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Regular Meeting Schedule
Doors open at 6:30 pm
Table/chair setup, plants in place
Ribbon judging starts at 7:00 pm
Culture session
Speaker starts at 7:30 pm
Opportunity drawing
Table/chair teardown
Doors close at 9:30 pm

South Coast Orchid Society

Newsletter

Founded in 1950

June 2012

Guest Speaker: Peter Tobias

**Subject: Orchid Conservation
Through the Orchid Conservation Alliance**

Monday, June 25, 2012

Peter Tobias started growing orchids (his first was a white Phalaenopsis on a window sill) in Chicago in the early 1970s. His hobby didn't "...really get out of control" until he moved to Encinitas, just north of San Diego, in 1980. His collection is primarily species orchids, most of which he grows outdoors in a rainforest consisting of two large backyard avocado trees. The rain for this forest is provided by a hose. Peter was a founding member of the San Diego County Orchid Society's Conservation Committee in 1991. Success in that local endeavor led to the idea that orchid lovers nationwide, and even internationally, might support an organization devoted to orchid habitat protection. In 2006, with several friends, Peter founded the Orchid Conservation Alliance (OCA), with the primary goal of fostering development of orchid reserves. The OCA now has over 300 members and supports projects in Ecuador. The Alliance is looking to expand and develop projects in Colombia and Brazil.

The OCA's central vision is that orchid rich habitats should remain undisturbed as reserves for orchids and other organisms that live there. To foster development of wild orchid reserves, we partner with organizations in orchid rich countries, raising money to support their efforts. One particularly enjoyable way to provide this support is by organizing fund raising trips to see orchids in the wild.

Peter's talk will show slides from the OCA's projects and also from several orchid trips, highlighting visits in 2010 to Brazil's Atlantic Rain Forest and in 2011 to Colombia.

For his day job, Peter serves as Associate Professor of Immunology at The Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, California.

Refreshments

Last names starting with **A through H** please bring refreshments.

President's Message

It was great to see such a good turnout for our May meeting. I would like to thank Espie Quinn, Don Goss, and Butch Arciaga for their presentations, and especially Janell Shuck for coordinating the program. I think everyone got some great direction on how to re-pot various orchid species. Our plant table provided an opportunity for everyone in attendance to get at least one plant. Thanks Janell.

Welcome to all the guests who attended and to the new members who joined at the meeting. I hope to see everyone back at our next meeting on June 25th.

There are still some SCOS board positions in need of being filled. We are willing to work with anyone who is interested in volunteering as first vice-president, secretary or membership chairperson. We are a fun group and the jobs do not entail a great deal of time commitment. If you are interested in more information please contact me or any board member.

Thanks to everyone for your support of South Coast Orchid Society.

John Reyes

South Coast Orchid Society Ribbon Judging Results

May 21, 2012

Cattleya Alliance (Laeliinae Subtribe)

First	Cattleya Pink Diamond	Agnes Nguyen
First	Encyclia concolor	Wilma Tawagon
Second	EpiCatt Charlia Brown 'First Choice'	Agnes Nguyen
Second	Rhyn. digbyana 'Mrs. Chase'	Espie Quinn
Third	Nageliella purpurea	Kathy Synstelien
Third	??? Mem. Henry Goldberg	Doris & Larry Arakakis
Third	Epicyclia Serena O'Neil	Kathy Synstelien
Culture	??? Mem. Henry Goldberg	Doris & Larry Arakakis
Culture	Encyclia concolor	Wilma Tawagon

Dendrobium Alliance (Dendrobiinae Subtribe)

First	Den Oriental Smile 'Fantasy'	Agnes Nguyen
Second	Den Stardust 'Firebird'	Jim Hoyle

Phalaenopsis and Vanda (Sarcanthinae Subtribe)

First	Darwinara x Neofinetia Rainbow	Espie Quinn
Second	Vanda (two-tone pinks)	Shelley Brewer
Third	Ascf. Cherry Blossom	Espie Quinn
Culture	Neofinetia falcata x Aerides Lawrencea	Wilma Tawagon

Pleurothallid Alliance (Pleurothallidinae Subtribe)

First	Pleurothallis Megalops	Jim Hoyle
Second	Masdevallia Gilbertol	Jim Hoyle
Third	Masdevallia Venus	Doris & Larry Arakakis

Oncidium and Allied Genera (Oncidiinae Subtribe)

First	Psychopsis Kalihi 'Big'	Lucas Kobzeff
Second	Oncidium pictuatum	Kathy Synstelien

Paphiopedilum and Allied Genera (Cypripedioideae Subfamily)

First Paphiopedilum Manum

Bonnie Kroll

Cymbidium Alliance (Cyrtopodiinae Subtribe)

First Cym Little Beauty 'Dark Harry'

Janell Schuck

Second Cym Sweet Devon

Butch Arciaga

Third Cym Black Hole 'Pinata'

