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“Orchids for Amateurs”

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Den. Zinger Grown by Robert Fisher

**Our March 18, 2016
Guest Speaker will be
Kenneth M. Cameron
“Natural History from the
Perspective of a Scientist”**

Kenneth Cameron serves as Director of the **Wisconsin State Herbarium** ([WIS](http://www.wisconsinstateherbarium.org)), a collection of more than 1.2 million specimens, which is where much of his research is based. However, his primary **laboratory research interests** focus on the systematics, evolution, structure, and conservation of orchids (Orchidaceae) based on integrated studies carried out in the field, herbarium, library, and laboratory. Collaborating with others, he continues to use genomic data to reconstruct the phylogenetic history of orchids with the ultimate goal of producing a robust and stable system of classification for this diverse and charismatic family. His work has contributed extensively to our fundamental knowledge of orchid biology, but he considers himself a specialist on the orchid subfamily Vanilloideae. This ancient clade includes the only orchid of agricultural value, *Vanilla*, and is pivotal to the study of orchid evolution; several vanilloid orchids are partially or fully mycoheterotrophic and can no longer photosynthesize on their own.

In addition to orchids, Dr. Cameron has published studies on the systematics, biogeography, character evolution, and classification of other equally fascinating plant groups such as Smilacaceae, Malpighiaceae, Cactaceae, Droseraceae, and Lentibulariaceae. His fieldwork has taken him from Mexico to Ecuador, from Tasmania to Borneo, and from China to New Caledonia, but some of the most memorable plant collecting trips have taken place right here in the United States. He is passionate about all aspects of plant biology, and eager to share that passion with fellow scientists, students, and the public alike.



March President's Message

This month features the largest orchid event in Southern California – the 71st edition of the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show <http://sborchidshow.com/> This year's theme is: "Wild World of Orchids". As is our custom, the society has hired a bus going to the show at the Earl Warren Show Grounds on Saturday, March 5th and stopping at both Cal-Orchid and Santa Barbara Orchid Estates. Seats on the bus have sold out. However, a wait list has been started. If you would like to get on the wait list please call Wilma de Guzman (310) 308-5367. If you can't get on the bus, the Show is well worth the drive to Santa Barbara. Remember to bring boxes with your name on them and some address labels to identify your purchases. We look forward to seeing you there!

We will not hold our usual Spring Show and Sale this year. This will result in a significant reduction in the Society's income. If you have any suggestions how to generate additional revenue for the society please share them with any Board Member.

Election time is rapidly approaching and will be held at our meeting on May 20th. We are seeking members to fill board positions (as they become available), to serve as an officer or on one of our Committees. If you are interested please see any board member during our regular monthly meeting or contact us by phone or email.

The Board voted to make a slight change to the Silent Auction process. Henceforth, the bid slips will be collected at the end of the refreshment break. The slips will be handed to our treasurer Joe Woods. The "Seller" and winning Bidder will collect the bid slip from Joe and settle the transaction.

Did you know that SBOS ribbon awards can be exchanged for free opportunity table raffle tickets? Instead of letting them collect dust, bring them to our meetings and turn them in to our Raffle Ticket Chair Cathy Martinez. She'll redeem each ribbon for one raffle ticket.

Our Speaker for March will be Dr. Kenneth Cameron, a professor with the Department of Botany, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Acting President, Charles Brown



L. anceps Peekaboo ICU

Dendrochilum wenzelii





Speaker's Choice
Cym. John Wooden
'Royal Precision'
Grown by Robert Fisher



Ribbon Judging Results for February, 2016

Speaker's Choice: Cym. John Wooden 'Royale Precision' Bob Fisher

Advanced Amateur

Cattleya:

- 1st Slc. Hsin Buu Lady "YT"
- 2nd L. anceps 'Peekaboo ICU'
- 3rd Encyclia Bracteata

Earl Felt
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Jim Hoyle

Cymbidium:

- 1st Forbidden Fruit x Everett Stockstill
- 2nd John Wooden 'Royale Precision'
- 3rd Red Beauty 'Evening Star'

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Bob Fisher
Bob Fisher

Dendrobium:

- 1st 'Zinger'
- 2nd Bellatulum

Bob Fisher
Jim Hoyle

Paphiopedilum:

- 1st Little Irene x (McLaren Park x Minster Lovell)
- 2nd F.C.Puddle

Charles Brown
Charles Brown

Other Genera:

- 1st Dendrochilum Wenzelii
- 2nd Osmoglossum Pulchellum
- 3rd Onc. Twinkle

Charles Brown
Jim Hoyle
Braulio Mena

Amateur

None submitted.



70th Annual Show and Sale

SAN DIEGO COUNTY ORCHID SOCIETY PRESENTS

ORCHIDS IN PARADISE



MARCH 11-13, 2016

Friday 3pm-7pm Saturday 9am-6pm Sunday 10am-4pm

Scottish Rite Events Center
1895 Camino Del Rio South
San Diego, CA 92108

Admission: \$8
Weekend Pass: \$10
Children under 12: Free
Free Parking

Information:
www.sdorchids.com
Contact:
(760) 529-2947

Santa Barbara International Orchid Show Bus Trip Saturday, March 5, 2016

PARKING LOCATION: We will leave from the K-Mart parking lot @ 500 Carson Town Center, on the southeast corner of Torrance Blvd. and Figueroa. Look for the bus in the parking lot closest to Figueroa.

