

## The INFLORESCENCE

“Orchids for Amateurs”

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Blc. Pamela Heatherington  
“Coronation” FCC/AOS  
Grown by Bernadette Nazareno

**Our May 18, 2018  
Guest Speaker will be  
Jorge Ochoa  
“Orchids of Columbia”**

Jorge Ochoa will be speaking on “Orchid Exploration of Columbia”. He graduated from Long Beach City College in 1997 with a degree in Horticulture. Shortly after, he obtained his second degree in Horticulture from Cal Poly Pomona. Jorge has worked at different botanic gardens and nurseries throughout Southern California. He has traveled throughout the world including Costa Rica, Brazil, England, Belize, Mexico, Argentina, and Paraguay searching for Passion flowers.

Jorge has been teaching horticulture courses at Long Beach City College as an adjunct faculty member since 2003. Five years ago, Jorge became the lead instructor for the horticulture program. Nick Braemer will be supplying the plants for the raffle table.



Den. Enobi Purple Splash  
Grown by Larry Bergen

Bllra. Marfitch ‘Howard’s Dream’  
Grown by Bobby Ignacio



Last month was our second auction. To all our members who attended the auction, donated plants, worked to help us with set up and and take down, and submitted winning bids, we thank you for your support of South Bay Orchid Society and hope that you enjoy your plants.

Our May meeting is time for the election of the 2018 – 2019 Board Members. The following slate has been submitted:

President – Rotating Position

First Vice-President – Nick Braemer

Second Vice-President – Charlotte Morrison

Secretary – Larry Bergen

Treasurer – Joe Woods

Membership Chair – Charlotte Morrison

Newsletter – Marcia Bergen

Show Chair – Arthur Hazboun

Webmaster – Arthur Hazboun

Directors – Charles Brown, Robert Bond, Ruben Chicas, Braulio Mena

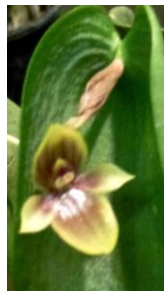
Director Emeritus – Robert Streeter

We will be voting at the meeting and also welcome nominations from the floor.

As always, any member is welcome to attend a board meeting. We are open to hearing new ideas to improve SBOS. The meetings are held at 7:00PM at Torrance Airport on the Tuesday of the week following our general monthly meeting.



Slc. 'Red Beauty' X  
Blc. Love Sound  
'Dogashima'  
Grown by  
Art Hazboun



Pleurothallis volans  
Grown by Nick Braemer

**We had a great auction and wish to thank the following individuals who made this possible:**

Arthur Hazboun, Nick Braemer, Braulio Mena, Larry and Marcy Bergen for procuring, logging, and delivering plants. Karen Low for planning and laying out the event. Charlotte Morrison for handling the credit card transactions. Joe Woods and Charlie Brown for making sure the finances were in order. Marcy Bergen and Helen Miyake for keeping the attendees well nourished. Steve Moeschler for transporting plants. Jim Hoyle and Kathy Synstelien for their help with plant registration. Bob and Jean Bond for making sure everyone was registered properly. Ron Nash our IT guru was kept extremely busy with entering data for the bids and Peter Lin was able to conduct the auction within our limited time frame.

We wish to acknowledge the following vendors with their generous support:

Andy's Orchids, Cal-Orchids, Kalapana Tropicals, Santa Barbara Orchid Estate, and Zuma Canyon Orchids.

Our thanks to the following for donating plants:

Arthur Hazboun  
Charles Brown  
Nick Braemer  
Larry Bergen  
Wilma De Guzman  
Dave De Young  
Earl Felt  
Bob & Judy Fisher  
Bobby Ignacio  
Kathy Synstelien  
Fe Woods

Special thanks for our busy runners :

Judy Fisher  
Karen Hasson  
Leslie Ogg  
Renzo Mena  
Misty Pierre  
David West

## AOS Monthly Checklist for May and June

**Cattleya** The last of the spring-flowering types -- those that flower from a ripened hard pseudobulb -- will be finishing, while the first summer-blooming types will be showing buds on their rapidly growing, soft pseudobulbs. Both may need potting, as signaled by deteriorating mix, this month. The spring bloomers present no problems, as you will be dealing with fully ripe, well-hardened pseudobulbs. They will be ready to root on the mature front pseudobulb and will establish quickly. The summer bloomers, will be brittle and may be in bud. Nonetheless, experienced growers know that unless potted now, they may not root later, as this type tends to be seasonal in its rooting behavior. Stake the lead growth to avoid breakage. May can still present some changing light conditions that can lead to burning of the foliage if the plants have not been properly acclimatized. Allow them to build up their tolerance to higher light gradually. Changing light and temperatures can also be the source of some frustration when trying to determine when plants need watering. While cattleyas will be entering into a period of rapid growth starting this month, they have still not built up sufficient momentum to be significantly slowed by your missing a day or two of watering owing to dark weather. As always, it is safer to err on the dry side than on the wet. It is important, though, especially to the summer bloomers. Too much shade will cause rapidly developing inflorescences to droop unattractively.

