



Zuma Canyon Orchids Spring 2012 display

## The INFLORESCENCE

“Orchids for Amateurs”  
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**Our Fall Show**  
**September 22 & 23, 2012**  
**South Coast Botanic Garden**

### It's Showtime!

**Everyone is encouraged to bring plants to the show.**

Plants may be dropped off at the SCBG Friday afternoon, September 21<sup>st</sup>, from 4 PM to 7:30 PM. They will be ready to be picked-up at the conclusion of the show, Sunday afternoon after 4 PM

A few guidelines to remember:

- ❖ All plants must be identified to be judged. Unidentified plants will be used for “exhibit only”.
- ❖ No decorative pots or arrangements.
- ❖ Make sure plants are clean and free of insects. A solution of 50% milk and water may be used to wipe and shine the leaves.

Two forms must be completed for each plant; a registration form for the entry book and an identification card for the plant. Entry forms are available from the SBOS website [www.southbayorchidsociety.com](http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com). The forms will also be available at the check-in desk.

Section/Class/Sub-Class information may be obtained from the Orchid Plant Classifications list on the SBOS website.

Tag # will be assigned at the check-in desk

EXAMPLE:

Entry Blank Section   1   Class   G   Sub-Class \_\_\_\_\_

Tag#	Plant Name <u>  <i>C. Heathii</i>  </u>
_____	Varietal Name <u>  " <i>Gloria</i> "  </u>
_____	Parentage <u>  <i>C. loddigesii</i> x <i>C. walkeriana</i>  </u>
Place	Plant Owner _____
_____	Address _____
_____	Phone # for Non-SBOS Members only _____

Members will be available during check-in to assist you in preparing your plants for the show.

**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 10:00. 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 judging area, and the "welcome table" to hand out raffle tickets. If you would like to help on Saturday, call Kayo Libiano at 310-897-8085 or if you prefer to help on Sunday, call Charlie Brown at 310-377-7083.

**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. Please call June Brooks at 310-549-4266 or Joann Green at 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 PM 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.

**Plant Registration:** Registration will take place on Friday in the auditorium beginning at 4:00 PM and ending at 7:30 PM. 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.

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.

Besides needing people to bring food, we also need boxes for the plant hotel. If you have extra boxes at home or if you are in a store where they are stocking shelves, please bring them to the show with you.

**Marla Corey, show chair**

**(310) 833-1918**

## Knocking Out a Genus by Nick Braemer

Collecting a complete genus is like entering the Goldilocks zone. It can't be too big and can't be too small. *Nagelelia* is a genus of two species. There is no Orchid Digest Lifetime Achievement award for having both of them. *Bulbophyllum* and *Pleurothallid* number in the thousands, which is obviously not feasible for the hobbyist. Two and a half years ago, I got interested in *Dracula*, with it's 100 to 120 species. Its in the Goldilocks zone. Gary Meyer's talk, which happened at the same time that I completed my cold greenhouse, stimulated me to start collecting *Dracula*. Since I'm a heavy handed waterer, who has killed more orchids with over watering that anything else, the *Dracula*, who can't get wet enough, took to me like fish take to water.

At first I started getting the ones that were readily available, then the large spectacular ones, and finally a decision was made to get them all. Defining what is the complete and accurate list actually was the first challenge. According to Carl Luer, the grand guru of the *Pleurothallis* Alliance, the genus is made up of 125 or so species. Many of these exist on paper only or turned out to be either natural or accidental greenhouse hybrids. Then there are a few whose existence is recognized, but they are impossible to obtain. A realistic list is 114 species, which includes a well known natural hybrid; x radio-syndactole. Different experts will arrive at slightly different totals of recognized species but more or less this number will work for now. As new species are being created or become collectable, the number will change.

Dr. Gary Meyer, who talked to us about *Dracula*, had the following comments about a few of the ones that were eliminated from the larger list:

*Drac. adriana*, does not exist, a taxonomic error.

*Drac. x anicula*, (a natural hybrid *curtiss-bufonis* x *wallisii*) Only one very ill plant exists in Columbia, none in the US.

*Drac. inexperata*, this one has never left Costa Rica, they would not even allow him to take a DNA sample. He thinks it's probably *platycrater*.

*Drac. lehmanniana*, There is only one plant left in Europe, US, and Columbia. He tried to get to the site where it is found, but three people were kidnapped in the area. It will be a while before this one is available again.

*Drac. maduroi*, There are no reliable plants coming out of Panama. He got a few a couple of years ago which died.

*Drac. nigritella*, can be found as a drawing only. It does not exist.

*Drac. pubescence* is a taxonomic mystery. People who think they found it always ended up with something else. He thinks this is a fluke and the plant probably does not exist.

*Drac. rojassii* is a hybrid.

*Drac. syndactyly* does not exist in the US. He tried to get to the site in Columbia, but a battle erupted. It does exist at that site, but for now the area is too violent to go there.

The realistic list became 113 species and the natural hybrid; x radio-syndactyly. Now this may seem like a large number but you probably know that we have several members who have way more than 100 *Paphs*, *Phaelies*, *Cymbidiums*, or *Cattleyas*. Having 100 plus of one species is really not so outlandish.

