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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 7:00.

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South Coast Orchid Society

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Stories, articles and news items are welcome. The deadline is the 5th of the month.

Dennis Mackewicz 3198 Lilly Avenue Long Beach, CA 90808 (562) 430-0090 dwmackewicz@yahoo.com Monday, April 23, 2007

Speaker: Nick Tannaci

7:30 p.m. (New Time)

Nick Tannaci has been hybridizing and growing award-quality Paphiopedilums since 1973. Nick first started growing orchids upon graduation from UC Davis, when his Mother, an orchid grower since the '50s, gave him a Paphiopedilum fairreanum in bud. It bloomed and he was hooked. He started hybridizing and soon focused on Brachypetalums and Parvisepalums, breeding particularly for disease resistance in these difficult sections. Nick worked for a time with Terry Root of the Orchid Zone and has since started his own business, Nick Tannaci Orchids in Watsonville, CA. www.tannaci.com In the 34 years since he first started, Nick has become one of the foremost authorities on the challenging Brachys. He is so well respected for his prowess with them, that at the last Paphiopedilum Guild meeting he was christened with the title "Brachy Man". He has a wonderful sense of humor and is always on the lookout for a good joke or even a bad pun. He'll willingly share as many from his vast repertoire as you have time to listen to. He strongly believes in sharing his knowledge and encouraging growers through his talks to orchid societies.

Culture Session 7:00 p.m. (new time)

Susan Ochsner will share her secrets on how to grow the easiest orchid of all, the, PHALAENOPSIS!!!!!

Paul Brecht Passed Away on April 7th

Paul had been in the hospital for several days and appeared to be improving when his heart gave out. This is the loss of a great man and pillar in the orchid community. Paul was a Founding Member of the Newport Harbor Orchid Society and supported many others through his knowledge and resources. His funeral will be Saturday April 14th: Viewing 11-12:00 with Services following. Pacific View Cemetery, 3500 Pacific View, Corona del Mar CA 92625, 949-644-2700

Jim Miller

Refreshments

Last names **A to H** please bring refreshments. There is a special drawing for those who bring food!

President's Message

April 2007

I want to thank Loren Batchman for his program on cymbidiums with spots, dots and polka dots. The pictures were great and this was an exciting prelude to the future. The next few generations of breeding will bring some remarkable changes and in a couple of years the plants you saw will be out of the bottles and ready for us to grow. Also a special thank you to Loren for his generosity in providing a great plant table with every plant in bloom.

Shortly after I took office I was informed that our Society microphone we use for programs had disappeared. The first couple of programs without one were no fun and not everyone could hear. I am pleased to announce that a new microphone and extension cord has been generously donated by our Second Vice President, Susan Ochsner. Please join me in thanking Susan for her generosity!

The plants you brought for ribbon judging last month were a great selection of well grown orchids. Thank you for sharing and please continue to bring in your blooming orchids for all to see. We have a wide variety of growing methods in our Society and there is always something new to learn.

I know you are tired of this by now, but please mark your Calendar now for a different location for the May Meeting. There was a conflict with the early date on May 21st due to the Holiday. We have been able to secure the facility at Stearns Park only a few blocks away. The address is 4520 E. 23rd Street.

Have a great month. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Jim Miller

Board of Director's Meeting Highlights 4/7/07

The Board asked the Membership Chair to mail/email a **final notice** with a return envelop to 2006 members who have not yet paid their dues and let them know that their last SCOS newsletter was their March issue unless they respond with a renewal for 2007.

The Board reviewed the current rules of the **Silent Auction** which went into effect in September 2006. After listening to the experience with the current system, the Board voted to change back to the system in existence prior to September 2006 and ask that only plants that members want to DONATE to SCOS be brought to the Silent Auction Table. All proceeds will go towards Society; members will receive a special Opportunity Table ticket for each plant donated.

The Board accepted the resignation of Joan Bailey as 1st Vice President. Jim Miller recommended and the Board approved the appointment of **Janell Schuck to fill the 1st Vice President position** for the remainder of the year when the term expires.

