

The INFLORESCENCE

"Orchids for Amateurs"

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July 2011

Our July 22, 2011
Speaker is Alan Koch
"Cattleyas"



Lc. Casitas Spring X C. Little Dipper Sato
Grown and photographed by
Arthur Hazboun

Our speaker in July will be Alan Koch who will talk to us on large (standard) Cattleyas. Alan Koch owns and operates Gold Country Orchids where he specializes in miniature and compact Cattleyas. Alan started growing orchids in 1969 with three Cymbidiums given to him by an aunt. While in college, he became interested in other orchids and discovered many would grow outdoors in Southern California. He has moved five times as his orchid obsession has led to the need for more growing space. With the last move, he purchased 10 acres of land in Lincoln, California for his 300,000 orchids. He is recognized as an expert in the Brazilian Cattleya alliance and a trend setter in miniature Cattleya breeding. Alan has been published in the Orchid Digest and the

American Orchid Society magazines. He has also been published in the proceedings of the World Orchid Conference. He is an internationally known speaker, a past member of the AOS Judging Committee and the Research Committee, as well as an Accredited Judge and is Vice-chair and Training Coordinator for the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center. Alan also served two terms on the Orchid Digest Executive Committee and Board of Directors and is one of the current directors, as well as a Trustee for the AOS.

We have had two talks on mini-cats in the last couple of years, this should be different.

Alan will also provide the plant table and give a brief culture session.

I'll be meeting our speaker at Mimi's cafe at 5:30 PM the night of our meeting and would like to encourage anyone to attend who can swing the logistics of an extended evening. I don't need prior confirmation, the cafe is usually empty at that time and should have no difficulty seating any number of people. If you can make it, simply show up. We'll go Dutch, don't forget your credit card.

Nick Braemer

From the President's Desk

As we begin our 54th year of the South Bay Orchid Society, allow me to congratulate and thank all the board members that agreed to stay on board. We have added three new members to our board of directors. Joe Woods - Treasurer, Larry Bergen - Secretary, and our newly appointed director Polly Kinsinger, who will replace Christine Hough. Christine submitted her resignation after our election. My sincere appreciation and thanks to everyone who attended our installation lunch/picnic at the Garden on June 18th.

Just a reminder that summer is here and our Orchids are getting thirstier for more of a cool drink, especially if they're growing outdoors. Keep them happy so they will reward us with their blooms. I encourage everyone to bring in their blooming orchids during our monthly meetings to share. Whether you are just starting out in this hobby or have been growing them for years - enter them for ribbon judging. You could come in first place at the end of the year and win a subscription to the Orchid Digest Magazine! Please see Polly's article in this newsletter for further information.

We are gearing up for our Fall Show which will take place on September 17-18, 2011 at the South Coast Botanic Garden. Marla Corey, our show chair, has her hands full with planning the event, inviting vendors, ordering awards, and coordinating the entire show. Our website has tons of information on all the show particulars, including plant entry registration slips, plant classifications, dates/times, as well as pictures from previous shows. Your Webmaster will be quite busy sending out hundreds of emails to our non-member email subscribers.

<http://southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/index.html>

Note: This month's meeting is on the 4th Friday of the month, July 22, 2011.

This is also our membership renewal month, please send in your payment to our membership Chair Charlotte Morrison or bring in your payment with your renewal form.

Arthur Hazboun - President and Webmaster, SBOS, Inc.

“On behalf of all SBOS members, we thank you, Arthur, for your dedicated work in the past year. We are glad that you volunteered to lead the society one more year. “



Marla presented a restaurant gift card to Arthur as our appreciation for his leadership.



SBOS current and past presidents who joined our luncheon picnic.

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Newsletter submissions cut-off date is the 1st of each month for articles and photos to be included in that month's issue. Items presented after the 1st may be included in the following month's edition. We welcome all orchid related news and photographs submitted by email. No special formatting or editing is needed. Any questions, please call Eeva @310.316.0707.

Please Submit Your Dues

It is membership renewal time! July 1 to June 30 is the Society's membership year, so please use this link to [download our renewal form here](#) and renew your membership soon. You may send the form and your \$17 renewal fee (per household) to the address listed on the form or you can bring it to the next regular meeting. Remember the great benefits you get from being a member:

- ◆ Learn about collecting, growing, and repotting from our monthly meetings' cultural sessions
- ◆ Listen and ask questions of local, national and internationally recognized orchid experts and their fabulous photographs, techniques, and presentations
- ◆ Rub elbows with your fellow orchid enthusiast members, ask questions, exchange ideas and learn from each other
- ◆ Win ribbon awards for bringing your own orchids to the meetings; year-end winners receive a subscription to Orchid Digest.
- ◆ Borrow reference books from the SBOS Library
- ◆ Take home fabulous orchids at unbelievable prices through our monthly silent auctions
- ◆ Win orchid plants by participating in our monthly orchid raffle
- ◆ Receive a free Orchid, courtesy of the Board, at the Christmas Potluck Dinner
- ◆ Attend the Santa Barbara International Orchid show and visit Orchid growers with other members at a reasonable cost
- ◆ Attend our Orchid Shows without paying if you help out at the show

Charlotte

Judge's Corner by Polly Kinsinger

It's great to be back and active with all of you and SBOS. I've been a member since 1995 and have held board positions as Show Chairman, Secretary, and Ribbon Judging Chairman. As I take on my new role as Director, and again as Ribbon Judging Chairman, I thought it would be helpful to let you know what I look for when judging the monthly plants you all bring in.

First of all, I won't have anything to judge unless you bring in your plants! We currently have two categories for judging; Amateur Class

At 7:15pm, I will begin grouping the plants into sections based on genera and on how many plants there are of one variety. The "others" category is where all the plants go that don't have a minimum of three for their genera. At 7:30pm I will begin judging. Any plants brought in after I have judged a section can be entered "for display only".

