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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

February 2012

Guest Speaker: Betty P. Kelepecz
Subject: Growing Masdevallias
Monday, February 27, 2012

Betty P. Kelepecz has been an orchid hobbyist in Southern California for over almost 30 years. She has grown orchids in Long Beach and Huntington Beach and since 2003 has been growing orchids in the Point Loma area of San Diego. She currently has 800+ orchids growing outside and in a greenhouse, including a large selection of species. Since 2005, she has become a successful Masdevallia and Dracula grower.

Betty began growing pleurothallids after she joined the San Diego County Orchid Society in 2005 and was informed by several members that her home in Point Loma was a good environment for growing her favorite but not yet successfully grown orchid, Masdevallia veitchiana. She was also encouraged to join the Society's Species Group.

As a result, Betty began growing Masdevallias outside in her side yard, under a small overhang which partially shaded the side patio area of the house. That particular location has become a perfect micro-climate for shade-loving, cool-growing orchids and Betty's Masdevallia collection has since grown to 150 almost exclusively species Masdevallias. She also grows over 30 species of Draculas and several of her Masdevallias and Draculas have been awarded American Orchid Society awards. Betty has also established a small but, quite functional orchid flasking lab in her home where she has been hobby flasking and growing predominantly species orchids for about three years.

Betty's talk will be on growing Masdevallias and will include a discussion and show and tell of the subgenera of the genus Masdevallia. She will include guidelines for successfully growing other pleurothallids, including Draculas.

Refreshments

Last names starting with **Q through Z** please bring refreshments.

President's Message

- I would like to first acknowledge a job well done by Russ Nichols for his leadership of SCOS for the past four years. I know from past experience how much time and effort is needed to fulfill the presidency. Fortunately for all of us Russ has agreed to continue to publish our monthly newsletters.
- Thanks to everyone that came to the January meeting. We had a very enjoyable talk by Dr. Daniel Geiger on indoor terrariums. Your attendance and participation at our meetings is what makes our society successful..
- Our society display won the first place award and a cash award of \$150 at the NHOS Orchid show at the Westminster Mall. Thanks to all who brought plants and assisted in assembling the display. I hope you had the opportunity to come and see the show.
- At our January board meeting we discussed purchasing a digital projector for our speaker program and new software to use at our annual auction. All monies received from the orchid show will go towards the purchase of these two needed items. We would greatly appreciate any donations from our members.
- Hope to see you all at the next meeting on February 27. All 2011 award presentations will be made at this meeting. Also if you have not paid your SCOS dues for 2012 please do so as soon as possible to be included in our 2012 roster.

John Reyes

South Coast Orchid Society Ribbon Judging Results

January 23, 2012

Cattleya (Laeliinae Subtribe)

First	LC Irene Learless	Espie Quinn
Second	SLC Sierra Doll x LC Mini Purple	Espie Quinn
Third	LC Koolan Seagulls x SLC Golden Treat	Espie Quinn

Dendrobium (Dendrobiinae Subtribe)

First	Den Aussie Charm	Espie Quinn
Second	Max Picta	Espie Quinn
Third	Den Monoliforme	Espie Quinn

Pleurothallid (Pleurothallidinae Subtribe)

First	Pleurothallis Pallilata	Jim Hoyle
Second	Pleurothallis Leptotifolia	Jim Hoyle
Third	Restrepia Trichoglossa	Jim Hoyle

Oncidium (Oncidiinae Subtribe)

First	Osmoglossum Pulchellum	Jim Hoyle
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Paph & Phrag (Cyprpedioideae Subfamily)

First	Paph Diego Usted	John Reyes
Second	Paph Hsinying	Sam Hale
Third	Paph Supersuk "Eureka" x Paph Raisin Pie Hsinying	Unknown

Other Genera

First	Mediocalcar Decoratum "Candy Corn"	Jim Hoyle
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Cymbidium

First	Cym Jade Dream x Cym Baltic Honey	John Reyes
Second	Cym	Sam Hale
Third	Cym	Sam Hale

Board Meeting Notes

We held our first board meeting of the year. John took the helm, and we resolved to purchase a digital projector for the SCOS; many speakers today come with their "slides" in electronic form, making this purchase a necessity. Silent auction donations will be used for this purchase, and members may contribute directly toward the purchase - just identify your donation as such.

We decided to continue the practice of trading regular raffle tickets for each award ribbon returned to the society. So, if you have ribbons you do not want, please bring them to the monthly meeting.

January Meeting & NHOS Show Awards Photos

More photos and Show story below



Upcoming Events

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

Pacific Orchid Exposition, Fort Mason, San Francisco, February 23-26, 2012

South Bay Orchid Society Show and Sale, Torrance Cultural Arts Center, March 3-4, 2012

Santa Barbara Orchid Show, Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara, March 16-18, 2012

Our March 2012 monthly meeting date is March 26, 2012

We wish to thank these commercial vendors for their generosity and support of our 2011 Annual Auction and other events. Their donations to the South Coast Orchid Society will help carry us through another successful year.

