



C.Chief Pink 'Diana' HCC/AOS  
Grown by Larry Bergen

## The INFLORESCENCE

"Orchids for Amateurs"  
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### Our Fall Show

**September 20 & 21, 2014**  
**South Coast Botanic Garden**

It's Fall Show and Sale Time - Yes, this is the month for our annual Fall Show at the South Coast Botanic Garden on September 20 and 21. If you have never participated in any of our shows this is an excellent opportunity to learn and have fun at the same time. All we ask is a few hours of your time either on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. Setup takes place on Friday September 19 (in lieu of our regular monthly meeting). Our show hosts, Marcy and Larry Bergen, will be very happy to sign you up for volunteering for Saturday and Charlie Brown will sign you up for Sunday. We also need food to feed all our volunteers, helpers, and vendors. Empty cardboard boxes and newspapers for the plant hotel are needed as well. Please see Marla's article on page 2 for more show related items and contact information.

**Orchid Show**  
and Sale  
**September 20-21, 2014**  
Orchids-R-Easy Classes All Weekend

Sales: Sat 9-5 & Sun 9-4  
Show: Sat 11-5 & Sun 9-4  
Location: South Coast Botanic Garden  
26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes

- Buy direct from commercial growers
- See award winning orchids/displays
- All day demonstrations on orchid care and repotting
- Stroll the botanical gardens

Admission: \$9 Adults \$6 Seniors  
Free Parking

For all show information and map to gardens:  
[www.southbayorchidsociety.com](http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com)

### [South Bay Orchid Society Fall Show and Sale](http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/index.html)

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Arthur Hazboun Acting President for September



**Annual Fall Orchid Show and Sale**  
**September 20 & 21, 2014**  
**South Coast Botanic Garden**

Our fall show is on September 20 and 21 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 Larry Bergen at (310) 326-5405 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 in the auditorium beginning at 4:00 pm and ending at 8:00 pm. 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 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**

## August 2014 Ribbon Judging Results

Speaker's Choice:  
Maxillaria Triloris

Jim Hoyle



ADVANCED AMATEUR

### Cattleya

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lc. rosette
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lc. Casitas Spring x C Little Dipper 'Sato'
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sapphire Doll (C (Blue & Gold x Mini Purple)

Bernadette Nazareno  
Arthur Hazboun  
Earl Felt

### Paphiopedilum

- 1<sup>st</sup> Phragmipedium calurum
- 2<sup>nd</sup> P. glaucophyllum 'SIB'

Jerri Larsson  
Danee Petrich

### Other

- 1<sup>st</sup> Den. amabile
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Miltonia 'Pray'
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Howeara Lava Burst 'puanani'

Bernadette Nazareno  
Danee Petrich  
Danee Petrich



Miltonia Pray

AMATEUR

### Cattleya

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lc. Kat Green Power 'Big Trios'
- 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Gaskelliana 'June Surprise' x Laelia  
Purpurata flamea 'King'
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Lc. 'Luna'

Wilma Tawagon

Fely Fernandez  
Wilma Tawagon

Howeara Lava  
Burst 'puanani'

### Paphiopedilum

- 1<sup>st</sup> Unknown

Silvia Eastwood



Lc. 'Luna'



Lc. Kat Green  
Power 'Big Trios'



C. Gaskelliana 'June  
Surprise' X Laelia  
Purpurata flamea 'King'

# Fascination of Orchids Show and Sale

September 27 & 28, 2014 10 am to 5 pm  
South Coast Plaza Village  
1631 West Sunflower  
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Maxillaria triloris



Lc. Casitas Spring X  
C. Little Dipper 'Sato'



Phrag. calurum



Den. Amabile

## IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

This is the time to renew your SBOS membership. If you have not renewed, your membership has expired and you will not be afforded the benefits of membership listed below:

- ◆ 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 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; first place 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

Please use the link here: [http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Renewal\\_2013-14\\_single.pdf](http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Renewal_2013-14_single.pdf) to access the form. Send the form to Charlotte Morrison at the address on the form or bring it to the show at the Botanic Garden this month.



Orchidata, a type of potting medium, is different from regular bark in two major ways. It lasts much longer and it retains less water. This has led to changes in my potting technique in several ways. I used to mix perlite with the bark. I don't do that anymore as I assume the orchidata is going to last five years or longer. Perlite will crumble into dust by then and lose its original properties. Instead of perlite, I now use 3/8" size lava rock chips, which will add both air and moisture to the mix. They will of course remain unchanged for five years or longer.

