



Coelogyne radicata
Courtesy of Marni Turkel
<http://www.orchidphotos.org/images/marniturkeljanfeb09/index.html>

Marni Turkel (pronounced tur KELL) is a native of the San Francisco Bay Area and has been growing orchids since 1980. She has been an active member of the San Francisco Orchid Society since 1982. A hobbyist grower, she has been growing in two greenhouses at her home in Santa Rosa, California.

In August of 2006, her interest in dry rest plants led to the construction of a third, cold greenhouse intended for plants that benefit from a cool, dry winter. Her main interest is in cool-growing miniature species but plenty of larger plants have crept into the collection as well. Though the collection has never been counted, most guesses put it at several thousand plants representing a wide range of genera. Marni is a contributor to Orchids magazine with her series called 'Well Worth the Space' and 'Give It a Rest'. Her articles have been translated into Dutch, German, Portuguese and Swedish for international publication.

Photographs of her plants have been featured in noted orchid publications, includ-

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Our January 15, 2010

Guest Speaker is

Marni Turkel

"Give It a Rest"

ing Orchids Magazine, Orchid Digest, Richardiana, The Orchid Review, and The Australian Orchid Review. A working potter for over 40 years, she owns and manages Stony Point Ceramic Design, which is a pottery that produces vases, orchid planters, flower arranging containers, ceramic barrel rims and urns.

The topic of Marni's talk tonight will be: "Give It A Rest."

Many plants receive a dry rest period in their native habitat and this talk explores some of the factors involved. Learn a bit about weather patterns and the "make it or break it" effect a dry rest period can have on growth and flowering of particular species. You'll see some plants that many people find hard to bloom and find out how to get a great blooming by giving them what they need.

This month's raffle table will also be provided by Marni Turkel.

Susan Amíní

Culture session 7 pm. "Orchid Trivia Graffiti", presented by Tom Renger

President's Message

Party

Our Christmas Party dinner was attended by many members who received a "Thank You" in a form of an excellent Cattleya which was flown in from Hawaii by our Director Emeritus Bob Streeter. Our live auction was well received and attendees purchased over 40 duplicate library books and miscellaneous items stored and seldom used from our storage unit. Don Goss was the winning bidder for the OrchidWiz computer program. The auction netted \$372 and the proceeds were deposited in our bank account.



Our next major event will be our Spring Show on 6-7 March 2010. The Spring Show provides the only annual funding benefit for our society, in addition of being an entertaining event for all participants. The next activity by our society will be to provide an orchid growing lecture on 4 April 2010. This is one of our activities that support the South Coast Botanic Garden which provides facilities for our monthly meetings and annual Fall Shows.

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At our January Board meeting on 19 January 2010, a nomination team will be identified whose purpose is to recruit next year's officer candidates. If you are interested, be sure to let any current officer know of your desires. We are seriously looking for everyone who is interested in making our orchid society the best. Our society is one of the few who is maintaining their membership and activities. New faces and ideas make for future growth. When you volunteer, you will be given adequate training with great fellowship and enjoyment of being one of the movers and shakers.



Dec 18, 2009

Tom Renger



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Save Me From Myself! *By Nick Braemer*

Save me from myself, I'm planning to get a *Grammatophyllum speciosum*.

This is reported to be the largest orchid in the world, specimens weighing multiple thousand pounds have been described. It hails from Indonesia, Borneo and Malaysia where it grows as an epiphyte and occasional lithophyte. Prefers lots of direct sunlight and lots of water and fertilizer. It needs to be LARGE before it will even think about blooming and then it only blooms every 2 to 4 years. Canes and racemes can reach 10 feet in length, flower count is 80 to 100, the flowers are 10 cm in diameter and last 2 months.



Small plants with one adult cane and a couple of smaller canes cost \$40 to \$60, they are many years from blooming. I found a plant at Kawamotos in a 5 gallon pot with 12 adult canes, 7 new ones growing as we speak. That plant should be close to blooming. It costs \$300 and the shipping is about \$100, so I'll be eating dog food and Spam for a month but it will be worth it. I won't ask for it to be shipped until April as they like it hot.

I have built a green house which I keep at 50°F which may not be hot enough for this plant. Placing it right next to the heater and putting a couple of HI lights right over it may do the trick for now. I plan to make a perch for it at roof level where it will sit in unobstructed full sun once June gloom has lifted.

For that plant to be up to speed it will be in a 5 to 15 gallon pot and occupy a circular space of 6' to 10' diameter. For the first few blooms it will get to go to orchid shows, when it gets really big that will come to an end. I plan to have it in a 15 gallon pot sitting on a framed bed of 2" gravel 12" deep. Large holes near the bottom of the pot will permit easy exit for the roots which will dig into the gravel and the plant will become a permanent fixture at that point growing as an epiphyte/lithophyte. At the same time the roots go upwards and form a bird's nest, which can be used to place fertilizer like horsie doo. Then it will no longer be feasible to move it in and out of the greenhouse. I plan to build a dedicated GH with hinged walls and roof that can be assembled in the fall and removed in the spring just for this one plant. This smaller GH can also be kept at a higher temp and have strong lights.

Why get such a monstrosity? Same reason as to why dogs lick themselves. Because it is possible. No logical reason exist to get this baby elephant so therefore it becomes a MUST HAVE. I'll reach 70 this coming year and since I can't leave this monster to anybody I need to stick around to take care of it. Ahnuld said he might help but then mumbled something about term limits.

