



Phal. Malibu Madonna
Grown by
Zuma Canyon Orchids

The INFLORESCENCE

“Orchids for Amateurs”
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Our July 18, 2014

**Guest Speaker is
George Vasquez**

**“The Care and Feeding of
Phalaenopsis Orchids”**

[Zuma Canyon Orchids](#) was founded in 1971 by Dr. James McPherson and Amado & Maria Vazquez. Dr. McPherson's love of plants and his association with the Vasquez family, who were at the time growing for the Arthur Freed Orchid Co. down the street, grew into a lifelong friendship that eventually turned into Zuma Canyon Orchids. After 20 years or so of association, Doctor McPherson passed away, and Jean McPherson, his wife, continued as a partner of Zuma Canyon Orchids. When Jean retired Zuma Canyon Orchids fell under the umbrella of the Vazquez family. George Vasquez, the owner, has been growing orchids for about 30 years. He is an accredited AOS judge (with over 26 years of service), and has served in various positions on many committees for 17 years at the American Orchid Society. George retired when he was on the executive board, last serving as secretary of the A.O.S. During the last few years, when he was on the board, they founded what now is known as the permanent location in the new headquarters of the American Orchid Society. Zuma Canyon Orchids specializes in high-quality Phalaenopsis and Dendrobium orchids, hand-grown in their Malibu greenhouses.

Today, Vasquez is involved in every aspect of cloning, hybridizing, pollinating and growing the elegant species. Like his parents before him, Vasquez has made the orchid a way of life. And his hunt for that most elusive of all orchids—the one with uncommon beauty and total “wow” factor—is never ending. “

“It might be a plant with brilliant color or it could be something very unusual, like a perfect, highly miniaturized variation that we haven't seen before, something that could lead to a new direction in orchid culture,” Vasquez says.

Over the years the orchid master and holder of numerous orchid patents has also registered exclusive hybrids with the Royal Horticultural Society named after orchid lovers Princess Margaret, Princess Grace, Lenore Annenberg, Patricia Neal, Joan Didion Dunne, Katherine Ross, Betsy Bloomingdale, and Nancy Reagan.

Zuma Canyon Orchids will be supplying the plants for the raffle table. We will have “dinner with the speaker” at Mimi's Café at



July President's Message

In August 1814, during the War of 1812, the British burned the White House and other government buildings, including the Library of Congress and the 3,000 volumes it contained at the time. Former President Thomas Jefferson was not only a politician, but a widely respected intellectual with an outstanding library. The following year, he sold his personal library of nearly 7,000 volumes to the nation for \$23,950, providing for the recreation of the Library of Congress.

This may be interesting historical information but what, you may ask, does all that have to do with our Orchid Society? The connection is that we too have a library. Although our 96 volumes hardly compares to the eighteen million books in the Library of Congress, ours are available for members to borrow. There are ten categories of books, including Beginner, How-To, and Science, among others.

Our Society is on a July – June fiscal year, so July begins a new year for us. If you have any ideas about how we can improve our meetings, they would be welcome. Just contact a Board member for the suggestion to be added to the following month's Board meeting agenda. Also, if you have a friend who may be interested in orchids, he or she would be welcome as a guest at one of our Friday meetings.

Again, we want to welcome the two newest addition to our board: Wilma Tawagon and Ken Taylor
Joe Woods, Acting President



The 2014 Diamond Award of Excellence Winner

by Arthur Hazboun
Orchid Digest Representative



The **South Bay Orchid Society** is pleased to announce this year's winner for the Orchid Digest "Diamond Award of Excellence". Our treasurer, **Joseph "Joe" Woods**, is the perfect choice for winning the award. The board's decision was an easy one because Joe is always being complemented for his precise, timely, professional, and informative financial reports. He goes far beyond from what's expected from a treasurer and prepares a timely schedule for all items in need of payment, date paid, amount paid, etc... His monthly financial statements include: a schedule, chart of accounts, changes in financial position, monthly report, show reports, and fiscal year analysis. Joe also prepares the annual audit for review. Although Joe is not the Orchid grower in the family, his wife Fe is. They both have been members since March 2009 and faithfully attend each and every meeting while volunteering during our shows in various capacities. We congratulate Joe on a well deserved award.

Membership Dues Renewal Time

It is now time to renew your annual membership. Annual dues cover the membership from July 1 – June 30 and are only \$20.00. Remember all the 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 view 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. Here is a link to the form [SBOS Renewal Form](http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Renewal%202013-14%20single.pdf)

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You may send the form and your \$20 renewal fee (per household) to Charlotte Morrison at the address listed on the form, or better yet, please bring the form to the next regular meeting on July 18.

SBOS Membership Renewal

Date paid: _____

Amount:\$ _____ **CK#** _____

Please update your personal information and include this form with annual membership dues of **\$20**. Annual membership runs from July 1 to June 30.

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

Name(s) as you wish to appear in the Directory	
<u>First</u>	<u>Last</u>
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

Ribbon Judging Awards

Charlie Brown - Ribbon Judging Chair

Tabulation of the results for the ribbon judging competition is now completed.

