



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

**November, 2004**

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**November Meeting**  
**Friday, November 19, 2004**  
**8:00 pm**

South Coast Botanic Garden  
 26300 Crenshaw Blvd.  
 Palos Verdes Peninsula

**Our November speaker is James Rose**

Cal-Orchid, Inc. is owned and operated by James and Lauris Rose. In the early 1970's the Roses began their orchid careers in the commercial realm, and eventually purchased their own nursery in 1987. When you call or visit you will be assisted by James and Lauris, not sales clerks. That is a combined experience of 60+ years. The Roses have always been active in the orchid world, traveling for shows, sales, or lecturing. Whenever possible, they are generous with their time in personally visiting with customers about orchid culture, and don't miss their weekend sales events. A good time is had by all.

James will hold a town hall meeting for all of us that have questions about how to grow, bloom, and generally take care of our orchids. Come with your questions, problems, war stories, successes, failures, and everything in between.

See you there, Nick Braemer

**Culture Session—7:00**

“Back to Basics” is the topic for this month’s culture session. No matter what growing media you are using there will be tips and techniques you will find useful when you are repotting your orchids. I will be sharing with you what I have learned over the years from the master growers in our society.

Marla Corey

## **President's Message**

Have you gotten your new SBOS directory? Susann and Ned Patton did a great job of collecting and compiling our membership information and printing the directory. See Susann at our November meeting to pick up your directory or give her a call to have it mailed if you are unable to get to our November meeting. Also let Susann know if there are any corrections to be made regarding your information as listed in the directory.

Last month I asked for suggestions for a theme for our spring show. Your response was underwhelming. Only one person made a suggestion. A theme has not yet been decided upon so you have one more chance to help us out by making a suggestion at the November meeting. Forms will be available. If your suggestion is used you will receive a blooming plant. (Board members are not eligible for blooming plant.)

May has another wonderful evening planned for our Holiday Potluck Dinner in December. Get out your favorite recipes and decide what you will sign up to bring to the potluck. This is always a fun evening when we can enjoy visiting with each other and sharing good food. Guests are welcome so be sure to let May know how many people are in your party.

We are very pleased to have James Rose of Cal-Orchids as our speaker this month. You may want to invite your orchid growing friends who are not members to come hear him speak. This will be another excellent program thanks to Nick who is doing a great job as 1st V.P.

Yes, I am giving this month's culture session. I have learned so much from Dave DeYoung, Jack Manchester, and Bob Streeter over the years that I wanted to share the common sense and basic potting techniques and tips that I think everyone will find useful.

I look forward to seeing you at our November meeting.

*Marla Corey*

## *Back by Popular Demand—Dr. Potzalot's Culture Tips*

### Watering

“When and how much do I water?” This is probably the most frequently asked question of all. There is no set rule or timetable for watering. Just know that plants should be watered when they need it (ed.—that’s easy for you to say Doc).

When you do water, though, water thoroughly. Make sure that water is coming freely out of the drain holes before you go to the next plant. Roots tend to like to stay moist. But if you water too frequently the roots stay wet. This will suffocate the roots, and your plant will die. And, if you don’t water enough, other bad things happen. The plant will get stressed and stop growing. And, it won’t bloom if it isn’t growing and can’t make flower spikes and buds.

There are some basic questions that you can answer for yourself to know when it’s time to turn on the hose. First, are my orchids growing on a mount, or moss, or bark, or coconut, or rocks, or what exactly are they growing in. The properties of the medium have much to do with how much and often you water. Mounted orchids will like to be watered every day, whereas Cym’s growing in coconut you may only want to water every couple of weeks.

Next, when did I water last? Was it two days or two weeks ago? Keep a calendar or keep to a regular watering schedule, once you have established how much each plant needs to be watered.

What season is this? Plants dry out faster in warm dry weather than in cool damp weather, so in the summer months your plants will need a little more water than in the winter (ed.—especially here in Southern California). Does this plant like its roots to stay moist or does it like to dry out a little between watering? Locate a culture sheet or someone who grows the same thing to find out.

How old is the bark in the pot? Old bark retains more water than new bark because it’s had more time to decompose. You might want to think of repotting once the bark retains too much water.

Is it early in the morning or late in the afternoon? It’s best to water early so any moisture on the leaves can evaporate before nightfall. Water carries bacteria that will rot the crown of your plant. The pores in the leaves stay open all the time, so the bacteria get a chance to attack overnight if the leaves are wet. On the other hand, if the temperature goes up and the humidity goes down, it’s time to mist the leaves to cool your plant and keep it from getting sunburn.

