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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

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Newsletter

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Board of Directors

Expires 2008	Irma Hughes
Expires 2008	Andy Tao
Expires 2009	Open
Expires 2009	Ron Nash
Expires 2010	Marylyn Paulson
Expires 2010	Dennis Mackewicz

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AOS Judging Programs	Open
Orchid Digest	Janell Schuck
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Culture Sessions	Janell Schuck
Ribbon Judging	Alf Friend
Newsletter	Open
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Shows

John Reyes

Opportunity Table and Silent Auction

Helen Powell

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

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Monday, January 28, 2008

CULTURE OF NEOFINETIA HYBRIDS AND SARCOCHILUS HYRID ORCHIDS

Speaker: **Charles Weckerle-Thrun**

7:30 p.m.

Our January speaker will be Charles Weckerle-Thrun... whom most of we orchid hobbyists know as "Butch at Rowlands." He has been interested in Neofinetia for at least 10 years, and for 15 years has been hybridizing and has developed ten new crosses of Sarcochilus. These are cool growing orchids that are suitable for backyard growing in Southern California.

Butch has been an American Orchid Society (AOS) and a Cymbidium Society of America (CSA) Judge for 10 years. He has been the Manager of the Rowland Collection since 1986 and also owns the Lothloaren Orchids in San Diego County which specializes in Paphs.

This is a very interesting presentation for those who do not have a greenhouse and want to grow a new variety of orchid that will survive the out-of-doors growing conditions of our area. **These plants will be available on our Plant Opportunity Table this month.**

Janell Schuck

Editor's Note: see brief introduction to these two orchid genera later in this issue.

2008 Membership Dues Due NOW

If you have not renewed your membership for 2008, please pay your dues soon. See our Membership Chair, Kathy Smith, at our next meeting. **Your newsletter will not continue unless you are a paid member for 2008.**

Refreshments

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

President's Message

January 2008

I hope each of you had a good holiday season and are ready for a new year filled with SCOS activities and orchids, orchids, and more orchids.

First let me thank you for the opportunity to be your president. I know I have some big shoes to fill. Jim did an excellent job last year, recruiting several outstanding new members to the SCOS officers and finishing the year with a very successful auction, leaving the club with great promise for 2008. Reuben was an excellent host for our meetings, and his knowledge of orchids benefited all of us. Past president John Reyes brings high energy to the SCOS activities in which he participates, and his participation is always welcome. I will attempt to add to this legacy in my own way to build an even better orchid society for 2008.

We have several events in the near future. John Reyes will lead our participation in the Fascination or Orchids show at the OC Fairgrounds February 8-10; as always, we need volunteers to provide orchids for us to sell and staff the sales table. We also need flowering orchids and help setting up our display. (See a call for volunteers elsewhere in this newsletter.)

Don't forget the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show February 28 - March 2 at the Earl Warren Showgrounds in Santa Barbara. Take the opportunity to visit local orchid vendors, and vendors from Brazil, Ecuador, Venezuela, and other parts of the Americas.

If we can find a volunteer to lead our display and promotion, we will also participate in the Home and Garden Show in Long Beach March 28-30. This would be a good opportunity for us to meet new friends and recruit new members.

Finally, as President, I can no longer handle the duties of Ribbon Judging Chairperson. That job is open for this year. We need someone to coordinate orchid judging and distribute ribbons for the best orchids at each meeting. I can tell you from experience, it is a great way to expand your knowledge of orchids, as there are many outstanding plants exhibited by our members each month.

Russ Nichols

Elected Officers and Board Members for 2008

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

New Board Members elected for 3-yr terms are: Marylyn Paulson and Dennis Mackewicz

A short installation ceremony will take place at our January Meeting

Christmas Potluck 2007



Fu-Ran – the Japanese Wind Orchid

Neofinetia falcata, a famous native orchid of Japan, was the favorite of the ruling Shogun. Today, we know it as one of the most beautiful and charming of all orchid species. A compact growing vandaceous type that flowers freely in its summer season and often more than once a year will delight you with its elegant white blooms emitting the most beautiful, sweet coconut-like perfume. Grows easily in bark or moss in pots or baskets along with cattleyas, phals. or on a windowsill in the home or office. This is one adaptable orchid! In nature, plants can be dusted with snow in winter, and monsoons in summer. Its hybrids are just as desirable, and add some color to the collection of this group.



