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"Orchids for Amateurs"
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Our October 19, 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, <u>Cal Orchid</u>, 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







#### From the President's Desk

As our fall show fades into memory, I would like to express my appreciation to everyone who assisted in making this show such a success. I would like to begin with Marla's continued dedication to the orchid society. It is her hard work and continued dedication that is an integral factor in making our shows such a success. She contacts the vendors, schedules volunteers for set up, and stays at the show site for three days straight to make sure that all aspects of the show work flawlessly. Without Marla, it would be very difficult to have a successful show.

A special thank you goes out to Kayo Libiano and Charlie Brown. These individuals contacted the members of the society, and made the schedules so that all of the positions at the show were manned.

I know that we all look forward to seeing who the winners are. I would like to thank Polly Kinsinger, Karen Low, and Dr. Bob Streeter for their willingness to judge the plants that were entered into the show.

One of the benefits for coming to our show is the Orchid 101 class. Nick Braemer, Don Goss, Saul Miller, and Chuck Spain provided excellent information to all of the participants of the classes. I was amazed how many individuals stayed after the sessions to ask additional questions of our experts. The vendors put together marvelous displays. I would like to recognize Lico Orchids as the winner of the best display. All of the displays encouraged the visitors to shop and hopefully purchase one or more or these plants.

One of the biggest differences between our show and other shows is the food that is provided to the volunteers and vendors. I would like to recognize June Brooks and Joann Green for all of their time and dedication in our kitchen. It is their continual work in set up, monitoring, and clean up that makes the vendors and volunteers feel welcome and valued.

Least we should forget, I would like to thank all of the members past and present who were willing to donate their time to the show. Without everyone's participation this show would not be the success that it is.

I would also like to add an additional reminder that the time has come to get your membership renewal in to Charlotte if you want your information listed in the directory.

Larry Bergen



Lico Orchids

Best in Show Display



Chuck Spain Orchids 101

#### **Fall Orchid Show and Sale Review**

What a great Fall Show we had! The weather was great and the orchids were beautiful. Everything ran smoothly thanks to the hard work of our committee chairs and everyone who came to help. Even though our show was not as well attended as in past years, the attendees went home with lots of orchids and a good impression of our society and the orchid growing community.

**Kayo Libiano and Charlie Brown** recruited and organized the hosts and hostesses. They did a good job of keeping an eye on the showroom and answering questions the public might have about our plants and our society.

**Ron Henry and Larry Bergen** organized the set-up of the show, which involved bringing all of our show supplies from storage, putting up shade cloth, and installing additional lighting in the auditorium. They also had the responsibility of putting everything back into storage. Thank you to everyone who helped with this big undertaking.

**Joann Green and June Brooks** kept the kitchen organized. Everyone was well-fed and ready to work. I'm sure we have the best food of any of the orchid shows.

**Bob Streeter** organized the ribbon judging and recruited excellent judges. **Karen Low** and **Polly Kinsinger** helped Bob with the paperwork associated with judging and made sure the plants were properly registered for judging.

**Charlotte Morrison** was at the Membership and Information table to welcome our guests, answer questions about our meeting, and to sign up new members.

**Eeva Renger**, our publicity chairman, got the word out about our show by placing ads in local newspapers and printing the posters and fliers. Thanks, again, to **Don Goss** for designing our beautiful posters and fliers.

**Art Hazboun,** our webmaster, kept the website up to date with details about our show and emailed show information to the nearly 2,000 people on our email list as well our neighboring orchid societies. **Art and Larry Bergen**, also, ran the plant raffle and announced the hourly winners.

**Nick Braemer, Don Goss, Saul Miller, and Chuck Spain** did an excellent job giving the Orchids-R-Easy classes. I'm sure that their knowledge and enthusiasm gave many novice growers the confidence to grow orchids and the more experienced growers learned new growing techniques and culture information. These classes have become a popular part of our shows and a good place to recruit new members.

And of course a big "thank you" to everyone who took the time to volunteer to work at the show and bring food. I also want to thank everyone who brought in their blooming orchids. Congratulations to all the winners!

The Fall Show is over and planning for the Spring Show has already begun. Mark your calendar for March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center.

Marla Corey



#### In Memoriam

#### Tom Renger 1931-2012

Tom Renger served as SBOS President in 1968 and again in 2008 and 2009. I have only known Tom for exactly four years, but in those four short years we shared a lot of good stories of our past, our passion for our addictive hobby, our alma matter USC, and our faith. The first time I visited Tom at his greenhouse, he was very generous and shared with me some of his orchid divisions and threw in some bromeliads to liven things up. On another occasion Tom called me up one day and asked if I would accompany him to an elderly gentleman's residence who was giving away his entire

orchid collection. We arrived in the man's backyard and there was a jungle of overgrown potted orchids that had managed to get their roots everywhere - unfortunately Tom and I did not bring any pruners or cutters with us so we asked our gracious orchid lover to borrow a pair of cutters and well let me just say the pruners he handed me had more rust on them than actual metal. So we hacked away on the dozens of outgrown and weedy orchids and managed to load both my truck and Tom's car with the man's "prized" possessions. Tom tried to save, divide, and repot the Cymbidiums but they were too far gone, and I did the best with the Epidendrums a few of which managed to survive to this day.