Is it cloudy or sunny? Water evaporates slower on cloudy days than on sunny days. That could mean wet plants at sunset—not a good thing. Is it raining or is it going to rain. Hold off and see what the next day brings—one day won’t make that much difference.

Is the plant in a clay pot or plastic? Clay is porous and dries out faster. Clay also absorbs salts in the water and if allowed to accumulate will damage your roots. Plastic pots don’t absorb either water or salt. In any case, it’s a good idea to flush pretty well and/or water twice. The first watering loosens up the salts and the second flushes them out.

Should I water the plant at all in the winter? Some orchids want a “dry rest” and would rather not be watered after they quit growing in the fall and until they start to grow again in the spring. The library is a good place to get answers to which orchids like a “dry rest” and which ones you will kill if you do that.

When you have all of this reduced to instinct, you will finally graduate from rank beginner to the true Amateur orchid grower.

*Jack Manchester (with liberties taken by your friendly editor)*

**Call for Entries: PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2005**  
**Juried Photo Contest**  
**presented by TCB-Cafe Publishing**

The **Photography Competition 2005** is an international photography contest organized by TCB-Cafe Publishing of San Francisco. The contest aims to develop and raise the visibility of photographic and creative talent, in the form of a competition and the resulting book publication and exhibition. The culmination will be a beautiful photographic book, showcasing the competition winners, and gracing the libraries of museums, galleries, individuals and collectors.

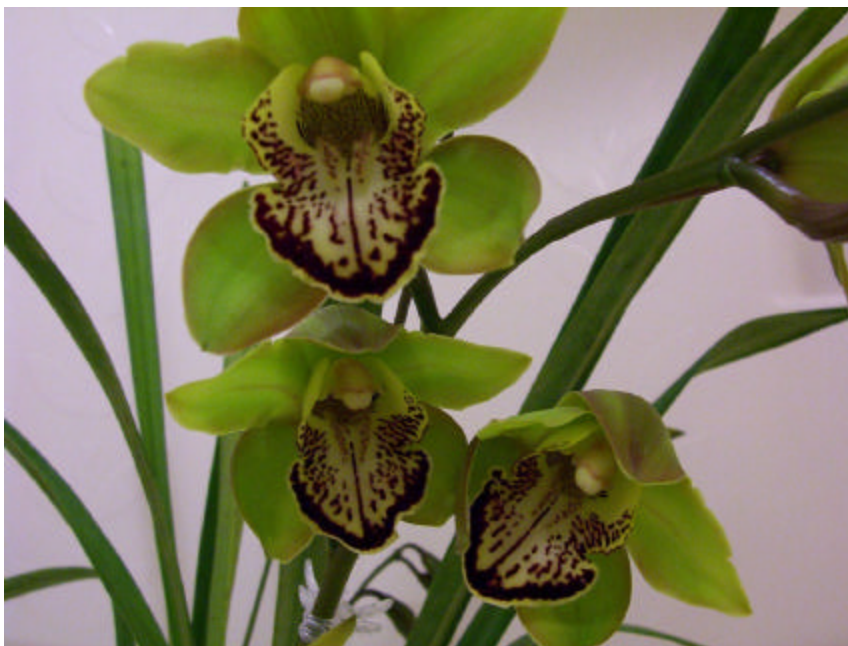
Selected images will be published in a book by TCB-Cafe Publishing. Selected images will also appear in a TCB-Cafe Publishing exhibit on the contest's theme. A total of 40 First and Second Place Finalists will be selected.

The 2005 competition has two new themes:

- 1) **ORCHID CHIC: Passion, Fashion & Orchids**
- 2) **SAND: The Human Form in a Formless Medium**

To read more about the contest, go to the TCB-Cafe Publishing website at <http://www.cafeandre.com>, CALL FOR ENTRIES or go directly to the contest information at <http://cafeandre.com/PhotoContest2005.html>

Date: Deadline March 30, 2005  
Questions can be sent to "contest AT cafeandre.com"



**CYM. SATSUMA**  
**'DECEMBER RED'**

At least that's what Ron Henry thinks it is—not red, and blooming in October—maybe he's right and maybe not

