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# South Coast Orchid Society

Newsletter

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August 2004

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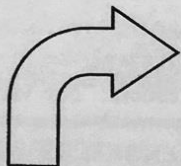
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Stories, articles and news items are welcome. The deadline is the 5th of the month.

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Monday, August 23, 2004

8:00 p.m.

The South Coast Orchid Society Proudly Presents

Speaker: Nicholas Braemer

## "ALTERNATE WAYS OF GROWING ORCHIDS"

Orchids growing in potting media other than bark, rock, sphagnum, etc..hmm. Sound interesting?

Our featured speaker, Nick will talk about his journey from growing plants in pots full of bark -- to mounting orchids on wood, in baskets and empty pots to name a few of the alternatives he's tried. He'll also talk about finding ways to grow orchids in pots beneath the mounted plants which can tolerate over-watering. Nick's private collection of 1500 plants has been transformed in this way, from conventional potting methods to the alternative and none of which he ever HAS to repot and which can tolerate over-watering.

Nick was born in Austria, and he moved to Canada where he grew up. He has lived in LA for 39 years. He is a retired Physician, married with 6 children and 3 grandchildren and a fourth grandchild on the way. He has been growing orchids for about 10 years and has special interests in Bulbophyllums especially the macrobulbon group. Nick's Bulbophyllums plants have been given 2 AOS awards one for *B. echinolabium* and the other for *B. spiesii*.

So please join us as we learn more about this fascinating and engaging hands on topic --as we share our love of orchids.

## NEW PLANT JUDGING FORMAT

Starting this month for the plant display we will be judging both *novice* and *advanced* orchid growing.

We encourage all our new members to bring their flowering plants in for display. You will enjoy sharing your favorite plants with other members!



## Ribbon Judging AUGUST 2004

### Cattleya Alliance

**Cultural:** C. bowringiana - Harry & Janell Schuck

**First:** C. Unknown - Joan Bailey

**Second:** C. leopoldii x L. esalquena - Chuck & Bonnie Navens

**Third:** Epc. Wee Willie Winkie - Chuck & Bonnie Navens

### Cymbidium

**First:** Cym. pumilum - Joan Bailey

### Dendrobium

**First:** Den. Dearii - Joan Bailey

**Second:** Den. Unknown - Cheryl Campbell

### Odontoglossum & Oncidium Alliance

**First:** Tolumnia sylvestre - Chuck & Bonnie Navens

**Second:** Darmogara Flying High 'Stars & Bars' - Phil Plocher

**Third:** Colmonara Wild Cat - Cheryl Campbell

**Paphiopedilum & Phragmipedium Cultural:** Paph. (Pinocchio x niveum) - Joan Bailey

**First:** Phrag. pearceii - Phil Plocher

**Second:** Paph. (primulinum x stoneii) - Phil Plocher

**Second:** Paph. Armeni White - Harry & Janell Schuck

**Third:** Paph (chamberlianum x haynaldianum) - Jim Miller

### Phalaenopsis

**First:** Phal. Golden Pecker - Phil Plocher

### Vanda & Ascacenda

**Cultural:** Angrcm. Longiscott - Harry & Janell Schuck

**First:** Rhyn. gigantea - Sumitra Bangchaltorn

**Second:** Ascda. Meda Gold x Golden Gold - Phil Plocher

### Species

**Cultural:** Aspasia lunata - Chuck & Bonnie Navens

**First:** Enc. mariae - Joan Bailey

**Second:** Pleurothallis tribuloides - Cheryl Campbell

Thank you to our judges: Bonnie Navens, Janell Schuck & Espie Quinn

## President's Message

Aloha to everyone. Sorry I missed the July meeting but Pat and I were celebrating our 35th anniversary on the night of the meeting by hiking out to watch the Kilauea volcano's lava flow into the ocean. What a beautiful sight!

I understand from Ruben that Karen Muir gave an outstanding talk and slide show on Japan's Grand Prix - the world's largest international orchid show. I hope that those of you who attended enjoyed it.

Thanks Karen for your wonderful presentation. I would also like to thank Ruben for running the meeting and for everyone else who helped to make the evening a success.


At our quarterly board meeting we discussed the need to find new ways to raise money for our treasury so that we can continue to bring you the fine speakers each month. If you have any ideas, please contact me or any board member.

**John Reyes,  
President**

## AUGUST CULTURE SESSION

Nick Braemer, the featured speaker will also present the evening's culture session: A serious consideration of using horse manure as the potting agent of choice to get those orchids to giddy up and grow. Members might consider looking over this web site in order to treat this subject with respect: "Nic van den Bosch's 'Horse Manure' site".

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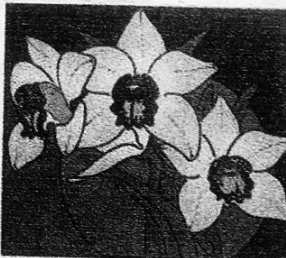
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### Refreshments

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There is a special drawing for those  
who bring food!

### ORCHID AILMENTS

#### Leaves

##### Yellowing Leaves:

This is a normal aging process if only old leaves on backbulbs are involved. If newer leaves yellow and soften, look for:  
too much light  
low temperature  
lack of nitrogen (especially in bark)  
loss of roots

##### Blackened Areas on Leaves:

The sudden appearance of brown then black areas on exposed surface of leaves on a bright, hot day, may be sunburn. Check shading; if blackened areas increase in size, it might be bacterial or fungal disease. Cut off diseased area, treat with fungicide such as natriphene, isolate plant, and dry it off.

##### Shriveled Pseudobulbs:

A sign that the plant is losing water content, it can be caused by:

- 1) low humidity;
- 2) underwatering, dry medium;
- 3) loss of roots.

##### Blackened Tips or Ends of Leaves:

This could be caused by:

- 1) overfeeding, especially in cymbidiums -- cease fertilizing and flush plant thoroughly with plain water;
- 2) excessive soluble minerals in water -- have water analyzed;
- 3) leaf dieback, a fungal infection -- cut off blackened areas and treat with fungicide.

##### Brown or Black Streaking or Mottling of Leaves:

This could be a virus infection. Send a leaf to your nearest agricultural experiment station.

##### Small Spots on Leaves, Reddish

##### Brown Turning Black :

Probably a fungus infection favored by warmth, high humidity and poor light. Reduce humidity or dry off affected plants and treat them with fungicide

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Monday, November 22

##### SCOS Annual Orchid Auction.

It's not too early to get your plants ready for this main fundraising event for our society. The money made from this event helps to provide speakers each month and offsets the cost of mailing our newsletters to our membership.

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!



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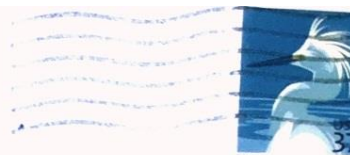
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MONDAY, AUGUST 23  
Meeting at  
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7 p.m. Judging  
8 p.m. Speaker

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