So, how do I decide who gets the coveted blue ribbon? First off, I am not a certified orchid judge. I have been growing orchids for 18



(north side of the room) and Advanced Amateur Class (south side). You are an amateur grower until you come in first for that class for the year. You must have been growing your plants yourself for 90 days prior to bringing them in for judging. There are slips on the tables for you to fill out for your plants. The slips should have the plant name where indicated, your name goes on the bottom and the slip has to be folded under to hide your name so judging is anonymous. Please put the plants anywhere on the table.

years and have been a clerk at our bi-yearly shows, but I have had no formal training. For monthly ribbon judging, I am looking for well displayed flowers that are fresh and free of bugs and damage. Size of the flower is sometimes a qualifier, but a small flowered Cattleya will beat out a corsage quality flower that does not measure up every time. Flower count is something I take into consideration, especially when there are two plants of the same variety.

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Culture is something I feel as an important aspect when judging, especially in the Advanced Amateur division. If you just pull your plants off the shelf and bring them to the meeting, the plant next to yours that has been cleaned up is going to win. There should never be any bugs or ants on your plants and all old leaves and sheaths should be cleaned off. The leaves should be cleaned of all dust and water spots and the growing medium should be free of weeds.

But, when I am having trouble deciding between equally deserving plants, or when I have brought a plant in for judging, I elicit the assistance of one of our senior growers to judge that section for me. *

After culture and quality of display, it really comes down to personal preference when deciding which plants get awarded over others.

Lastly, I feel that ribbon judging plays a vital role in our society and in all of our personal collections. In order to get a plant to bloom, you have to pay attention to your collection. To bring it in and hope for a ribbon, you have to spend some time cleaning it up which enforces you spending time with your collection. When you bring in a plant for judging, you're sharing your passion for these amazing plants with all of us and everyone gets exposed to the marvelous variety that is out there.

Ultimately, you may not win a ribbon, but every plant brought in gets a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of the plant table plants so you can grow your collection and maybe win a ribbon next month.

Polly Kinsinger

*** Correction**

Your editor misidentified Advanced Amateur "Other" class judge in June's newsletter as Polly Kinsinger. However, that category was judged by Bob Streeter. Our apologies go to both judges.

2010-2011 Year-End Ribbon Judging Results

Amateur Class:

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| 1 st | Larry Bergen |
| 1 st | Arthur Hazboun |
| 2 nd | Wilma Tawagon |
| 2 nd | Cathy Martinez |

Advanced Amateur

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|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1 st | Don Goss |
| 2 nd | Ted & Jackie Johnson |
| 3 rd | Bobby Ignacio |

All place winners have won a year's subscription to The Orchid Digest. Congratulations!

Polly

Picnic Pictures



Orchid Calendar 2011

Our future membership meetings are

- ◆ July 22 (4th Friday)
- ◆ August 19 (3rd Friday)
- ◆ September 16 (Show setup)

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

Next board meeting will be

- ◆ July 26
Call 310-995-1592 for more info

South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation Upcoming Events

- ◆ Tram tours most Saturdays at 11am & 1pm
- ◆ July 17; PV Symphonic Band Pops 'N' Picnic Concert, 5:30pm
- ◆ July 19; Free Admission to Garden
- ◆ July 22; Ensemble Spirati Concert, 5:30pm
- ◆ July 24; Ferrari Show, 10am
- ◆ August 7; Geranium Society Lecture, 1pm
- ◆ August 7 & 28; Bubble Rock Kids Concert, 4:30pm

Please support our host, the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation for any of these educational and fun filled events. For more information and verification of hours and events, visit their website [SCBG](http://www.scbg.org) or call 310-544-1948.

Congratulations Don Goss!

Don submitted his *Maxillaria tonsbergii* 'Spooky' to the American Orchid Society judges at the AOS Long Beach Judging Center. The judges awarded his plant an Award of Merit with 83 points.

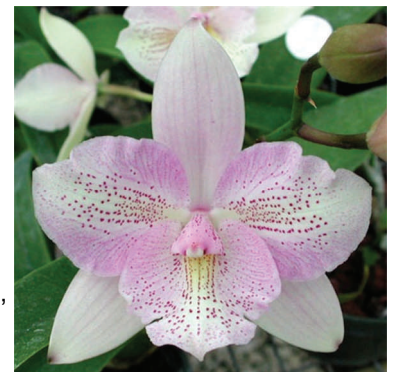
Don nourished this plant back to life after Tom Renger recognized that his growing environment did not meet the plants natural habitat, and gave it to Don. Don didn't know what he was doing with this fairly uncommon species either. "You just get lucky sometimes", said Don. This plant originated from the SBOS plant opportunity table which Tom had won past year.

If you select the right plant from our opportunity table, you too may enjoy having an awarded plant in your collection.



C. Memorium Crispin Rosales
by Polly Kinsinger

Diac. Chantilly Lace 'Twinkle'
by Tom Renger



New members: When you come to the next meeting, stop by the membership desk to pick up your name badge and a new member package. We will include ten free plant table raffle tickets as our "thank you" for joining SBOS.

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OUR MEETING DATE IS July 22, 4th Friday

Upcoming Events

South Bay Orchid Society Fall Show and Sale

September 17-18, 2011
South Coast Botanic Garden
26300 Crenshaw Blvd
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274

More info:

<http://southbayorchidsociety.com/Show/index.html>

Fascination of Orchids Show and Sale

September 24 - 25, 2011
South Coast Plaza Village
1631 W Sunflower (Sunflower & Bear)
Santa Ana, CA 92704

More Info: [Fascination Of Orchids Show](#)