The Board reviewed the Bylaws Committee's draft of the **updated Bylaws** and approved their adoption. The Board voted to have the updated Bylaws printed in this month's newsletter so it can <u>be presented to the membership for adoption at the April Monthly meeting.</u>

BYLAWS of the SOUTH COAST ORCHID SOCIETY, INC.

Preamble

The reason and purpose for the South Coast Orchid Society is to provide its members with a greater understanding and appreciation of orchids and encourage anyone interested in learning how to grow orchids to join and participate.

Article I NAME AND PERIOD

The name of this corporation is the SOUTH COAST ORCHID SOCIETY, INC. It shall not have any capital stock and shall be referred to in these bylaws as the "Society." The Society shall operate on a Calendar Year basis.

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Article II MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Society shall be composed of three types: Active, Life, and Honorary Members.

Active Members: Active Members are those who have paid dues for the current period, as specified in Article III. Active Members have the right to vote and hold office.

Life Members: A Life Membership can be purchased for the non-refundable sum of ten times (10x) the current annual dues specified in Article III. This membership shall entitle the holder to all of the privileges of an Active Member without any further payment of dues.

Honorary Members: This membership class is not required to pay dues. However, they will not have any voting powers and cannot hold office. The Executive Board, by a two-thirds vote, may elect as Honorary Members for life persons who have performed an outstanding service to the Society and/or the orchid community. There shall not be in excess of ten (10) living Honorary Members at any one time.

Article III DUES

Dues of the Society shall be \$20.00 per calendar year per household unless so amended by the Executive Board and approved by a two-thirds vote of the Active Members of the Society present at a Monthly Meeting of the Society designated for such action. Such action is to be announced, in writing, to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to this meeting. Dues shall be reduced to half the yearly amount for new members joining after the first day of July. Dues for renewals, for Active Members from the prior year, shall not be reduced.

Article IV MEETINGS

Section 1: **Monthly Meetings** -- Regular meetings of the Society shall be held on the fourth (4th) Monday of each month except in December, when it shall be held on the third (3rd) Monday. Exceptions shall occur when the meeting date falls on a holiday or problems exist at the meeting site or by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

Section 2: **Executive Board Meetings** -- Executive Board meetings shall be held at least quarterly. The exact time and location shall be specified in a notice delivered by the Corporation Secretary to each Board member at least two weeks prior to the meeting. Any meeting of the Board may be postponed for lack of a quorum or other cause, and moved to other some place and time, not exceeding thirty (30) days thereafter. If for any cause, any regular meeting of the board shall not be called or held, a meeting in lieu thereof may be called at any time and place by a majority of the board members provided that at least two weeks written notice is given to all Executive Board members. A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the Board.

Article V OFFICERS

Section 1: The **Officers of the Society** shall be: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Corporation Secretary, Membership Secretary, and Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected for a period of one year, to serve from the first day of January to the last day of December. The formal installation of Officers shall take place at the January Monthly Meeting.

Section 2: Duties of the Officers

President: The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Society and shall preside at all Monthly Meetings and Executive Board Meetings of the Society. The President shall appoint committees with the majority sanction of the Board in accordance with the bylaws, and any other committees deemed necessary by the Executive Board. The President shall be responsible for the conduct of the Society. The President and Corporation Secretary shall sign all written contracts and obligations of the Society, unless otherwise directed by a majority of the Executive Board.

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First Vice President: The duties of the First Vice President shall be: (1) to be in charge of the monthly program, including the securing of speakers for the education and entertainment of the membership; (2) to be in charge of the procurement of plants and donations of plants for prizes; (3) to perform the duties of the office of the Society President in the event of the absence, or the inability for any cause to act, by the President.

Second Vice President: The duties of the Second Vice President shall be: (1) to be in charge of the Culture Sessions for the instruction of members; (2) to be the director of promotion and advertising for the Society; (3) to perform the duties of the office of the Society President in the event of the absence, or the inability for any cause to act, by the President and First Vice President.

