

2007 Officers

President Jim Miller
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Treasurer Mildred Carr
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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

Founded in 1950

December 2007

Board of Directors

Expires 2007 Butch Arciaga
Expires 2007 John Reyes
Expires 2008 Irma Hughes
Expires 2008 Andy Tao
Expires 2009 Russ Nichols
Expires 2009 Ron Nash

Committees

AOS Judging Open
Programs Janell Schuck
Orchid Digest John Reyes
AOS Rep Janell Schuck
Publicity Janell Schuck
Culture Sessions
Ribbon Judging Russ Nichols
Newsletter Dennis Mackewicz
Kitchen Marylyn Paulson

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John Reyes

Opportunity Table and Silent Auction

Jane Brecht and Helen Powell

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Ruben Colmenares 562 421-9203

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

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dwmackewicz@yahoo.com

Monday, December 17, 2007

Christmas Pot Luck

6:30 PM

Please arrive at 6:30 p.m. so we can have a short meeting at 6:45 and can begin dinner promptly at 7 p.m. Bring one of your favorite orchids to help brighten up our Christmas tables.



SCOS will provide the main course, plates and utensils, punch and coffee.

Please bring the following to share with 8 to 10 people:

Vegetables A to G
Desserts H to P
Salads Q to Z

The evening will feature a slide show of pictures taken at our monthly meetings — many beautiful blooming orchids that members brought for the Judging Table Plus a visit to AOS Headquarters.

**Christmas Pot Luck
Gift Exchange**

Join in the fun and bring a gift for the Gift-Exchange with a value of \$10.

President's Message
December 2007



The annual fund raising auction held last month was a great success because of the hard work and dedication of a lot of members in our Society. So many people to thank beginning with Janell Schuck, Margaret Nerio, Ron and Mamie Nash, Dennis Mackewicz, Andy Tao, Millie Carr, Susan Ochsner, Marylyn Paulsen, Jennifer Blomeley, John Reyes, Espie Quinn, Ruben Colmenares, Dean Viereck, Russ Nichols, Helen Powell, Butch Arciaga, Whitney France, Kathy Smith, Ron Hill, Pat Rowland, Jane Brecht, Norito Hasegawa, Loren Batchman and our great auctioneer Meryl Robboy. Please accept my apology if I have missed your name, we appreciate all the helpers that made things run so smoothly.

We will also be publishing a list of the plant and supply donors to thank all of them in our future newsletters and on line. Please patronize our generous donors!

December is our Holiday party and I hope to see you there. Dennis has been coordinating the information and it will be detailed in this newsletter. WE will also hold a very short business meeting before the party to elect our Officers and Board Members for 2008. Have a great month.

Jim Miller

Nominating Committee Slate of Officers and Board Members for 2008

The following candidates were nominated for one year terms as Officers of our Society for 2008 at the October Board Meeting.

Russ Nichols	President	Margaret Nerio	Corporation Secretary
Janell Schuck	1st Vice President	Kathy Smith	Membership Secretary
Shawn Bird	2nd Vice President	Mildred Carr	Treasurer
& Alf Friend	2nd Vice President		

New Board Members nominated for 3-yr terms are: Marylyn Paulson and Dennis Mackewicz
Board Member nominated for 2-yr term is: Butch Arciaga (replacing Russ Nichols' Board seat)

Additional nominations presented at our October meeting: Nupur Pandey for a Board Member seat.

These candidates will be presented to the membership for a vote at our December meeting.

November 2007 Auction

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fascination of Orchids
Intl Show & Sale Annual Orchid Auction
February 8 -10, 2008

Orange County Fair & Expo Center

More information: <http://www.fascinationoforchids.com/>

The 63rd Santa Barbara International Orchid Show
Theme "Orchid Fever"
February 29 through March 2, 2008: 9 AM to 5 PM-
NOTE EARLY DATE!!!!

Earl Warren Showgrounds at Highway 101 and Los Positas Road

More information: (805)969-5746 or
www.sborchidshow.com



Don't be left out. If you have not received your personalized membership form from our Membership Secretary, Kathy Smith, be sure to complete this form and bring it to our December meeting or mail it to our Treasurer with your dues for 2008.