**Paphiopedilum** The *Paphiopedilum* Maudiae types will be well into their season now, so a careful eye should be used toward staking. Do not be too anxious to stake, however. Many of this type, if staked too soon, will develop nodding flowers that do not face the observer. It is better to allow the flowers to ripen naturally, then support the spike right below the ovary for best display. This is especially common in *Paphiopedilum* fairrieanum-derived hybrids. If you have to do something when you first see the emerging spikes, just put the stake in the pot next to the spiking growth. Not only will this help you, but you will be able to see where the spikes are, so you can continue to pay attention to their development. The multifloral types will be entering their most active growth phase, so lots of light, water and fertilizer are called for to mature their large growths. Many will be spiking in the next couple of months, so be on the lookout for the emerging inflorescences. These may benefit from earlier staking than most, as the inflorescences grow so quickly in some cases that they can be quite soft. Again, best support is right below the ovary of the first flower. This will allow the most natural presentation of the blooms.

**Phalaenopsis** Except for the latest-spiking plants, all phalaenopsis should be ready for potting or already potted. Because phalaenopsis are tropical plants, they tend to be seasonal in their rooting behavior. The critical point for potting is when new roots emerge from the base of the plant. This is absolutely the best time to repot a phalaenopsis. The summer-flowering types, based on Doritis background, have ideally already been potted and are becoming freshly established, ready to support their soon-to-emerge spikes for the summer season. Phalaenopsis potted at the right point in their growth cycle will reestablish almost immediately, with fresh roots growing into the new medium nearly uninterrupted. As soon as the flush of new root growth is seen, begin regular watering and fertilizing to make maximum use of the major growing season. Do not get over-exuberant with your watering, though, allowing water to splash between plants. This can be a source of infection for both water-borne pathogens and viral contamination. Phalaenopsis are much more susceptible to virus than was previously thought. Take extra care to keep your collection free of bacterial and viral problems, which you can accomplish by maintaining a clean growing area.

*The AOS thanks Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay.*



**SBOS Auction  
April 20, 2018**



## Refreshments Please

The society is looking for one person who would be interested in helping to oversee our monthly refreshments at our meetings, shows, and events. Helen Miyake has graciously volunteered and needs a partner to help. The position would require you to arrive a little earlier than the usual start time to help prepare and setup in the kitchen and clean up after. Our dedicated refreshment ladies Joann and June have been faithfully taking care of our members, volunteers, and vendors during our meetings, shows, and events for over a dozen years. They would like your help and will train you in this highly rewarding, unpaid, and satisfying position. If you're interested in helping please contact any board member via phone or email. Thanks.

# 16th Orchid Digest Speakers Day

Saturday, June 9, 2018  
12:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Ahmanson Classroom, Botanical Building  
Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens  
San Marino, CA

## 'Orchids In the Wild'

Featuring

Brandon Tam "Wild Orchids of Ecuador"

Mary Gerritsen "Orchids of Sulawesi"

Phyllis Prestia "Wild Orchids of France"

Steve Hampson "Wild Orchids in China"

### Ernest Hetherington Distinguished Lecture:

Norman Fang "New Color Forms of Phalaenopsis Species"

Vendors:

Andy's Orchids, Cal-Orchid, Gold Country Orchids,  
Norman's Orchids, and Sunset Valley Orchids

Reservations: \$65 until June 1, 2018  
After June 1, 2018: \$75

Event includes afternoon seminar, live auction, wine and cheese happy hour, dinner,  
and distinguished lecture.

Reservations online at [www.orchiddigest.org](http://www.orchiddigest.org)

or contact Simone Friend at [simonef@orchiddigest.org](mailto:simonef@orchiddigest.org) or call (562) 431-1247. When contacting  
by email, please include phone number, email address and mailing address. Space is limited so  
don't wait to make your reservation.



AGWA Kiwi Gold  
'Nugget'



Z. Night Hawk 'Buxom'  
AM/AOS X Z. Fandango  
'Prolific' AM/AOS

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

- **May 18 (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday)**
- **July 20 (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday)**
- **August 17 (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday)**
  
- ❖ **Cultural sessions start 7PM**
- ❖ **General meetings start 8PM  
at South Coast Botanic Garden**

The next board meeting will be  
May 22

**Call 310-541-4412 for more information**

**South Coast Botanic  
Garden Foundation**

- **May 6** So. Bay Epiphyllum society  
Show & Sale 9 AM – 4 PM
- **May 12** So. Coast Rose Society  
Show & Sale 10 AM – 4 PM
- **May 15** Free Admission every 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Tuesday

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.southcoasbotanicgarden.org>



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## Our Next Meeting is May 18, 2018

**May 1, 2018 Westside Branch of the Cymbidium Society of America Annual Auction**

7:30 PM Grant Elementary School Cafeteria 2425 Pearl St., Santa Monica

**May 12, 2018 Palomar Orchid Society 2018 Orchid Sale & Auction** Preview 9 – 10 AM

Auction 10 – 2:30 PM Shadow Ridge Golf Club 1980 Gateway Dr., Vista

<http://www.palomarorchid.org>

**May 19, 2018 Casa de las Orquideas 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Super Seedling Sale** 9 AM- 4 PM

170 South Nardo Ave., Solana Beach <http://www.orquideas.com>

**June 2, 2018 Orchid Society of Southern California Orchid Auction** Open 1PM

Auction 2 – 5 PM First Christian Church 221 So. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Burbank

<http://www.orchidssc.org>

**June 9, 2018 Orchid Digest Speaker’s Day “Orchids in the Wild”** 12 – 8 PM

Huntington Library, Art Collections, & Botanical Gardens, San Marino

<http://www.orchiddigest.org>

**June 21, 2018 San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists Annual Auction** Preview 6 PM

Auction 7 PM LA County Arboretum & Botanic Garden 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia

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