



Lyc. Terry Kennedy
Grown by Bob Streeter
Photo by M. Bergen

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“Orchids for Amateurs”
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**Our August 10, 2012
Guest Speaker is
James Rose
“Lycastes”**

Friday's speaker will be James Rose.

In the early 1970's James and Lauris Rose began their orchid careers in the commercial realm, and eventually purchased their own nursery, [Cal Orchid](#), in 1987. This nursery, located in Santa Barbara, California, has grown to 25,000 square feet of intermediate temperature controlled greenhouse as well as an additional 25,000 square feet of saran-covered shade area. The Roses have always been active in the orchid world, traveling for shows, sales, or lecturing. Whenever possible, they are generous with their time, personally visiting with customers about orchid culture. James' presentation will be on the Lycaste orchids, a group he has become particularly fascinated with.

James will give a culture session to share his invaluable experience growing the plants we love. He will also provide the plant table which is usually outstanding. Please join us for dinner with him at Mimi's cafe at 5:30PM.

Nick Braemer



Sc. Batemanniana
‘Volcano Queen’
Photo by M. Bergen



Pot. Chief Sweet Orange
Photo by M. Bergen

FROM THE ACTING PRESIDENT'S DESK

DR. BOB STREETER AUGUST 2012

We want to thank Charlotte for taking over the July monthly meeting. She did a wonderful job. Maybe we could talk her into being our president.

It is my turn, as a member of the board, to conduct the Society meeting this month. There are other things the president does besides conducting meetings. Until we obtain a president, lots of these chores will be doubled up among the board members. Some will have to be cancelled.

It is possible that as Board members and committee people drop out of the society, their function will be dropped. Anyone who is willing to help, please talk with a board member or attend a board meeting. Everyone is welcome.

Congratulations to Bobby Ignacio and Jasmine Bashi for their advancement to the Exhibitor division for displaying plants at our regular meetings. Bobby has received the Orchid Digest award for the last three years and Jasmine won First place in the Advanced Amateur Division. Other members of this group are David De Young, Bob Streeter, Don Goss, Nike Braemer, and Ted Johnson. All the members of this group have received the yearly award and feel that others should have a better chance to advance and still want to share their plants with the society.

We are making a change in the room layout. The exhibitors' plants will be placed on the right side of the auditorium. Advanced Amateurs and Amateurs will display on the left side of the auditorium. Areas will be extended if need be. The yearly awards this year will also be changed. As a quick review, there is the Amateur division, Advanced Amateur, and the Exhibitor. Anyone can choose to display in any upper division if they care to, but if they receive the first place award for the year they must advance to the next division. Check the Membership Rules in the Directory regarding advancement.

This month I will be conducting the regular society meeting. We are very lucky to have one of the most knowledgeable and successful commercial growers in Southern California, James Rose as our speaker. Besides that, he's a nice guy. I've known him for years. He is the owner of Cal Orchid Nursery, one of the best in the Santa Barbara Area. It is a must see on your next visit to the Santa Barbara Show.

Time is flying. Next month is our Fall Show. Get your Cattleyas spiked up and flowers supported. If anyone has questions regarding entering plants to show, we will try to get your questions answered. Anyone who is willing to help, please let Marla know. Sign up at this meeting or you might get a call. This is your society; let's make it the best show ever. You are expected to help. Once again, if we don't have the support and help, soon we won't be able to have shows.

August is a vacation time of the year. We know many may be on vacation. If you are home be sure you don't miss this meeting. It should be one of the best of the year. Jim will bring a great plant table. Plan to be a winner.

See you August 10th. Remember it's a week early.

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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.

NEW POLICY GOVERNING 'SILENT AUCTION' SALES.

The society used to benefit from 'Silent Auction' sales in the past using a complicated bothersome formula. It created so much work and confusion it was abandoned. At the same time a commercial interest flooded the silent auction table with commercial plants. We instituted a '5 plant maximum' rule. The Board felt it was time to revisit both of the above subjects and approved the following new rules.

1) The 5 plant maximum rule is suspended.

