

2008 Officers

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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

Newsletter

Founded in 1950

September 2008

Board of Directors

Expires 2008	Butch Archiaga
Expires 2008	Andy Tao
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Stories, articles and news items are welcome. The deadline is the 5th of the month.

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Monday, September 22, 2008

“How Orchids Talk to Us”

Speaker: Mark Zierten

7:00 p.m.

Our September speaker has grown orchids since 1990 without benefit of a greenhouse. One of his objectives has been to develop a checklist of those species and hybrids that will adapt (with a little help) to the sub-tropical environment of Southern California. In the process he has also developed a collection of slides to use in his presentations and researched the climates, geography, range and elevations of a number of orchid species. He started growing orchids when he quit smoking cigarettes and needed to do something less compulsive than smoking. Well . . . less dangerous, if not less compulsive.

He presently has about 300 orchid plants ranging from miniature plants less than two inches high with flowers to specimens weighing more than fifty pounds growing outside on his deck. His collection is about equally divided between species and hybrids. A primary hybrid that he developed is named for his grand-daughter; Baptidium Sophie Jayne.

Our speaker has made many presentations and classes including to the Culver City cultural arts program, Orchid Society of San Fernando Valley, Orchid Society of Southern California, San Gabriel Valley Orchid Society and the 1998 Los Angeles County Fair Flower and Garden Exhibit.

His current research explores the ways in which we can “read” orchids to help form (or reform) good cultural practices. He will focus on visual clues as well as less common, but equally important, tactile and olfactory indicators.

Janell Schuck

Next Board Meeting — September 18th

Our next Board meeting is on Thursday Sept. 18th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be at Janell Schuck's home. Please RSVP to Janell if you cannot make the meeting.

Refreshments

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

President's Message

Our own Espie Quinn presented a first rate lecture and culture session at the August meeting. Espie was last year's winner of the Phil Plocher award for the most points earned in our monthly ribbon judging. As such, we all listened intently, eager to pick up the fine points of Cattleya culture that will enable us to become champion orchid growers.

Where does the time go? The *Laelia purpuratas* in all their color forms were in bloom just a short time ago, and now it is nearly Fall. Fortunately, this year it looks like one of my small seedling *Cattleya labiata*s has finally grown up enough to bloom. And that is one of the wonderful things about orchids, that with the right selection of plants, you can have at least one plant in bloom nearly all year.

Our Nominating Committee is looking for officers and board members for next year. See below. There are several positions to fill, and if you have some time to devote to your society, please consider joining us. Serving as a member of the board or as a society officer is a great way to get to know other club members, and learn more about your favorite hobby.

The Huntington will again host The Southland Orchid Show October 17-19, 2008. We will have an exhibit. If you have a nice blooming plant, consider placing it in our exhibit being organized by Butch Arciaga.

The auction is just around the corner, and we are planning to have great selection of plants. We have started communicating with the vendors, and with you, our members, about donating plants to that will make the auction exciting. If you have not done so, **mark your calendars now and plan on attending the evening of October 27.**

Thanks to all those bringing in plants each month for our display and ribbon judging.

Russ Nichols

Nominating Committee's Call For Volunteers

Your Nominating Committee is looking for volunteers for next year. Please consider helping your Society. Contact one of our members to discuss any one of the following positions we need to fill for calendar year **2009**.

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. [Janell has done a great job but needs a break which means she is willing to serve as 2nd VP since that position also is open.]

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. [Kathy Smith unfortunately has plans to move out of state next year; our loss.]

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. [We are sad that Millie Carr will have to step down next year.]

Director: 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. [Two Directors are needed to replace those expiring in 2008.]

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED. Please contact one of the following Committee members if you or someone you know may be interested in helping in 2009: **Dennis Mackewicz** 562-430-0090 dwmackewicz@yahoo.com; **John Reyes** 562-431-1142 jpreyes@verizon.net; **Jennifer Blomeley** 562-310-0029; **Bonnie Kroll** 562-431-0457 bonniek858@verizon.net; **Espie Quinn** 714-968-0220 espieq5@yahoo.com; **Michelle Dobord** 562-595-0920 Auberginego@verizon.net

August Monthly Meeting

Orchids for Judging



**South Coast Orchid Society
Ribbon Judging Results**

August 25, 2008



Cattleya (Laeliinae Subtribe)

First Blc. Meyina Yahiro
First Lc. Tropical Pointer "Cheetah"
Second Lc. Ruyun Little Love "SVO"
Second Slc. Tutankamen "POP"
Third Cattleya unknown
Third C. Pink Leopard
Cultural Slc. Hsin Buu Lady
Cultural L. anceps x Lc. Mari's Song

Beth Reisner
Ruben Colmenares
Ruben Colmenares
Barbara Roth
Edwina Brown
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Dendrobium (Dendrobiinae Subtribe)

First Den. "Wonder Nishii"
Second Den. bracteosum x laevifolium

Dennis Mackewicz
Ruben Colmenares

Phalaenopsis (Sarcanthinae Subtribe)

First Neofineta Falcata White Tara x Crystal Palace
Second Asoda. Princess Mikasa AM/ AOS Pink

John Reyes
Shelley Brewer

Oncidium (Oncidiinae Subtribe)

First Alcra. Pacific Nova "Pacific Heights"
Second Wildcat Lorene

Janet Schuck
Evelyn Currier

Paph & Phrag (Cyrrpedioideae Subfamily)

First Paph. Parishii

John Reyes

Cymbidium

First Grammatophyllum scriptum var. citrinum

Michelle Dobord



UPCOMING EVENTS

SOUTH COAST ORCHID SOCIETY ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION Monday OCTOBER 27th 6:30 p.m.