**South Coast Orchid Society
Membership Form
2008**

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 meeting by completing this membership form or by mailing it with your dues to our Treasurer, Mildred Carr. New members and guests will receive our news letter the following month.

Treasurer:

SCOS / Mildred Carr
3862 Marron Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90807

Membership Secretary:

Kathy Smith
5459 Lemon Avenue #B
Long Beach, CA 90805
562-423-2682
kjs.smith@verizon.net

Please make checks payable to: SCOS

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE:

Date: _____

Check One Membership Type:

_____ Renewing Member _____ ^{New} Member _____ Guest _____ Lifetime Member

_____ Email Only Newsletter Option
_____ New Member Badge Order \$5.00 each
_____ Print only my name (s) in the Membership Directory

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Spouse / Partner or Other Information: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____ (Please print clearly)

Contact information above is correct? _____ YES _____ NO
(If no, please correct above)

Office Use Only:

Amount Paid _____ Paid Via: _____ Date Paid: _____ Receipt: _____

Posted on Membership List: _____

New Information sent to Newsletter Coordinator _____

Group Purchase of Agdia Orchid ImmunoStrip Tests For Cymbidium mosaic Virus and Odontoglossum Ringspot Virus

October's Culture Session demonstrated the use of this new virus test strip. If there is enough member interest to purchase a cumulative total of 250 tests or more, we can purchase them at a favorable price. **If you are interested, please sign up and make your payment at our December meeting or send completed form below with a check to our Treasurer.** The company will package the tests in groups of 5's, 10's, 25's, 50's and 100's at no additional cost to make distribution easier.

See the form below for details.

Mailing address to Treasurer:

SCOS / Mildred Carr

3862 Marron Ave., Long Beach, CA 90807

Dennis Mackewicz, Coordinator

Cost for aggregate quantity of 250 tests or more = **\$5.00 Per Test**
(Cost should be a little less depending upon shipping costs; any excess will be donated to SCOS)

Current cost if you ordered the 25-Test Pkg direct =	\$5.40	Per Test
(Including shipping)		

Note: tests must be stored in the refrigerator and have an expiration date of approximately 12 months.

Sign Up Below (SCOS Members Only)

ONLY				For Completion by	
[5's, 10's, 25's 50's or 100's]				Treasurer / Coordinator	
Member Name	Phone Number	Quantity of Tests	[Qty x \$5] Ttl Cost	Cum Qty	Paid Date
1 John Doe	(777) 123-4567	25	\$125		
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"Mix One" for the Uninvited Guests*

I'M embarrassed to write on this subject, but it responds to the most-asked question we receive: "What insecticide do you use?" The answer is (within limits): "None."

Every user should try new things on just a plant or two and observe the results under local conditions before doing anything new on a large scale. Always good advice, but essential when dealing with plant basics like food, media and insecticides.

The preparation we use first for all insects is mixed in a clean gallon jug. We pour in one pint of rubbing alcohol, then fill the alcohol container with 409 brand cleaner so that we add a pint of that to the same jug. We then fill the jug with tap water, agitate the mixture and fill hand sprayers sold at garden centers and hardware stores. Each sprayer is labeled "ALC + 409" with a felt-tip pen before filling so we can tell at a glance what the mixture is. The same entry is on the gallon jug. When we see an insect, we spray it. If we see red spider damage, both sides of the leaf or leaves involved are sprayed. If scale is the culprit, we soak a cotton ball in our mix and gently scrub the infested area to penetrate the scale's armored shell. That's the extent of our basic insect-control program. We do not do preventive spraying for any insect. Under no circumstances would we ever touch an orchid leaf with a toothbrush. (Toothbrushes are made to polish the hardest exposed surface in the human body. Any use on plant tissue will produce small cuts that provide an open route for pathogens to attack the plant. Never use a toothbrush on your plants.)

Under our growing conditions we have no problem with this mixture, regardless of the genus on which it is used. It kills bugs, is kind to our plants and ourselves and is economical. In hot weather, the spray does have a slight tendency to dry buds on phalaenopsis and dendrobiums, but then everything else does too. Other than that, we have never seen damage on any orchid plant that we felt was caused by the spray. If an insect persists, we do not hesitate to use more-exotic insecticides, but our use of commercial insecticides has dropped about 80 percent since we began the "Mix" as our first treatment.