In the Advanced Amateur Division, Larry Bergen won First Place and will receive a one year subscription (or renewal) to the Orchid Digest. Second place went to Hans Grellmann. He will receive twenty dollars worth of plant table raffle tickets. Arthur Hazboun took third place and will receive ten dollars worth of plant table raffle tickets.

In the Amateur Division, Wilma Tawagon won First Place and will receive a one year subscription (or renewal) to the Orchid Digest. Second place went to Danee Petrich. She will receive twenty dollars worth of plant table raffle tickets. Braulio Mena took third place and he will receive ten dollars worth of plant table raffle tickets. Also, Wilma, Danee, Braulio, and Earl Felt will each move up to compete in the Advanced Amateur Division as they each accumulated twenty or more points during this past year.

Congratulations to each of you, and "Thank You" to all of our members who participated, by bringing plants in for judging at our monthly meetings.



Danee



Braulio



Larry



Arthur



Wilma

When buying a complex hybrid, buy the flower or buy several.

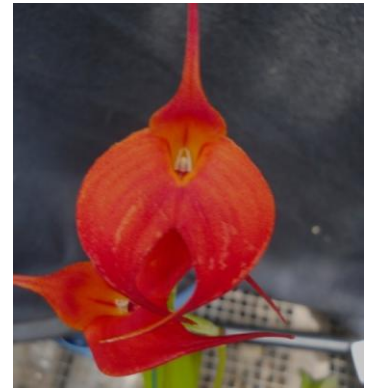
Unless it's a division or meristem clone, you don't know what you are getting when you purchase a complex hybrid. A friend of mine, who is into Paphs. always buys four seedlings. He keeps the best one when they bloom and puts the others on the Silent Auction table. A complex hybrid is one where there are multitudes of parents each of which adds to the mix and can penetrate. I have a number of Masdevallias and have taken pictures of some. I have two of each with identical tags. Compare the flowers. If you ordered a plant on [the internet](#) using the name only, you could have gotten either plant or even something else.

The first one is Masd. (Patricia Hill x Susan Kha). Patricia Hill is made by crossing ignea x welschii, Susan Kha is a cross between ignea and Masd. Chinese New Year. Assuming Chinese New Year has two different parents, there are four different ancestors giving this plant its appearance.



Masd. Patricia Hill

And here is its brother by the same mother. Same tag, flower definitely different.



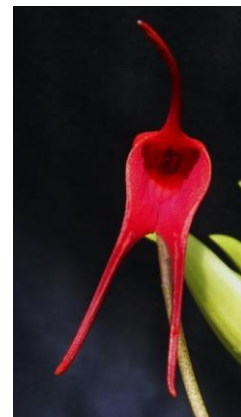
Masd. Patricia Hill

Here is Masd. Jon Tomasche X Annette Hall.

And this, believe it or not, has the same tag.



Masd. Jon Tomasche X Annette Hall



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Masdevallia Burlesque

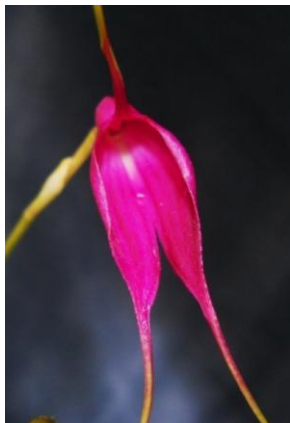


Exactly the same tag.
The difference blows
me away.

Masdevallia Burlesque



Again, remember if you ordered one by catalog you could get either one or something even different. It's a good idea to see the flower. The last one is called Masd. Fuschia Dawn #1. This one actually demonstrates what's in a name.



Masd. Fuschia Dawn #1

Its sister is called Masd. Fuschia Dawn 'Purple'. It blooms with two flowers per stem. There is no reason to suspect that both have the same tag except that some one named them. With the full name and #1 for the first one and 'Purple' for the second one, it becomes easy to know what you are getting as the full name will only transfer to a division or a clone.



Masd. Fuschia Dawn 'Purple'

The point is that if you are shopping for complex hybrids in Masdevallias or Paphs. which are two good examples, the names alone are almost meaningless as you have no idea what you are getting. Ideally you should shop for the flowers if you have that opportunity or get several small seedlings. Keep the one you like the most and sell the others.

Nick Braemer

Orchid Calendar

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

- July 18 (3rd Friday)
 - Aug. 15 (3rd Friday)
 - Sept. 19 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 22

Call 310-641-0730 for more
information

South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation

- **July 13** Palos Verdes Symphonic
Band Pops & Picnic 6 PM
- **July 20** Family Picnic Day: The
Greenhouse 9 AM
- **July 20** Shop & Learn: California
Native Plants 12 PM
- **August 23** Palos Verdes Begonia
Society Show & Sale 9 AM
- Tram tour offered each Saturday
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

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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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August 22 – 24, 2014

Newport Harbor Orchid Society
Exotic Plant & Orchid Festival
Westminster Mall

September 27 & 28, 2014

**Fascination of Orchids Show
& Sale** 10 AM – 5 PM

South Coast Plaza Village

1631 West Sunflower

Santa Ana, CA 92704

**September 20 & 21, 2014
South Bay Orchid Society
Show & Sale**