DEPARTURE & RETURN TIME: Check in at the bus at 7:00 AM. We depart at 7:30 AM promptly and will leave the Orchid Show at about 3:00 PM to return to your cars at about 6:30 PM depending on traffic conditions.

Bring a lunch or get one at the show. Also bring your watch and boxes with your name on them and some address labels to identify your treasures and carry them home.

FOR INFORMATION and PAYMENTS :

e-mail winwin.rich@yahoo.com or call Wilma De Guzman at (310) 308-5367. Mail your check and make it payable to SBOS (South Bay Orchid Society):
Wilma De Guzman 2810 Baltic Ave. Long Beach Ca. 90810

HATFIELD ORCHID SALES

George Hatfield owner of **Hatfield Orchids** will again be selling his award quality Cymbidiums at Yamada Company (706 W. Gardena Blvd. in Gardena) from September 2015 to June 2016. Sales will be on Saturdays from 10:00AM to 1:00PM.

A hands on potting demonstration will be held at 11:00AM If you have cultural problems with your cymbidiums bring them to the sale so we can evaluate and give you advice.

Suspect virus, bring a cutting of the leaf in a plastic bag and we will test for virus (\$5.00 per test).

Sale Date

March 19, 2016

April 16, 2016

May 7, 2016

June 11, 2016

Keeping SBOS alive for another 58 years!

As some of our members know, the decline in recent years of members renewing and participating in our various events has become a concern. We are not gaining new members. The cancellation of last and this year's Spring Show put a major dent in the society's finances. The monthly plant table ticket sales are always in the negative; we pay more for the plants than what we recoup in selling tickets. Monthly speaker fees add to our shrinking checkbook balance. We are paying rent to the garden one year in advance for our monthly meetings and events. The cost of the Santa Barbara bus trip fee and tickets continues to escalate yearly.

There are no short term solutions; however if you care enough about keeping alive your love and addiction to this fascinating orchid hobby, you with your fellow SBOS members must help us out. Bring a friend, neighbor, coworker, relative or anyone you know that even has a little interest in orchids to one of our monthly meetings. Encourage them, share your knowledge, and point out the benefits of joining the society. Purchase more raffle tickets (if your budget allows it) during our meetings. Consider making a financial contribution or donating plants to our silent auction available at each monthly meeting. Donate a few hours at show time to help and take the load off the usual hard working show committee staff. It's a lot of fun to meet your fellow orchid hobbyists and you can learn a lot of valuable knowledge at our show preparation and setup event. Support our vendors to keep them coming back to our shows. Sign up to receive the newsletter via email to save us printing/ mailing costs.

Here are a few ideas the board is considering in the coming months:

1. Have a society sales booth at our yearly show whereby members donate healthy plants or divisions to the society with all proceeds going towards our general expenses.
2. Bring back the "Spring Show" at our Torrance Cultural Arts location at a later time in the year to coincide with Mother's Day weekend. Admittance fees will be determined at a future date.
3. Introduce a yearly "family" membership rate at a very modest cost. Individual membership dues will stay the same.
4. Have more hands-on culture sessions and workshops during our monthly meetings by our experienced seasoned members in lieu of outside speakers. This will save us money.

If you have any suggestions or ideas to gain new members or retain existing members and to generate more revenue for the society, please talk to any current board member (contact information is on our website and in the membership directory) and we will seriously consider all your thoughts and ideas. Thank you for continuing to support your society and here's to the next 58 years!

Arthur Hazboun - Show Chair

Charlotte Morrison - Membership Chair



Oncidium Grown by Braulio Mena

Den. Gillieston Gold 'Natalie'
Grown by Ted Johnson



Orchid Calendar

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

- ❖ **March 18 (3rd Friday)**
- ❖ **April 15 (3rd Friday)**
- ❖ **May 20 (3rd Friday)**

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

The next board meeting will be
March 22

Call 310-377-7083 for more information

South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation

- ❖ **March 5 & 6** Cherry Blossoms in the Garden
- ❖ **March 5** Cherry Blossom Festival
- ❖ **March 5** Music in the Garden showcasing Young Musicians of the Peninsula and South Bay 12 – 4PM
- ❖ **March 12** So. Coast African Violet Society Show & Sale 9AM – 4PM
- ❖ **April 2** Spring Plant Sale
7AM – 9AM members preview
9AM– 4PM open to everyone
- ❖ **April 9 – 10** So. Coast Cactus & succulent Society Show & Sale
9AM – 4PM

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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Our Next Meeting is March 18, 2016

March 14, 2016

LBAOS Annual Orchid Auction

St. Gregory's Episcopal Church Hall
6201 E. Willow St., Long Beach
6 PM Preview 6:30 PM Auction

<http://www.lbaos.com>

March 4 – 6, 2016

Santa Barbara International Orchid Show

Earl Warren Show Grounds,
Santa Barbara

www.sborchids.com

March 11 – 13, 2016

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