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

South Coast Orchid Society

Newsletter

Founded in 1950

November 2010

Film: "The Judge, The Hunter, The Thief, and The Black Orchid"

by Rich Walton

Monday, November 22

Doors Open 6:30 p.m.

This month we are entertained by a film, "The Judge, The Hunter, The Thief, and The Black Orchid," produced and directed by Rich Walton. Rich has several films to his credit, and this is his second documentary. Rich chose to assume complete control of the process from researching through filming and editing to demonstrate that films can be done independently, for lower cost, by employing today's technology. His film seeks to convey the passion we feel for orchids, centered around the mystery and intrigue of the Black Orchid.

Refreshments

Last names starting with **I through P** please bring refreshments.

President's Message

Our Auction was a success! Andy Tao has again directed our auction activities to produce an interesting, smooth running, and financially successful auction. We had a great selection of plants from vendor and member donations. That led to spirited bidding, happy bidders, and ultimately to the financial success we need to continue SCOS operations. Thanks to Andy and all of his crew. Thanks to our auctioneer, Merle Robboy. Thanks to the members and vendors, whose donations make up the auction lots. And thanks to the bidders, members and non-members, for participating. To borrow a phrase from the grandchildren, it was awesome!

This month's program is something new for us. At least I cannot remember seeing a film about orchids at any meeting in the past. Excitement based on intrigue and skullduggery surrounds the tale of the Black Orchid. (Is that Fred Clarke I see watching from the back of the room?)

Our annual Christmas Party is the focus of December's meeting on the 20th. That is the third Monday, not the fourth. Circle the date on your calendars and plan to attend. SCOS provides the main course, and a pot-luck arrangement provides the rest of what is always a sumptuous feast.

At our last SCOS Board meeting on November 11th we discussed participating in the Newport show, to be held the last weekend in January. Our involvement consists of setting up a display featuring orchids from SCOS member's collections. If you would like to participate, contact one of our officers or board members.

The slate of nominations for officers and board members is presented below. There are currently two openings, for Newsletter Editor and Hospitality. We welcome Khyati Bhatt, who will take over for Helen Powell and manage the opportunity table and silent auction at the meetings.

Russ Nichols
President

SCOS Officers and Board Members for 2011

Officers

President	Russ Nichols
1st Vice President	John Reyes
2nd Vice President	Espie Quinn
Recording Secretary	Marcie Van Sant
Membership Secretary	Mary Bell
Treasurer	Michelle Dobard

Board of Directors (term end date)

Marylyn Paulsen (2013)	Butch Arciaga (2012)
Andy Tao (2013)	Roberta Fox (2011)
Janell Schuck (2011)	Ron Nash (2012)

SCOS
Standing Committees

Shows and Displays	John Reyes
Society Representation	Janell Schuck
AOS	Janell Schuck
Orchid Digest	John Reyes
Ribbon Judging	Barbara Roth
Newsletter	Open
Hospitality	Open
Auction	Andy Tao
Opportunity Table	Khyati Bhatt
Silent Auction	Khyati Bhatt

SCOS
Other Positions

Webmaster	Roberta Fox
Publicity Coordinator	Janell Schuck
Librarian	Dennis Mackewicz

Lost and Found

Two garments were found after the auction. One is a black Member's Only jacket with an MG pin. One is a black corduroy (cardigan?) sweater. Owners can contact any one of the SCOS Officers for return.

Upcoming Events

Hatfield Orchids 2010 Fall Orchid Sale, Oxnard, November
Orchid Society of Santa Barbara Fall Show and Sale, Santa Barbara, November 27-28
Casa de Las Orquideas Annual Open House, Solana Beach, December 4-5
Sunset Valley Orchids Open House, Vista, December 4-5
Newport Harbor OS Show and Sale, Westminster Mall, January 28-30

Our Christmas Party is December 20

South Coast Orchid Society
 5728 Madrid Lane
 Long Beach, California 90814

Meeting: Monday, November 22, 2010
 Whaley Park Clubhouse
 (Doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

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Casa de Las Orquideas

Remember!

Our Annual Open House

December 4 & 5, 2010 9AM to 4PM

7000 new cymbidium seedlings
in 3" pots

Thousands of Cymbidiums and Zygos in spike
Over 150 different crosses

Many divisions of our show and breeding plants

25 different Valley Orchids Meristems
in 3" pots

45 different cymbidium meristems from our lab
Mostly in 3" pots - some in 6"

Rowland Collection Cymbidium seedlings
in 3" and 6" pots

Quantities may be limited

We will be joined by
Andy's Orchids
and others!
Come visit us!

Parking is limited--Please carpool.

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In the Editor's Garden
Cattleya forbesii

Cattleya forbesii is a bifoliate cattleya, those typically having more but smaller flowers than the larger and more showy unifoliate (e.g., *C. labiata*, *C. warszewiczii*). The bifoliate are often more colorful, with striking contrasts between lip and petals (e.g., *C. bicolor*) or darker purple spots on lighter backgrounds (e.g., *C. leopoldii*). Alas, *C. forbesii* has none of these compensating factors. It typically produces one or two flowers, usually of light green color, with a cream colored lip. Children of a Lesser God comes to mind.

Below are pictures of three examples growing under shade cloth outdoors near the ocean. These include a plant (first row below) acquired at least 15 years ago from SBOE that probably represents the typical or more common color form. Sepals and petals are somewhat striped, light green, and the lip cream colored with splashes of yellow and red veins.

The next plant (second row below) is a *Cattleya forbesii* acquired from Sea God Nursery; its clonal name is 'Clear Jade' because the sepals and petals are a more uniform color. This must be a tough plant, because it sat on my orchid bench unplanted for a year, and was only rescued when it was seriously withered; it recovered and bloomed on its first new growth. In spite of the greater uniformity of sepal and petal color, this is still the typical color variety.



Last July, while browsing around the greenhouses at Cal-Orchid, I spotted the plant below. It is also a *Cattleya forbesii*, but the sepals and petals are salmon pink rather than green. The lip is more pink than cream and the midlobe is clearly pink. Jim Rose commented on the unusual color form, showing it to several guests after having sold it to me. It was also unusual in having four flowers on one stem. Alas, over the winter it appears to have acquired a virus, as the new growth did not emerge until late this year, and the flowers appeared, four months later than usual, with evident color break. Still, the flowers are predominantly salmon pink, and so I am tempted to keep up the search for different color varieties of this lesser *Cattleya*.

