cathy Martinez

### Other

1 <sup>st</sup>	Phrag. Grande	Jerri Larsson
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Maxillaria tenuifolia 'Waterfielsd	Cathy Martinez
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Brassocattleya ?	Danee ?

## NEW MEMBERS

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.



Happy New Year! It is the beginning of the new SBOS year and time to renew your membership! Here is a link to the [SBOS Renewal Form](#) and you will find it below in the newsletter. You may send the form and your \$17 renewal fee (per household) to Charlotte Morrison at the address listed on the form or better yet, bring the form to the next regular meeting on July 20. We would love to see you there. 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

Renew your membership soon so that your name will appear in the annual directory when it is published in the late fall.

Date paid: \_\_\_\_\_

**SBOS Membership Renewal**

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Ch# \_\_\_\_\_

**Please update your personal information and include this form with the annual membership dues of \$17. Annual membership runs from July 1 to June 30.**

Paid members names will be published in our annual fall directory, therefore it is important we have your current contact information.

Name(s) as you wish to appear in the Directory  
**First** **Last**

Address

Include in directory – if NO – for Board use only

Home phone - \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone - \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Email - \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**Please bring your membership dues and this form to our next meeting or mail to:  
 SBOS, c/o Charlotte Morrison, 414 S. Juanita Ave., Redondo Beach, CA 90277**

## Orchid Calendar

### Our future membership meetings are

- ❖ July 20 (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday)
  - ❖ August 10 (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday)
  - ❖ September 21 show set up
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- ❖ Cultural sessions start 7pm
  - ❖ General meetings start 8pm  
at South Coast Botanic Garden

### The next board meeting will be

- ❖ July 24

Call 310-995-1592 for more info



Paph. Winston Churchill  
Photo by M. Bergen

### South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation Upcoming Events

- ❖ Tram tours most Saturdays at 11am & 1pm
- ❖ Free Admission to Garden every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
- ❖ Tuesdays- Ikebana Class 10am
- ❖ Wednesdays – Craft Workshop & Duplicate Bridge Class

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.org>

### *What we want from our society continued..*

After analyzing all of what I heard, read, seen I have come to the conclusion that the best way to satisfy your addiction to this fantastic hobby is to learn what works for you and your particular setup. Use some of the techniques the experts have shared with us, but don't feel obligated to do everything they told us to do. Learn, observe, and try something new with your orchids. I'm willing to wager that I cannot find two people that have identical growing situations. We cannot bring the rain forest into our homes, yards, greenhouse, bathtub, window sill, or particular area you grow your plants. We don't have hundreds of acres to grow thousands of plants. We have killed our share of orchids over the years, and as the saying goes, we learn by your mistakes. Do the best you can with what you have, don't let it overwhelm your every free minute of every day. Ours is a hobby and not a job. Appreciate your orchids and let them reward you in the long run. The expert growers in our society have been growing orchids for years and years and learned some shortcuts and tricks along the way. Don't be afraid to ask them questions. In the future we hope to revitalize our culture sessions and share with you, our members, "how-to" topics and demonstrations. Let us hear your thoughts on what you want to learn about our orchids.



Paph. Duncan York 'Southard'  
X Paph. Thunder Bolt 'Flash'  
Photo by M. Bergen

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## OUR MEETING DATE IS JULY 20, 3rd Friday

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  
Estate & Cal Orchid  
Info: [Santa Barbara Int. Orchid Fair](#)

Palomar Orchid Society Orchid Fair  
and Auction  
August 18, 2012 – Preview 11AM,  
Auction 12PM  
The Pavilion at Lake San Marcos,  
1105 La Bonita Dr. San Marcos  
Info: [www.palomarorchid.org](http://www.palomarorchid.org)

Fascination of Orchids Show  
and Sale  
September 29 – 30, 10AM – 5PM  
South Coast Plaza Village  
Info : <http://www.ocorchidshow.com>

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