Ed Wright, 223 Larkwood Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78209 and Bill Tippit, 10030 Olympia, Houston, Texas 77042.

(*) Editors Note: At our October meeting, Panel Member Kathy Synstelien referred to an article in response to a question about controlling ants and mentioned this article which she provided for the newsletter.



South Coast Orchid Society Ribbon Judging Participants 2007



Thank You

A hearty congratulations and thank you from the South Coast Orchid Society to those who participated in our Ribbon Judging at the monthly meetings. Your plants presented a delightfully colorful backdrop to our meetings, and a focal point for all our members during breaks. The SCOS encourages all members to bring in plants for display. Even if you don't care about awards, consider sharing your plant with others.

Each plant presents an opportunity to learn about proper culture and the results good growing might produce. Do you have an unusual species or a new hybrid? There are undoubtedly others, who will also find fascinating the same features that motivated you to buy and grow the plant.

The SCOS Members listed below participated in the Ribbon Judging in 2007 and were awarded at least one ribbon. We do not maintain a list of all participants during the year, but every one of you bringing in an orchid is appreciated; your plants have helped us all learn and grow to become better orchid hobbyists.

We want to encourage everyone to participate next year. The member receiving the most ribbon judging points will be awarded at our December meeting.

THANK YOU!

Russ Nichols

Doris & Larry	Arakaki	Bonnie	Navens
Butch & Miranda	Arciaga	Margaret	Nerio
Mary	Bell	Russ & Susan	Nichols
Shawn	Bird	Gary & Espie	Quinn
Shelley	Brewer	Don & Beth	Reisner
Mildred & Don	Carr	John & Patricia	Reyes
Reuben	Colmenares	Sheila	Ritterbush
Joseph & Bess	Graffio	Tom	Rue
James & Toby	Hoyle	Harry & Janell	Schuck
Bonnie	Kroll	Cassandra	Smith
Dennis	Mackewicz	Kathy & Gene	Smith/Roston
Jim F. & Sue	Miller	Kathy & David	Synstelien
		Andy	Tao

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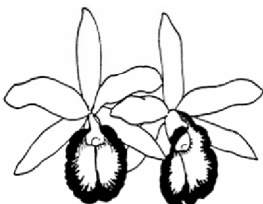
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MONDAY, December 17th
Meeting at Whaley Park Clubhouse
Christmas Pot Luck
6:30 p.m.



We have already **EMAILED** this **NEWSLTTTER** to you if SCOS has your email address.

NOTE: Some spam and Junk-Mail filters block large group emailings. Check your email system & set it to allow emails from the editor - dwmackewicz@yahoo.com, e.g., add to your "Contacts" list.



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

<p>Andy's Orchids Andy Philips 734 Oceanview Ave. Encinitas, CA 92024 (888) 514-2639 www.andysorchids.com</p>	<p>Gallup & Stribling Orchids 3450 Via Real Carpinteria, CA 93013 (800) 222-7450 sale@gallup-stribling.com</p>	<p>Marcel's Orchids Sonora Winward 5133 E. Kildee Street Long Beach, CA 90808 (562) 496-0690 (Appointment Only)</p>	<p>Orchid Garden Jim Weiss 3511 182nd St. Torrance, CA 90504 310-379-1488</p>	<p>The Rowland Collection Pat Rowland 12446 Georgian St. Garden Grove, CA 92841 (714) 892-3502</p>
<p>Cal-Orchid James & Lauris Rose 1251 Orchid Drive Santa Barbara, CA 93111 805 967-1312 www.calorchid.com</p>	<p>Granite Hills Orchids 1894 Dehesa Rd. El Cajon, CA 92019 (619) 441-9874 www.granitehillSORCHIDS.com</p>	<p>Oakhill Gardens P.O. Box 25 Dundee, IL 60118-0025 (847) 428-8500 oakhillgardens@sprintmail.com</p>	<p>Orchids Royale Jim & Noelle Burkey 5902 Via Real Carpinteria, CA 93014 (805) 684-8066 jburkey21@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Westerlay Orchids 3504 Via Real Carpinteria, CA 93014 (805) 684-5411 www.westerlayorchids.com</p>
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