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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

May 2011

## Bare Root Orchid Growing

Nick Braemer

Monday, May 23, 2011

**Culture Class: Topic TBD**  
**Espie Quinn**

Nicholas Braemer got involved with orchids when he realized in 1995 that yellow Cattleyas lasted longer than yellow roses, were cheaper, and left him with a plant that could bloom again. Since yellow roses were the favorite flowers of his significant other, a hobby was born.

Nick never could do things within reason; the household was decorated with a 4,000 gallon salt water tank, the backyard zoo included a Burmese Python, rabbits, turtles, dogs, cats, geese, and a macaw, etc. The orchids went a similar course, and by 2000 there were about 500 of them.

During repotting on January 1, 2000, a major hand wound prompted the decision to avoid repotting in the future, and a search was launched to find a better way of growing orchids. Numerous dead end alleys were entered and abandoned, but he persevered, and at present there are 2,000 plus orchids in Nick's backyard; none need repotting. Also, none can be over watered and all are performing in a fashion that is pleasing to him, good enough to earn the usual cubic footage of ribbons and a share of trophies for the fireplace mantel.

Nick will discuss his growing methods which center around the bare-root concept but are in no way limited to mounted, bare root plants.

### Refreshments

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

## President's Message

**Speaker:** We have another new (new to SCOS) speaker this month. Nick Braemer will discuss the basics of his growing techniques, which may inspire us to mount more of our own orchids. Nick has a great collection, and we have asked him to bring some plants to demonstrate his growing method.

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**The Other Side:** I took an opportunity to help Cal-Orchid sell plants at the Spring Garden Show at South Coast Plaza, and gained a new (to me) perspective on the orchid community. Those buying orchids expressed several reasons: replacing an orchid that died, adding color to their home, acquiring newer and better varieties of what they already have, and giving Easter presents. A few of you passed by and said hello. I recommend this experience to one and all.

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Russ Nichols

## South Coast Orchid Society Ribbon Judging Results

April 25, 2010

### **Cattleya (Laeliinae Subtribe)**

First	LC Trick or Treat x Pot William Farrell	Espie Quinn
Second	Stardom (C Concinnity x C Estelle)	Evelyn Currier
Third	Lc. Straight Answer No Question	Agnes Nguyen
Culture	C. mossiae	Butch Arciaga

### **Dendrobium (Dendrobiinae Subtribe)**

First	Den Red Star	Agnes Nguyen
Second	Den Thyris Plorium	Katherine Synsteliem
Third	Den Unicum	Butch Arciaga
Culture	Den Kingianum "Dark"	Dennis Mackewicz

### **Phalaenopsis (Sarcantinae Subtribe)**

First	Sarcochilus	Agnes Nguyen
Second	Sarcochilus (Hot Ice x Heartlight)	Agnes Nguyen
Third	Lc Maris (Sic FireyFantasy x SC Beaufort "SVO")	Evelyn Currier
Culture	Sedirea japonicum	Butch Arciaga

### **Pleurothallid (Pleurothallidinae Subtribe)**

First	Restrepia trichoglossa	Jim Hoyle
Second	Pleurothallis schiedei	Jim Hoyle

### **Oncidium (Oncidiinae Subtribe)**

First	Colm Wild Cat "Leopard"	Larry Arakakis
Second	Symphyglossum sanguineum	Jim Hoyle

### **Paph & Phrag (Cyprpedioideae Subfamily)**

First	Paph Lady Isabel	Butch Arciaga
Second	Paph Jackie Varalbum x delenatii varalbum	Larry Arakakis
Third	Paph unk	Espie Quinn
Cultural	Paph Lady Booth x sanderianum	Butch Arciaga

### **Other Genera**

First	Dendrochilum wenzlii	Espie Quinn
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Second Epipacyus gigantea  
Third Brifenaria atropupurea

Roberta Fox  
Butch Arciaga

**Cymbidium**

First Cym Devon Odyssey  
Second Cym King Arthur "Devenon"  
Third Cym Son of Frank Montessa Geyserland

Espie Quinn  
Dennis Mackewicz  
Agnes Nguyen

**April Meeting: Members Again Show Off "the Good Stuff"**

Members brought high quality, well grown plants, and speaker Carlos Ruiz taught us the wonderful ways in which native California orchids survive and grow in their specific environmental niches.



**Upcoming Events**

San Gabriel Valley Orchidists Annual Auction, LA County Arboretum, May 19  
Casa de las Orquideas 10th annual seedling sale, 170 S. Nardo Ave, Solana Beach, May 21  
Orchid Society of Southern California Annual Auction, 221 So. 6th St. Burbank, June 11 (2 pm)  
Ninth Orchid Digest Speaker's Day, Huntington Library, San Marino, June 18  
31st SBOE International Orchid Fair, Santa Barbara, July 8-10

**Our June 2011 monthly meeting date is June 27**

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

Meeting: Monday, May 23, 2011  
 Whaley Park Clubhouse  
 Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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More pictures from our April meeting