Corporation Secretary: The duties of the Corporation Secretary shall be: (1) to keep an up to date permanent record of all meetings of the Executive Board; (2) to send all notices of Executive Board meetings; (3) to be responsible for and to retain copies of the official correspondence of the Society including that of all Officers and Committee members; (4) to be in charge of all official documents, contracts, and all other legal papers pertaining to the conduct of the business of the Society; (5) to sign and execute with the President all written contracts and obligations of the Society, except when directed otherwise by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

Membership Secretary: The duties of the Membership Secretary shall be: (1) to keep all membership records; (2) to notify all members that their dues are payable by the 15th of January each year; (3) to be responsible for receiving and recording all dues; (4) to promptly turn over to the Treasurer all moneys received at the time of receipt or , if outside the monthly meeting, within seven days of receipt; (5) to compile an accurate membership list by the 1st of April and make such list available to each member; (6) to be in charge of ordering and distributing name badges.

Treasurer: The duties of the Treasurer shall be: (1) to receive moneys collected on behalf of the Society; (2) to deposit the funds of the Society in a bank; (3) to submit a statement of all accounts at each meeting of the Executive Board; (4) to keep and make available upon request a list of the Society's physical assets; (5) to have available all books and accounts at all reasonable times for inspection by any Active Member of the Society; (6) to make the accounting records available, at any given time within the year, so they may be audited annually by an auditor appointed and approved by the Executive Board; (7) to have checks signed by the Treasurer, Corporation Secretary, and/or President; (8) to render invoices for services provided by the Society; (9) to receive all bills incurred by the Society, and pay such with Executive Board approval.

Article VI DIRECTORS

Section 1: **Number** -- The number of Directors of the Society may be changed by the adoption of an Amendment to these bylaws, but shall not be less than seven (7) members, including the Immediate Past President.

Section 2: **Immediate Past President** -- The outgoing President shall be a Director until his successor becomes the Immediate Past President. The Immediate Past President is entitled to full voting power and the same status as an elected Director.

Section 3: **Term of Elected Directors** -- The term of office for an elected Director shall be three (3) years. The term of office of two elected Directors shall expire each year.

Section 4: **Duties of Directors** -- The duties of the Directors shall be: (1) to assist the Officers in conducting the proper operation of the Society; (2) to be a member of the Executive Board and perform the duties thereof.

Article VII EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1: Composition -- The Directors and Officers shall comprise the Executive Board.

Section 2: **Duties** -- The Executive Board shall: (1) have the general charge and direction of the Society; (2) provide the care and management of the investment and reinvestment of all Society funds; and (3) shall consider and pass upon all questions of the appropriation of money, including amounts to be appropriated for prizes, publications, and committee expenses.

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Section 3: **Removal by the Executive Board** -- The Executive Board has the power to ask for the removal of any member, Officer or Director, for just cause. An Executive Board Meeting shall be designated for such purpose, and the removal(s) shall be on the agenda. The person to be removed shall be notified of the Cause, in writing, at least two weeks prior to the meeting. The written notice shall state the grounds for removal and the time and place for the meeting to discuss this action. Failure of the accused person to attend this meeting will not prevent the meeting. A vote of the Executive Board at this meeting shall determine whether to remove, or not remove, that person. The removal must be approved by a two thirds vote of the Executive Board. An Executive Board Member shall be removed from office without further action if they fail to attend three (3) consecutive Executive Board Meetings.

Section 4: **Replacement of Officers and Directors:** In the event of a vacancy in the Executive Board, whether for cause, death, or resignation, the President has the power to appoint a replacement to the remaining term, provided such replacement shall be approved by at least two thirds of the Executive Board.

Article VIII NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1: **Nominations** -- At the Executive Board Meeting on or before the Monthly Meeting in August in each year, the Executive Board shall appoint a Nomination Committee of five active members, with exactly two committee members being members of the Executive Board, one of which shall be appointed chair for the committee. It shall be the duty of the Nomination Committee to nominate an Active Member to each of the positions listed in Article V, Section 1, and to nominate two (2) Active Members for the open director positions. The Nomination Committee shall report these nominations during the September Monthly Meeting. The report shall be published in the October newsletter, and repeated at the October Monthly Meeting, at which time nominations may be made from the floor, provided such nominees are either present or have given their prior consent. The full slate of nominated members (by the committee or from the floor), will be published in the November and December newsletters.