**San Diego International Orchid Fair
And Plant Sale
October 3 - 5th**

Quail Botanical Gardens
230 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas
More Info: (760) 436-3036 or www.qbgardens.org

**50th Annual Fall Santa Barbara Orchid Estate
Open House**

**Saturday Nov. 1st & Sunday Nov. 2nd
8 - 5 p.m. / 9 - 4 p.m.**

More Info: (800) 553-3387 or www.sborchid.com

2008 Southland Orchid Show

Your Society is planning an orchid display table for the Southland Orchid Show. Butch Arciaga is coordinating the setup which will take place on Wednesday, October 15th at 10:00 a.m. He is looking for volunteers to help and blooming plants that can be used for our display.

The next Southland Orchid Show at the [Huntington Library, Art Collection, and Botanical Gardens](http://www.huntington.org) will be held on October 17th-19th, 2008. Show times will be the same as the Huntington's, 10:30am to 5:00pm. The theme of this year's show will be "Harvest Moon Orchid Festival" celebrating the opening of the first phase of the Chinese Gardens at the Huntington. The official poster (in Adobe PDF) format can be downloaded from [here](http://www.huntington.org). Admission to the show is as follows:



- Adults: \$15
- Seniors (age 65+): \$12
- Students (age 12-18, or with student ID): \$10
- Youth (age 5-11): \$6
- Children under 5: Free

Admission includes access to all of Huntington Gardens, Art Galleries, and Library. In addition

to the society orchid displays, there will be orchid displays by a host of international orchid vendors sited among the rain forest and tropical collections in the Rose Hills Foundation Conservatory for Botanical Science. These vendors will also be offering orchids for sale. Rounding out the activities are orchid lectures and "show and tell" on Saturday and Sunday, and a Preview Party on Thursday, October 16th. Tickets for the Preview Party must be reserved by October 10, 2008 by calling Lezlie Moore-Purcell at (818) 985-3032. The Preview Party will feature hors 'd oeuvres, no host bar, early vendor sales, and the Awards Ceremony.



September - October Checklist

prepared by Ned Nash and James Rose

Cattleya

Despite the shortening days and lowering angle of the sun, September can still be one of the hottest months. Water and fertilizer need to be in balance with heat and light. The alert grower will notice, however, that his or her plants are beginning to slow down a bit. Growths are maturing, and the sheaths are giving the promise of the next six-months' bloom. Check plants for potting needs for the last time this season. Any in dire need should be potted, even some that may be on the cusp, as there is just enough of the growing season left to allow the plants to establish before the days start to get really short and cold. This is the month for purples derived from *Cattleya labiata* breeding to flower. If you are short on flowers, look into this group. There is nothing that can quite match this type for beauty and fragrance. They are easy to grow, too. Plants summered outdoors should begin to be prepared to be brought back into the winter growing area. Clean the plants up and be on the lookout for any pests they may have picked up during the summer. Treat as necessary.

Cycnoches

This little-known and under-appreciated genus, which can have male or female flowers, is at its best in the autumn. Two of the spectacular varieties are *Cycnoches loddigesii*, with its large brown flowers resembling a prehistoric bird, and *Cycnoches ventricosum*, the swan orchid. This last one has large, fragrant green flowers. The biggest problem, culturally, will be red spider mite infestations that require immediate attention. Plants are quite seasonal, requiring heavy watering in the growing season and then a drier dormant winter season.

Cymbidium

Through diligent modern breeding programs, the *Cymbidium* season gets stretched longer and longer. Now we can expect to have flowers open as early as September and October. Stake inflorescences and move the plants to a shadier location to help the flowers develop successfully. Because the plants will have warmth tolerance "built in" genetically, keeping the plants as cool as possible will help prevent bud curl. For the midseason varieties, inflorescences should be initiated by now. Feed plants on a regular schedule with a balanced fertilizer (20-20-20) and shade the plants lightly.

Dendrobium

This is a good season for hybrids of the *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* and *Dendrobium canaliculatum* types. Both are capable of putting on tremendous shows of long-lasting flowers. Fertilize with a low-nitrogen formula to promote the best flowers. *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* can get tall and top heavy, suggesting an attractive and heavy container would be appropriate for this type.

Paphiopedilum

Standard, green-leaved *Paphiopedilums* begin to show their bloom sheaths this month. Late-season heat waves can blast these early sheaths, so be observant about proper cooling and air circulation. As with the rest of your plants that may have been summered outdoors, it is time to prepare for their move inside. Clean each plant and implement pest-control practices. Repotting, if necessary, is appropriate.

Phalaenopsis

The bulk of this season's growth is being ripened this month, with growers in cooler climates seeing the first emerging inflorescences. Some night heating may be necessary in the cooler areas. Begin to watch watering more carefully, and reduce feeding proportionately with reduced watering needs. An extra dose of phosphorus and potassium, such as a bloom-booster or high-acid type fertilizer, is beneficial.

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MONDAY, September 22nd

Meeting at Whaley Park Clubhouse

Meeting Starts at 7:00 p.m.

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



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