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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

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December 2008

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Expires 2008	Butch Archiaga
Expires 2008	Andy Tao
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Expires 2009	Ron Nash
Expires 2010	Marylyn Paulson
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Stories, articles and news items are welcome. The deadline is the 5th of the month.

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**Monday, December 15, 2008**

**Christmas Pot Luck**

**6:30 PM**

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 tables.



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

Please bring the following to share with 8 to 10 people unless you signed up for something else:

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

The evening will feature a slide show of pictures taken at our monthly meetings — many beautiful blooming orchids that members brought for the Judging Table.

**Christmas Pot Luck  
Gift Exchange**

Join in the fun and bring a gift for the Gift-Exchange with a value of \$10.

## Nominating Committee's Slate of Candidates for 2009

### Officers

President	Russ Nichols	Recording Secretary	Margaret Nerio
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### Board of Directors

Expires 2011	Janell Schuck	Expires 2010	Andy Tao
Expires 2011	Mary Bell	Expires 2009	Butch Archiaga

Our election will take place at the December meeting.

Nominating Committee Chair: Dennis Mackewicz

## 1st Board Meeting for 2009 — Thursday January 15, 2009

7:00 p.m.

Location: Margaret Nerio's Home (714-846-0060)  
16655 Westfield Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92649 3605

All current Officers and Board Members and newly elected Officers and Board Members should attend.

Please R.S.V.P. only if you **CANNOT** make this important meeting.

## Please Renew Your Membership for 2009—NOW

Complete a membership renewal form at our next meeting or mail it to our  
Treasurer with your dues for 2009.

## November/December checklist

by Ned Nash and James Rose

### Cattleya

Growers of just about every level of expertise will have begun to notice autumn conditions by now. Days are becoming shorter, hence cooler; the sunlight has less intensity as a result of the sun's lowering angle, nights are longer and generally cooler. Plants are responding by slowing and ripening their growth in preparation for winter. The first cultural change should be a reduced frequency of watering, as the plants dry out more slowly. This is a function of both the reduced day length and lower temperatures, as well as the plants' slowing growth rate. Reduced water needs signal a reduced need for fertilization. Note that the key word is reduced, not eliminated. Feed less frequently and at lower dosage, but feed. Growths, made during summer's heat, and relatively soft and green, will be ripening — hardening — in preparation for a brief period of rest (in many cases). Many of these ripening growths will have a sheath, presaging the coming winter or spring flowering season. In some cases, these sheaths will have been evident since as early as July. (Early sheath development does not mean early flowering on plants with winter-spring seasons.) You may notice that some of these sheaths are showing signs of yellowing. This is not abnormal. Autumn's more pronounced temperature fluctuation can lead to water condensation inside the sheath, hastening the normal process of senescence, so yellowing sheaths can be left on the plant only so long before they must be carefully removed to preserve the bud primordial within. Water condensation left unchecked can rot the bud primordia. The sheaths can be safely removed by slitting open and peeling down toward the pseudobulb.

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## November/December checklist - continued

by Ned Nash and James Rose

### Cool-growing Orchids

One can almost hear a sigh of relief from all of the cool-growers, from masdevallias to odontoglossums. As day temperatures decline, one can see a noticeable improvement in these plants. Shorter days and lower light levels do not seem to bother them. Repot before winter arrives.

### Cymbidium

Finally we begin in earnest the main cymbidium season. *Cymbidium ensifolium* can give some early and fragrant hybrids, but it is now that the bulk of the crop will begin flowering. The season lasts for about seven months, adding color to any collection. Miniature varieties will peak for the next three to four months. There are three important things to do: stake inflorescences ramrod straight for best presentation, watch for slugs and snails (especially just after a rain), and fertilize with a mild balanced formula regularly.

### Oncidium crispum complex

This is the season for plants in *Oncidium* section *crispum* from Brazil to shine. Extremely vigorous hybrids come in wide varieties of markings dominated with chestnut and brown and butter yellow. Give plants high light to produce strong upright inflorescences. The pseudobulbs should be plump, so do not let the plants dry out while they are in bloom. Later, plants will enter a dormant period.