2) Members selling their plants are requested to donate 25% of the gross sale amount to the society. The honor system will apply. No efforts to collect will be made by the club. Members are asked to calculate the 25% of the total sale and give the money to the society treasurer or the raffle sales individual. The funds will be added to the raffle ticket sales and hopefully bring a financial negative into a more favorable position.

The above change brings our silent auction activity in line with what other societies are doing. Other societies are charging from 25% to 33%, it appears to cause no problem with their members.

Your cooperation will be appreciated,
Nick

Annual Fall Orchid Show and Sale
September 22 & 23, 2012
South Coast Botanic Garden

Our fall show is coming soon and planning is well underway. Vendors have signed up and publicity is getting out, but your participation is needed to make this show a success.

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 help loading our “show stuff” into trucks from the storage unit. Call Larry Bergen at (310) 326-5405 or 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 showroom and judging area. If you can help on Sunday call Charlie Brown at (310) 277-7083. I am still looking for someone to be in charge on Saturday, so please phone me if you can help.

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. Call June Brooks (310) 549-4266 or Joann Green (310) 830-1585 to let them know what dish you will be bringing so they can be sure there is enough food.

Take-down: This will take place right after the show closes at 4:00 on Sunday. We need everyone to pitch in and help to make this job go quickly. Again, Ron and Larry will need help putting our “show stuff” back into storage on Monday. Call Ron Henry at (310) 374-9699.

Publicity: Everyone can help by putting up posters and passing out flyers in their neighborhoods. Posters and fliers will be available at the August 10th 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 all of their blooming plants for judging. I have noticed that some of the best plants have been in the amateur 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 three months and be free of pests and disease. The registration classifications and forms are available on the website if you want to get a head start on the registration process. If you are not sure how to classify your plants we will have people to help you.

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. Feel free to phone me if you have any questions regarding the show.

Marla Corey, show chair

(310) 833-1918

Ribbon Judging Results July Meeting 2012

Speaker's Choice – Phal. Unknown

Hans Grellmann

Advanced Amateur

Cattleya

1 st	Blc. Waianae Leopard 'Ching Hua'	Dave Streeter
2 nd	Blc. Waianae Leopard 'Ching Hua'	Bobby Ignacio
3 rd	Blc. Toshie Aoki 'Starburst' AM/AOS	Arthur Hazboun

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium

1 st	Paph. Magic Lantern	Dave Streeter
2 nd	Phrag. Paul Eugene Conroy	Dave Streeter
3 rd	Paph. Primulinum 'Deep Gold'	Dave Streeter

Phaleanopsis

1 st	Phal. Hsin Sun Beauty 'Brilliant'	Dave Streeter
2 nd	Dtps. Ox Red Shoe	Bobby Ignacio
3 rd	Phal. Alysha's Delight 'New York'	Bobby Ignacio

Other

1 st	Pleurothallis grobyi	Dave Streeter
2 nd	Bllra. Pacific Pastel 'HOF'	Arthur Hazboun
3 rd	Platystele umbellata	Dave Streeter

Amateur

Dendrobium

1 st	Den. Wonder Nishii	Jerri & Nancy Larsson
2 nd	Den. Mini Snowflake	Wilma Tawagon
3 rd	Den. Aussie Chip	Wilma Tawagon

Phalaenopsis

1 st	Dtps. Younghome 'Little Snow'	Wilma Tawagon
2 nd	Phal. Unknown	Hans Grellmann
3 rd	Phal. Unknown	Hans Grellmann

Epidendrum

1 st	Epi. Piliferum	Wilma Tawagon
2 nd	Epi. Hokulea 'Super Red' x Sun Valley 'Vulcan'	Jerri & Nancy Larsson
3 rd	Epi. Unknown	Braulio Mena

Other

1 st	Masdevalia picea	Jerri & Nancy Larsson
2 nd	Toi Genting Angel	Cathy Martinez
3 rd	Laelia Pupurata	Fe Woods

OLD ORCHIDS NEVER DIE, BUT THEY DON'T FADE AWAY EITHER,
THEY JUST GET BIGGER.

