



Paph. Vanguard
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The INFLORESCENCE

“Orchids for Amateurs”
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Our October 17, 2014

Guest Speaker is

Tim Culbertson

“Sobralias

Tim Culbertson, who teaches middle school kids for a living, comes to us with over a decade of experience in the classroom - including professorships at both the University of Maryland and SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, and faculty positions at The Riverbend School (Natick, MA), the Children's School of Science (Woods Hole, MA), and The Harker School (San Jose, CA). Having earned his bachelor's degree summa cum laude at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Mr. Culbertson studied at the University of Maryland, College Park where he earned a Master of Science in marine, estuarine, and environmental science.

One of his passions has always been plants. He began growing orchids as an offshoot from working at Longwood Gardens in Philadelphia just after college. From the very beginning it was all about Paphs, particularly awarded and select clones of historic importance, of which his collection numbers nearly 1000. While he loves finding old, rare stepping stones in paph breeding, he also does a little hybridizing of his own, and finds growing up his own babies is a blast. He enjoys making his culture the best it can be, and he has had numerous experiences with professional growers in California and on the East Coast, which has helped tremendously. In 2011, Mr. Culbertson was accredited as an American Orchid Society Judge. He is the youngest accredited judge and has served in various capacities with local orchid societies on both coasts. He loves meeting other people who like orchids, and doing so often finds himself traveling to shows, vendors, and peoples' greenhouses to see the latest and greatest in new hybrids and to get the best orchid gossip. He likes to be involved in plants as much as possible: in addition to Longwood, he has worked at the Smithsonian Institution tending to their orchids, and for years for the United States National Arboretum, collecting rare plants and documenting cultivated species and hybrids for their herbarium.

Mr. Culbertson will be speaking to us about sobralias. He will also be supplying the plant table for the meeting. Dinner with the speaker will be at Mimi's Café at 5:30 PM. Call Nick if you plan to attend.

Nick

October 2014 President's Message

Larry Bergen - Acting President

THANK YOU to everyone who participated, worked at, or brought food to our Fall Show. From set-up to clean-up, we could not continue these shows without your enthusiasm and support. It is our opportunity to share our hobby with each other and encourage others to join us. We look forward to meeting all the new members who joined the society at the Fall Show.

Many beautiful orchids were exhibited by our members. Thank you for preparing your plants and bringing them in for judging. Congratulations to all the ribbon and award winners. The Best in Show Award was presented to Dave DeYoung for his Paph. St. Swithin. The Best Vendor display went to Lico Orchids. We also had a beautiful Ikebana exhibit combining orchids and Ikebana. Congratulations to all of these winners.

Special thanks go to Marla Corey, our show chair, who performed her magic in planning and coordinating another successful show. Thanks also go to Larry & Marcy Bergen and Charles Brown for coordinating the volunteers throughout the show.

Our Spring Show is right around the corner. Marla has already started planning for the Spring Show, which will be on February 21 & 22, 2015 at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center. Mark your calendar!

This will be the final reminder to everyone to renew your membership. If you want your information listed in the membership directory we must receive your payment of \$20 by October 17, 2014. Contact Charlotte Morrison at 310-316-8193 or check our website for the renewal information. <http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Membership.html> On October 17th, Tim Culbertson will be speaking to us about Sobralias. Be sure to come and enjoy his presentation.



Fall Orchid Show and Sale Review

What a fabulous 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 all the volunteers who came to help. This was a wonderful show and the attendees went home with lots of orchids and a good impression of our society and the orchid growing community.

Larry & Marcy Bergen 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 hall. 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. **Judy Fisher** and **Karen Low** 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 meetings, and to sign up new members and renew current members.

Karen Low, 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.

Arthur 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. **Arthur and Larry Bergen**, also, ran the plant raffle and announced the hourly winners.

Nick Braemer and Don Goss 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 biggest event of our society "Spring Show" has already begun. Mark your calendar for February 21 & 22 at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center.

Marla Corey

Show Chair

Best of Fall Show 2014 Results

Section 1: Cattleya Alliance , bifoliate

LCTNA Renate J.W.

