



South Bay Orchid Society, Inc.  
 “Orchids for Amateurs”  
 Founded July, 1957

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**INFLORESCENCE**

May, 2004

Web site: [www.southbayorchidsociety.org](http://www.southbayorchidsociety.org)

**Friday, May 21, 2004**

**8:00 pm**

South Coast Botanic Garden  
 26300 Crenshaw Blvd.  
 Palos Verdes Peninsula

Our speaker this month will be **Hendrik van der Hooven!**

***Scenes from the African bush – some of the beauties and the beasts***

A talk illustrating some of the beautiful orchids that may be found in the South African bush as well as some of the beasts – orchid and non-orchid

*A road show of South African orchids*

A light-hearted (*humorous*) ‘show’ of the variety of indigenous orchids that could be found in South Africa – including a bit of cultural information

**Short Bio:**

- Plants person
- Have been involved with orchids in some form since about 1960
- Main interest is in growing species and photographing orchids in the wild
- Orchid judge with the South African Orchid Council
- President of the Cape Orchid Society
- Professional Landscape Architect
- Long distance road runner
- Recently also a cyclist

**Culture Session, 7:00 PM**

David De Young will share his knowledge and experiences using fertilizers on your orchids. Come learn new information!

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## President's Message

Hot weather has arrived and I hope you have been able to stay cool and to keep your orchids cool. Just like us they need more shade and more water to stay comfortable and happy.

Our society participated in the Newport Harbor Orchid Society Show and Sale, May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks to the efforts of Kathy Synsteliën and Ron Henry our society's display won 1<sup>st</sup> place for theme and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for artistic merit. I also have to thank Jack Manchester, Nick Braemer, Ron Henry and Chuck Spain for providing lovely plants for the display, and to Kathy for supplying the shells and corals. Ann McNeeley had her boutique booth at the show and was able to sell orchid themed items and books to show goers. Thanks to Ann and May Dobratz for their time and hard work. We not only made money from our sales booth, we also make a lot of new friends.

As you read through this newsletter, you will notice that our Installation Banquet is at Georgio's and not Alpine Village as I had announced at our last meeting. I found out on the following Saturday that there was a problem with the reservation being written down on the wrong date. On short notice we had to find another location. Georgio's has a lovely banquet room and is easily accessible for everyone. They have a reputation for good food and good service. Please get your reservations in to May so she can get an accurate count to Georgio's for seating arrangement and food preparation. This will be a lovely evening. David Banks will be our featured speaker.

Last month Jim Rowley taught us how to report our orchids. Now Dave DeYoung will teach us how to fertilize our plants to get the best growth and blooms. This will be a culture session you won't want to miss.

There will not be a silent auction this month. Ann is busy getting the books in order to pass on to the next treasurer. We are giving her a break by not having to deal with the money handling that is required with the silent auction. Save your extra divisions for a few months and I will announce when we will resume the silent auction.

We will be meeting on our regular night this month, which is May 21. This is an important meeting because it is election night. Ron Henry is our nominating committee chair and will be holding our annual election of officers. If you want to hold an office in our society, such as president, there is still time to get your name on the ballot.

### *Marla Corey*



Phal. Cinnamon Gold  
x Equestric Var. Alba

Photo by Ron Henry

## THE AMAZING ADAPTABILITY OF ORCHIDS

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Recently I converted my entire collection to either bare-root mounts of sorts, or potted in SH in rocks. The vast majority adapted well, a few did not, there are so many other different ways of growing them and talking to people who use these ways and seeing their pictures of healthy plants makes one realize how adaptable these plants really are. Having an open mind to new things I'm trying 2 new (for me) ways.

1) GROWING THEM IN WATER ONLY. 3 plants, a Phael, a Sarchochilus and a Masdevallia have been in water only for 2 months. The pots have no holes at all, the water level is just below the base of the leaves. The Phael is just hanging in there, no new roots or leaves, the other 2 on the other hand are producing both new roots and new leaves and seem happy. The old roots turn mushy. There is no point to this, no advantage at least, just doing it for the sake of finding out if it is actually possible. There is a website of someone growing like this with pictures of plants in water only for 5 years!

It looks like the Phael is ready to come out but the other 2 like to grow like water lilies!

