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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.

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South Coast Orchid Society

Newsletter

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April 2006

Board of Directors

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

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Monday, April 24, 2006

Speaker: Norito Hasegawa

Topic: "Paphiopedilums - Lady Slipper Orchids"

8 p.m.

Norito was born in Los Angeles, California, 62 years ago. He is married to Joyce and has three children Lisa, Todd and Mark. He runs "Paphanatics, unLimited", while also working as a dentist. Nearly 30 years ago, Norito became a judge in both the Cymbidium Society of America and the American Orchid Society. His interest lies mainly in the hybridization of all Paphiopedilums and also the propagation of the Paphiopedilum species as well. He is a member of the Cymbidium Society of America and the American Orchid Society and numerous local societies in Southern California.

Norito will be supplying our plant table for the raffle after the talk.

Refreshments

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

President's Message

April 2006

Spring is in the air. Be sure to check your light levels in your growing area and watch out for little bugs that start to come out as the temperature starts to climb. It's also time to start thinking about repotting. I saw a few of you at the Santa Barbara show which was in my mind one of the best in recent memory. It was well attended and had beautiful displays and lots of vendors.

For those that missed the last meeting we had a great culture session on the topic of repotting led by Espie Quinn. We were treated to an international speaker, **Ivan Portilla** of Ecuagenera. We learned about Ecuador and its native species. It was a wonderful slide show with lots of questions and answers.

Our best wishes for Jane and Paul Brecht and for Phil and Gwen Plocher who have been in our prayers and thoughts.

For all our board members we have a meeting that is scheduled for April 23 so mark your calendars. We have some slots on the board that will be opening up in the near term so if you think you might be interested in getting more involved with the SCOS, I would invite you to let me know so that I can pass your name on to the nominating committee. Also, we are still in need of a web page master. I don't like the options, but if needed we may have to either contract with an outside consultant for a fee or shut the webpage down. If you can help us save money in this area it would be greatly appreciated.

The end of the 2006 SCOS Membership Drive is the end of the month. For all you go getters out there, Go get 'em because the grand prize is a plant that you'll surely want to have in your collection. See details in this newsletter.

That's it for now, so if I don't see you first, I'll see you on the 24th, so take care until then and remember to bring a fellow orchid friend along to our next meeting. Join us as we share in our love of orchids,

Ruben Colmenares

Membership Form 2006

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

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Spouse/Partner _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone (_____) _____ E-mail Address _____(*)

(*) Email Newsletter options: email only email + printed copy available at meeting email + printed copy mailed

2006 Membership Drive

The Contest: Sign up the most new members.

The Prizes:

- 1st A three bulb division of *Stanhopea tigrina*
var. *nigroviolacea* Predor" FCC/AOS
- 2nd Free first pick off the May plant opportunity table
- 3rd Free second pick off the May plant opportunity table

The Rules: Open to SCOS members. The club member that is able to get the most number of new member **sign-ups before April 30th, 2006** will win the grand prize. See the membership form enclosed in this newsletter. Feel free to copy it so you can sign up your friends and others.

SCOC Newsletter Available via Email

We can now make available to members a PDF file copy of our newsletter. I can email an attached PDF file of our newsletter to members that want to try getting a copy with the understanding that you can op out of getting this monthly email at any time.

Please send an email if you would like to receive an emailed copy to Dennis at dwmackewicz@yahoo.com.

In considering this option, please also realize an opportunity for you Society to save money if you indicate a preference for either of the first two options below:

Email Newsletter options:

- A) ___ email copy only
B) ___ email copy + printed copy available at meeting
C) ___ email copy + printed copy mailed

With option B) your addressed printed copy would be available at the monthly meeting and mailed to you if you did not make the meeting that month.

Thanks for considering these options,
Dennis, Editor

UPCOMING EVENTS

JA-RO CA

Spring Sale

April 19-26

9 AM - 4 PM

14737 Palm Ave

Hacienda Heights, CA

Spring Fling

May 6, 2006

10 AM - 4 PM

1894 Dehesa Rd

El Cajon, CA

Contact Tom (6129) 441-9874 for details

Casa de las Orquideas

Seedling Sale

May 20, 2006

10 AM to 4PM

170 S. Nardo Ave., Solana Beach

More Info: casa@orquideas.com or

(858) 755-7572

Westminster Mall Orchid Show

June 9 - 10

1025 Westminster Mall

Westminster, CA

Contact (949)292-9091

OSSC annual Auction

June 10, 2006

2 - 5 PM

221 S 6th St Burbank

26th Annual Santa Barbara Orchid Estate International Orchid Fair

July 7- 9

Fri-Sat: 9 AM - 5 PM, Sun 10 AM - 4 PM

Earl Warren Showgrounds

Santa Barbara, CA

(805) 967-1284

santabarbaraorchidestate.com

Oncidium Culture (on-SID-ee-um)

This is an extraordinarily large and diverse New World genus with an equally diverse number of habitats. Oncidiums may originate anywhere from sea level in the tropics to the high elevations of the Andes. This obviously makes cultural generalizations difficult. More specific instructions may be available from the grower. Some genera included are *Aspasia*, *Brassia*, warm-growing miltonias (often called the Brazilian type) and many of their hybrids.

LIGHT needs can vary from bright to nearly full direct sun depending on the species. Most will thrive with one to several hours of sun a day. Generally, thicker leaved plants, such as “mule-ear” and “equitant” oncidiums, can stand more light. In a greenhouse, 20 to 60 percent shade is required, or about 2,000 to 6,000 foot-candles, depending on the plants. In the home, east, south or west windows are ideal. Many types of oncidiums will grow under artificial light: Four fluorescent tubes supplemented with incandescent bulbs and placed 6 to 12 inches over the plants are necessary for proper growth. Metal-halide and sodium-vapor bulbs also provide sufficient light without needing to be so close to the plants.



