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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.

www.southcoastorchidsociety.com

South Coast Orchid Society

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, April 27, 2009

“What do the Judges Look For in Cymbidiums ”

Speaker: Loren Batchman

7:30 p.m.

Our speaker for this month will be Loren Batchman from Casa de las Orquideas. The talk covers the characteristics that the judges look for when judging cymbidiums and the characteristics or faults that generally disqualify a flower or cause it to score low. Loren has been an accredited AOS and CSA Judge for more than 20 years. He has been growing orchids for 41 years, and has been a commercial cymbidium grower and hybridizer for 32 years. Loren and his wife Nancy own and operate Casa de las Orquideas in Solana Beach, California, one of the leading Cymbidium and Zygopetalum hybridizers in the US. Loren will be providing the plant table.

John Reyes

Culture Session

7:00 p.m.

Loren will also discuss Cymbidium culture at the Culture Session.

SCOS Special May Meeting Orchid Repotting Workshop May 18, 2009 *

Presented by Barton Mozlin

Everyone will have an opportunity to repot or mount an orchid at our monthly meeting; there will be a small fee.

* **Note:** we meet the 3rd Monday in May because of Memorial Day

Refreshments

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

March Meeting

Thanks to Mary Bell for the pictures of last month's meeting



**South Coast Orchid Society
Ribbon Judging Results
March 23, 2009**



Cattleya (Laeliinae Subtribe)

First	Slc. Hsin Bun Lady "YT"	John Reyes
Second	C. Aurantiaca	Janell and Harry Schuck
Third	Lc. Trick or Treat x Schroederae "The Baron"	Katherine Systelien

Cymbidium

First	Cym. Connie Joe Nine "Havana"	John Reyes
Second	Cym. Dorothy Stockstill New Horizon	Margaret Nerio
Third	Cym. Fire Wheel	Katherine Systelien

Dendrobium (Dendrobiinae Subtribe)

First	Dendrobium Essie Banks	Espie Quinn
First	Dendrobium Delicatum "Crystelle"	Espie Quinn
Second	Dendrobium Delicatum "Huntington Beach"	Espie Quinn
Second	Dendrobium Gracilicaule	Katherine Systelien
Third	Dendrobium Delicatum "Brechts"	Espie Quinn
Third	Dendrobium Kingianum alba "Seagull"	Espie Quinn

Oncidium (Oncidiinae Subtribe)

First	Oncidium Twinkle	Bonnie Navens
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Paph & Phrag (Cyrrpedioideae Subfamily)

First	Paph. Druid Spring (Primulinum: "Lunar Glow Druyl Bold Stripe")	Doris and Larry Arakakis
Second	Paph. Hunston x Dragon Singer	John Reyes

Other Genera

First	Dendrochilum Glaumaceum	Espie Quinn
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Note: First place for the Paphs last month for Andy Tao needs to be corrected to: 'Paph Lowii "Yung Tao"



March - April Checklist

prepared by Ned Nash and James Rose

Cattleya

Although March is, in many parts of the country, still a cold and blustery month, the lengthening days and warmer temperatures allowed by increased light are long-awaited harbingers of the coming change of season. Some of the best standard Cattleyas of the year will be in bloom, or will be blooming soon. The last of the winter-flowering hybrids will join the earliest of the spring hybrids in a wonderful display. Be on the alert for senescing sheaths that need removal. If these yellowing sheaths are not removed, the moisture they trap can lead to bud rot. Careful removal of the sheath will allow the buds to develop, although they will need additional support. Changing light conditions can also be a problem in March and April. An exceptionally bright day, especially immediately following a rain, can lead to sunburn of the foliage if shading is not attended to properly. There can still be periods of dull days where spikes can be weakened owing to the lower light. Lengthening days will mean increased metabolic rates necessitating increased water and fertilizer. The plants will indicate needs by drying more rapidly, which means more frequent watering and fertilizing.

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Note: James and Lauris Rose own Cal-Orchids which supports our auction each year.

