

The INFLORESCENCE

“Orchids for Amateurs”

South Bay Orchid Society, Inc.

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**Our April 24, 2015
Please note change in date
4th Friday of the month**

**Speaker: Wayne Farrell
“ Laelia anceps: It’s
Ecology, Color Forms,
Hybrids, and Culture.”**



Slc. Lucky Chance ‘My Van’

Wayne Farrell started working at the Santa Barbara Orchid Estate in 1988. He was originally hired to computerize the accounting system and do some carpentry work. What started as a summer job soon turned into something lasting much longer. He first started caring for the Phalaenopsis and then the Cymbidiums. He now works as the general manager. He has given presentations to orchid societies throughout the state and has written articles for the Cymbidium Society Newsletter as well as the Bronx Botanical Garden.



L. Lavender Lace



L. Santa Barbara Sunset
‘Showtime’ HCC/AOS



L. anceps ‘Dark Guerro’

April President's Message

I would like to begin by thanking Wilma DeGuzman for organizing the Santa Barbara Orchid Show bus trip. I'm sure everyone had a great time shopping at both Cal Orchid and the Santa Barbara Orchid Estate. The show itself had beautiful displays that everyone could appreciate and enjoy. Thanks Wilma for making it a wonderful day!

In April, the nominating committee will be looking for society members who are willing to join the board. We need some people to bring fresh ideas on how to improve our society and increase our membership. Please contact any board member if you are interested in joining us or have any suggestions to offer. We are a friendly group! Come visit a board meeting to see what goes on in planning for the society. We meet once a month at the Torrance Airport. We will be holding the voting for next year's officers at the May meeting.

Our April speaker will be Wayne Farrell from the Santa Barbara Orchid Estate. I look forward to learning about *Laelia anceps* from his presentation. Please continue to support the society by purchasing your plant table raffle tickets at the meeting (it helps us to pay for the purchased plants). I hope to see you at the April 24th meeting.

Marcia Bergen Acting President



Orange County Orchid Society, Inc.

Orchid Mounting & Potting Workshop

April 15, 2015

Orchid Judging – 7:00 p.m.
Orchid Workshop – 7:30 p.m.

Orchids for sale.
All other materials and training provided free.

Everyone Welcome!
Bring a Friend!
Have some Fun!

Information:
Nohline L'Ecuyer
orchids@nohline.com
714.491.6660

Meeting Location:
Yorba Linda Public Library
Community Room, (Lower Level)
18181 Imperial Highway
Yorba Linda CA 92886

Chiloschista yunnanensis
owned & photographed
by Peter Lin

Cymbidium Orchid Sales

George Hatfield, owner of Hatfield Orchids will be selling cymbidiums at Yamada Company (706 W. Gardena Blvd., Gardena) from September to June. The sale will be on Saturdays from **10 AM to 1 PM**. Potting demonstrations will be held at 11 AM. Cultural advise will be available for anyone who has problems with their plants. If you think your plants may be virused, bring a cutting of the leaf in a plastic bag and it can be tested for \$5.00 per test.

April 11, 2015 **May 9, 2015**
June 6, 2015

Ribbon Judging Results for March 2015

Speaker's Choice: Lycaste Elizabeth Powel

Bob Streeter

ADVANCED AMATEUR

Cattleya

1st Blc. 'Ojai'

2nd Lc. Unknown

3rd Blc Zul 'Waiomao Fantasy'

Jerri Larsson
Hans Grellmann
Fe Woods

Dendrobium

1st D. Speciosum Gracilicaule x D. Specio-Kingianum

2nd D. Star Sapphire

3rd D. Benizuru Treasure

Art Hazboun
Bernadette Nazareno
Wilma DeGuzman

Cymbidium

1st Bravenger Peewee x Canaliculatum Sparklesii

2nd Karen Hawaiian 'Hatfields' x Ernest Hetherington 'Geyserland'

3rd (FiFi 'Harry 4n x self) x Corakiwi 'Mask'

Wilma DeGuzman
Art Hazboun
Fe Woods

Oncidium

1st Onc (ODA) Wearside Galaxy 'Storm/Cat'

