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“Orchids for Amateurs”

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March Meeting

Thursday, March 17, 2005

8:00 PM

South Coast Botanic Garden

26300 Crenshaw Blvd.

Palos Verdes Peninsula

March Speaker

Don Nipp “Mr. Fertilizer”

Bayer Advanced, Stover Seed Company, Kellogg Garden Products, and Plant Revolutions sponsor Mr. Fertilizer, Don Nipp. Don will regale us with a presentation on:

- Commercial and organic fertilizers
- Insect, weed, and disease control
- Specific care programs for plants
- And, soil product ingredients and uses.

Don has been affiliated with the fertilizer industry since 1966 when he joined Bandini's sales staff (now called Bayer Advanced). Since his retirement from Bayer, he has been addressing garden clubs and other organizations interested in plants and flowers as “Mr. Fertilizer.” In 2003 he received the Pacific Coast Nurseryman Award from the California Association of Nurseries and Garden Centers.

Come listen to Don and learn some very crucial things about how to keep your plants alive, healthy, and producing those beautiful blooms.

Nick Braemer

Culture Session—7:00 PM

Bob Streeter, CSA judge, will be telling us what judges look for when judging orchids. He will also explain what the letters on plant tags mean, such as AM and HCC. To better understand how judging works, and what happens during the judging at our show, be sure to attend this culture session.

President's Message

Our Spring Orchid Show, "Rainbow of Orchids", will be here soon. I hope all of you are preparing your plants for the show. We want every one with blooming plants to bring them in to be judged. It is important that they be clean and free of pests. If you need more information on how to prepare your plants for the show, read the Dr. Potzalot article in this newsletter. There are lots of categories, so your chances of winning a ribbon are very good. Registration of entries will take place on Friday, April 8, at the Meeting Hall at Torrance Cultural Arts Center from 4:00 pm to 9:00pm.

There is also another way to win ribbons at our show, bring in an artistic entry. These can be found on our Classifications List under sections XIII to XVIII. These cover a wide range of creative possibilities, from theme based (Rainbow of Orchids) arrangements, to miniature arrangements, to corsages. Don't think artistic entries are just for women; Bob Streeter took first prize at the Fascination of Orchids show a few years ago. So even if you don't have any plants in bloom, get creative and be a part of the show with an artistic entry.

Next month we will not be having our usual Friday night meeting, instead we will be having a picnic on Saturday, April 16, at Zuma Canyon Orchids in Malibu. This is special event that I hope everyone is able to attend. Zuma Canyon is a beautiful place and George Vasquez is a wonderful host, as he shows us around his green houses and demonstrates his methods for growing beautiful, prize-winning phalaenopsis. Ned Patton and I will be planning the food for the picnic this year. May will have more information for you and will be taking sign ups at this month's meeting.

Remember, we are meeting on Thursday, March 17, this month on the same night that the Rose Society meets. The Rose Society will be meeting in the room where we set up our silent auction, so the silent auction will be in the auditorium. This is an inconvenience for their society as well as ours, but with a little mutual cooperation, it will work. We will also have to change our dates in May and August to accommodate garden shows.

This is the last meeting before our Orchid Show. We will have more show posters and flyers for everyone to pass out to their friends and neighbors. Remember, the flyer is also a \$1 off coupon on admission to our show. Our committee chairs will have sign up sheets at the meeting for volunteers. The main areas where help is needed are set up and take down, hosts and hostesses, ticket sales, and bringing food. Working at the show is a great way to get to know other society members and feel a part of an exciting event.

See you on St. Patrick's Day for our March meeting.

Marla Corey

Back by Popular Demand, Dr. Potzalot

(Reprinted from October 2001)

Preparing your plants for the show

I overheard a conversation between two people at our last meeting. They were standing in front of an exhibition table discussing an entry. The conversation went something like this. "Look at this. It's gorgeous! It deserves that blue ribbon." After the people left I went over and examined all the plants in the section. I concurred with the people, and the judges. The entry did deserve the blue ribbon for that section. The flowers were nice and the over all appearance of the entry was outstanding. The owner obviously knew how to make his plant look it's best for judging.

Plants submitted for Ribbon Judging, whether it be our monthly meeting or for shows coming up, like the East/West at the Otani Hotel and Crystal Court in Orange County, have to look their best in order to have a chance to win a ribbon. Keep this in mind. Ribbon judging is competitive judging based on what the judges like. That means the decision of the judges will be determined by more than pretty flowers.

Here are some things you should do to help your plant look it's best.