2) GROWING THEM IN HS INSTEAD OF SH. The second experiment is more promising, it involves growing a few plants in fresh, steaming, straight from the source Horse Manure. A grower from Tasmania has a website (Nic Van De Bosch's 'Horsemanure Site') which details how to grow them like that. 1" to 2" rocks at the bottom of the pot then fresh, undiluted Horse Manure with the plant in it, topped off by 1" Sphagnum moss for aesthetic reason. The preparation does not smell and after a few days of daily flushing, the run-off is clean. I have about 12 plants in it, it is absolutely not offensive in any way. For the first week the flies were appreciative but now they are gone too. On the website he shows pictures of plants with luxurious growths and great flowers. It will take a year to find out if this works but if it does, the possibilities are endless. LA would be the perfect place for this type of culture as there is such an abundance of HS everywhere. Ahnold said that there is an inexhaustible supply, and all those things, in Sacramento, constantly being renewed. He wants all the orchids of California to enjoy all these things.

Happy growing,  
*Nick Braemer*

P.S. In case anyone does not know, HS stands for Horse Secretions.



**Attention! No silent auction at the May Meeting!**

## April, 2004, Ribbon Judging

Ribbon	Plant	Exhibitor
	<b>Novice Dendrobium</b>	<b>Toby Hoyle judge</b>
1	Den. Roy Tokunaga	Joan Bailey
2	Den. Miyaki	Joan Bailey
3	Den. Small Dowan	Jim Rowley
	<b>Novice Cattleya type</b>	<b>Toby Hoyle judge</b>
1	Epi-catt Charlie Brown	Joan Bailey
2	Eplc Maui Maid	Joan Bailey
3	Epi floribundum x cordigeum 'alba'	Joan Bailey
	<b>Novice Paphiopedilum</b>	<b>Toby Hoyle judge</b>
1	Paph Jerry Spence	Jasmine Bashi
2	Paph. Ruby Peacock 'Radiant' x Paph. Pulsar 'Deep Space'	Ron Henry
3	Paph. White Queen	Joan Bailey
	<b>Novice Other</b>	<b>Toby Hoyle judge</b>
1	Dpts I-Nsing x Phal. Everspring 'Reon'	Susan Patton
2	Odina. Lorraines' 14 <sup>th</sup> WOC	Jim Rowley
3	Wilsonii Kolibei	Joan Bailey
	<b>Amatuer Oncidium</b>	<b>Clark Day Jr. judge</b>
1	Onc. Gower Ramsey	Marla Corey
2	Onc. Nubigenum	Toby Hoyle
	<b>Amatuer Cattleya</b>	<b>Clark Day Jr. judge</b>
1	Pot. Love Passion	Marla Corey
2	SL Madge Fordyce	Marla Corey
3	SLC Jewel Box 'Scheherazde'	Ron Henry
	<b>Amatuer Cymbidium</b>	<b>Clark Day Jr. judge</b>
1	Cymb. Dag 'Dorothy'	Ron Henry
	<b>Amatuer Other</b>	<b>Clark Day Jr. judge</b>
1	Den. Noble	Toby Hoyle
2	Den. kingianum	Toby Hoyle
	<b>Adv Amatuer Maxillaria</b>	<b>Ron Henry judge</b>
1	Anisellia africana	Nick Braemer
2	Max. tenuifolia	Nick Braemer
3	Max. voviablis	Nick Braemer
	<b>Adv Amatuer Phalaenopsis</b>	<b>Ron Henry judge</b>
1	Phal. Dragon Dazzler x Deventenania 'Treva'	Nick Braemer
2	Phal. no name	Nick Braemer
3	Phal. Moid	Nick Braemer
	<b>Adv Amatuer Oncidium</b>	<b>Ron Henry judge</b>
1	Mtdm Isaaku Tlagata	Nick Braemer
2	Beallara Tropic Splendor 'Golden gate'	Nick Braemer
3	Onc. Gower Ramsey	Jim Hoyle
	<b>Adv Amatuer Cattleya</b>	<b>Ron Henry judge</b>
1	SLC Red Bery	Kathy Synsteliën
2	C. maxima	Kathy Synsteliën
3	Dialaela Snowflake x LC Trick or Treat	Kathy Synsteliën
	<b>Adv Amatuer Bulbophyllum</b>	<b>Ron Henry judge</b>
1	Bulbo. Falcatum 'Standing Tall'	Nick Braemer
2	Pleurothallis quadrifida	Jim Hoyle
3	Bulbo. echinolabium	Nick Braemer
	<b>Adv Amatuer Masdevallia</b>	<b>Ron Henry judge</b>
1	Masd. Orange Glow	Nick Braemer