## 10-15-04 SBOS Ribbon Judging

<b>Ribbon</b>	<b>Plant</b>	<b>Exhibitor</b>
<b>Novice</b>	<b>Paphiopedilum</b>	<b>Burt Dobratz judge</b>
1	Paph Hot Spots	Jim Rowley
2	Paph spicerianum	Jim Rowley
3	Paph Prime Time x Paph Silver Dollar	Jim Rowley
<b>Novice</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Burt Dobratz judge</b>
1	Dpts King Skiang's Rose x (Happy Valentine x Taida Happy Eagle)	Jim Rowley
<b>2+Speaker's Choice</b>	Ascofinetia 'Twinkle'	Bobby Ignacio
3	Burrageara. Living Fire 'Glowing Ember'	Bobby Ignacio
<b>Amateur</b>	<b>Cattleya Alliance</b>	<b>Bob Streeter judge</b>
1	LC Mini Purple	Joan Bailey
2	L anceps	Thamina Haque
3	Epi 'Don Herman 'H & R'	Ron Henry
<b>Amateur</b>	<b>Phalaenopsis</b>	<b>Bob Streeter judge</b>
1	Phal Ever Spring 'Harlequin'	Thamina Haque
2	Phal venosa 'Malibu Giant' x Phal Malibu Miss 'Sierra Vasquez'	Jasmine Bashi
3	Dpts Firecracker 'Malibu'	Thamina Haque
<b>Amateur</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Bob Streeter judge</b>
1	Ren. Nancy Chandler 'Red Dragon'	Jasmine Bashi
2	Asconopsis Irene Dobkins	Joan Bailey
3	Paph. Candy Apple 'Delicious'	Joan Bailey
<b>Adv Amatuer</b>	<b>Cattleya Allaince</b>	<b>Jim Rowley judge</b>
1	BC Pastoral Innocence	Marla Corey
<b>2+ cultural</b>	C. Portia Otellas	Kathy Synstelién
3	LC Blue Boy x C warneri	Kathy Synstelién

Note: Orchid names and pictures can be checked on <http://www.orchidspecies.com>

# People, Places and Things

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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

### Thanks

.To those of you that brought  
food to the last meeting, and  
who sent me stuff for this  
newsletter.

Thanks

## Board Meeting—Dec. 1, 2004

The Board Meeting this month will be held 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.

### New Members—Welcome

Marc Massari  
Gail Worth  
Ming Welch  
Rubilita Cariaso  
Joan Nielson

Come by the membership table and pick up your new badge.

WELCOME

## Editor's Corner

First, I want to reiterate what Marla said about the membership roster. Please stop in and pick yours up at the membership table at the meeting this Friday. We have them all labeled so that we don't miss anyone. Save the Society postage—come to the meeting and get your directory.

I also want to repeat what Marla said about the theme for the Spring show. We need some creative ideas from the troops out there. Remember, it's your show, so think up something great. Marla has a blooming plant for the theme suggestion that gets picked.

Plans are in motion for not only the December holiday potluck, but also our speakers for the next few months (Nick's doing a great job), the Santa Barbara trip, the picnic at Zuma Canyon, and especially the Spring Show. Come to the meeting this Friday and hear about it all.

A few last minute details. Board members, remember that the meeting is on **December 1** at Whole Foods, and not the Wednesday before turkey day. And, if anyone remembers taking home a clear crystal serving plate from the last meeting, it belongs to Jasmine Bashi. Please bring it along to the meeting this Friday—loaded with goodies would be a nice idea.

Your friendly editor, Ned

**The Refrigerator Door**  
**Orchid Show Calendar**  
November-December, 2004

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**The Orchid Society of Santa Barbara's**  
**Annual Exhibition and Sale**  
November 13 & 14, 2004  
Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History  
2559 Puesta del Sol Road  
Santa Barbara, California 93105 USA

**Orchid Society of California Show**  
Nov 13 & 14, 2004  
Lakeside Garden Center  
Lake Merritt, Oakland

**Casa de Ochideas Annual Open House**  
December 4 and 5 2004  
170 S. Nardo Ave., Solana Beach, CA,  
92075

**Peninsula Orchid Society**  
**Annual Show and Sale**  
January 8th and 9th, 2005  
The Fair Oaks Community Center  
2600 Middlefield Road  
Redwood City, CA

**Redlands Mall Orchid Show**  
**Saturday, Nov. 13 - Sunday, Nov. 14**  
Redlands Mall  
100 Redlands Blvd., Redlands, CA.

**Pacific Orchid Expo 2005**  
presented by the  
San Francisco Orchid Society  
February 17-20, 2005

***“The Inflorescence”***

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**See you at the meeting this Friday.**

***Ned***