

South Bay Orchid Society, Inc.

“Orchids for Amateurs”

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July Meeting

Friday, July 16, 2004

8:00 pm

South Coast Botanic Garden
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.
Palos Verdes Peninsula

Our Speaker this month is
Peter Croezen

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Peter Croezen is a retired high school teacher, who has been propagating orchids from seeds since 1986, both in his lab at home and at the University of Guelph's Botany Department. He grows several orchid genera, exclusively under HID lamps, and has special interest in the Native North American Cypripediums, particularly Cyp. reginae.

Peter's second hobby is orchid mycorrhizas, isolating symbiotic fungi from orchid roots, obtaining pure cultures and using the symbionts in the propagation of endangered orchid species.

His interest in orchid conservation has taken him three times to Peru, where he has taught Orchid Cultivation courses at UNALM, Lima's Agrarian University and Lima's Pestalozzi College.

He has been instrumental in setting up two orchid propagation laboratories in Lima, for orchid conservation, and trained the lab technicians for them.

Peter has visited orchid habitats on the eastern slopes of the Andes in Central Eastern Peru and in the Amazonas jungles of Northern Central Peru.

Peter will also show us how to deflask in the culture session, but more about that from Marla.

Come learn with us,
Nick Braemer

President's Message

Welcome to another new year for South Bay Orchid Society. This year got off to a great start at our Installation Banquet at Giorgio's Restaurant. It was a fun filled evening with good food, good company, and a great speaker. Little did we know that David Banks could have a second career as a standup comic if he ever gives up orchids. I also enjoyed showing my appreciation to everyone who worked hard this year as committee chairs and board members.

The first event of the coming year is our fall show, "Orchids, Autumn Splendor". It will be held September 25 and 26 at the South Coast Botanic Garden. This show is held annually to show our support for the Garden, and a generous donation is made to the SCBG Foundation from our proceeds. This year is especially important because the Garden is still in a probationary period and needs to show that the community is supportive in keeping it open. John Jaacks is busy planning our publicity for the show and I have mailed out invitations to vendors. I will need people to step forward to chair other committees such as hosts and hostesses, set up, featured speakers, and the kitchen. If you are interested in being a part of the show committee give me a call. The fall show is small and not as intimidating as the spring show so this is a good time to step forward to help.

Our culture session this month is on a topic we have not had for several years. If you have been to shows and have seen those little glass bottles with seedling orchids growing, and wondered what you would do with it, much less why anyone would want one, this is the culture session for you. Learn about flasks and how to get those little plants out and into a new growing medium. This will be another informative culture session that will add to your knowledge of growing orchids like the pros. (Editor's note—This will be from Peter Croezen, our speaker.)

I'm sorry but there will not be a silent auction this month. The books have been at the auditors, and Jim is busy organizing the accounts to a new computer program so we will give him a break this month. Next month we should be able to resume the silent auction.

Don't forget to get your membership dues to Susann. Make her job easier by bringing them to the July meeting or mailing them to her. We don't want her making a lot of phone calls to remind people that they have not paid their dues. This will also help her get the new directory out sooner.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the first meeting of our new year. Nick has another great speaker for us.

Marla Corey



Paph Dragon Mint

Photo courtesy Ron Henry

WHAT YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT HORSE MANURE, BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK.

The finer qualities of Horse Manure cannot be fully appreciated until one immerses oneself fully into the subject matter. Just getting the stuff is a colossal pain in the you know what, it does not come in neat 1 cu foot bags at Home Depot. The manure that does, steer, bird and fish is too hot for orchids, only Rabbits and Horses produce the soft, gentle, palatable excretions our plants like. Rabbit doo doo is hogged by the Worm Growers who grab it all, as it is perfect for growing the red worms, who are so dear to the hearts of those of you to whom fishing is not just a matter of life or death, but something much more important. Horse Manure has been generally unappreciated until now, horse stables pay to have it hauled away. Hopefully not too many orchid enthusiasts begin using it, before you know it they'll start charging for it and just like the price of gasoline, the cost of it will go up and up as the years go by. Pretty soon we'll be paying \$3.50 per cu foot or more and have to invade and occupy countries with a lot of Horses. We would not want to fall into the old 'Oil Dependency' trap and become dependent on Horse Manure producing countries. Next we'll have to create a National Horse Manure Reserve and have the Department of Homeland Security guard it against terrorist attack. We might even add a cabinet level Dept of Horse Manure, which would then make the presence of the stuff at cabinet meetings official and sanctified.

