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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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Newsletter

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

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Monday, February 26, 2007

Topic: **Tokyo Dome "2007"**

Speaker: **George Hatfield**

8 p.m.

The Speaker this month will be George Hatfield who will present a new Tokyo Dome program. For those of us who did not make the trip to Japan, you can go there through the eyes of George Hatfield. For those of you who do not know, George is an AOS/CSA Judge and owns a nursery, Hatfield Orchids in Ventura CA. www.hatfieldorchids.com. He has published articles in the American Orchid Society Awards Quarterly and the Cymbidium Society of America CSA Journal and is a supporter of our Society. He will be providing the plant table so you will want to buy a lot of tickets. This is your chance to go home with a lot of great plants.

Bring a new orchid friend to the meeting and introduce yourself to any guests on their first night visiting our meeting.

Culture Session

7:30 p.m.

Nupur Pandey

Hydroponics and Orchid Growing Supplies

The Culture Session for February will feature SCOC member Nupur Pandey from Greencoast Hydroponics in Long Beach. She will share her knowledge of Hydroponics and Orchid related supplies. You won't want to miss this interesting talk. So come early; you're sure to learn something new. I have heard she makes good "tea!"

Refreshments

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

President's Message

February 2007

My first month in office has sure been busy. The first big challenge was to resolve the issue of a rent increase from the City of Long Beach, Department of Parks and Recreation. After many emails and a couple of meetings attended by our First Vice President, Joan Bailey, I am pleased to announce that effective in March our monthly rent of the facility at Whaley park will be REDUCED by almost 30 percent. This is due to a reduction in our hourly rate and also changing the time we will rent the rooms to 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. This will save us a lot of money and hopefully get us home a little earlier after the meeting. Effective in **March** the Culture Session will start at 7:00 p.m. and the main speaker will begin at 7:30 p.m. This may require a little overlap on some functions. The culture session and ribbon judging may be occurring at the same time. Please give this a chance to work and we can make adjustments if necessary.

We also had our first Board meeting in January and your Officers and Directors are off to a good start. The bank accounts have been transferred to a local branch and our capable new Treasurer, Millie Carr, has begun developing a budget and I have scheduled an Audit in conjunction with the transition. Our new Membership Secretary, Cassandra Smith, has begun automating the membership information with the assistance of Janell Schuck and Joan Bailey. We have also updated our membership form to make recording membership payments easier by first passing the funds through our Treasurer. Please give your checks and Cash to Millie when you see here at the next meeting. The Board also passed a motion to replace Luis Morente on the Board of Directors with Butch Arciaga. Luis had missed three or more meetings and had to be replaced in accordance with the By-laws. We have also appointed a committee to review and update the by-laws. Their recommendations will be presented to you in the future when they are ready.

I am also pleased to announce that our reduction in monthly rent enables us to continue providing a place for the AOS Judging Team to meet each month. This group is not financially supported by the AOS and has supported our Society over the years through Speaker's programs, plant donations and more plants when needed for our annual fund raiser. The Judges have asked me to extend their thanks and be sure you know you are welcome to stop by and learn about the AOS Judging process. Better yet, they would love for you to bring in some of your blooming plants for judging.

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



New Members in January

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Dear Members,

I am very excited to be able to contribute my time and energy to our society. Let's remember why we are members of the South Coast Orchid Society:

THE FLOWERS! Do you remember how you felt the first time a plant that was all leaves grew a spike... and then grew the buds and then... WOW! Beautiful flowers!

I have a job for you. Don't worry, it's easy!

1. Think back and remember that feeling of seeing your first hard earned flower.
2. We need your help to impart that enthusiasm and wonder to someone else. Tell them how you felt; let them know that after all the patience and the work, the reward was a beautiful flower that you could call your own.
3. Then, **INVITE THEM TO OUR MEETING!** Show them that there are a lot of people who had that same feeling and who have that same feeling every time they see a new flower on a plant they own.



Let's all share our enthusiasm with someone new and show them that growing orchids is a fascinating task. Now that I have taken a moment to fill you with enthusiasm, let us move on to an official matter.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY:

We are working to publish an updated Membership Directory for 2007. I am planning to have these available at our **April** meeting for all members who have paid dues for 2007 so please renew your membership by our February meeting. I would like to include your name(s), address, phone number, and e-mail in the directory. If you **DO NOT** want something printed in the directory, please e-mail me or see me at the next meeting.