Editor's Note: From Cal Orchids website: <http://www.calorchid.com/CALO/2Neofinetia/2Neofinetia01.html>

Genus Sarcophilus (Sar - coke - eee - loose)

The genus Sarcophilus native to Australia include 15 described species that are found ranging from the far south (very cold climate) to the far north (tropical climate). In order to give any specific cultural instructions it would be necessary to know the actual species or hybrid that you are trying to flower.

Most of the Sarcophilus offered for sale are either *S. hartmannii* or *S. fitzgeraldii*. A primary hybrid between the two, *S. Fitzhart* is very likely the easiest of all to grow and bloom. Both species mentioned are lithophytes, very rarely epiphytes, that like moist, but not wet feet

Sarcophilus and their allied genera are extremely easy and rewarding plants to grow. They are compact plants with a monopodial growth habit. They branch freely from the base and grown rapidly into dense clumps. Each mature plant, in the clump, will produce from 2 to 5 racemes with as many as 25 flowers per raceme. A mature clump, in bloom, carries flowers that almost totally obscure the foliage.



Sarcophilus fitzgeraldii



Sarcophilus are compact plants that grow to an average maximum height of 6". These plants usually bloom in spring. They are continuous growers and require no rest period. They slow down considerably in very warm weather - but they never stop.



Sarcophilus Fitzhart

Sarcophilus hartmannii

Editor's Note: Pictures from Santa Barbara Orchid Estates' website: <http://www.sborchid.com/masterlist.php?genusname=Sarcophilus>



Ribbon Judging Final Results for 2007

At the end of each year, the SCOS tallies the awards garnered by each of our members through the ribbon judging that takes place at each of our monthly meetings. This year, outstanding flowers commanded first, second, or third place ribbons, and well grown plants were awarded cultural ribbons. At our December Christmas Party, certificates were given to second through fourth place, and first place was given an elegant glass trophy, presented by and named after Past President Phil Plocher.

As many of you already know, Espie Quinn received the 2007 Phil Plocher award. Espie grows mostly outdoors, and always has several well groomed and tended plants with high quality flowers ready for each month's showing. Espie's orchids include Cymbidiums in winter, Laelias in Spring, and Paphiopedalums and Oncidiums in the Fall. At every meeting, she had at least one, and most of the time, more than one award-quality plant. As a further bonus, her displays were always elegant, framing her orchids to their best advantage.

Doris and Larry Arakaki placed second, also consistently participating, and always having one or two or more outstanding plants. In May, their Masdevallias shown like tiny jewels. At our August meeting, they displayed award winning plants in four genera: Cattleya, Vanda, Paphiopedalum, and Stanhopea.

Jim Hoyle finished third. Jim's plants tended to be species, and were often from the less represented genera. His culture was always outstanding, giving credence to his unique growing medium, a rough finished board drilled until it looks like Swiss cheese on which he mounts his many exotic plants. Jim displayed incredible Miltonias and Pleurothallids in October, scoring just enough to slip into third.

Kathy Synstelien consistently displayed at least one award winner at most meetings, and at our May meeting produced outstanding examples in four subtribes. Kathy grows many orchids; her large volume of plants not only keeps her busy, but also assures her of flowers throughout the year.

Our thanks to all the SCOS members who displayed their orchids in 2007, and congratulations to our winners. Now the slate is wiped clean, and we will see what the new year brings. I can safely guarantee it will include many exciting, interesting, and exemplary orchids. Come share your favorite plants with your fellow members.

Russ Nichols

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

The orchid virus test kits members ordered have arrived. Please contact Dennis Mackewicz if you ordered some and have not yet been contacted.

If you are interested in getting these tests and did not signup and pay already, there are still a few packages of 5-test kits available. These kits will be available at our January meeting on a first-come/pay basis by paying \$25 to our Treasurer.

Dennis Mackewicz, Coordinator

Display YOUR Blooming Orchids at the Fascination of Orchids Show

February 8, 9, 10, 2008

10 a.m.—6 p.m. daily

at the [Orange County Fair & Events Center](#)

Costa Mesa

88 Fair drive Costa Mesa 92626

SCOS will have a Display at the Fascination of Orchids Show and Sale. **Everyone** interested in helping with the Display on Thursday evening Feb. 7th or in sharing plants that can be used for the Display should contact [John Reyes](#) at **562-431-1142**. This is for everyone, new members included. It is okay to wait until you know if your orchid is in bloom before calling John!