Section 2: **Elections** -- Nominated candidates shall be presented to the membership for a verbal vote approval at the December Monthly Meeting. In the event there are multiple candidates for any Executive Board position, marked ballots shall be used in lieu of verbal vote approvals for that office. Election shall be accomplished by a plurality of Active Members present at the December Monthly Meeting.

Article IX STANDING COMMITTEES

Standing Committees are those committees the Society has deemed necessary each year on a continuing basis. The responsibilities and activities of the standing committees of the Society shall be an attachment to the bylaws. They shall be reviewed and updated by the chair of the committee and presented to the Executive Board by the second Board meeting each calendar year for approval and when changes are needed.

Annual Auction Newsletter Ribbon Judging Silent Auction Hospitality
Opportunity Table
Shows and Displays
Society Representation

Article X PROCEDURE

Section 1: Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all meetings unless inconsistent with the bylaws, which shall take precedence.

Section 2: These bylaws may be amended by a resolution of the Executive Board, and approval by a majority vote of Active Members in attendance at the Society Monthly Meeting. Changes in the bylaws shall be distributed at a prior Society monthly meeting or be published in the newsletter at least 30 days in advance of the vote.

Section 3: A copy of these bylaws shall be available, upon request, to any member of the Society.

Section 4: The date of the latest approval by membership vote is April 23, 2007.

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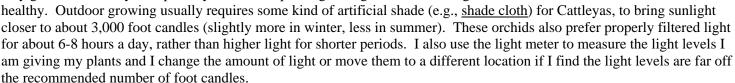
SCOS' Q & A Column

I presented our March meeting culture session, focused around a "Cattleya Culture Kit." Enough questions resulted that I will repeat the kit contents in this column, and briefly how I use each item.

Incidentally, American Orchid Society members were treated in the April 2007 *Orchids* to another article by A. A. Chadwick, this one describing six Spring-flowering Cattleyas. As I mentioned at the culture session, Chadwick and son have written a number of articles on Cattleyas (and Laelias) over the last few years, and they published a book on Cattleyas last year (2006). I like to read these articles for the inspiration they provide, the sort of thing that gets me through those difficult repotting sessions.

In my kit I have the following:

Light - I carry a <u>light meter</u> to the greenhouses of local growers to measure the light they give their Cattleyas, especially when I see plants growing well and looking



Temperature - A <u>thermometer</u> that records the high and low temperatures registered since it was last reset is very useful. My latest one is electronic, and I can read the current, maximum, and minimum temperatures for two locations up to 6 feet apart. If I take readings and reset the high and low each 24 hours at the same time of day, I get a record of the high and low for each day. (Note: newspaper temperatures for your city are probably not the same as for your yard.)

Water and Humidity - Though I find limits to what I can do about low (or high) humidity outdoors, I do have a <u>humidistat</u>; this tells me the relative humidity (i.e., relative to the temperature). When the relative humidity is low, I spread water under the benches; when high, I lay off watering. I use tap water and a hose to water the Cattleyas weekly (on average, less when colder, more if it is very hot). I use a very fine <u>Fogg-It nozzle</u> to keep the humidity higher between watering. On a humid-or cold - day when the Fogg-It nozzle would be too much, I use a quart squirt bottle delivering a very <u>fine spray of distilled water</u> to moisten the rhizomes of selected plants. Cattleya dormaniana is one plant on which I try to use more distilled water; the same applies to the hadrolaelias (e.g., Laelia pumila, L.. dayana).

Fertilizer - I use a standard 30-10-10 fertilizer, half strength, during the summer, when plants are growing, because I grow mostly in fir bark, and as bark gets older a population of bacteria develops in the bark, consuming nitrogen, so growers need to supply extra nitrogen. (For mixed media, reduce nitrogen consistent with proportions of fir bark.) I use 20-20-20 during the winter, and the organisms turn that into something with less nitrogen, which is OK because the plants are cold and aren't doing much vegetative growing anyway.

