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The INFLORESCENCE

"Orchids for Amateurs"
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**Our August 23, 2013
Guest Speaker is
Thomas Miranda
"Orchids of Central America"**

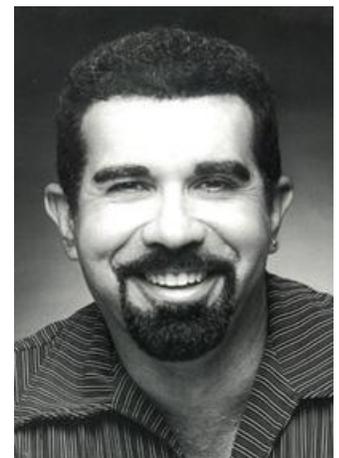
Our August speaker will be Tom Miranda. Tom has been the Orchid Collection Specialist at the Smithsonian Institution for the last ten years. There, he cares for and curates an extremely diverse collection of orchid species and hybrids from all over the world. His position includes developing and producing huge educational exhibits. These exhibits are visited by hundreds of thousands of visitors each year.

Trained originally as a Marine Biologist, Tom made the switch to plants and orchids in his late 20s while living in Hawaii. Since then he has worked with orchids at NY Botanical Garden, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, and an extensive private collection at Greentree Estate in Long Island. Tom was also the floor manager at the New York International Orchid Show for many years during this period. For the last six years, Tom has contributed two columns each month for *ORCHIDS* magazine and is developing a new book based on those writings. Tom travels frequently around the US and internationally making presentations to diverse audiences, from scientists to the general public, about orchid ecology, pollination biology, and strategies for orchid conservation. He is passionate about seeking collaboration between the worlds of Botanic Gardens, the hobbyist community, commercial growers, and scientists to work together toward the goal of protecting orchids and their habitats. Currently working on a project to coordinate and centralize North American orchid conservation efforts, Tom hopes to extend the influence to other parts of the world where orchids are imperiled.

Tom's topic will be the 'Orchids of Central America'. This should include discussion of several genera that we actually grow and I'm looking forward to it. During the culture session, I have asked him to talk about the Smithsonian. We will meet for 'Dinner with the Speaker' at Mimi's café at 5:30 PM.

Marcel's Orchids will provide the plant table. See you then and don't forget the meeting is Aug. 23, the 4th Friday of the month.

Nick



We are preparing for our fall show next month on September 21-22 at the South Coast Botanic Garden and every member is asked to lend a hand to make our show a great success.



If you wish to volunteer at the show in any capacity please contact either our hostess Kayo Libiano, or host Charles Brown for the event. Your participation is an essential part of being a valued member of the society. Our website <http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/index.html> has all the information listed including dates and times, plant classifications, and plant entry registration forms. Please click the following to get the plant classifications listings: http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/Fall_Classifications.html and for plant registration forms go to

http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/Show_Judging_Entry_Slip_01.pdf. I want to welcome Cathy Martinez for volunteering as our new monthly raffle ticket sales chair and thank Lori Storm for her past service as our raffle ticket chair.

download flyer http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/SBOS_2013_Color_Fall_Flyer_Final.pdf

The board is still looking to fill the position of second vice president. The second vice president arranges and prepares for each of the Society's social functions. If you're interested in filling this position contact me or any current board member. Responsibilities of the second VP are:

1. Installation Banquet or Lunch where all elected members of the Society are installed in their positions for the coming year.
2. Holiday Potluck Party which is held on our regular December meeting night.
3. Annual bus trip to the International Santa Barbara Orchid Show in March with visits to Cal-Orchid and Santa Barbara Orchid Estate.
4. Setup of society displays at various orchid shows that the society wishes to participate in.

Don't forget to renew your membership and pay your yearly dues at the next meeting. To download the membership renewal form click this link the following link for the [Membership Renewal Form](#).

<http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Renewal 2013-14 single.pdf>

Note: Due to a scheduling conflict with the garden, our meeting on August 23 will be held in Classrooms A & B *only* and not the main auditorium. The refreshments will be in the kitchen.

The Fine Art of 'Spiking'

When it comes to orchid vendors there are growers and there are jobbers. True growers start from scratch and when a plant is ready for market, they make their profit. Jobbers buy from growers and sell with a markup. Some vendors are a combination of both.

The time it takes to bring a plant to market is a huge factor influencing the bottom line. Some growers are guilty of 'spiking' a pot in order to get it to market one year sooner. If a plant needs five pseudo bulbs to bloom, a pot with four is near blooming stage, a pot with five is at blooming stage. The amount of bulbs affects the price. When the little plantlets come out of the community pot, some unscrupulous vendors will place two plantlets, tight against each other, in the same pot. After four years, the pot will show eight pseudo bulbs, obviously a blooming stage plant and very desirable. It sells much quicker than a pot with four pseudo bulbs.

The buyer of course does not get a blooming stage plant ready to burst into bloom with eight pseudo bulbs, but rather two near blooming stage plants with four bulbs each. The buyer gets to cool his heels waiting for the plant (plants) to bloom. So far so good, even though the buyer did not get what he thought he was getting, at least he got two plants for the inflated price of one.

