



Ang. Madgalenae
Grown by Tom Renger

South Bay Orchid Society, Inc.

“Orchids for Amateurs”

Founded July, 1957

The
INFLORESCENCE

September 2008

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FRIDAY, September 19

South Coast Botanic Garden

26300 Crenshaw Blvd

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General Meeting Starting at 8 PM

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Our September speaker is Charles “Butch” Weckerle-Thrun. Butch is well-known to Southern California as the manager of the Rowland Collection and has been with them for 22 years. Born and raised in Puerto Rico, Butch has been growing orchids since he was 15 years old. He found his love of orchids by living in the tropics. They would simply tie their plants to trees and let Mother Nature take care of the rest.

Butch is a prestigious judge of both the American Orchid Society and the Cymbidium Society of America.

The Rowland Collection specializes in Novelty and Miniature Cymbidiums, Paphiopedilums, and other cold tolerant varieties suitable for outdoor growing in Southern California. Their collection also includes a large variety of Phragmipediums and Tolumnias. The Rowland Collection is open by appointment only, so call ahead. This meeting presentation will be on “Z to A on Orchids Grown Outdoors”. He will be focusing on cold tolerant types, their culture and also their growing conditions.

Orchid Care Session

7:00 pm

Culture Session: Tricks on blooming and growing your orchids outdoors.

This month’s raffle table will be provided by the Rowland Collection. I won a beautiful Paph. called Magic Lantern 2 years ago and it finally bloomed with two flowers and more new growths to come. Don’t forget to buy lots of tickets!!

Susan Amini

President's Message

September brings OUR Fall Orchid Show. Financial success with the show benefits the South Coast Botanic Garden, and our relationship with the Garden provides us facilities for our monthly meetings. The success of our Show is dependent on full participation of our society members in all areas; from displays of our members' magnificent orchids to informing the public about orchids. We need people to work as hosts and hostesses, plant registration, equipment set-up, take down, and storage, food preparation... and the list goes on. **But most importantly, everyone, please do bring in all your blooming plants to the show!** Remember, it is OUR Society and your plants are needed to make our show. Also, the more plants you bring, the better chances you will have winning. Please read the *Annual Fall Orchid Show and Sale* article in this newsletter for further information.

Thank you, Peggy and Jack Wormington for sharing your home for our August board meeting. Our September Board meeting will be at the South Coast Botanic Garden on September 23.

If you want to see your name in our Membership Directory 2008-2009, you should pay your dues before our show. After the show, the Membership Directory will be closed for publishing.

This is a good time to issue our annual meeting schedule so that everyone can plan in advance to attend our meetings.

Tom Renger



Dates to Remember

General Meetings
are held at the South Coast Botanic Garden. Installation Banquet location—TBD.

***indicates a change in regular dates

September 19, 2008
October 17
November 21 ***
December 19..... Holiday Potluck
January 16, 2009
February 20
March 20
April 24 ***
May 22 ***..... General Elections
June 19..... Installation Banquet
July 17
August 21
September 25 ***
October 16
November 20
December 18..... Holiday Potluck
Board Meetings are held Tuesdays the following week.
Fall Show – Sep. 27-28, 2008
South Coast Botanic Garden
Spring Show – March 7-8, 2009
Torrance Cultural Arts Center

Bill McNeeley has sponsored an Ann McNeeley Bench on the patio of the South Coast Botanic Garden.

Bill used what he received from the sale of Ann's orchid collection as part of the funding.

**Ribbon Judging Results
August Meeting
By Polly Kinsinger, Judging Chair**

Advanced Amateur

Other

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| 1 st | Rdcm. Spring Bouquet | Ted & Jackie Johnson |
| 2 nd | Phal. Venosa 'Malibu Giant'
x Phal. Malibu 'Miss Sierra Vasquez' | Ted & Jackie Johnson |
| 3 rd | Odm. Red Nugget x Wils. Jean Dupont 'Firey' | Bobby Ignacio |



Dtps Ever Spring Prince
"Lih Jiang"
Grown by Tom Renger

Novice

Catleya

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| 1 st | Blc. Toshie Aoki 'Pizzaz' | Sylvia Eastwood |
| 2 nd | Blc. Hawaiian Passion 'Carmela' | Josephine Balboa |
| 3 rd | Blc. Wei Sheng Gold 'Green Gold' | Lorena Cruz |

Phaleanopsis

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| 1 st | Phal. Unknown | Sandy Hammersmark |
| 2 nd | Phal. Unknown | Sandy Hammersmark |
| 3 rd | Phal. Unknown | Larry Bergen |

Oncidium & Allied Genera

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| 1 st | Odontoglossum Unknown | Sandy Hammersmark |
| 2 nd | Psychopsis Papilo | Sharon Gage |
| 3 rd | Mtssa. Shelob 'Red Spider' | Josephine Balboa |

Other

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|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| 1 st | Paph. Magic Lantern | Susan Amini |
| 2 nd | Howera Lava Flow 'Poanini' | Sharon Gage |
| 3 rd | Epi. Nocturnum | Peggy O'berg |

Annual Fall Orchid Show and Sale

September 27 and 28, 2008

Our fall show is coming soon and planning is well underway. Vendors have signed up and publicity is getting out, but to make this show a success your society needs your help. We have members who have volunteered to be committee chairs and they need you to sign up to work.