Nick Braemer



Section 2: Cattleya Alliance, labia type

Lc. Mini Purple 'Princess Road'

Earl Felt



Section 3: Phalaenopsis & Doritis

Phalaenopsis Yu Pin

Sylvia Eastwood



Section 4: Vanda & Allied Genra

Vanda Mokara Moonlight

Wilma Tawagon

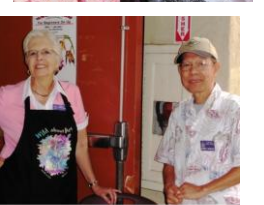


Section 5: Paphiopedilum & Phragmipedium

Paph. St. Swithin

BEST OF SHOW

Dave DeYoung



Section 6: Other Genera

Coelogyne dayana

Nick Braemer

Display Awards:

Ikebana Arrangements

First

Judy Unrine

Second

Paul Tamae

Third

Paul Tamae



Vendors

First

Lico Orchids

Second

Asbell Orchids





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C. Mini Purple
'Princess Road'
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Phal. Yu Pin
Grown by
Sylvia Eastwood



Mokara Moonlight
'Bright Orange'
Grown by Wilma
Tawagon



LCTNA Renate J.W.
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Nick Braemer



EBay Can be Fun.



I decided to cultivate a new trading partner and started selling my divisions on eBay. I've listed twelve plants a week for three weeks now and the response has been astonishing. I'm not really doing it to make money. I love to trade but cannot find enough trading partners. By listing the stuff on eBay, all of America (and Israel and Mexico) suddenly becomes my trading partner. Some guy asked me to mail stuff to him in Israel and another one had the same request for Mexico. They will pay all postal charges and take the risk of custom seizure. Add Sir Lanka to that list. I just mailed off three Bulbophylums to what sounds like a monastery there.

It takes a little time to select the plants, photograph them, and list them. Then you sit back and watch as the bidding unfolds. The last five seconds are the most fun as all the gloves come off and astonishing things happen. As the seller, you get to look behind the screen. It was kind of fun to watch the competition and get questions from the participants. It's a little bit like trying to herd a dozen cats as there were lots of questions and requests. At the last week, almost all the plants sold, people were making their payments, and I had to ship them out. That was the hard part, but no biggie.

What's really the cat's meow is that most of my divisions are from cloud forest plants; Draculas, Masdevallias, Pleurothallis etc. I simply cannot find anyone locally that wants to trade me for those as they require a cold greenhouse. If I lived in San Francisco there would be no problem as everyone grows them up there. By listing them on eBay, the world is the audience and there are a lot of people with cold greenhouses, so far so good.

I leave the money in the Pay Pal account and buy other orchids on eBay. They are financed from the payments people make. That's why I look at it as trading. Divisions I don't need go out the door, new plants I desire come in, and my bank account never gets tweaked. It's like shopping with Monopoly money. It is just another way for someone who has too much time on his hands to stay busy.

Even though it's early in the game, Parkinson's Law that states that 'Expenses will always rise and exceed income' is already being proven correct. Now that there is 'Monopoly Money' in the Pay Pal account, I find myself bidding freely on plants I would have hesitated spending money on before.

All of this is happening on some virtual cloud, right? And it's not real money I'm spending, right?

Nick

Welcome to Our New Members

Please extend a very warm welcome to our newest members, who joined SBOS at the Fall Show:

Gabriella Morel, Joanne Shinohara, William Morris, and Maria Morris.

We look forward to getting to know you, and to enhance your growing knowledge of our hobby. 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.

Orchid Calendar

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

- **October 17 (3rd Friday)**
- **November 21 (3rd Friday)**
- **December 19 (Holiday Potluck)**

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

**The next board meeting will be
October 21**

**Call 310-326-5405 for more
information**

South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation

- **October 12** Family Picnic Day
Spring into Fall 9 AM
- **October 19** Shop & Learn Fall
Landscaping with Color 9 AM
- **October 25 & 26** Walker & Bowes
Glass Pumpkin Patch 9 AM
- **October 25 & 26** 22nd Annual
Model Train Show 10 AM

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>



I won!
I won!



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Our Next Meeting will be October 17, 2014

October 17 – 19, 2014
The Southland Show
Orchidtober Fest
The Huntington Library
1151 Oxford Road
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