2nd Beallara Pluto's Drummer

3rd Onc. Gower Ramsey

Earl Felt
Fe Woods
Art Hazboun

Other Genera

1st Dendrochilum Cobbianum 23

2nd Polystachya Ottoniana

3rd Epidendrum no name

Jerri Larsson
Wilma DeGuzman
Jerri Larsson

AMATEUR

Dendrobium

1st D. suffusum

2nd D. Kingianum

Jim Hoyle
Fe Woods

Cattleya

1st C. guatemalensis

2nd C. Intermedia x C. Skinneri

3rd C Skinneri

Jim Hoyle
Jim Hoyle
Jim Hoyle

Other Genera

1st Pths. quadrifida

2nd Dryadella edwallii

3rd Epidendrum no name

Jim Hoyle
Jim Hoyle
Cathy Martinez



Santa Barbara Show



The Kovachii are Coming! The Kovachii are Coming!

When *Phragmepedium kovachii* was discovered it made quite a stir, not only because of its size and beauty, but also because of the greed and subterfuge involved. People were being charged with criminal activity for collecting and importing plants. Lots of noise was made about it in any case. After a number of years, the plants became available to the general public, but at horrendous prices. Piping Rock Orchids (Glen Decker), Orchids Limited (Jason Fisher), and Mount Prospects Orchids had them but the price was in four figures and not necessarily starting with a one. It was literally a question of how many thousands of dollars a person had to spend to get one.

The next break came when a number of very nice *Phrag. kovachii* hybrids became available for reasonable prices. I started acquiring these whenever I could find them, but always lusted after the real thing. Recently I decided to eat dog food for a month and spend some real money. I banged my head against a wall and came up with nothing available short of \$1,500 to \$3,000 if the plant was in bud. Then I saw a well-established seedling offered on eBay for \$400. I missed that one, but started digging around and found two plants from 'Lucky Girl Orchids', which I bought. A smaller plant with two growths cost me \$100 and a larger one with four growths went for \$250. These are straight *Phrag. kovachii*, not hybrids.

It is still a far cry from the \$7.50 table at Santa Barbara Orchid Estates, but I consider it a breakthrough. It was not cheap, but doable. I guess as time goes by they will become even cheaper, but it is now reasonable to start looking around for them. Lucky Girl Orchids does not have any more right now. I took both of the ones she had, but I'm sure she'll take reservations and try to find you one. Attached are the photos of the two I purchased.

Wish me luck in growing them.

Nick Braemer



ORCHID AUCTION

*Preview at 6 PM
Auction Begins at 7 PM
Free Admission & Parking*

**May
21,
2015**

San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists
Los Angeles County Arboretum &
Botanic Garden
301 North Baldwin Avenue
Arcadia, CA 91066

Orchid Calendar

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

- April 24 (4th Friday)
- May 15 (3rd Friday)
- June 20 Installation Picnic

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

The next board meeting will be
April 28

Call 310-326-5405 for more information

South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation

- ❖ April 11 & 12 So. Coast Cactus &
Succulent Society Show & Sale
9 – 4 PM
- ❖ May 3 So. Coast Epiphyllum Society
Show & Sale 10 AM
- ❖ May 9 So. Coast Rose Society
Show & Sale 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>



Cym. Strathdon 'Cooksbridge Noel'

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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.

"The Inflorescence"
South Bay Orchid Society
c/o Marcy Bergen
23415 Juniper Ave.
Torrance, CA 90505

Our Next Meeting will be April 24, 2015

April 4, 2015 9 AM - 3 PM
Mariposa Garden Spring Sale
6664 South Street, Lakewood
<http://www.mariposagarden.com>

May 16, 2015 Super Seedling Sale
Casa de las Orquideas
9AM – 4 PM 170 S. Nardo Ave.,
Solana Beach 858-755-7572
<mailto:casa@orquideas.com>

**May 2, 2015 Palomar Orchid
Society Annual Auction**
Preview 10 AM Auction 11 AM
The Lodge Pavillion
1105 La Bonita Dr.,
Lake San Marcos
<http://www.palomarorchid.org>

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