Seventeen years ago, I reached the conclusion that yellow roses, which end up in the trash after one week, were much more expensive than a nice yellow Cattleya. Both of them had the same effect on my romantic interest of that day, however a plant remained after the flowers of the Catt faded and a hobby was born. As I was watering the other day, I marveled at some of these old clones, which have grown for me all this time. They get big, some get divided, but they never seem to die. A few of them were trashed because of virus issues, but most of them just seem to keep motoring on.

Over the years I actually developed a policy of how to deal with this issue. A plant I appreciate should get divided and thus be protected in case one of them gets virused. A desirable plant then is divided as soon as possible. The larger piece becomes the 'Mother' plant and is left alone from that time on to get as large as it chooses to become. The other one keeps on getting split if someone wants a piece or there are other reasons (trade, society auction etc) to divide it. Some of these ten to fifteen year old plants get quite large, however, I certainly don't need two monster specimens around.

The other thing I have noticed over the years is that certain plants just don't seem to like me. It's survival of the fittest or shall I say, the ones who like my conditions. Plants that like me and are growing robustly are very obvious about their pleasure. Others just seem to linger and then fade away. I used to replace them as I felt I must have done something wrong, but the next one would go the same way. It took a long time, mucho dinero, and many dead plants before I finally learned my lesson not to bang my head against the wall. There are countless plants, which love my conditions and there are others who don't. Instead of trying to please everyone by changing conditions and tweaking this, that, or the other, it is much easier to recognize who's in and who's out.

Eventually the plants, which seem to continually expand in size, will fill every nook and cranny and occupy all of the available space. In the meantime, my interest has shifted to a completely different genera. Now the process of downsizing begins, but that's a completely different story. In the meantime, I can't wait for the next \$7.50 table in Santa Barbara to bring home new acquisitions that I didn't even know I needed until I got there!

Nick Braemer

NEW MEMBERS--- Welcome to Joy Timbol! 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.

Current members please remember that it is Membership Renewal Time. Please look for a copy of the membership renewal form on our website ([SBOS Renewal Form](#)) and send it along with \$17 to Charlotte Morrison at 414 S. Juanita Ave., Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Orchid Calendar

Our future membership meetings are

- ❖ August 10 (2nd Friday)
- ❖ September 21 show set up
- ❖ October 19 (3rd Friday)

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

The next board meeting will be

- ❖ August 21

Call 310-541-6692 for more info

South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation Upcoming Events

- ❖ Aug. 12 Family Summer Concert Series –Faery Hunt Theater 4:45
- ❖ Aug. 19 South Coast Dahlia Society Show 9 AM
- ❖ Aug. 25 Begonia Show and Sale 9AM – 4 PM
- ❖ Aug. 26 Freedom 4U: Jazz in the Garden 5PM

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>

New End of the Year Judging Policy Changes

For the year 2012-2013 the following rules have been put into effect as a result of the added expense to the society this year for ties in the ribbon judging.

- ❖ The ribbon judge will select a first, second and third place winner from each group. There will be no ties. The points for the judging will come only from the monthly meetings and not from the shows.

- ❖ The first place winner will receive a subscription to Orchid Digest and a certificate. The second place winner will receive a certificate and a voucher for \$20 in raffle tickets. The third place winner will receive a certificate and a voucher for \$10 in raffle tickets.

- ❖ When a person wins in a division at the end of the year, he/she will move up to the next level of competition. The exhibitor level does not participate in the monthly competition. The meeting hall will be arranged differently for the plant judging and display. The two judging categories will be on the left side of the room and the exhibitor level will be displayed on the right side of the room.

The Judge, the Hunter, the Thief and the Black Orchid", a film by Rich Walton, will have it's first theatrical screening this August in Long Beach. The documentary explores various aspects of the orchid world such as; hybridizing, cloning, judging, and the 2008 WOC in Miami.

"The Judge, the Hunter, the Thief and the Black Orchid"

www.blackorchidmovie.com

The Art Theatre August 11th, 12:30pm

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OUR MEETING DATE IS August 10, 2nd Friday

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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

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

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