

2006 Officers

President	Ruben Colmenares
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The South Coast Orchid Society meets on the fourth Monday of each month except holidays at the Whaley Park Clubhouse, 5620 East Atherton Street, Long Beach, California at 8:00.

<http://www.southcoastorchidsociety.com>

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Newsletter

Founded in 1950

December 2006

Board of Directors

Expires 2007	Janine Cormier
Expires 2007	Luis Morente
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Stories, articles and news items are welcome. The deadline is the 5th of the month.

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Christmas Pot Luck Celebration

Monday, December 18, 2006

7 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. Entertainment by
The Choral Belles

Whaley Park Clubhouse

Please arrive at 6:30 p.m. so we can have a short meeting at 6:45 and can begin dinner promptly at 7 p.m.

Bring one of your favorite orchids to help brighten up our Christmas table.

SCOS will provide the following:
main course, plates and utensils, punch and coffee

Please bring the following to share
With 8 to 10 people:

Desserts	A to F
Salads	G to P
Vegetables	Q to Z



President's Message

December 2006



The SCOS Annual Christmas Dinner will be December 18th so mark your calendars. The Choral Bells will be our entertainment and are being provided courtesy of **Jane and Paul Brecht**. The set-up time will be at 4:30 p.m. This year I'd like to try something new. Please bring a small wrapped ornament or gift of \$5.00 value or so for a gift exchange game. It is really a fun time and I will explain the rules at the party. Please make it a point to attend this casual evening of music, friends, food and fun.

Please keep one of our members **Patricia Stevens** in your thoughts and prayers as she is recovering from a bout with pneumonia. Also, leaving our club is **Dr. Jim Miller**, our treasurer, kitchen and all around guy, who I really hope to see at the party so that I can thank him personally. Others, I'd really like to see at the party include **Dr. Phil Plocher, Bonnie Navens, the Graffio's, Luis Morente** and my favorites **Sonora, Irma, Whitney, Janine** and of course **Miranda** just to name a few.

The year end auction was a great success! Thank you so much; to all that assisted in so many different ways. Please forgive me if I miss your name below but so many helped out that it will be inevitable. Special thanks go to **Susan Ochsner**, who took it upon herself to place a week long ad for the auction in a local newspaper. Huge thanks to **Ron and Mamie Nash** who once again volunteered their talent in real time sales tracking at the auction along with **Cassandra Smith**. **Joan Bailey** coordinated the event and pre-sales plant collections with members doing various runs to the four directions. Many thanks to our auctioneer, who is often imitated but unequivocally the best, **Dr. Merle Robboy**; if you see him, please give him a pat on the back for us! Big thanks to all of our members at the helm throughout the night, including **Andy Tao, Espie Quinn, Jim Miller, Margaret Nerio** and many others. **Kudos to you all!** Also, if you see **Dennis Mackewicz** please tell him thank you, as he does a fine job of putting together our monthly newsletter and getting all the information together and out to our members.

My parting words to you are; that life is short, so enjoy it with the beauty of orchids. Our membership and their many talents and experiences are a rich capital that we are truly so fortunate to have. Our SCOS needs YOU, in order to flourish today and beyond. I thank you for the experience and I've enjoyed being your 2005 / 2006 SCOS president. I am sure that the new executive board and president will do a wonderful job for our small, but quality orchid club that is growing with our reputation. You'll find a membership form on page 5. Please renew your membership with the SCOS club for only \$20 US dollars per household and encourage those around you to join us for the fun as well as the orchids.

Well that's it for now. I wish you all the very best and until then take care and remember to bring a fellow orchid friend along to Christmas Party. God Bless you all!

Join us as we share in our love of orchids,

Ruben Colmenares

Nomination Committee

The following members have been nominated for the 2007 SCOS Board:

President	Jim Miller
1st Vice Pres.	Joan Bailey
2nd Vice Pres.	Susan Ochsner
Secretary	Margaret Nerio
Membership Secretary	Cassandra Smith
Treasurer	Mildred Carr

New Board of Directors Members (Three Year Terms)

Russ Nichols
Ron Nash

(Two Year Term replacing Janine Cormier)
John Reyes

Voting for the 2007 Board will take place at the December meeting.