1. Be sure the plant is free of insects and pests, such as mealy bugs or scale. Remove slug or snail trails on the pot, bark or plant. Sooty mold is another thing to eliminate. If a judge sees any of these conditions he will ask to have the plant removed to eliminate contamination of adjacent plants. Avoid embarrassment and criticism. Clean your plant. (I will assume these things were not recognized at registration, else the entry would have been screened at that time.)
2. Remove any dead, dying or broken leaves from the plant. They are very detrimental to appearance. Use a clean razor blade to do the job. The remaining portion of dead leaves at the base of cymbidium bulbs should be removed also. Doing this will eliminate the hiding place for scale as well as improve the appearance of the plant.
3. Stake flower spikes as they mature, while buds are forming. When the buds begin to open do not turn or move the plant. Flowers are sensitive to light and changing the direction of the light will change the direction of the opening flowers. Phals look their best when all the flowers are pointing in the same direction. Paphs should "look" straight ahead, not down at the table or up at the ceiling.
4. Clean the exterior of the pot or put the plant inside a decorative container.
5. Stake up any errant growing pseudobulbs. Floppy looking cattleyas are not what the judges like to see.
6. Remove the dead bracts on cattleya pseudobulbs. Besides being a good hiding place for undesirable pests they deter the appearance of the plant.

Preparing your plants for the show (Continued)

7. Clean the leaves of any hard water stains. A solution of milk and water will do the trick. The acid in the milk will dissolve the hard water deposits and the fat in the milk will make the leaves glow. Use a cotton ball dipped in the solution and rub away. (This may not get the approval of AOS judges)

8. Remove any flowering stem that detracts from the picture. It is better to exhibit a plant with one stem with nice flowers than two, where one of them has damaged (bacteria or pest) or dying flowers. Also remove any dead stems from the plant.

9. If you are putting your plant in a show it would be a good idea to water it a day or two before registration. The dryer conditions of an exhibition area will dehydrate the plant quickly and the first thing it will sacrifice to survive will be it's flowers. Tip the pot on the day of registration to remove any excess water still remaining in the pot. A puddle on the table will attract the wrong kind of attention.

10. Hide old looking potting media, possibly with moss or a topping of fresh bark.

There are other things you can do to improve your chances to win a ribbon but I might be competing against you some day so I'm not eager to reveal all my secrets. Use your imagination! Do what it takes to make your plant look it's finest. The results (ribbons and compliments) are worth the effort.

Dr. Potzalot



Cattleya Leo Holguin

Owner:
Dave DeYoung

Photo:
Ron Henry

Rainbow of Orchids Committee Chairs

We have a great group of volunteers serving as our committee chairs for our Spring Show. These people are working hard to organize their committees to make our show a success. If you have questions about the show or would like to volunteer your services these are the people to talk to:

- Vendors: Kathy Synsteliën
- Publicity: John Jaacks
- Registration: Lyn Jaacks
- Judging: Bob Streeter
- Set up and Take down: Ron Henry
- Host and Hostess: Marilyn Hill
- Boutique sales: Ann McNeeley
- Potting sales: Jim Rowley and Jim Hoyle
- Kitchen: Shirley Marble and Carolyn Gould
- Ticket sales: Ned Patton
- Trophies: Nick Braemer
- Speakers: Nick Braemer
- Treasurer: Jim Rowley
- Membership information: Susan Patton
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Of course I am always available to answer questions or be of assistance to anyone who may need more information about our show. Don Goss has put a lot of information on the website regarding the show. You can go there to see a list of the Judging Classifications and the activities that will be taking place during the show such as the Featured Speakers who will be giving demonstrations and informative talks. Check out the website, it is a wealth of information.

Marla Corey



Cymbidium Lady Spring
'Nancy' x Yowie Flame
'Geyserland'

Owner: Dave DeYoung

Photo: Ron Henry

Greenhouse Wanted

Jasmine Bashi is looking for a greenhouse for her plants. If you know someone who has out-grown theirs, or can help her find one that will fit her needs, please see her at the meeting this Thursday. Thanks