Dividing - I carry an ample supply of new single-edged <u>razor blades</u>, and use one per plant, disposing of it when done with that plant. This helps prevent the spread of disease among plants. Sterile single use <u>latex gloves</u>, available in drug stores, also help in this regard. Otherwise, for cutting off dry rhizomes or bracts, garden shears (non-sterile) will do.

Potting - My current potting medium is a mix of <u>fir bark</u>, <u>diatomite</u>, and <u>charcoal</u>, all medium size. (I have used other mixes, now unavailable, or straight fir bark, but bark quality has declined.) I occasionally add medium perlite, if a plant requires more water retention. Smaller roots suggest potting L. lundii in fine bark and perlite. For stability, I use galvanized wire to secure bamboo plant <u>stakes</u> to the side of the <u>plastic pots</u>, and use twist ties or bonsai wire to hold the plant to the stake.

Identification - I write the name, my ID number, date potted, and origin (e.g., vendor) on a white <u>plant label</u> or tag. I also place a colored tag in the pot, to indicate the year potted (e.g., I am using green tags for 2007.) I can then quickly survey my plants and know which ones have been repotted in a given year. In addition, I use spread sheet software (Excel) on my computer to create a list of plants that includes the tag information plus price, when repotted, and number/quality of blooms.

Russ Nichols

Editor's Note: Thank you Russ Nichols. Russ is a SCOS Director and has volunteered to write this column on a monthly basis.



RIBBON JUDGING

Member's are requested to participate in The Plant Forum by sharing and displaying their blooming plants each month. It makes our meetings more interesting and each plant entitles you to a FREE RAFFLE TICKET for a chance to win a new orchid. EACH MEMBER HELPING WITH JUDGING WILL RECEIVE A FREE RAFFLE TICKET FOR THEIR EFFORTS. Please Print Your Plant Names LEGIBLY!!

Thanks to everyone helping out with the judging in MARCH.

EARLIER SCHEDULE IN EFFECT --- PLEASE HAVE YOUR PLANTS REGISTERED AND READY TO BE JUDGED BEFORE 7:15 P.M. AT OUR MARCH 26th MEETING.

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Janell Schuck, Ribbon Judging Coordinator

Ribbon Judging March 2007

CATTLEYA ALLIANCE

1st Lc. 'Rojo' Ruben Colmenares 2nd Lc. 'Orange Treat' Ruben Colmenares 3rd Lc. 'Irene Holquin' Jim Miller

CYMBIDIUMS

1st Cym. Peepers 'Round Rascal'Espie Quinn2nd Cym. 'Lemon Yellow'Beth Reisner3rd Cym. 'Dorothy Stockstill'Bess & Joe GraffioCULTURAL AWARD

Cym. 'Rumrunner' Dennis Mackewicz

DENDROBIUM ALLIANCE

1st Den. speciosum 'Buttercup' Espie Quinn 2nd Den. delicatum 'Crysta' Espie Quinn 3rd Den. speciosum 'Sailwind' Espie Quinn

CULTURAL AWARD

Den. speciosum 'Buttercup' Espie Quinn

ONCIDIUM & ALLIED GENERA

1st Colmanara Wildcat 'Bob Cat' Shelly Brewer 2nd Onc. Aloha Iwanaga 'Dogashima' Dennis Mackewicz 3rd Unknown Odontoglossom Beth Reisner

PAPHIOPEDILUMS & PHRAGMEPIDIUMS

1st Paph. Unknown Janell & Harry Schuck

PHALAENOPSIS ALLIANCE

1st Phal. 'Yu Pin Pearl' Beth Reisner

2nd Phal. 'Champion Princess' Janell & Harry Schuck

VANDA ALLIANCE

1st Asco. 'Mikasa' Ruben Colmenares

SPECIES

1st Pleurothallis tarusJim Hoyle2nd Den. aggregatumRuben Colmenares3rd Den. farmeriiRuben Colmenares

CULTURAL AWARD

Den. linguiformis Ruben Colmenares

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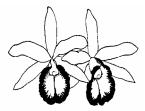
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MONDAY, April 23rd
Meeting at Whaley Park
7:00 Culture Session (new time)
7:30 p.m. Speaker (new time)

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