Set-up: Takes place on Friday morning before the show at 9:00. This involves setting up and arranging tables as well as draping of the display tables. We will also need people with trucks to help bring things from storage. Call Ron Henry at (310) 374-9699.

Host and Hostess: People are needed throughout the show hours to talk to our guests and answer questions they may have. This position is also important for security. You need to make sure no one touches the plants or walks off with one. (Plant theft is a serious problem at some shows.) This position also includes the "plant hotel" table where people can check purchased plants, since they are not allowed in the judging area. Call Marilyn Hill (310) 675-0604 or Sue Estes at (310) 377-0773.

Food: Lots of food is needed to feed our hungry volunteers and vendors throughout the show. If you are bringing food on Sunday, it needs to be there by 11:30 am. Call Joann Green at (310) 830-1585. We also need a few volunteers to work in the kitchen to serve food and keep the kitchen clean throughout the show. Call Marla at (310) 833-1918.

Take-down: Will take place right after the show closes. We need everyone to pitch in and help to make this job go quickly. Again, Ron will need trucks to take things back to storage on Monday. Call Ron Henry at (310) 374-9699.

Publicity: Don Goss is in charge of publicity. Everyone can help by putting up posters and passing out flyers in their neighborhoods. If we still have posters and flyers, they will be available at the September meeting.

Plant Registration: Registration will take place on Friday in the auditorium beginning at 4:00pm and ending at 9:00pm. I hope everyone will bring in all their blooming plants for judging. I have noticed that some of the best plants have been in the novice category so don't be shy about putting your plants in the show for ribbon judging. All we ask is that they have been in your possession for a minimum of three months and be free of pests and disease. We will have AOS and CSA judging for those of you with exceptional plants in bloom. The registration classifications and forms are available on the website if you want to get a head start on the registration process. If you are not sure how to classify your plants we will have people to help you at registration.

Sign up sheets will still be available at the September meeting or you can call the team leaders directly. Volunteering a few hours of your time is a great way to get to know your fellow society members and we always have a good time. I will be out of town from September 9th to the 19th, so it is best to phone the committee chair if you have questions during this time.

Marla Corey, Show Chair
(310) 833-1918

You can view and download a flyer any time from our website
http://southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/SBOS_2008_Fall_Flyer.pdf

We Need Your Orchid Pictures By Don Goss



Epi. porpax
Grown by Gloria Streeter
Photo by Don Goss

Sabrina Roque, our newsletter editor, needs your orchid pictures to use in our newsletters. Your pictures need to be edited and saved a particular way in order of her to use them. Here are some simple step-by-step instructions so you too may get your name in print. Take a look through the 1000s upon 1000s of photographs sucking up all that space on your hard drive because you haven't had time to print them all out. Select just a few of your orchid fav's. Open them up in whatever picture editing software you have and follow these simple steps.

1. Make any adjustment for color, contrast, hue, saturation, etc. that you know how to do. If you don't know how to do this stuff, skip to instruction #3. Save the photograph using the "Save As" command with a different name or adding something appended to the end of the original file name.

3. Crop your picture. Keep it tight to your main subject. The best way to crop something is to cut out as much non-related/non-essential stuff as you can. Focus on the main event. Don't worry about size or proportions. It doesn't have to be a tidy 4" X 6" size. We like rectangles and squares of all sizes.

4. Next you will need to resize your picture or Sabrina won't be able to publish it. Different software programs call this function different things. For instance, the image resizing command in Photoshop is called "Image Size." How did they ever come up with that? Once you've found this function in your software, click on the command and you will likely see several values such as "Width" and "Height" (in pixels), "Width" and "Height" (in inches), and "Resolutions" (usually in pixels/inch). You may ignore all these values except "Width" and "Height" (in pixels). If your software doesn't automatically show you the values in "Pixels" then see if there is a drop-down box where you may change it to "Pixels". Now, change only one of these values in the following way: If your picture is horizontal, change the "Height" to 1200 pixels. If your picture is vertical, change the "Width" to 1200 pixels. When you change "Width" you will see "Height" automatically update and visa-versa. Now that you changed one of the appropriate value to 1200 pixels, click on OK and your photograph will be resized. *One note here, if the appropriate width or height is less than 1200 pixels, then do nothing and cancel this command.*

5. If you have a "Sharpen" command, then this is the right time to use it. You never use the "Sharpen" command before you resize, always after.