Andy's Orchids Encinitas, CA (888) 514-2639 www.andysorchids.com	Asbell Orchids Arroyo Grande, CA (805) 489-8768 orchidman709@sbcglobal.net
Cal-Orchid Santa Barbara, CA (805) 967-1312 www.calorchid.com	Carter & Holmes Newberry, SC (803) 276-0579 www.carterandholmes.com
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LICO Orchids Encinitas, CA (760) 942-4143 or (760) 631-0228	Mariposa Gardens Lakewood, CA (562) 920-5588 www.mariposagarden.com
Natures Bounty Orchids Los Angeles, CA	Oakhill Gardens Dundee, IL (847) 428-8500 www.oakhillgardens.com
Orange County Farm Supply Orange, CA (714) 978-6500 www.ocfarmssupply.com	Orchid Fever Culver City, CA (310) 559-6599
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Pon's Plants Santa Ana, CA	Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Santa Barbara, CA (800) 553-3387 www.sborchid.com
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US Orchid Supplies Oxnard, CA (805) 247-0086 www.usorchidsupplies.com	Westerlay Orchids Carpinteria, CA (805) 684-5411 www.westerlayorchids.com
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SCOS Display Awarded at Westminster

by Russ Nichols

Members of the SCOS, along with those from other nearby societies, gathered in the Westminster Mall on the Thursday the 9th of February to set up a display for the Newport Harbor Orchid Society (NHOS) Orchid Show and Sale to be held Friday through Sunday. Per agreement to meet that morning, I drove down to the Westminster Mall. John Reyes and Janell Schuck were there, unloading plants and materials for the display. Later, Jim Hoyle and Whitney France showed up; they had been there, dropped off plants, and taken a tour of the mall. Sam Hale showed up with other tropical plants, including ferns and small palms, to be used as background. Janell brought plenty of Spanish moss, to cover pots (and protect plant tags). Butch Arciaga brought in some of his blooming orchids, and then drove home for more! But the real action started when Espie Quinn arrived (with more orchids) and started to direct the arrangement.

We were quite busy, assembling John's platform, and arranging plants, elevating some on overturned plastic pots to place flowers at a height that assures they are visible. We placed Cymbidiums on one side and Laelias on the other, with Paphiopedalums at lower levels. We distributed plants to take advantage of flower size and color. We placed Australian Dendrobiums to take advantage of large sprays of flowers, and Cattleyas to take advantage of their large and showy blooms. Jim's mounted species sat up front, where they could be seen and enjoyed. John wrote plant names on tags, and we labeled the plants to identify them to show visitors. Espie directed us in arranging everything, and we were busy for over three hours before we could relax and enjoy our handiwork. NHOS provided tables giving us a 5' x 8' display area, and we more than filled it, putting several large plants beside the table in a show of abundance.

I returned on Friday to see what awards, if any, we had won. The SCOS was awarded the Orchid Expo Society Display Award - First Place trophy! (As part of this award, John later accepted a check for \$150 for the society.) Also, the SCOS was given the Shoppers Delight Award for Best Use of Color! In addition to the two awards for the SCOS, those who entered individual plants were awarded. For example, *Osmoglossum pulchellum*, belonging to Jim Hoyle, was given a First Place ribbon. The award for Best Use of Color was certainly appropriate for our display. A large, perfectly flowered, white Blc. Andean Mist was the center of the display. Green, yellow, and brown Cymbidiums filled the background. We had pink *Cattleya loddigesii*, dark red Burr. Living Fire 'Dark Fire', orange *Laelia Santa Barbara* Sunset 'Showtime', and yellow *Laelia Canariensis* 'Golden Glow' and *Dendrobium speciosum*.

I walked around to look at the vendor displays, and make plans for my Spring restocking. Andy's Orchids, SBOE, Sunset Valley, Cal-Orchids, Hatfield's, LICO and others were busy setting up their wares. The society sales table was there, and John and Espie took shifts selling member plants. I regret not attending the lectures this year; they were very informative last year, and I surely would have learned something new if only I could have been there.

On Sunday, I returned to help take down the display. At 6:00 p.m. sharp, we started dismantling the display, taking plants to load into our cars. John, Janell, Sam, Espie, Butch, Jim, Whitney, and I were packed and cleaned up in about a half hour, all wrapped up until next year.

Below: We had plenty to chose from, and John and Janell kept bringing more!



John and Espie stake spikes on Janell's huge Lc. Santa Barbara Sunset 'Showtime'



Ready for Awards

Espie does some fine tuning



We got color!!!



First Place Society Display Award trophy and Second Place individual plant ribbon



Blue ribbon plants surround Best Use of Color trophy awarded to SCOS



South Coast Orchid Society Membership Form 2012

SCOS membership is open to anyone. Membership dues are \$20 per year per household. New members may join at any SCOS monthly meeting or by mailing this completed form with your check. Any questions call John Reyes 562 431-1142.

Please mail completed form and your check made payable to **SCOS** to:
SCOS/John Reyes
10321 Lassen Street
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

Date _____

_____ Renewing Member (\$20 per year, per household)

_____ New Member (\$20 per year, per household)

_____ Lifetime Member (\$200)

_____ New Member Badge – optional (\$6 per person)

First Name _____ Last Name _____

**Please fill out information below if you are a New Member
or a Renewing Member with changed information**

Spouse/Partner _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Newsletter options: _____ email to address listed above (*preferred method*)

or _____ mail to my home at address listed above

Membership Directory: _____ Ok to list name, address, phone & email

or _____ Please list my Name only

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Amount paid _____ Check _____ Cash _____

Date received _____

Date posted on membership list _____

New member information sent to Newsletter Editor _____

January Meeting Ribbon Judging

Thanks to all who brought plants to our January meeting. We had some nice ones!

Outstanding red Paphiopedalum



Well grown (look close)



Spotted Cattleya hybrid



Floriferous!



Green Cymbidium



Beautiful red



Splendid Form



Big orchid plant, many tiny flowers



Orange Cymbidium (blends with the wall!)