Cattleya Haw Yuan Gold

Photo: Ron Henry

This plant was at the Fascination of Orchids Show at South Coast Plaza

Phal. DTSP Taisuco Firebird

Owner:
Dave DeYoung

Photo:
Ron Henry



18-05 SBOS Ribbon Judging

Ribbon	Plant	Exhibitor
Novice	Cymbidium	Charlie Jackson judge
1	Cymb Ruby Eyes 'Red Baron'	Bobby Ignacio
2	Cymb Kyata 'Nightshade' x Ruby Eyes 'Claret Veil'	Bobbie Davison
3	Cymb Ruby Eyes 'Red Baron'	Len Judaken
Novice	Other	Charlie Jackson judge
1	Colma Wildcaat 'Howard'	Len Judaken
2	Paph Unknown	Len Judaken
3	Onc Margarete Holm	Bobby Ignacio
Amateur	Cymbidium	Jim Hoyle judge
1	Cymb Stars & Stripes	Joan Bailey
2	Cymb Dag Dorothy	Ron Henry
3	Cymb Oratory Girl x Pure Delight	Jasmine Bashi
Amateur	Paphiopedilum	Jim Hoyle judge
1	Paph gratixianum	Ron Henry
2	Paph Spotglen 'President Polk' x Fairburn 'Little John'	Joan Bailey
3	Paph Irish Moss x Jolly Green Gem	Ron Henry
Amateur	Other	Jim Hoyle judge
1	Epidendrum centradenum	Joan Bailey
2	Oncidium Gower Ramsey	Thamina Haque
3	Ascda Princess Mikaza	Marilyn Hill
Speaker's Choice	Laelia albida	Thamina Haque
Adv Amatuer	Species	Dave De Young judge
1	Pleurothallis restrepioides	Jim Hoyle
2	Mediocalcar decoratum	Jim Hoyle
3	Pleurothallis titan	Jim Hoyle
Cultural	Encyclia polybulbon	Steve Moeschler
Adv Amatuer	Paphiopedilum	Dave De Young judge
1	Paph Flower Blaze	Kathy Synsteliën
2	Paph McLaren Park 'San Mateo'	Kathy Synsteliën
3	Paph Little Irene x [McLaren Park x Minster Lovell]	Kathy Synsteliën
Adv Amatuer	Other	Dave De Young judge
1	Oncidium Sweet Sugar	Marla Corey
2	Masdevilla veitchiana x picea	Kathy Synsteliën
3	Dendrobium Tarean	Kathy Synsteliën

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

People, Places and Things

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.

Next Board Meeting—Mar. 23, 2005

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.

THANKS

Fascination of Orchids 25th Annual Show

Many thanks to those that helped and contributed plants to the SBOS display at the Fascination of Orchids show at South Coast Plaza last month. Displays at shows outside of our own society to put us in the forefront of the orchid world. Thanks especially to Art and Joan Bailey, Nick Braemer, Bill Bailey, the Voelkers, Ted and Jackie Johnson, and the Manchesters for loaning their fine plants. Special thanks to Jack Manchester for being the drop off site and to Don Smith for picking up and returning most of the plants. Nick Braemer (doing this while he was sick) and I set up the display. And, we get \$200 for our participation

Chuck Spain

Editor's Corner

There is so much to talk about, I may not have enough room in this space, but I'll try. This is the last newsletter before the show on April 9 and 10. Please support your Society and help out at the show. I for one will have a sign up sheet at the meeting this **Thursday** for people who want to help sell tickets. I am sure that other sign up sheets will be there also. Or, just find one of the Show Committee Chairs at the meeting this **Thursday** and volunteer.

A Nominating Committee has been formed to nominate officers of the Society for next year. The members of the Committee are Ron Henry (Chair), Bob Streeter, and Ned Patton (that's me). If you have someone that you would like to nominate, or are interested in serving on the Board, please see one of us this **Thursday**.

Also, please remember that the Saturday after the show (April 16) is the picnic at Zuma Canyon Orchids in Malibu. As you know by now, I got volunteered to cook, and so we're going to have fajitas. If you have a favorite picnic dish and would like to contribute food, please talk to Marla this **THURSDAY** (OK, I'll quit—just remember the meeting is on Thursday instead of Friday).

Our Installation Banquet this year will be at the Alpine Village on June 17. The next newsletter will have an announcement about the Nominating Committee, and the one after that will have the slate of Officers that the Nominating Committee chooses. So, talk to one of us if you're interested.

Your friendly editor, Ned

The Refrigerator Door
Orchid Show Calendar
April-July, 2005

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SBOS Spring Show
“Rainbow of Orchids”
YES, THIS ONE IS OURS
April 9 and 10, 2005
Torrance Cultural Arts Center
Torrance Blvd. and Madrona St.
Torrance, CA

Norman’s Orchids Spring Open House
11039 Monte Vista Ave.
Montclair, CA
(909) 627-9515
www.orchids.com

Newport Harbor Orchid Society
8th Annual Oceans of Orchids Show and Sale
April 30-May 1
Costa Mesa Community Center
1845 Park Ave., Costa Mesa
www.nhos.org

Newport Harbor Orchid Society
Orchid Auction
Tuesday, May 17, 2005
7:00 PM Sharp
Costa Mesa Community Center
1845 Park Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA
Free Admission & Parking / Refreshments
will be served

Santa Barbara Orchid Fair
July 8-10, 2005
Earl Warren Fairgrounds,
Santa Barbara

“The Inflorescence”

South Bay Orchid Society
c/o Ned Patton
21816 Barbara Street
Torrance, CA 90503

REMEMBER

The Meeting is Thursday, March 17

AND

Our Spring Show is April 9 and 10

Tell all your friends, and sign up to help out.

Ned