Sincerely,

Cassandra Smith

SCOS Membership Secretary

2007 South Coast Orchid Society Membership Form (*)

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

**SCOS/Mildred Carr
3862 Marron Ave
Long Beach, CA. 90807**

Make checks payable to the "SCOS". You will begin receiving our monthly newsletter the following month.

Please Print Clearly **Date:** _____

Check One: ___ **Renewing Member** ___ **New Member** ___ **Guest** ___ **Other (specify)** _____

___ **Contact information has not changed (for renewing members only!)** ___ **Order Badge, \$5.00 additional charge**

___ **Print ONLY my name(s) in the Membership Directory** ___ **Email-ONLY Newsletter Option**

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January Meeting



2007 Board of Directors and Officer Installation



Speaker
Dr. Leonid Averyanov



New President
Jim Miller

JUDGING TABLE



Cym. Sussex Dawn x
Via Atlantica
Espie Quinn



Lc. Jacquinetta
Joe & Bess Graffio



Paph. Unknown
Janell & Harry Schuck



Slc. Kaui Starbright x
Slc. Little Beamche
Kathy Synstelien



Dendrochilum cootesii (species)
Butch & Miranda Arciaga



Den. Ranger x Falsifal
Espie Quinn



SCOS Display at Fascination of Orchids Show
displaying the BEST **Mardi Gras Theme**

Congratulations Janell for your Paph. Nitens (insigne x villosum)
(See the "head dress" above the mask.) for winning both
Best Specimen Orchid Plant, Any Genus
Highest Point Scored Slipper Orchid - CCE/AOS 95



< Working on our Display: Espie Quinn, Jim Miller, John Reyes, Butch Arciaga, Nupur Pandey, Miranda Arciaga, Janell Schuck and Mildred Carr (sorry, the last two are hidden)



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.

Thanks to the following members for helping out with the judging in January: Kathy Synstelien, Miranda and Butch Arciaga, and Mr. & Mrs. Russ Nichols.

At our January Board Meeting we discuss whether we should have a "Beginner's Table" in the future. Please let either our President or myself know if you feel this would help to encourage more of our new hobbyists to participate in our monthly exhibit of flowering plants.

Ribbon Judging January 2007

SPEAKER'S CHOICE FOR JANUARY

Paph. Insigne Janell & Harry Schuck

CATTLEYA ALLIANCE

1st Lc. Jacquinetta Bess & Joe Graffio

CULTURAL AWARD

Slc. Kauai Starbright x Slc. Little Beamche
Kathy Synstelien

CYMBIDIUMS

1st Cym. Olymilum 'White Elf' Dennis Mackewicz

2nd Cym. Sussex Dawn x Via Atlantica
Espie Quinn

CULTURAL AWARD

Cym. 'Funny Face' Mildred Carr

DENDROBIUM ALLIANCE

1st Den. Ranger x Falsifal Espie Quinn

CULTURAL AWARD

Den. Ranger x Falsifal Espie Quinn

EPIDENDRUM ALLIANCE

1st Epc. 'Butterfly Kisses' Mildred Carr

ONCIDIUM & ALLIED GENERA

1st Brassia Rex Janell & Harry Schuck

PAPHIOPEDILUMS & PHRAGMEPIDIUMS

1st Paph. 'Gerta' Janell & Harry Schuck

2nd Paph. McLaren Park 'San Mateo' Kathy Synstelien

3rd Paph. Winlantis 'Quiying' x Milrow 'Old Pecan'
Kathy Synstelien

CULTURAL AWARD

Paph insigne Janell & Harry Schuck

VANDA ALLIANCE

1st Opsisanthe 'Suree' Espie Quinn

CULTURAL AWARD

Opsisanthe 'Suree' Espie Quinn

SPECIES

1st Dendrochilum cootesii Butch & Miranda Arciaga

2nd Epidendrum porpax Jim Hoyle

3rd Dendrochilum Wenzelii Butch & Miranda Arciaga

PLEASE HAVE YOUR PLANTS REGISTERED AND READY TO BE JUDGED NO LATER THAN 7:15 p.m. at our FEBRUARY 26th MEETING.