Will keep you posted.

Nick

Spring Show

The most important upcoming event is our own Orchid Show and Sale on March 6 and 7 at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center. The show committee is hard at work preparing for the show. This is a large show and requires the efforts of lots of people. This is our society's major source of income and we need everyone's help to make this show a success.

At this time we are looking for volunteers to manage the kitchen, be in charge of ticket sales, plant hotel, and the plant raffle. We also need volunteers for hosts and hostesses, membership desk, and photographers.



We will have sign-up sheets at the next meeting for those who are interested in getting involved in the show. Working at the show is a great way to get to know fellow members of your society.

Marla Corey
Show Chair

Santa Barbara International Orchid Show Bus Trip

will be on March 13th this year. Look for more information in our next month's newsletter.

In the meanwhile, Kayo Libiano will shed more light on the subject if you call or email her.

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People, Places and Things

Thank You for Your Continuing Work...

Thanks to **Kayo Libiano**, our 2nd VP/Librarian, with the assistance of Arthur Hazboun, the revised SBOS Library is online and is neatly categorized and a lot easier to read and find the specific book you're looking for. Categories include genera, location, classification, how-to, beginner, handbooks, and novels. You need Microsoft Excel to view the list which can be viewed at:

www.southbayorchidsociety.com/SBOSLibraryListNovember2009.xls

Arthur Hazboun, our webmaster, has also updated the News and Events Section for 2010 with lots of information on local shows, events, exhib-

its, open houses, and auctions which are all Orchid related. The page is located here:

www.southbayorchidsociety.com/News&Events.html

The SBOS newsletters have been archived on our website from January 2004 - December 2009 and can be readily seen from one page, instead of repeated scrolling through the issues. Just click on the month and year you're interested in to view the particular newsletter. This page is found on the website at:

www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Newsletter/newslettersarchive.html



A few of the 40+ books that were auctioned by Tom Renger at our Christmas Party

Orchid Calendar

Our future membership meetings are

- ◆ **January 15** (3rd Friday)
- ◆ **February 19** (3rd Friday)
- ◆ **March 19,** (3rd Friday)

- ◆ **Culture sessions start 7 pm**
- ◆ **General meetings start 8 pm**
at **South Coast Botanic Garden**

Next board meeting will be

- ◆ **January 19, 2010**
Call **310-316-0707** for more information

South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation Upcoming Events 2010

- ◆ 3/07 Rare Fruit Soc. Lecture & Demo, 1-4 pm
- ◆ 3/13, African Violet Show & Sale, 11 am-4 pm

Please support our host, the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation for any of these educational and fun filled events. For more information log-on to:

[http://southcoastbotanicgarden.org/
3montheventcalendar.html](http://southcoastbotanicgarden.org/3montheventcalendar.html)

Thank you to all Holiday Party participants who helped by putting back tables and chairs after our delightful event.

In case you don't know, we have to set up each chair and table that we use in the hall before our meetings and they have to be brought back into the storage area when we are finished. This is a big chore for just a couple of volunteers.

Every able-bodied member, please, do take your chair and bring it forward at the end of the meeting. If you have a healthy back, offer your help to someone who is folding a table. This also will help us to get out of the hall by 10 pm, after which we have to pay overtime penalty of \$20/hour for any fraction of an hour. This fee is mandated by the Los Angeles County of Parks and Recreation.

Directory Updates

- In our 2010 Membership Directory, our Installation Banquet date was erroneously listed as July 16, **the correct date is June 18.**
- Jasmine Bashi's updated info is: **bashijasmine@yahoo.com; Tel. 323-299-7770**
- Eunice Ellestaad's current email address is: **ene@ellestad.org**
- Grace Day's new mailing address is: **213 Zinnia St, Lake Jackson, TX 77566**
- Cynthia & Tim Szamborski's phone number is: **818-887-1655**

If your information has changed since October 2009 or it was not listed correctly in our directory, please send me your update or see me during our monthly meeting.

Eeva Renger

“The Inflorescence”
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NEXT MEETING DATE IS JANUARY 15; 3RD FRIDAY

Upcoming Events

Mariposa Garden, **Show Day Specials & New Releases**
Jan 9, February 13, March 20, April 17, 2010
6664 South Street, Lakewood , CA 90713
[Mariposa Garden](#)

Newport Harbor Orchid Society
Oceans Of Orchids Show and Sale
February 12-14, 2010
Westminster Mall, Orange County, CA
[Oceans of Orchids Show and Sale](#)

South Bay Orchid Society Show & Sale
The Art of Orchids, March 6 -7, 2010
Torrance Cultural Arts Center, Torrance, CA
[South Bay Orchid Show & Sale](#)

Santa Barbara International Orchid Show,
Nature in Harmony, March 12-14, 2010
Highway 101 and Las Positas Road,
Santa Barbara, CA 93105
[Santa Barbara International Orchid Show](#)

San Diego County Orchid Society Show & Sale
A Rainbow Of Orchids
March 26-28, 2010, Scottish Rite Center
1895 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego, CA
[San Diego County Orchid Society](#)

Orchids at the Flower Fields
April 23-25, 2010
5704 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, CA
[Orchids at the Flower Fields](#)

Santa Barbara International Orchid Fair
July 9-11, 2010
Earl Warren Fairgrounds, Santa Barbara
Free Admission
[Santa Barbara International Orchid Fair](#)