### Paphiopedilum

The flowering season for the “toads” or “bulldog” paphs is just getting underway. These cannot be grown everywhere, but where cooler summer nights allow their growth, there is no longer-lasting or more exotic display than these. *Paphiopedilums* are, in general, not heavy feeders, and it is especially important with this type to reduce nitrogen levels now for best flowering and spike length. Be watchful for water accumulating in the growth around the sheath, or for the late season warm spell, either of which can lead to the sheath’s rotting. As the spikes emerge, do not change the orientation of the plant toward the light, as this can lead to a crooked or twisted spike. While *paphiopedilums* rarely like to dry out entirely, water needs are significantly reduced beginning now. Over-watering at this time of year can quickly lead to root rot or erwinia problems. Now is the time to practice good sanitary practices in your greenhouse or growing areas, as pest and disease problems have a way of multiplying rapidly in the darker and more crowded conditions that generally mark the winter growing area. With *paphiopedilums*, especially, “cleanliness is next to godliness” and if the growing area is littered with old foliage, weeds and dying flowers, keeping the plants alive and flowering will be next to impossible.

### Phalaenopsis

Shortening days and cooler nights are the signals for inflorescence initiation in *phalaenopsis*. In more northern climates, or on the west coast, growers have already begun to see the early inflorescences that may be ready for Christmas. A reduction in nitrogen levels will go a long way to giving the best possible spiking, as will a boost in potassium and phosphorus. In other words, a “bloom booster”-type fertilizer is definitely indicated in the next few months. Disease and pest problems are best dealt with now, especially as mealybugs hide in the bracts and flower buds. Once they have established themselves, they are difficult to eradicate, and flower damage or crippling results. Potential disease problems can be dealt with by the application of a copper-based compound to control/alleviate rot problems before they start. There is nothing more frustrating than to have shepherded your plants through a growing season, only to have them decline before your eyes.

### Vandaceous genera

Whereas the general decline in temperatures is beneficial to cool-growing orchids, it is not for vandaceous plants. The only cold-hardy member is *Neofinetia falcata*. Orient your plants in such a way as to take advantage of as much light as possible. This can be a problem in northern latitudes. Reduce watering and feeding schedules.



**South Coast Orchid Society**  
**Ribbon Judging Results**  
**November 16, 2008**



**Cattleya (Laeliinae Subtribe)**

First Blc. George King 'Serendipity'  
 Second Lc. Frosty Pink 'H&R'  
 Third Lc. C.G. Roebling  
 Culture C. x victoria reginae

Espie Quinn  
 Dennis Mackewicz  
 John Reyes  
 Espie Quinn

**Laelia (Laeliinae Subtribe)**

First L. anceps var. lineata 'Disciplinata'  
 Second L. gouldiana  
 Third L. anceps 'Dawsonii'

Espie Quinn  
 Sheila Ritterbush  
 Katherine Synsteliien

**Cymbidium (Cyrtopodiinae Subtribe)**

First Gram. Scriptum var. citrinum 'Hihimanu'  
 Culture Cym. Valentine's Love "Octoberfest"

Doris & Larry Arakakis  
 Dennis Mackewicz

**Phalaenopsis (Sarcanthinae Subtribe)**

First Phal. lindenii  
 Second Leostylis Lou Sneary

Butch & Miranda Arciaga  
 Bonnie Navens

**Paph & Phrag (Cyprpedioideae Subfamily)**

Paph. Henrietta Fujiwara (Haynaldranum x Drymu-  
 linum)  
 First  
 Second Paph. ((Jolix x Lovely Land) x P. Helenae)

John Reyes  
 Bonnie Navens

**Dendrobium (Dendrobiinae Subtribe)**

First Dendrobium speciosum var. farberi

Butch Arciaga

**Other**

First Zygo. San Dieguita 'Miki' x Z. Imagination 'Sparkles'  
 Second Bulbophyllum dearei  
 Third Zygo. mackayii  
 Culture Bulbophyllum dearei

Dennis Mackewicz  
 Butch & Miranda Arciaga  
 Espie Quinn  
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Thanks to John Reyes and Espie Quinn for helping with the judging.