On occasion the rush to get things planted produces mix ups and seedlings from separate species find themselves in the same pot. I bought a large Stanhopea Assidensis, which dutifully bloomed out as Assidensis the first year it bloomed for me. The second year it made multiple flowers, two of which were not Assidensis but Stan occulata! This is a monster of 100 odd leaves. I will not separate the two plants. I enjoy the novelty of it, but it demonstrates beautifully the practice of 'spiking'. Fifteen years ago some minimum wage employee of a grower shoved a plantlet of Assidensis and a plantlet of Occulata in the same pot. It's not the end of the world.

One photo shows the Assidensis, one the Occulata and one shows the bottom of the plant with the faded Assidensis on the right and the just beginning to open Occulata on the left, all in the same pot.

When buying Cattleyas this can be easily spotted. A well grown Cattleya, should bloom on the fifth pseudo bulb. If you see a large plant for sale with six, seven, or eight pseudo bulbs at an inflated price, but do not see evidence of past blooming, either it is spiked or this is a slow bloomer. In either case, it is not worth the money they are probably asking for it.

Nick



Stanhopea Assidensis



Stanhopea Occulata



Annual Fall Orchid Show and Sale
September 21 & 22, 2013
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 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. 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: 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.

Plant Registration: Registration will take place on Friday September 20, in the auditorium beginning at 4:00pm and ending at 8:00pm. I hope everyone will bring in all their blooming plants for judging. I have noticed that some of the best plants have been in the novice 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 3 months and be clean and free of pests and disease. The registration classifications and forms are available on the website (see the President's message above for the links to the forms) 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 knowledgeable people to assist 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

Fascination of Orchids Show and Sale

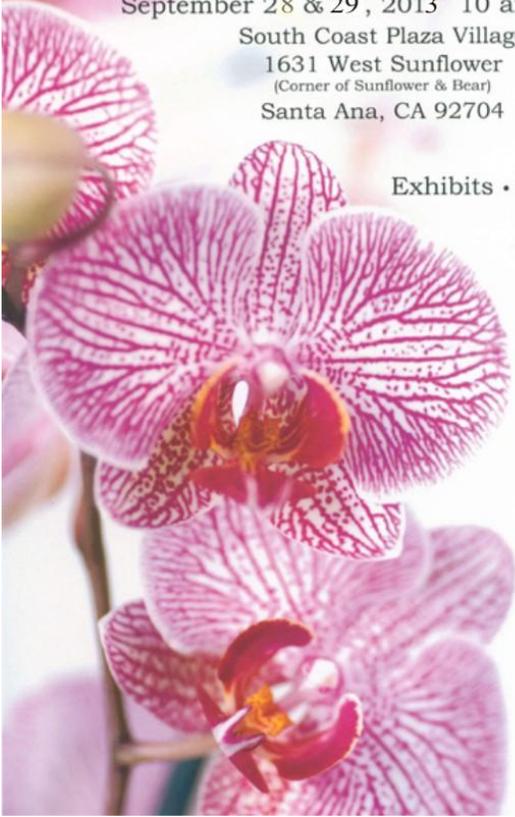
September 28 & 29, 2013 10 am to 5 pm
 South Coast Plaza Village
 1631 West Sunflower
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 Santa Ana, CA 92704

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Miltassia Shelob
 "Red Spider"
 Grown by Hans Grellmann

Miltonia 'From Love'
 Grown by Diane Cottrell



Phale. Unknown
 Grown by Larry Bergen

NEWPORT HARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY PRESENTS
SUMMER EXOTIC PLANT AND ORCHID FESTIVAL
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 Saturday, August 10 - 10 am to 7 pm
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July Ribbon Judging Results

Speaker's Choice

Vanda Vitorio Blue

Ted Johnson



Advanced Amateur

Phalenopsis

- 1st Phal. Unknown red
- 2nd Phal. Ulong Beauty
- 3rd Phal. Unknown pink

Larry Bergen
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Den. Bracteosum
var. Tannii
Grown by
Cathy Martinez

Oncidium

- 1st Onc. Sweet Sugar

Arthur Hazboun

Phalenopsis

- 1st Phal. Unknown pink

Hans Grellmann



Amateur

Dendrobium

- 1st D. Bracteosum var. Tannii

Cathy Martinez

Miltonia

- 1st Milt. 'From Love'

Diane Cottrell

Other Genera

- 1st Brassia (unknown) Rex
- 2nd Miltassia Shelob 'Red Spider'
- 3rd Prosthechea Cochleata

Christine Hough
Hans Grellmann
Cathy Martinez

Brassia Rex
Grown by
Christine Hough



Speaker's Choice

V. Vitorio blue
Grown by Ted Johnson



Phale. Unknown
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Orchid Calendar

Our future membership meetings are held at the South Coast Botanic Garden

- ❖ August 23 (4th Friday)
- ❖ September 20 (fall show setup) no regular meeting
- ❖ October 18 (3rd Friday)

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

The next board meeting will be August 27

Call 310-995-1592 for more information

South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation Upcoming Event

- August 17 / 18 So. Coast Dahlia Society Show 9 AM
- August 24 PV Begonia Society Show & Sale 9 AM
- August 25 Family Picnic Day 9 AM
- August 25 Windy Ridge Bluegrass Band 5 PM
- Each Saturday- tram tours 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 <http://www.southcoastbotanicgarden.org>

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Welcome to Our New Members

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.

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Reminder !!

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**Note: Fourth Friday of
the month**

August 23, 2013

We will be meeting in the
classrooms. See you there!