TEMPERATURES for this group are generally considered intermediate to warm: 55 to 60 F at night, and 80 to 85 F during the day. Temperatures up to 95 to 100 F are tolerated if humidity and air movement are increased as the temperatures rise, a good general rule in any case.

WATER requirements vary with the type of plant. Generally, plants with large fleshy roots or leaves need less-frequent watering than thin-leaved or thin-rooted plants. Watering should be thorough, and the medium should dry at least halfway through the pot before watering again. This may be every two to 10 days depending on weather, pot size and material, type of orchid and type of potting medium. Plants not actively growing should be watered less; many species have winter rest periods.

HUMIDITY should be between 30 and 60 percent. Many oncidiums require less humidity than other orchids. Most greenhouses have adequate humidity. In the home, placing the plants above moist pebbles in trays is ideal.

FERTILIZE regularly while plants are actively growing. Applications of 30-10-10 formulations twice a month are ideal for plants in a bark-based potting medium. A 20-20-20 formulation should be used on plants in other media or on slabs. If skies are cloudy, applications once a month are sufficient.

POTTING should be done when new growth is about one-half mature, which is usually in the spring. Fine-grade potting media are usually used with fine-rooted plants and coarser mixes with large-rooted plants; the standard size is medium grade. The plant should be positioned in the pot so that the newest growth is farthest away from the edge of the pot, allowing the maximum number of new growths before crowding the pot. Spread the roots over a cone of potting medium and fill in around the roots. Firm the medium around the roots. Keep humidity high and the potting medium dry until new roots form. Equitant and mule-ear oncidiums, as well as other fleshy-leaved or large-rooted plants, can be grown on slabs of cork bark or tree fern or in pots filled with a coarse, well-drained medium such as charcoal. This allows the drying between waterings that these types need.

March Monthly Meeting



RIBBON JUDGING

How about all those wonderful Dendrobiums that were brought in for display by our members in March!!! We also want to commend Butch and Miranda Arciaga for sharing their wonderful plants with the membership. Wish we knew their secrets in growing such beautiful Paphiopedilums.

Thank you to Cassandra Smith, John Reyes, Sumitra Bangchalotorn, Miranda Arciaga, and Maynor of Gibbell's Orchid Nursery in Torrance for helping out with the Plant Judging in March.

Ribbon Judging March 2006

CATTLEYA ALLIANCE

Cultural: Blc Catt. skinneri x Blc Orange Nugget John Reyes
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CYMBIDIUMS

Cultural: Cym. Dag. 'Little Jewel' x tigrinum Harry &
Janell Schuck

1st Cym. Cali Night 'Geyserland' Espie Quinn
2nd Cym Kusuda Shining Linh Vu
3rd Cym Moonday Memory 'Makes Me Happy' Linh Vu

DENDROBIUMS

Cultural: Den. Grassilum Linh Vu

1st: Den. Hohoemi Espie Quinn
1st Den. 'Star of Riverdance' Linh Vu
2nd Den. Essie Dawn Espie Quinn
3rd Den. James Lipton X speciosum Linh Vu

PAPHIOPEDILUMS & PHRAGMEPIDIUMS

Cultural : Paph. Avalon Mist Miranda & Butch Arciaga

1st Paph. Golden Arm 'Yellow Finch' Harry & Janell Schuck
2nd Paph. Edna Ratcliff 'Honey Dew' Mendel Yano
3rd Paph. Pinocchio Miranda & Butch Arciaga

OTHER GENERA

1st Siderin japonica Miranda & Butch Arciaga
2nd Pleurothalus grobyi Jim Hoyle

SPECIES

VANDAS

Ryncho gigantae Sumitra Bangchalotorn

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.

Janell Schuck, Ribbon Judging Coordinator



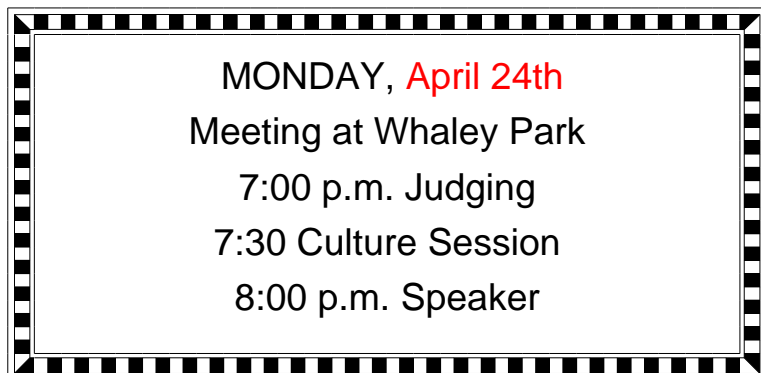
Featured Speaker

Ivan Portilla

Our speaker stayed an extra day in Southern California to speak to our Society thanks to Joan Bailey. The next day he flew back to his home in Ecuador. He showed pictures of orchids growing in the wild in his country giving us a sampling of some of the most beautiful orchids in their natural habitats. Ecuador has almost 4,000 orchid species in the wild, most requiring high humidity and high light levels but many growing at higher altitudes giving them some cold tolerance and allowing them to be grown outdoors in some areas of Southern California.

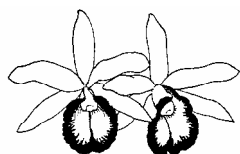
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HELP NEEDED TO SET UP TABLES & CHAIRS

Come **Before the Meeting** BETWEEN 6:30 & 7 p.m. to help.



We wish to thank these commercial vendors for their generosity and support.

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