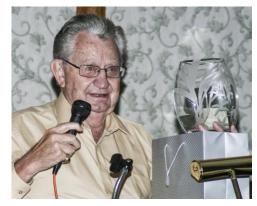
Tom always had a pleasant smile on his face and if you ever asked him," How are you Tom?" His answer was usually, "incredible". I never heard Tom bad mouth anyone nor utter a profanity. I had the good fortune to take over the presidency after Tom's last term and whenever I needed something or wasn't sure what to do, he was the one I would turn to for advice and guidance. Tom was a very caring individual and he would always inquire about my Dad's health and well being. One Sunday morning during one of my Dad's hospitalizations I was in the chapel at Little Company of Mary Hospital in Torrance attending the morning mass and right across the aisle from me were Tom and Eeva, immediately at the conclusion of the mass they were kind enough to come up with me to Dad's room and spend some time with my father. We will never forget their thoughtfulness and prayers throughout the years.

Tom was a hard worker and spent 34 years at McDonnell Douglas and served in the Air Force during the Korean War from 1949-1953. Tom enjoyed his family, orchids, and garage sales.

On behalf of everyone at the South Bay Orchid Society we extend our deepest condolences to Eeva, LaDona, MeiLani, and MeiLinda and to the entire family. We will and do miss Tom greatly.

Arthur Hazboun





#### 2012 Fall Show Judging Results - Best in Section

Cattleya – Labiata Type

Blc. Memorium Crispin Rosalis 'Ruen Yuan'

Cattleya – Bifoliate Type

Blc. Yen Corona 'Green Genie' AM/AOS

**Phaleanopsis** 

Dtps. Chian Xen Queen JB18

Vanda & Allied Genera

Neofinetia falcata 'Kibana'

Paphiopedilum & Phragmipedium

Phragmipedium Memoria Dick Clements

BEST OF SHOW Other Genera

Odontocidium Tiger Star

**Welcome to Our New Members** 

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the new members who joined the society at our 2012 Fall Show. Please be sure to greet Jane Dean, Luis Ruiz, Cynthia Ruiz, Pritam Matharu, and John Stassforth.

To our 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.

**Bob Streeter** 

Arthur Hazboun

Dave Streeter

Charles Brown

**Bob Streeter** 

Neof. Falcata 'Kibana' Grown by Charles Brown Photo by M. Bergen

**Bob Steeter** 



#### A Note From Eeva:

Our heartfelt thank you goes to everyone for comforting our family during this painful time after Tom's death. We truly appreciate your sympathy for supporting us in our grief. Although difficult to believe at the moment, we know that the world does not stop spinning after all - but life goes on.

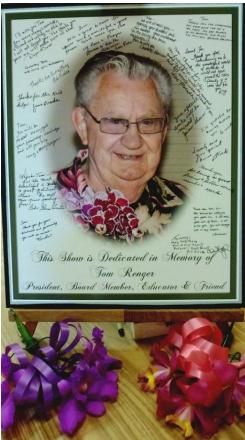
Sincerely,

Eeva Renger and Family

#### Our 2012 Fall show was dedicated to the memory of Tom Renger



Pot. Burana Beauty Grown by Tom Renger Photo by M. Bergen





Blc. Yen Corona 'Green Genie' AM/AOS Grown by Arthur Hazboun Photo by M. Bergen

#### Holiday Potluck Party 2012

Has this weather broken yet? I am sitting in my house (which has no AC) sweating, as I write about our annual holiday potluck party! But it is never too early to start thinking about your holiday plans!

Date: Friday, December 21, 2012 Where: South coast Botanic Garden

Time: starts at 7:00 PM

RSVP: <a href="http://www.kayoatlibianoco.com">http://www.kayoatlibianoco.com</a> call or text at 310.897.8085. Please let me know how many people will be attending and what you would like to bring.

I am excited to announce that this year, besides the delicious food and holiday cheer our members bring to the table, we will be screening the feature film courtesy of Nick Braemer titled, "The Judge, the Hunter, the Thief, and the Black Orchid" by filmmaker Rich Walton; which we will be screening towards the end of the evening. It will last about an hour after which, we will hand out the free member appreciation plants.

Just a note: It was decided that only those members who sign up for the potluck party by Dec. 1 will receive a plant from Kawamoto Orchids. And as always, one plant per membership please.

Hope to see everyone there! Kayo

#### **Orchid Calendar**

#### Our future membership meetings are

- ❖ October 19 (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday)
- ❖ November 16 (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday)
- ❖ December 21 Holiday Potluck
- Cultural sessions start 7pm
- ❖ General meetings start 8pm at South Coast Botanic Garden

### The next board meeting will be October 23

Call 310-326-5405 for more info

# South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation Upcoming Events

- Oct. 14 Family Picnic Day 9AM
- Oct. 21 Music Fair II 12PM Showcasing young musicians of the South Bay.
- Oct. 27 & 28 Model Train Show
- Each Saturday- tram tours11 AM & 1 PM

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 <a href="http://www.southcoastbotanicgarden.org">http://www.southcoastbotanicgarden.org</a>

#### **South Bay Orchid Society Board**

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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 (<a href="http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com">http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com</a>) and send it along with \$17 to Charlotte Morrison at 414 S. Juanita Ave., Redondo Beach, CA 90277

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## OUR MEETING DATE IS OCTOBER 19, 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday

**Upcoming Orchid Events** 

So. Calif. Species Society
Annual Orchid Auction
Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012
12:30 Placentia Library
411 E. Chapman Ave.
Placentia
http://www.socalorchidspecies.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

