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Regular Meeting Schedule
Doors open at 6:30 pm
Table/chair setup, plants in place
Ribbon judging starts at 7:00 pm
Culture session
Speaker starts at 7:30 pm
Opportunity drawing
Table/chair teardown
Doors close at 9:30 pm

South Coast Orchid Society

Newsletter

Founded in 1950

November 2011

Paphiopedilums in the Orchid Zone

Lecture by Samantha Kha-Root

Culture Session by Terry Root

STARTS AT 7:00 PM!

Monday, November 28, 2011

Our lecture and culture session this month brings an exciting opportunity for our members to hear from the owners and operators of the Orchid Zone, two well known and respected members of the orchid community. Samantha Kha-Root has been interested in growing plants since she was a small child, when she loved raising flowers and vegetables from seed. Her interest in plants led her to begin exploring cacti and succulent plants. Then, over 15 years ago, she became interested in orchids. Today, Samantha grows orchids and also has a very extensive collection of succulent plants, mainly from South Africa.

Samantha became enamored with slipper orchids early on. She has put together an extensive collection of Paphiopedilums and Phragmipediums, primarily focusing on species. She started making Paphiopedilum crosses about 13 years ago, and has raised and flowered many of her own crosses. For the past 10 years she has been making Paphiopedilum crosses for The Orchid Zone, using the Zone's extensive breeding collection.

The Orchid Zone is located in the hills of the Monterey Peninsula, and is mostly known for Paphiopedilums. Not as well known is the Zone's cultivation of many other genera as well, including Odontoglossums, Miltoniopsis, Masdevallias, Phragmipediums, and Zygopetalums.

Along with enhancing our understanding of orchids, Samantha and Terry Root will provide a unique selection of plants for the opportunity table. Don't miss it!

Refreshments

Last names starting with **A through H** please bring refreshments.

President's Message

- The SCOS Annual Auction has come and gone. A flurry of activity preceded this year's auction, followed by an evening in which we sold almost everything we put up for bid. Competition was fierce for coveted orchids, and the proceeds will enable us to continue the society's activities for the next year. Many thanks to our donors, without whose generous contributions we could not hold this event. Thanks also to Andy Tao, Sam Hale, Mong Noiboonsook, and the SCOS officers and board members, and society members who stepped up to make this event a success. As always, thanks to Merle Robboy, our outstanding auctioneer.
- Planning has begun for our Christmas Dinner, to be held on the third Monday of December, December 19. Maria Van Kooy is organizing our potluck and is looking for people to bring dishes in specific categories. Look for more details in our December newsletter.
- This month brings us two guest speakers new to SCOS, and people of rare talent in the bargain. Terry Root and Samantha Kha-Root, owners of the Orchid Zone, are widely regarded for their species and hybrids. Paph lovers should take special note of the date: Monday, November 28.

Russ Nichols

SCOS Annual Auction 2011

There was just time to snap a few photos of our auction setup before we got started. I hope all of you enjoyed it as much as we did. (Left) All plants found happy homes. (Right) The stage is set for an enjoyable and busy night. Thanks everyone!!



SCOS 2012 Slate of Candidates

Next year brings a few notable changes among the SCOS officers. John Reyes will take over as President, a position he has held before, and Janell Schuck will be First Vice President, in charge of arranging the speakers and opportunity table. Marcie Van Sant will continue as Recording Secretary until a replacement can be found, and Michell Dobard-Anderson will continue as Treasurer. Mary Bell will transition out of the Membership post, still being a part of it and supporting our next Membership Secretary, who is to be determined. For a full listing of the officers, board members, standing committee chairpersons, and other positions in the SCOS, please see below.

A Brief Bit of SCOS History

What was the SCOS 30 years ago? I had a glimpse of our past the other day when I ran across an old Membership Directory and Year Book from 1979-1980. We had already been in existence for thirty (30) years! James H. Miller was our President, Pat Rowland was Second Vice President, and Helen Powell (only recently retired from a society post) was Membership Secretary. Our Directors included Paul Brecht and Robert Benevides (Sea God Nurseries at the Raymond Burr Vineyard). Pat Rowland chaired the Plant Procurement and Novice Class (now our culture session) committees. Orchid nurseries were well represented, including Rowland, Brecht, and Benevides. Armacost & Royston of Santa Barbara, Fred A. Stewart in San Gabriel, and Arthur Freed Orchids in Malibu maintained memberships. [Note: Hugo Freed (Arthur was the more famous brother) wrote an interesting book about his experiences growing orchids in Malibu; that book is in our library.] Ernest and Elsie Hetherington, Amado Vasquez (Zuma Canyon), Leo and Irene Holquin, and Norito and Joyce Hasegawa were members. Dues were \$6 per year. Dr. Phil Plocher, Doris and Larry Arakaki, Ed and Donna Wise, Ann Wilson, and Espie Quinn were members then as they are today.

We met in Long Beach on the fourth Monday of the month, held an Annual Pot Luck (Christmas dinner), judged plants and awarded ribbons and trophies, and maintained ties to the American Orchid Society and Orchid Digest (listing Dr. Fowlie as a member). We identified an Auditor and Parliamentarian as necessary to our operations. We listed 150 active members. We participated in the Southland Orchid Show, now held in October at The Huntington.

Then as now our focus was orchids, orchid education, and orchid entertainment, with an emphasis on sharing our plants and our knowledge. Now that we are more than 60 years old, can we look forward to another 30 years? I believe so. And what will we be in the year 2040 AD? Who knows, but it will surely be centered on the Orchid Family and driven by our love of these exotic plants.



Upcoming Events

See our website for flyers: www.southcoastorchidsociety.com.

Santa Barbara Orchid Society Show and Sale, SB Museum of Natural History, November 26, 27
Casa de las Orquideas Open House (with Andy's Orchids), Solana Beach, December 3, 4
Sunset Valley Orchids Open House, Vista, December 3,4
Mariposa Gardens Winter Festival, Lakewood, January 14, 2012
Orange County Orchid Society Auction, Yorba Linda, January 18, 2012
Newport Harbor OS Show and Sale, Westminster Mall, February 10-12, 2012

Our December 2011 monthly meeting date is December 19

South Coast Orchid Society
 5728 Madrid Lane
 Long Beach, California 90814

Meeting: Monday, November 28, 2011
 Whaley Park Clubhouse
 Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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SCOS
Officers and Board Members
for **2012**

Officers

President	John Reyes
1st Vice President	Janell Schuck
2nd Vice President	Open
Recording Secretary	Marcie Van Sant (until replacement found)
Membership Secretary	Open
Treasurer	Michelle Dobard

Board of Directors (Director/Term Exp. Date)

Maria Van Kooy (2013)
Open (2013)
Open (2014)
Open (2014)
Roberta Fox (2012)
Ron Nash (2012)
Immediate Past President Russ Nichols

SCOS
Standing Committees

1. Shows and Displays	John Reyes
2. Society Representation	Janell Schuck
AOS	Janell Schuck
Orchid Digest	Roberta Fox
3. Ribbon Judging	Barbara Roth
4. Newsletter	Russ Nichols
5. Hospitality	Maria Van Kooy
6. Annual Auction	Open
7. Opportunity Table	Khyati Bhatt
8. Silent Auction	Khyati Bhatt

SCOS
Other Positions

Webmaster	Roberta Fox
Publicity Coordinator	Janell Schuck
Librarian	Dennis Mackewicz