SCOS 2006 November Auction



The Orchid Growers Christmas (with apologies to Clement C Moore)

'Twas the night before Christmas, and in the greenhouse,
Not a creature was stirring (neither slug, scale,
nor mouse),

The seedlings were locked in their compots with care,
In hopes that some flower spikes soon would be there;

And I had just put on my coat, boots and my cap
To check out the greenhouse before taking a nap,

When up on the roof I heard such a clatter,
I looked through the pop- up to see what was the mater.

Then what should appear to my wondering eyes
But Santa Claus, dressed just like Magnum, P.I.

In surfer shorts, sandals, and print shirt so bold ---
I couldn't help asking, "Come in, Aren't you cold?"

He slid down the heater pipe (just missing the flue),
Sat down on a bench, and said, "Don't mind if I do!

It's been a long flight, and I'm just a bit tired."
"But where are your reindeer? Oh, they've all been fired"

They went out on strike, with the elves and the rest,
So this year, I just sent all my stuff UPS --- !

Except for the orchids - wouldn't want them to freeze.
Nice Phals you've got here." (He paused for a sneeze,

And to look at a Brasso way up on the shelf.)
"I think they're terrific but can't grow them myself.

It seems that my greenhouse is simply too cold."
I gasped," You grow ORCHIDS up at the North Pole

"Well, of course! Have for years!" replied old St. Nick,
"Though getting those big Catts to bloom's quite a trick.

And that dim northern sun tends to shorten most spikes.
Now, I've got something here in my sack that you'd like!"

He pulled out a Vanda, a big husky fellow,
And said, "It's my guess that this should be a yellow,"

Then he jumped through the pop- up and into his sled.
"But who knows?

Coming from Santa, it just might be red!"

And I heard him exclaim as he drove out of sight,
"Blooming orchids to all, and to all a good night!"

--- Elaine Cantwell

Orchid Name Tags

by [Susan Taylor](#)

The first thing to remember is that you should never throw away the nametag, and you should always keep the tag in the plant. If you're like most orchid hobbyists, you'll soon have more orchids and you want to make sure that you do not mix up the tags. The second important thing to remember is that the tag will tell you if you are looking at a seed cross or a mericlone (cloned plant). With a seed cross unless it is flowering, you never can be sure what you're getting. Each seedling is a unique individual and the flower can be very different in shape and color among seedlings from the same cross. A mericlone, on the other hand, is a clone or exact replica of a plant and you are assured that the flowers will be identical to the original plant.

Even serious hobbyists sometimes have trouble figuring out some of the new hybrids and will not recognize the name of some of them. We'll start out with the easiest and most common names and then I'll give you some good links to look up more difficult hybrids.

Species tags

Let's start out with a species name tag. **Phal equestris 'Riverbend' AM/AOS**. The **Phal** tells you that this is a *Phalaenopsis*; the *equestris* indicates the species; and 'Riverbend' is the clonal or specific name of this plant. A clonal name is normally given when a plant has been awarded at an American Orchid Society Show. The **AM/AOS** is a designation of award by the American Orchid Society. Awards will be the subject of another article on what the awards mean. Awards are always designated at the end.

Hybrid tags

What you see on a tag for a hybrid *Cattleya* orchid will generally look something like this: **Blc. Arthur Bossin 'Rapture' AM/AOS** (Blc. Tampico x C. walkeriana).

The **Blc.** stands for Brassolaeliocattleya, an intergeneric hybrid between three different genera:

Brassavola now known as *Rhyncholaelia*

Laelia

Cattleya

These three genera are among the most common in Cattleya Alliance breeding.

Arthur Bossin is the name of the cross or grex between the parents of the hybrid. All the plants from the cross have this name. Due to genetics the progeny will not look at all alike, but they will all have the same name.