I used to keep my pot size in proportion to the size of the plant. If the plant is 5" in diameter and is potted in sphagnum moss, anything much bigger than 7" would lead to a gigantic soggy mess. Not only that but sphagnum moss deteriorates and after 1 1/2 to 2 years needs to be replaced. So now orchidata arrives on the scene. I have a large moisture loving plant, *Pleurothallis excels*, which was grossly overpotted in a 14" diameter Cymbidium tub in a mixture of orchidata, lava rock, and coconut. Because I water it almost daily, it gets enough water and because orchidata does not retain too much water, it is not a soggy mess. In two years it has grown to the edge and doubled in size.

I have started to place large, vigorously growing plants into large containers with orchidata and lava rock with the idea that they will stay there undisturbed for at least five years or longer. They are grossly overpotted and get overwatered. Because of the nature of the bark, it seems to be well tolerated. Some of the plants show phenomenal growth. I know this would not work with conventional bark and sphagnum moss. The plants would also not sit well with the overpotting. The sphagnum moss would also have to be replaced every year or two.

If this works as I hope, I should have specimen plants without the size up-potting that is normally done on a regular basis. There are some success stories of plants I have done this to over the last couple of years, but I have now actively looked for more plants that fit the pattern and have potted them that way. It seems to work well with *Pleurothallis*, *Masdevallia*, and *Dracula* where I have taken large plants out of moss and shifted them to Orchidata. They are thriving. Orchidata costs less than half of the price of sphagnum moss and lasts five years. Moss lasts 1 1/2 to 2 years. If this switch can really be made, it will save a ton of money and also work. It takes 1/2 hour of painstaking busywork to tease the old sphagnum moss out of a large plant. In addition to that one could overpot without fear of causing root rot. My next project is to see if this works with large *Bulbophyllums*. I now have them in moss and would love to switch over to the bark for exactly the same reasons. Time will tell.

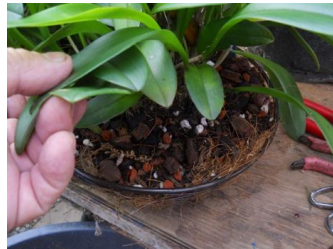
Here are a few examples of what I'm doing with the Pleuros, I haven't started with the Bulbos yet:



Picture #1 shows the vigorous leaf formation of *Pleurothallis exelsa*, which has been in this 14" Cymbidium tub for two years. It has doubled in size and is almost filling this pot. It is obviously a happy plant. The second photo shows the mix, absolutely not the conventional way in which a large *Pleurothallis* is grown. When it went in there it was 1/2 the size. Using conventional bark or sphagnum moss might not have worked as well as the orchiatra has.



*Pleuro tuckerheimii* in a 16" wire basket with a 5" rim of empty space. Absolutely against all the rules yet look at the vigorous new leaf formation. I think in a couple of years it will have filled this basket. The mix is orchiatra, lava rock with coconut husk on the edge to keep it from falling out. Two months ago it bloomed with over thirty inflorescences, it is now making over thirty new leaves.



In order: *Pleuro restripatoides* in a 14" basket, again grossly overpotted and liking it. Next, *Stelis vulcanicola*, again the overpotting demonstrated. Last *Scaphosepalum varicosum* in a 14" shallow pot, again in orchiatra and lava rock. I broke a large plant into thirty small ones and planted them 2" apart in there. Let's see what will happen.



*Caeloglyne cristata* in a 16" wire basket, orchiatra kept in with coconut husk. It's been in there for four years. Second picture shows a recent arrival, *Caeloglyne cristata alba*, a small new plant. I put it in the same 16" basket as I know how fast they grow and I'm sure it will fill the basket in three years. With conventional bark or sphagnum moss this would not be possible.

# Orchid Calendar

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

- Sept. 19 Show set up
- October 17 (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday)
- November 21 (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 23

Call 310-995-1592 for more information

## South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation

- ❖ September 14 Family Picnic Day  
9 AM
- ❖ September 20 – 21 SBOS Fall Show and Sale  
9 AM
- ❖ September 27 History of So. Coast Botanic Garden Presentation  
2 PM
- ❖ 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

<http://www.southcoastbotanicgarden.org>



Psychopsis Mariposa 'Green Valley'  
Grown by Sylvia Eastwood



Epc. Rene Marques 'Flame Thrower'  
Grown by Don Goss

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**October 17 – 19, 2014**

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**The Huntington Library**

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