Janell Schuck, Ribbon Judging Coordinator

UPCOMING EVENTS

Gardena Cymbidium Club Orchid Show & Sale

February 17-18

Sat 10:30am to 5pm Sun 10am to 4pm

Ken Nakaoka Community center

1670 West 162nd St., Gardena, CA

South Bay Orchid Society

The Art of Orchids Spring Show and Sale

Saturday, March 3rd Sales 10am-5pm

Show 12am-5:00pm

Sunday, March 4th Show & Sales - 10am-5pm

Torrance Cultural Arts Center

3330 Civic Center Dr., Torrance, California

Admission: \$5, Free Parking

<http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/index.html>

Santa Barbara Int'l Orchid Show

March 16-18, 9am to 5pm

Earl Warren Showgrounds

3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA

Info: (805) 969-5746; www.sborchidshow.com

San Diego County Orchid Society Show

March 23-25

Scottish Rite Center in Mission Valley

1895 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego, CA

Info: www.sdorchids.com

Mariposa Gardens Spring Festival & Orchid Sale

March 31, 9am to 3pm

6664 South St., Lakewood, CA

Info: (562) 920-5588

Casa de las Orquideas "Great Freeze of 2007" Sale

March 31, 10 AM to 4 PM special one-day sale

170 S. Nardo Ave., Solana Beach, CA 92075

Info: casa@orquideas.com or (858) 755-7572

Look up the Registered Name of your Orchid

[Susan Taylor](#)

BellaOnline's [Orchids](#) Editor

Once you have gotten into orchids you will eventually want to know the parents of your hybrids. Many times it is important to verify the actual name of a hybrid. Sometimes you will purchase a hybrid with only the parents listed and it will become necessary to look up the registered name. Some nurseries discard the original tags from the grower when ordering orchids and hand write the names on their own tags. Often the correct name of the plant is compromised in the process. If you are ever to show your orchids, it is important to have the correct name.

If you have access to the World Wide Web the place to go is the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) site. They are the official registration authority for orchids around the world and have provided a handy look up system at [The International Orchid Register](#). Read down to about the middle of the page where it has a subtitle of "Searching the International Orchid Register." There you will find two links to the search engine, Parentage name search and Grex name search. (A Grex is the name given to every orchid produced by a particular cross of two parents.)

Parentage Name Search

Choosing this link will take you to a page where you can input the names of the parents of your hybrid. This is what you will use if the tag you have has only the parents' names, but no registered name. Under "Genus" it is probably better just to leave it blank unless you are looking up a species. Under "Grex" either put in the full name of the parents, eliminating the part in single quotes and the awards, or just part of the name with a percentage sign if you are not sure how to spell it. (The percentage sign is called a wildcard and the search engine will look for anything that starts with the same letters you have put before the wildcard.) Sometimes it will be necessary to try reversing the order of the parents in order to get a registration.

Grex Name Search

If you have the grex name and want to find out when it was registered and what the parents were, this is where you will go. So let's say that you want to look up *Oncidium Sharry Baby*. This is an interesting one to use because it is sold as both "Shary Baby" and "Sharry Baby." In the "Grex" type in either "Sharry Baby:" or "Sharry". You will find that the cross was made in 1983. If you type in "Shary" instead, there will be no matching results, so the proper spelling is actually "Sharry Baby."

There are, of course problems, as with any search engine. If the name has an apostrophe in it, the search engine seems to have a recognition issue. You will need to type the full Genus name in the first parameter and then the beginning of the name without the apostrophe in the second. Then use the wildcard character (%).

This will bring up a listing of all grexes that have the name included and you can choose the correct one.

This is also a good idea with any name that has unusual punctuation such as an accent of any kind.

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The Great Freeze of 2007

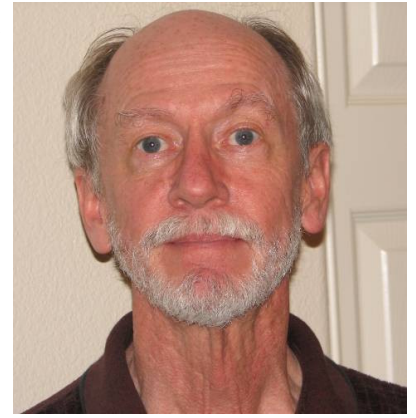
Whether you live in San Diego or San Francisco, the Freeze of 2007 has taken a bite on orchid growers large and small. Loren Batchman of Casa de las Orquideas in Solana Beach, came to an AOS business meeting recently with photos of his nursery and talked about how they turn the sprinklers on when it gets down to 29°F. The point is to encase the orchids (flowers and all) in ice. Water becomes ice at 32°, and as long as water is freezing, the temperature remains at 32°F. This ice and freezing water keeps many of the plants, flowers and buds from being damaged. After the temperature warms up to 32°F, the sprinklers are turned off and the ice is allowed to melt.