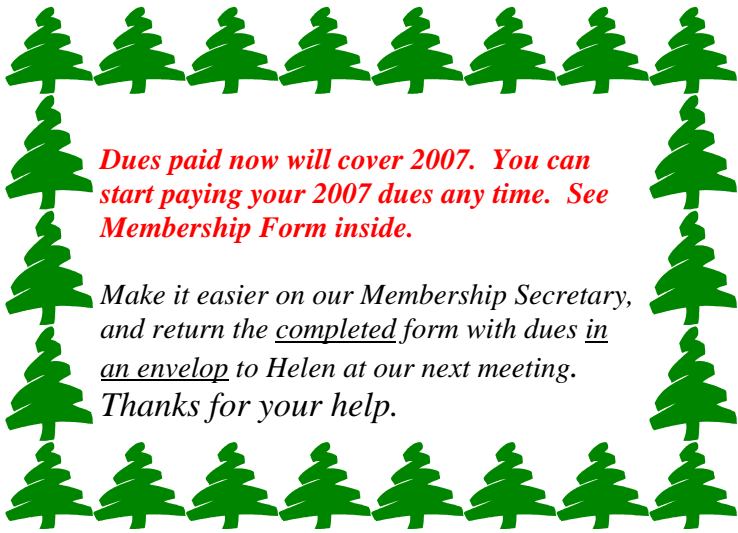
'Rapture' is the cultivar or clonal name of this particular plant, generally named after it has been awarded. This designation identifies the genetic makeup of this plant alone since others even in the same cross will not be identical. This part of the name is always enclosed in single quotes.

The information in parentheses if it is on the tag tells you the parents of the plant, in this case Blc. Tampico and C. walkeriana. The **x** is used to designate crossing of the parents, thus a seed cross. The **C.** is the designation used for *Cattleya*.

To recap, the first part of the name will tell you what type of hybrid the plant is, the second name will tell you what that particular cross is called and the third the specific name of the plant. Awards are designated at the end. Correctly labeled plants will have the parentage in parentheses.

For listings of all the current intergeneric hybrids, check out [Intergeneric Orchid Genus Names](#) provided by The Orchid House in Ontario, Canada. For listings of all the orchid genus and abbreviations as well as class for North American judging, see [Mid American Orchid Classification](#).

Editor's note: This article is printed with permission from the author who is the Editor for BellaOnline's [Orchids](#). With all the new orchids you bought at our Auction last month, maybe this article will help you figure out exactly what you came home with; it helped me since one of my purchases was: **Blc. Arthur Bossin 'Rapture' AM/AOS** (Blc. Tampico x C. walkeriana).



Dues paid now will cover 2007. You can start paying your 2007 dues any time. See Membership Form inside.

Make it easier on our Membership Secretary, and return the completed form with dues in an envelop to Helen at our next meeting. Thanks for your help.

Orchid Checklist for December

- Check your orchids for infestations and if found treat accordingly
- Cut back your watering cycles
- Cut back your fertilizer dosages



UPCOMING EVENTS

Fascination of Orchids International Show & Sale

February 9, 10, 11, 2007

10 AM to 6 PM

at the

Orange County Fair & Expo Center

Costa Mesa

88 Fair drive Costa Mesa 92626

Free Parking

\$4 Single Admission

www.ocorchidshow.com

★ SCOS will be putting in a display and have a Society Plant Table. The SCOS Plant Table is a way for members to sell extra orchids and share some of the proceeds with the Society. **Everyone** interested in helping with the display or our Plant Table should contact John Reyes at **562-431-1142**.

★ This is for everyone, new members included. It is okay to wait until you know if your orchid is in bloom before calling John!

★ Volunteers will also be needed by the organizers of this show for which there should be sign-ups at future meetings.

2007 SCOS Membership Form (*)

Membership in the SCOS is open to anyone. Membership dues are \$20.00 per year per household. New members may join at any monthly SCOS meetings by completing this membership form or by mailing it with your dues to our Membership Secretary:

**SCOS/Helen Powell
4209 Blackthorne Ave.
Long Beach, CA. 90808**

Make checks payable to the "SCOS". You will begin receiving our monthly newsletter the following month.

Please Print Clearly

Check One: _____ **Renewing** _____ **New Member**

Date: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Spouse/Partner: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone (_____) _____ E-mail Address: _____

_____ Email-ONLY Newsletter Option (Saves your Society money)

Membership Badges will be ordered on request for \$5.00 per badge.

(*) _____ **Guest** (newsletter will be mailed: _____ or Emailed: _____ for 3 months after first visit)

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Christmas Pot Luck Monday, December 18th

6:30 p.m.

Whaley Park Clubhouse
5620 East Atherton Street, Long Beach

Choral Belles Entertainment



We have already **EMAILED** this **NEWSLETTER** to you if SCOS has your email address.

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