I have established 3 meaningful relationships with horse stables and have divorced the first two. Reminds me of the Women in my life except they usually divorce me. The first one's product was laced with other garbage which I had to separate. I don't mind getting elbow deep in Horse Manure but this other stuff, like candy wrappers and soda cans, is downright disgusting. The second stable uses hay for Horse bedding and separating it was a pain. Then I met the perfect Horse Stable and established a beautiful relationship. Having been seasoned by the first 2 disappointments, I was finally ready to contribute more and bring forth the effort to make this one work out and last. I could not imagine failing a third time, however there is a new, young stable opening up in Thousand Oaks, so, you never know. The current stable is at the corner of Crenshaw and Palos Verdes Drive North and uses wood shavings for horse bedding which then makes up 70% to 80% of the refuse, which ends up in a 20' x 10' concrete bin. The wood shavings need to be separated from the desired Horse Apples, which can be achieved by tossing the whole mess against one of the walls, one shovelful at a time. The Horse Apples roll away from the wall while the wood shavings collect near the bottom of the wall. In the beginning I would toss 6 shovels of mix to get 1 shovel of HM. I took lessons from Tiger Wood and by proper wrist action, by keeping the elbows straight and the knees bent I'm now doing 4 shovels of mix to get one shovel of HM. Tossing it at the right velocity is also important as is the angle of impact. I'm wondering if this would work on the moon as the light wood shavings and the heavier horse apples would fall at the same speed, thus defeating my system. If they ever go there again, I'll try to send a shovelful or two and find out. But they don't have walls up there, oh well, we'll cross that bridge when we get there. Come to think of it, they don't have horses up there either, that makes them safe from an attack designed to bring freedom and democracy to the Horses.

So, I finally found the Horse Manure I've been waiting for all my life. I brought it home in a garbage can, carried it over the threshold, placed it in the backyard and put a tight fitting lid on it. It truly does not smell and has many other good qualities. I don't have to remember and celebrate the day I found it, I don't get flak for ignoring it, it's ready to perform at the time of my choosing and it doesn't care whether my T-shirt has spots on it or not. I like it.

I know the above subject matter is of great interest to the membership and I'll keep you apprised of my future adventures in the Universe of the Horse. Ahnold is definitely interested, he has requested any and all writings, and all these things, on this very important subject matter, just in case if, after the appropriate constitutional amendment, he finds himself in a horse race for the presidency. Hillary vs Arnie in 2008 would top anything Hollywood has to offer and produce a lot of potting material for our plants.

Nicholas Braemer.

PS If you read between the lines of my lame attempt at humor, the article actually tells you exactly how to get it, if you don't already have a ready source. The plants in it, now going on 4 months, are doing really well.



Laeliocattleya, Seagulls Fireworks

In honor of our Nation's Birthday

Photo Courtesy of ForOrchids

Editor's Corner

This month we have another article from Nick about horse **** (you know what I mean). Hopefully y'all will like it—Nick made an attempt at humor, and I thought he did OK.

Also, unfortunately this month, there isn't much going on for shows in Southern California, or on the West Coast for that matter. But, this is vacation season, and lots of folks don't stay at home. So, I found some things on the web for those of you that like to travel, and might be in some of the more exotic (or not) locations in August. And, we didn't have a judging in June because of the Installment Banquet (which we didn't make—we were in one of those exotic places—Hawaii).

I thought that I would introduce myself to those of you who don't know myself or Susann. We have been with the Society for a couple of years now, and have met some very nice folks who share one of our most abiding interests. Orchids, of course. My wife, Susann, is the blonde in the wheelchair that is hard to keep up with. She is handling Membership for the Society, so I guess we're part of the family now.

This is a new piece of the newsletter that I thought I would try, to see how it goes. If you get bored with it, let me know, and I'll stop. I am still not sure what I'm going to do with it, we'll see. See y'all at the meeting.

Ned Patton



Unknown Phal.

Photo by Ron Henry

People, Places and Kudos

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

Board Meeting

The July 21, 2004, board meeting will be at the Meeting Room at Whole Foods Market at Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Blvd. 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.

Kudos

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

Nick Braemer, Marla Corey, Chuck Spain, Ron Henry, And especially, at least this month
Lyn Jaacks

Thanks to the supporters of the Westminster display

Special thank's to all who helped in setting up plants for our Westminster Lifestyle / Orange County Lifestyle Show display. Special thanks to Art Bailey, Nick Braemer, Marla Corey, Bob Streeter, Ann McNeely, the DeYoungs, Jack Manchester, Kathy Synstelién, and Joan and Art Bailey for loaning plants. Thanks also to Jack Manchester for being our drop off, especially after the loss of his mother! Marla and Ann manned the sales booth both days, they are real troopers.

Chuck Spain



Paph Saint Swithin
X
Paph Armeniacum

“Full Fun”

Photo by
Ron Henry

The Refrigerator Door
Orchid Show Calendar
July, 2004

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TBA

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(Editor)

Not much happening in Southern California
in August. Check out some other places,
Houston, Oahu, even Melbourne Australia.

July 24-25
SDCOS Mini Show
at the Balboa Park's Casa Del Prado,
Room 101
12 pm to 4 pm on July 24th
10 am to 4 pm on July 25th

Hawaii Anyone? Check this out
Ewa Orchid Show
August 8, 2004
Waipahu High School
94-1211 Farrington Hwy., Waipahu
Oahu, Hawaii

How about Texas (Not so Exotic)
Houston Orchid Society Workshop
August 6-7, 2004
Holiday Inn Select
2712 Southwest Freeway
Phone: 713-523-8448

Or Australia for all of you adventure-
some types
August 20-22
Melbourne International Orchid Show
Collectors Corner

Opposite: DTPS. MINOT Phal. Medinah X
Dtps. Mexicana - Courtesy Susann Patton

“The Inflorescence”

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I want to thank Lyn Jaacks personally for providing the help that I needed to get this thing mailed on time to all of you. See you at the meeting.

Ned Patton