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Cattleya continued

With the passing of the season for winter bloomers, and the beginning of the season for spring bloom, it is also the time to be on the lookout for plants that will need potting after they bloom. Immediately after blooming has proven to be the best time to repot winter and spring-flowering Cattleyas. In most cases, they will be ready to grow roots, so if potted at this time, they will root right into fresh mix with little or no setback.

Cymbidium

Plants should be putting on a spectacular show this time of year. Adjust all staking and twist-ties and be on the lookout for aphids, slugs and snails. Give adequate water because flowering strains the plants. As new growths appear later, increase the nitrogen level in the fertilizer. Should a plant look healthy but not be blooming, try increasing the light during the next growing season. The number-one reason for no flowers is lack of light.

Dendrobium (Australian)

These hard-cane dendrobiums will be at their flowering peak now. It is not unusual to see a specimen of this type in an orchid show boasting 1,000 flowers. The secret with this group, bred primarily from *Dendrobium kingianum* and *Dendrobium speciosum*, is to provide ample water, fertilizer and light during the growing season.

Lycaste

This genus of superb orchids will be coming to the end of its flowering season. Soon you will see the beginning of new root growth, which is an excellent time to repot into fresh media. As new growth emerges, provide ample fertilizer and water. A sign of good culture is an increase in the size of pseudobulbs with each successive year.

Miltoniopsis

This marks the beginning of the flowering season. Amazing displays of color will dazzle the grower over the next few months. Prepare your plants for optimum display by staking spikes (if needed) and cleaning off the older yellow foliage. Do not miss the wonderful fragrance as the flowers unfold.

Paphiopedilum

March is the beginning of the season of heaviest potting for lady's-slipper orchids. However, it is a month where the volume of plants needing attention is still small. It is an excellent month to take the time to work with your paphiopedilums before the pressure of other potting prevents your doing the thorough job you should. Look at each plant: Is it clean of dead and dying foliage? Is it weed free? Does it need potting? Is it in spike? Does it have an insect problem? Cleaning and restaging your paphs is one of the most satisfying tasks of the orchid year. Cleaned and potted paphiopedilums look happy. The summer-blooming types will be showing the first of their buds in March and April. Be on the lookout for the buds, as well as any insect pests that may have found their way into the crowns of your plants. It is especially difficult to clean mealybugs, in particular, once they have become established in the plant. Better to get to them before they get a good toehold. Increasing light levels should give emerging spikes the strength they need to grow straight and strong. Do not be too anxious to stake the spikes, because if they are staked too soon, the flowers may develop a "nodding" stance, where the dorsal will not stand upright. If the spikes seem to develop at an angle, let them, and stake after the flower has hardened for best carriage, especially on the hybrids with fairieanum background.

Phalaenopsis

In most of the country, March is the peak blooming month for phalaenopsis. Staking needs to be carefully attended to, so that the flowers will be displayed at their best for orchid shows and judging - even those intended for your home will look best if properly staked. Most growers like to have the final support just below the first flower, allowing maximum support, without sacrificing the beauty of the arching spike. Beware of the invasion of sucking pests that accompany the flowering season. Flowers and spikes are favorite targets of mealybugs and scales. Be on the lookout for their presence, often indicated by the appearance of sooty mold resulting from the exudate of the bugs, and treat before flowers or buds are too advanced. If flowers and buds are too far along, the chemical treatment may damage or abort them.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Casa de las Orquideas
Seedling Sale**

**Saturday, May 16, 2009
10 am - 4 pm**

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

For information: at www.orquideas.com
or call (858) 755-7572 for more information and directions.
Parking is limited - Please consider carpooling.

"Selected varieties of our Cymbidium and Zygo 3" seedlings from LB 1422 to LB 1507, and selected gallon-size plants, will be available at super-low prices! This could be your last chance to get some special orchids."

UPCOMING EVENTS

**The 29th Santa Barbara Orchid Estate
International Orchid Fair**

**Friday & Saturday July 10th & 11th
9 am - 5 pm
Sunday July 12th
10 am - 4 pm**

Admission is free, parking is \$5.