Agnes Nguyen

Culture Cym Sweet Devon

Butch Arciaga

Other Genera

First Bifrenaria harrisoniae

Jim Hoyle

Second Sarcochilus hartmanii

Jim Hoyle

Third Bulbophyllum wendlandianum

Doris & Larry Arakakis

Culture Leptodies bicolor

Jim Hoyle

SPECIAL NOTES

- One time only, there will be a theater screening of Rich Walton's orchid documentary, "The Judge, The Hunter, The Thief, and The Black Orchid" at the Art Theater, 2025 E. 4th Street, Long Beach. The date is August 11, 2012, at 12:00 Noon. You may recall we were privileged to preview this excellent film at our November 2010 meeting. Here is a chance to see it full size! (More below)
- The Orchid Digest Speaker's Day is July 7, 2012, at the Huntington Library and Gardens. This is an excellent opportunity to hear a variety of speakers, see some phenomenal orchids, and join in a dinner with other orchid lovers. This year, each speaker has a different area of specialty, providing something for everyone. Orchid vendors will bring select plants to suit discriminating tastes. Contact Simone Friend: orchidsimone@aol.com or phone (562) 431-1247. (More below)

May Meeting Ribbon Judging Photos

(More photos below)



Rhyncholaelia digbyana 'Mrs. Chase'



Bifrenaria Harrisoniae

Upcoming Events

See our website for flyers: www.southcoastorchidsociety.com.

Orchid Digest Speakers' Day, Huntington Library, San Marino, July 7, 12:30 to 8 pm

32nd SBOE International Orchid Fair, Santa Barbara, July 13-15

Our July 2012 monthly meeting date is July 23, 2012

We wish to thank these commercial vendors for their generosity and support of our 2011 Annual Auction and other events. Their donations to the South Coast Orchid Society will help carry us through another successful year.

Andy's Orchids Encinitas, CA (888) 514-2639 www.andysorchids.com	Asbell Orchids Arroyo Grande, CA (805) 489-8768 orchidman709@sbcglobal.net
Cal-Orchid Santa Barbara, CA (805) 967-1312 www.calorchid.com	Carter & Holmes Newberry, SC (803) 276-0579 www.carterandholmes.com
Diamond Orchids Diamond Bar, CA minicatt@yahoo.com	Ecuagenera Cuenca, Ecuador 011-593-7-2255-237 www.ecuagenera.com
Gallup & Stribling Carpinteria, CA (805) 684-1998 www.gallup-stribling.com	Hatfield Orchids Oxnard, CA (805) 644-8413 www.hatfieldorchids.com
LICO Orchids Encinitas, CA (760) 942-4143 or (760) 631-0228	Mariposa Gardens Lakewood, CA (562) 920-5588 www.mariposagarden.com
Natures Bounty Orchids Los Angeles, CA	Oakhill Gardens Dundee, IL (847) 428-8500 www.oakhillgardens.com
Orange County Farm Supply Orange, CA (714) 978-6500 www.ocfarmssupply.com	Orchid Fever Culver City, CA (310) 559-6599
Orchids Royale Carpinteria, CA (805) 684-8066	OrchidWiz Miami Shores, FL (305) 758-3596 www.orchidwiz.com
Paphanatics, Unlimited Orange, CA (714) 639-1387 www.paphanatics.com	Piping Rock Orchids Galway, NY (518) 882-9002 www.pipingrockorchids.com
Pon's Plants Santa Ana, CA	Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Santa Barbara, CA (800) 553-3387 www.sborchid.com
Seed Engei www.seed-engei.com	Sunset Valley Orchids Vista, CA (760) 639-6255 www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com
The Plant Stand Costa Mesa, CA (800) 698-1077 www.plant-stand.com	The Rowland Collection Garden Grove, CA (714) 892-3502
US Orchid Supplies Oxnard, CA (805) 247-0086 www.usorchidsupplies.com	Westerlay Orchids Carpinteria, CA (805) 684-5411 www.westerlayorchids.com
Wise Orchids Yorba Linda, CA (714) 524-1730	

More Photos of Our May Meeting

Another fine exhibition of both species and hybrid orchids graced our ribbon judging table at the May meeting, demonstrating that our membership includes a very active and involved group of growers.

Pleurothallis megalops



EpLc Charlie Brown



Cymbidium Little Beauty 'Dark Harry'



Psychopsis Kalihi 'Big'



Cattleya Pink Diamond



Paph Manum



Cymbidium Sweet Devon



Vanda



Leptodes bicolor



Darwinara x Neofinetia 'Rainbow'



Orchid Digest Speakers' Day

Orchid Digest Speakers Day is always a “don’t miss” event. What could be better than a day wallowing in orchid infatuation with other orchid enthusiasts? This year, rather than focusing on one group of genera (wonderful for those who happen to grow the orchids under discussion, but maybe not sufficiently motivating for those who don’t), each speaker has a different area of specialty. There should be something to capture the fancy of EVERY orchid lover. Vendors tend to bring carefully selected special and interesting plants, since they have a more sophisticated and discriminating audience than at most shows. So the shopping is wonderful, too. Get there early, so you can spend a little time exploring the grounds of the Huntington as well. See you there on July 7!