Thanks to Jay's Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyclopaedia for correct spellings  
 of genus and species names



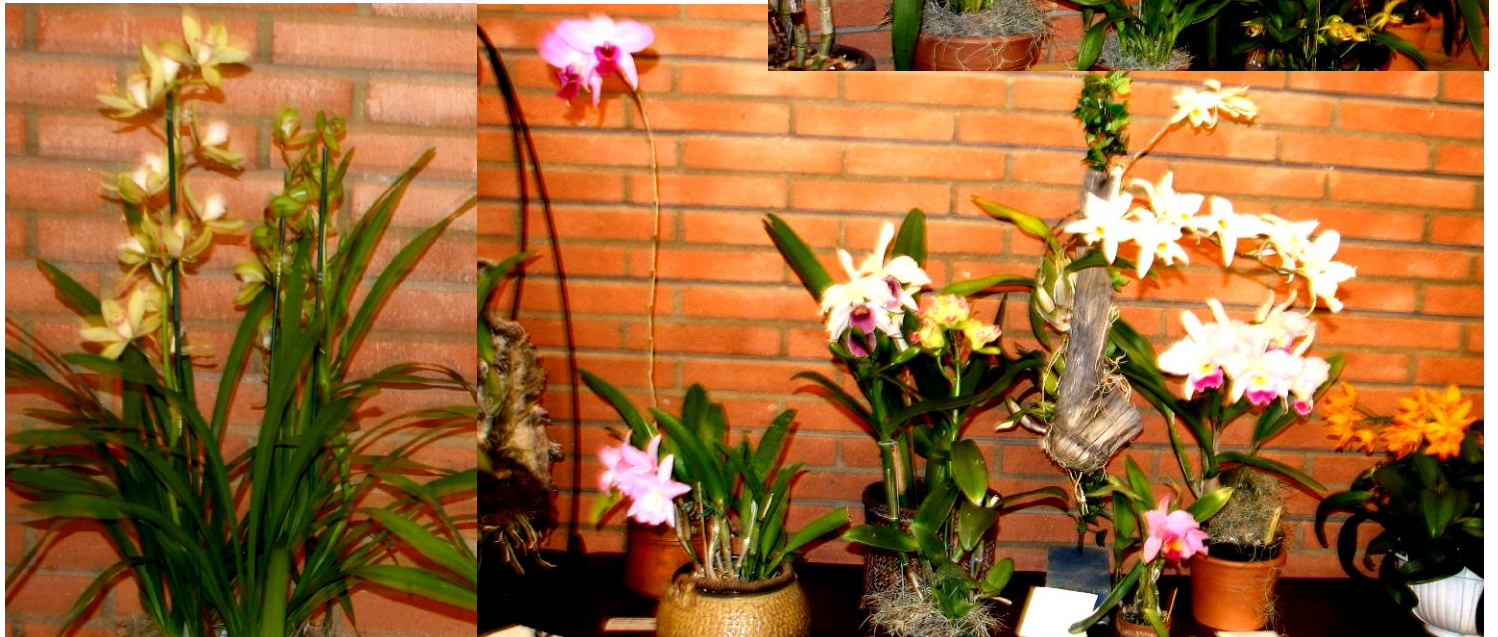
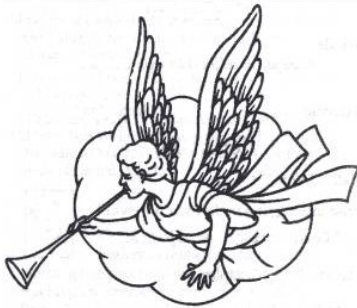


## November Meeting

< Speaker Ray Van Veen

Culture Session by  
Barton Mozlin >

### Orchids on Ribbon Judging Table





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MONDAY, **December 15th**

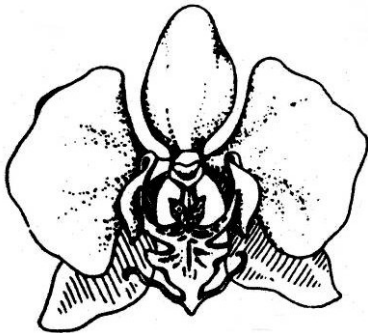
Meeting at Whaley Park Clubhouse

**Christmas Pot Luck  
Starts at 6:30 p.m.**

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