## **Installation Banquet**

**When: Friday June 18, 2004**

**Where: Georgio's  
672 Silver Spur Road,  
Rolling Hills Estates (across the street from the P.V. Library)  
Cost: \$24 per person**

This year's Installation Banquet will start at 6:45 PM with a social hour followed by dinner at 7:30 PM. Dinner will include an appetizer, salad, pasta, both chicken picata and veal parmigiana, dessert, and coffee or tea. There will be a corkage fee of \$7.00. A no host bar will serve you beverages of your choice.

Please sign up at the May meeting, call me at 310-375-2693, or email me at bdo-bratz@ix.netcom.com by June 12<sup>th</sup> and mail your check to me at 4413 West 234<sup>th</sup> Place, Torrance, CA. 90505-4507.

*May Dobratz*

P.S. Marla Corey and I had lunch there to check it out. It was great. Sorry about the location change. Long story.....

## **SBOS Display at Newport Beach Show**



Photographed by Ron Henry

## **South Bay Orchid Society, Inc.**

Meets on the third Friday of each month  
Culture Session at 7:00 p.m.  
General Meeting at 8:00 p.m.  
South Coast Botanic Garden  
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.  
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA

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### **Board Meeting**

The May 27, 2004, board meeting will be at the Meeting Room at Whole Foods Market at Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm. The room is easily accessed by an elevator located past the café area at the front of the store.



### **Note:**

**Do not forget Friday, June 18, 2004!  
Installation Dinner**

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

At the May meeting the nominating committee will be presenting the following candidates as officers for the year 2004-2005:

President: Marla Corey  
1st Vice President: Nick Braemer  
2nd Vice President: May Dobratz  
Treasurer: Jim Rowley  
Secretary: Thamina Haque  
Director: Bob Streeter  
Director: Ron Henry  
Director: Chuck Spain  
Membership: Susann Patton

Nominations from the floor will be accepted during the election process.

Nominating Committee: Bob Streeter, Ron Henry, Kathy Synstelien,

*RON HENRY*  
orkidguy@earthlink.net

## **Kudos**

To those giving people who provide the information for the newsletter:

Nick Braemer  
Marla Corey  
May Dobratz  
Ron Henry  
Ted Johnson  
Katherine West

### **Refreshments**

Many thanks to Jasmine Bashi, Marla Corey, Betty Cornell, the Jaacks, David Okihara, Kathy Synstelien and Kathy West for April's refreshments. However, no one signed for May's goodies. Please!

### **Get Well Soon!**

Bill Bailey  
Helen Kassalas  
William McNeeley  
Kathy Synstelien

**The Refrigerator Door  
Orchid Show Calendar  
May, 2004**

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Hospitality:  
TBA

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tive: Marilyn Hill.....310-675-0604

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Kathy West.....310-643-8740



Opposite: Winning entry at Newport Beach courtesy Ron Henry

June 5-6, 2004

Conejo Orchid Society Show  
Thousand Oaks Library  
1401 E Janss Rd.  
Thousand Oaks, CA  
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June 26-27, 2004

*"The genus Phalaenopsis"*  
Huntington Botanical Gardens  
San Marino, CA  
Two half-days, lectures  
Two afternoons hands-on lab work  
Cost: Including Lunches  
\$150/Orchid Digest Member  
\$250/others

July 17, 2004

*"New ways of Growing Orchids for the  
21st Century"*  
Lectures at Huntington Botanical Gardens  
San Marino, CA  
Fee: \$40.00 Lectures  
\$50.00 Lectures & Dinner  
Contact: Simone Friend  
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***“The Inflorescence”***

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**Paph. Kenith Marple SVO's DANCERS**

Ron Henry's Photo