6. Now . . . resave your picture again using the "Save As" command and change the end of the file name to "Rev B" and save it using the following values: Save it as a ".jpg" image. Set the quality to "8" or "80%" depending on your software.

Now let's get it ready for Sabrina. Attach the "Rev B" version of your pictures to an email and include the following information for each picture:

1. The file name. For example: PL10025-RevB
2. The parentage of the plant if you know it. Hopefully you've been hanging on to the plant tags. If you've lost or don't have this information, that's OK too, we still love you.
3. Who grew the plant
4. Who took the photograph.

Sabrina's email address is: delta51@verizon.net. Then check your upcoming newsletters. I'm looking forward to seeing you in print!

People, Places and Things

Obituary of William (Bill) Daniel Bailey



William Bailey was a winner. He was married to Jane (Miller) for 68 years, who was his girlfriend since she was 14 years old. Bill owned BB Orchids and won many awards for his cymbidium crosses. He also owned California Originals, specializing in art.

Boxing was one of his early passions; he fought and won 27 professional boxing matches. As a golfer, he won as an amateur four times during the 28 consecutive games that he played in the "Bob Hope Classic".

Bill is survived by his daughter Susan Lobue-Ervin and her husband Richard, and grandsons Christopher and Jeremy. He was preceded in death by his wife Jane, daughter Jeannette, and son Robert.

Thanks, Bill for your memories, participation and membership in SBOS. You helped our Society in many ways and many times, and you were a regular at our shows.

**New members
Please come to the membership desk
at each meeting.**

**President's Choice –
Personality of the Month**
Burton Dobratz has been our reliable plant opportunity ticket salesman. He and his wife May have been SBOS members for over 15 years. Do visit Burton during each meeting since your ticket purchases help pay for the plants on the opportunity table.

**Society Treasurer
Job Opening**
Our Treasurer, Jim Rowley, has given his notice of resignation. He has offered to train and familiarize his replacement with the details of this position. Volunteers who are interested, and know QuickBooks, please contact Tom Renger tomrenger@roadrunner.com or 310-316-0707. We thank Jim for his many years of service and wish the best for him, Charlotte and their family.

**The Refrigerator Door
Orchid Calendar
September 2008**

SBOS Committee Chairs:

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Burt Dobratz..... 310-375-2693

Refreshments:
June Brooks..... 310-549-4266
Joann Green..... 310-830-1585

Ribbon Judging:
Polly Kinsinger 310-374-6471

Property Manager:
Ron Henry 310-374-9699

Meeting Set-up:
David Okihara 310-324-3211

AOS Liaison:
Bob Streeter..... 310-541-6692

Southland Representative:
Marilyn Hill 310-675-0604

Sunshine:
Kathy West..... 310-643-8740

Web Site:
Don Goss..... 310-316-3595
Orchids at South Bay Orchid Society dot com

**TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITY**

Members whose last name start with a "D" or "E", are requested to help setup and store chairs and tables for September's meeting. Please be there on or before 6:30 PM. After setup, do enjoy our cultural session.

This month's meeting is FRIDAY September 19

Next Board Meeting will be

September 23, 2008

Both meetings will take place at the SCBG.

**DO YOU ENJOY
RECEIVING OUR NEWSLETTER?
ANNUAL DUES DEADLINE IS
SEPTEMBER 30.
PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR
RENEWAL APPLICATION
WITH THE DUES BEFORE
TIME RUNS OUT.**

South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation Events

- September 27 & 28 Fall Show SBOS
- October 4 Fall Annual Plant Sale

Please support our host, the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation at any of these educational and fun filled events.

[southcoastbotanicgarden.org/
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**DEPUTY BOARD MEMBER
OPPORTUNITIES**

Each member on our Board of Directors is seeking an understudy for the position that she or he holds. This position will provide experience as a standby for each board member. The name of each position is listed on the front of our newsletter. The deputy may be requested to attend the Board of Directors meeting when the primary officer is not available. Estimated time required per month is three hours, or less. Get involved for potential growth in your future. Contact each board member directly or Tom Renger, President, for a new, uncomplicated and exciting opportunity.

“The Inflorescence”

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Calendar of Upcoming Shows

October 3-5, 2008	San Diego International Orchid Fair Quail Botanical Gardens 230 Quail Garden Drive Encinitas, CA
October 17-19, 2008	Southland Orchid Show Huntington Botanic Garden 11511 Oxford Road San Marino, CA
February 21&22, 2009	Gardena Cymbidium Club Gardena Recreation Center Gardena, CA
March 7&8, 2009	South Bay Orchid Society Torrance Cultural Arts Center Torrance, CA
March 20-22, 2009	Santa Barbara Orchid Show Earl Warren Fairgrounds Santa Barbara, CA

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