Earl Warren Showgrounds

Highway 101 & Los Positas Road

3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Nearer the Fair, the web site www.orchidfair.com will list 2009 vendors and have last minute updates.

For Questions: call Santa Barbara Orchid Estate at (800) 553-3387 or email sboe@sborchid.com. Santa Barbara Orchid Estate holds a concurrent open house.

LADIES, CHECK YOUR WARDROBE

After our February 23, 2009 meeting when Ron McHatton was our speaker, a ladies sweater was found hanging on the handle of his rolling suitcase in our meeting room. Perhaps one of you came up to talk with him after his presentation and left the sweater. We will

SCOS MEMBERS — Special Event

SCOS Field Trip to the Rowland Collection, Saturday May 9, 2009

Come join the Society for the first of our 2009 field trips to local and regional orchid growers. We're working with our supporting vendors (listed on the back page of our monthly newsletter) to provide our members with opportunities to buy top quality orchids and supplies at a discount. For the first trip, we're going to The Rowland Collection in Garden Grove. The owner is Pat Rowland, the 'Grand Dame' of Cymbidium Orchids and a founder of the Orange County Branch of the Cymbidium Society of America and the nursery is managed by Butch Weckerle-Thrun. You may recall Butch speaking to our Society on orchids suitable for outdoor growing in Southern California. They have a wide variety of plants for sale including their renowned miniature and novelty Cymbidiums, Neofinetia and hybrids, a fine collection Phaphiopedilums and Phragmapediums, plus much more. They also have supplies for sale, such as Paph and Cymbidium bark mixes (used by many other growers as well as individuals), cork mounts and assorted pots. Light refreshments will be served and SCOS members will get a 10% discount on all purchases made during the field trip. Please come out and join us on a great opportunity to get some good deals, meet and mingle with fellow Society members and show our appreciation to our supporting vendors! If you haven't already signed up, RSVP to Andy Tao (562) 237-3081, andyjct@verizon.net, so that we can give Butch an idea of the attendance but whether you RSVP or not, please turn out!

When: Saturday May 9, 2009 from Noon to 5:00 PM

Where: The Rowland Collection
12446 South Georgian St.
Garden Grove, CA 92841
(714) 892-3502

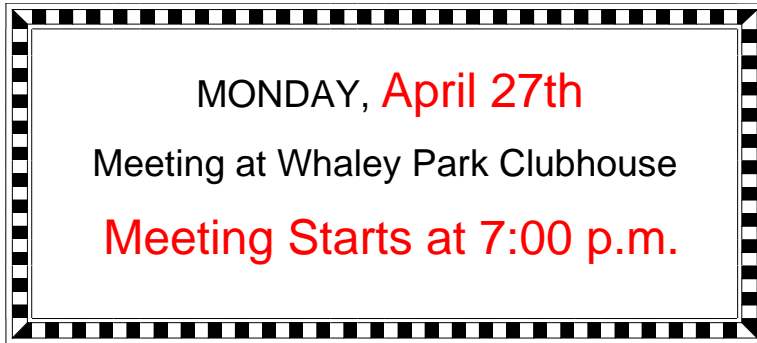
Directions: From the 22 Freeway, exit Beach Blvd North, turn left (West) onto Lampson Ave, then right (North) on Santa Rosalia St, then immediately right onto South Georgian St. The Rowland Collection Nursery is a couple houses down on the right side and is housed in Pat Rowland's backyard, so don't be surprised when you find yourself in a residential neighborhood. Enter through the open gate to the left of the driveway.

Optional Lunch Gathering: For those who are interested, we will be meeting at 11:00 AM for an early lunch at the Marie Callendars Grill at 12489 Seal Beach Blvd., Seal Beach, 562-596-2797. It's just North of The 405 freeway and Lampson Ave. We will caravan to the Rowland Collection from there.

Andy Tao

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

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