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Buying the ones listed by the various vendors on their web pages and keeping an eye on eBay got me about eighty, then the treasure hunt began. Vendors like Andy, J&L, and Hawk Hills keep their best stuff under the bench and don't list them on their web pages. After shaking down Andy in Santa Barbara, I crossed the magic number of 100 on July 13, 2012. Since then I have been able to get two more from J&L and one from eBay.

Now the real treasure hunt begins. Here is the current status: I got *antonii*, *radio-syndactyly*, and *saulii* from Hawk Hills last week. *Dodsonii*, *incognita*, *carcinopsis*, and *chimaera* 'Extra' (This is a *chimaera* with extra large flowers, I already have the regular *chimaera*.) are coming from Columbia in early October as part of a Gary Meyer import. A *callithrix* is promised by HH to arrive in the fall. A *mantissa* ordered from Ecuagenera, will arrive in SF at the September show. Finally, a *pileus* promised to me by J&L, should arrive near Christmas. If I actually land all of the above, that will leave two species left to complete the entire genus.

The last two are *Dracula hawleyi* and *sijmii*. A small plant of *sijmii* exists in the Hawk Hill greenhouse, but it is a long way from being divisible. *Hawleyi* is a different story. Numerous plants called *Dracula hawleyi* exist in the SF area, but Gary Meyer suspects they are not really *hawleyi* but *gigas*. *Gigas* is flat, *hawleyi* is cupped. These *hawleyi* are far from being cupped. Scratch these two for now. That being the case, the treasure hunt is over as long as I land all of the ordered and promised plants from the previous paragraph.

In addition, there are a number of named clones of certain species, at least 25 *vampira*, numerous *chimaera*, *bella*, *cordoba*, *hirsute*, *hirtzii*, a few *gorgona* etc. etc. that I would like. The beat will go on even after, or should I say if, I find the remaining magnificent two.

Some of the species on the list are not that spectacular so why do it? Communicating with people in Ecuador and Columbia and talking to vendors around the country to try to find out what they have under their benches, which is not listed on their website and then pry these plants loose from them, just adds another dimension to the hobby. Listening to experts like Gary Meyer, John Leathers, and Joe Parker discuss the genus is a treat. This treasure hunt is/was exiting in itself, but it seems to be nearing its end.

I did however notice quite a few lovely *Masdevallias* at the Santa Barbara Show. There exist over 600 recognized species of *masdevallias*. Even though many would be eliminated as not existing or realistically unobtainable, it is still obviously way too many for a genus 'knock out'. One would have to be nuts to even think of it ----- or maybe not? Someone please save me from myself.

One thing that is a little disappointing about *Dracula* is that it is difficult to share them. You can't bring them to shows, even taking them to a meeting is difficult. Outside the cool, humid greenhouse the flowers collapse within an hour. Having them is a solitary experience. At least *Masdevallias* can be shown, I have no regrets however. On a 90F day it is a superlative joy to go into the cool atmosphere of the greenhouse and bounce around the willing *Dracs*. Many of them seem to be in bloom year around. Anyone who wants to see this, stop by, the door is always open.

## Ribbon Judging Results August Meeting 2012

### Advanced Amateur

#### Other

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ascofinetia 'Twinkle'
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Phal. I-Hsin 'Black Jack'
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dailalia Mizoguchi 'Princess Kiho'

Polly Kinsinger  
Bob Fisher  
Arthur Hazboun

### Amateur

#### Other

- 1<sup>st</sup> Paph. Bernice 'Mendenhall'
- X Paph. Rothschildianum 'Chester Hills' AM/AOS
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Oncidium Unknown
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dendrobium bracteosum

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Some  
of our  
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**Southern California  
Orchid Species Society**

# **ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION**

**Sunday, October 14, 2012**

**Placentia Library  
411 E. Chapman Ave, Placentia  
Corner of Chapman and Kraemer**

**Preview at 12:30 PM  
Auction starts at 1 PM**

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# Orchid Calendar

## Our future membership meetings are

- ❖ **September 21 show set up**
- ❖ **October 19 (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday)**
- ❖ **November 16 (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday)**
  
- ❖ **Cultural sessions start 7pm**
- ❖ **General meetings start 8pm**  
**at South Coast Botanic Garden**

## The next board meeting will be

- ❖ **September 25**

Call 310-326-5405 for more info

## South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Sept. 9 Family Summer Concert Series**  
**Lucky Diaz & The Family Jam Band**  
**4:45 PM**
- ❖ **Sept. 16 Family Picnic Day 9AM**
- ❖ **Sept. 22 & 23 South Bay Orchid**  
**Society Show & Sale 9 AM**
- ❖ **Sept. 23 Windy Ridge Bluegrass Band**  
**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>

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## IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!!

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

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**OUR SHOW DATES ARE: September 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Plant Registration and Setup: Friday, September 21st**

### *Upcoming Orchid Events*

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Fall Show & Sale  
Sept. 22-23, 2012  
South Coast Botanic Garden  
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.  
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274  
Info: [SouthBayOrchidSociety](http://SouthBayOrchidSociety)

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

Southland Orchid Show  
“Orchid Mystique”  
Oct. 19 – 21, 2012  
Huntington Botanical Gardens & Library  
1151 Oxford Road  
San Marino, CA 91108  
Info:<http://www.Huntington.org>