Members with extra plant divisions who want to sell them at the show can bring them to our Plant Sale Table. Proceeds will be shared with SCOS. Volunteers are needed to watch the plant sales table area.

Volunteers will also be needed by the organizers of this show; see announcement below.

Thank you, John

Volunteers Needed by the Fascination of Orchids Show Organizers

You can be a part of this orchid extravaganza, by volunteering to help with this show. You can sign up to work in the information booth, selling or taking tickets, helping to secure the many doors or displays, helping at the member plant sales, and in the show office. All you have to do is sign up with [Ron Nash](#) at the January SCOS meeting, January 28th. You will receive free admission at the show and you will receive a plant opportunity drawing ticket for each 2 hours that you work. You can see the displays and shop with the vendors either before or after your shift. This can be a win, win situation. You can see the show free and you can help with one of the largest orchid shows.

Please sign up with Ron Nash on Monday, January 28th at the SCOS meeting.



UPCOMING EVENTS

**Fascination of Orchids
Intl Show & Sale Annual Orchid Auction**
February 8 -10, 2008
10 AM to 6 PM daily

Orange County Fair & Expo Center

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

See notes above for more information if you want to participate in our members' orchid display and/or sell plants at the Members' Orchid Sales Booth. Volunteers are needed and welcome to help with both activities.

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

Condolences

Our condolences go out to Ernest Hetherington since the passing of his wife Elsie on December 11, 2007. You would always find Elsie and Ernest attending the Orchid Shows and other orchid affiliated events. Elsie was an active member of the Orchid Society of Southern California. She was also a designer for 20 years at the Annual Pasadena Showcase House. She featured her orchids and cymbidiums in many of her displays. Janell Schuck

Bus Trips to Santa Barbara Show

Those interested in joining the **Gardena Orchid Society** on **Saturday, March 1st** to attend the SBOS need to pay \$30.00 (inc. ticket to show). Contact George Komatou at (310) 327-9812 before Feb. 10th. (First come space available)

City of Los Alamitos Recreation & Community Services
Friday, February 29th

Leaves Community Center at 8:30 am and returns at approx. 6:30 pm. Cost is \$67 and includes transportation, visit to Stribling Orchid Nursery, lunch and admission to the Orchid Show. Registration Deadline: Feb. 6th. [Trip # 3814-10]
For Information: (562) 430-1073

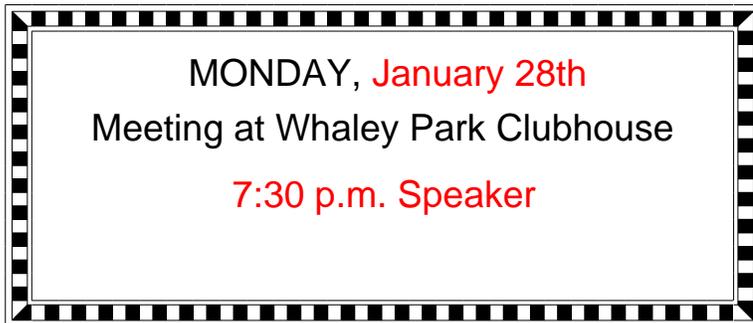
AOS MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL

The American Orchid Society is offering an \$11.00 discount to FIRST time members until March 31, 2008. You will receive the following benefits. Twelve issues of the AOS "Orchids" Magazine. A copy of the AOS Source Directory. Discount admissions to select gardens and arboreta in the U. S. Discount of 50% off any AOS book of your choice. Reduced fees for AOS Judging awards. Free admission to the AOS Visitor Center and Botanical Gardens and 50% discount for one guest. Discount on classes at the Visitor Center. Member's only section of the AOS web site (www.aos.org) and 10% discount on purchases from the Orchid Emporium which sells books and Orchid related items.

See [Janell Schuck](#) for additional information and application forms.

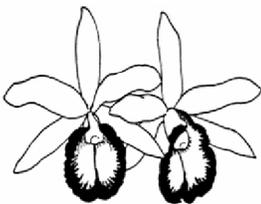
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We wish to thank these commercial vendors for their generosity and support.

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