For those plants whose flowers and buds were damaged, you have a SALE. See the last "Upcoming Events" item on the previous page. Casa de las Orquideas stated in their email: "Due to the recent cold snap, Casa de las Orquideas is having a special one-day sale. Plants that lost flowers in the cold, and other cymbidiums that must be sold, will be offered at prices at or below wholesale."

SCOS' Q & A Column

Do you have questions about the SCOS, the orchids we grow, or related topics? Are you interested in sharing your orchid growing tips with other SCOS members who have a question? This new column is an opportunity to get involved in your society and for all of us to increase our understanding of orchids and become better growers. I'll base answers to members' questions first on my own experience and the experience of other members. When there's a need to go beyond our local knowledge base, I'll research any related articles I can find in major orchid publications. If you want to ask a question or want to add your own ideas to an answer I've given, just send me an email at russellanichols@verizon.net. I'll do my best to reply in the following issue of the newsletter. As the column evolves, we may find that especially interesting or challenging topics lead to a continuing dialogue with follow-up questions and ideas. I look forward to hearing from you and exploring our mutual interest in orchids.



At our January meeting, Karen Moy asked **what can be done to protect orchids growing outdoors from the cold winter nights we have been experiencing.**

My own experience tells me that what is too cold for one orchid may be acceptable for another. In Southern California, especially near the coast, temperatures are generally moderated by the ocean. Where I live in Long Beach, very near the ocean, winter lows are only occasionally below 40°F. But this year, they reached freezing; the lowest I have recorded so far is 32.2°F. Most hybrid Cymbidiums will survive these temperatures (I have seen a picture of blooming cymys in Santa Barbara with snow on the ground), but local temperatures this year are nearing the point where many Cattleya alliance orchids experience losses (or stop growing), and Phalaenopsis types simply must be kept indoors. In short, know your orchids and what each needs.

Other SCOS members have recently weighed in on this topic. In her culture session at our last meeting, Susan Ochsner provided several suggestions based on experience at her house, where the temperature dipped into the high 20s. She recommended wrapping orchids in old sheets or plastic secured with clothes pins to capture daytime warmth and provide still air space around the plants, moving orchids as close as possible to the house for greater warmth, and taking orchids indoors. Another member at the meeting said she had moved her plants to her living room, and a third had put them in her garage.

Cold air is heavier than hot air and falls down on our plants, so covering individual plants or benches with a plastic drop cloth (available in hardware stores that carry paint supplies) can reduce the night chill. If you can put a light bulb under a covered bench, the heat from the bulb will be trapped by the cover and help keep orchids warmer. I have also noticed that plants receiving sunlight early in the morning tend to do better than plants that must wait until later in the day for that warmth. Seedling mats, waterproof plastic mats with electric heating elements woven into them, are available (e.g., from Farmtek); I have recently placed these under the pots on an orchid bench for added warmth. Plants on the ground are subjected to the greatest chill, so raising more delicate plants to higher points in your growing area will help keep them warmer. Finally, try locating plants out of direct wind to avoid the "wind chill factor" (which can lower the temperature 20+ degrees).

In summary, providing still air around the plant, covering against cold air's fall, reducing the period of exposure, increasing temperature artificially, and sheltering all will help increase temperature enough that your plants will survive. And a final word of caution - watch for dehydration if you are watering less in winter and heating up plants with a light bulb or heating element. Since cold air is drier than warm air, when artificially heated it will tend to dehydrate plants. So look for a time (that occasional warmer day during the winter) when you can mist or water.

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.

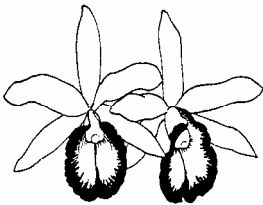
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MONDAY, February 26th
Meeting at Whaley Park
7:30 Culture Session
8:00 p.m. Speaker

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