Saturday, July 7, 2012
12:30 – 8 PM in Friends Hall

Orchid Digest Lecturers:

- Marc Hachadourian - "Extreme Orchids"
- Jason Fischer - "Neofinetia, The Living Antique"
- George Vasquez - "Phalaenopsis: Past, Present, and Future"
- James Rose - "The Laelias of Mexico"

Dinner Speaker:

David Banks
 "Bulbophyllum Species"

Vendors:

Cal Orchid - Orchids Ltd. - Sunset Valley Orchids - Zuma Canyon Orchids - Andy's Orchids

Tickets \$60 (\$75 at the door)

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In a Theater Near You

"The Judge, the Hunter, the Thief, and the Black Orchid"
 by Rich Walton

The SCOS had an opportunity to see this lively and engaging documentary in November, 2010. We now have a chance to see it on the big screen! This could be fun, and an interesting way to spend a Saturday noon hour or two. See many of the people you know well from the Southern California orchid community (Lance Birk, Fred Clarke, Harold Koopowitz) and others from other orchid growing areas of the country. As well, the SCOS will set up a table to advertise our society and show off a few orchids to other interested viewers. Don't miss it!

Art Theater
 2025 East 4th Street
 Long Beach

August 11, 2012
 12:00 Noon
 Tickets: \$7

The 32nd Santa Barbara Orchid Estate International Orchid Fair

Friday July 13 & Saturday July 14, 2012, 9 AM to 5 PM--
 Sunday July 15, 2012, 10 AM to 4 PM

The Orchid Fair will feature more than thirty vendors and organizations from around the world selling orchids, sharing their orchid expertise, and telling tall tales about the orchid world. Guest author, Dr. Mark Chase of Kew Gardens, will chat with visitors about the latest DNA-based revisions in orchid taxonomy. Enjoy the sights and smells of the summer blooming orchids offered by fair vendors. The fair is held outdoors under shadecloth and canopies on the central lawn of Earl Warren Showgrounds at Highway 101

and Las Positas. Admission is free, parking is \$5. As we approach the date of the fair, www.orchidfair.com will list 2012 vendors and last minute updates. SBOE holds a concurrent open house. Questions? Bringing a busload? Please call Santa Barbara Orchid Estate (SBOE) at (800) 553-3387, email sboe@sborchid.com, or visit www.sborchid.com.

A very limited number copies of the Mark Chase-edited book, "Orchids: The Pictorial Encyclopedia of Oncidium, Second Edition", will be available for on-site purchase and signing (Mark will only be at the fair on Friday and Saturday). It's best to pre-order books for pick up or post-fair shipping.

Mark Chase speaks Friday night at a special joint meeting of the Santa Barbara Cymbidium Society and the Orchid Society of Santa Barbara, Friday July 13, 7:30 PM at the Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De la Vina Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101. Mark will speak on the DNA-based classification of the Oncidium Alliance. This free talk is open to the public, especially members of other orchid societies. Maps will be available at the fair information booth. If you are interested in attending a no-host speaker's dinner prior to the meeting, contact the OSSB president, Frank Methmann, at fmorchids@hotmail.com for reservations or on Friday check dinner seating availability at the fair information booth.

A DNA Discussion is scheduled Saturday at 12:00 noon outdoors behind the vendor booths. Bring lots of questions and lunch for this moderated informal discussion with Mark Chase and others.

A public American Orchid Society judging Friday at 1:00 PM provides an opportunity to observe how AOS judges screen and evaluate plants for awards. Society members may bring superior blooming plants to be considered for judging. Bring plants in stable containers and register the plants by noon Friday. Following judging, plants can be left on display but must be picked up by 5 PM Friday. AOS judges and clerks are invited to participate. The judging chair is Jim Sloniker, jimorchid@aol.com.

Public judging of *Neofinetia falcata* (Fukiran) is Saturday at 2:00 PM. The public is welcome to bring Neos for judging based on the Japanese aesthetic. Plants need not be in bloom. Check at the fair information booth for drop-off directions.

The Santa Barbara Orchid Estate's open house is Friday & Saturday July 13 and 14, 8 AM to 5 PM and Sunday July 15, 9 AM to 4 PM. This event showcases summer blooming Brazilian laelias and sobralias and fragrant stanhopeas and encyclias. SBOE will have \$7.50 specials of selected seedlings, bare-roots, and a bench of sprouted cymbidium backbulbs arranged in roughly alphabetical order.