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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

March 2012

Guest Speaker: George Hatfield
Subject: Cymbidium Species and their Contributions to
Modern Day Hybridizing
Monday, March 26, 2012

George Hatfield is the owner and operator of Hatfield Orchids in Oxnard, California. When last he spoke to us, he was specializing in pendulous cymbidiums. He is a member and accredited judge on the Cymbidium Society of America (CSA) and the American Orchid Society (AOS). He can often be found in the judging room at our monthly meetings, presenting and judging award-worthy orchids. He has spoken to SCOS in the past, and always brings a delightful plant table (examples below). Considering that we are almost always offered hybrid cymbidiums, it should be quite interesting to hear about their species origins and how they might change our growing plans. Perhaps the message is, not all cymbidiums are alike. Come to the March meeting and learn why.



Refreshments

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

SCOS Notes

- Thanks to all of you, who renewed your memberships at the last meeting. At this date, the roster is nearly complete. For those who have not signed up yet, there is still time to avoid the newsletter cutoff date.
- We welcomed one new member and three guests to our February meeting. Dean Hollis joined the SCOS. Valerie Jerram, Pat Graham, and Lucas Kobzeff were among the guests. Thanks for participating; we look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

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Ribbon Judging Results

February 27, 2012

Pleurothallids (Pleurothallidinae Subtribe)

First	Masdevallia caesia	Jim Hoyle
Second	Restrepia mendozae	Doris & Larry Arakakis
Third	Restrepia cuprea 'Panama'	Doris & Larry Arakakis
Culture	Restrepia antennifera	Jim Hoyle

Dendrobium (Dendrobiinae Subtribe)

First	Dendrobium Essie Banks	Espie Quinn
First	Dendrobium speciosum 'Golden Art'	Agnes Nguyen
		Jennifer Blomely & Nina Selleck
Second	Dendrobium speciosum	Doris & Larry Arakakis
Second	Dendrobium kingianum	Doris & Larry Arakakis
Third	Dendrobium (Gilliston 'Jazz Steven' x Zip 'Jack McMillan')	Russ and Susan Nichols
Third	Dendrobium Specio-Kingianum	Espie Quinn
Culture	Dendrobium kingianum 'Seabec'	

Paph & Phrag (Cyrtopodiidae Subfamily)

First	Paphiopedalum lowii	Brian Hench
First	Paphiopedalum (Agot St. Lawrance' x Winston Churchill)	Richard Hess
Second	Paphiopedalum Red Baroness	Richard Hess
Second	Paphiopedalum sukkukulii alba	Richard Hess
Third	Paphiopedalum Wruber	Richard Hess
Culture	Paphiopedalum Greta	Janell Schuck

Cattleya (Laeliinae Subtribe)

First	Cattleya Lynn Spencer 'Green Orchids' HCC/AOS	Richard Hess
Second	Laeliocattleya (Lc.) Amoena	Espie Quinn
Third	Laelia Lucy Ingram (purpurata x perinii)	Russ and Susan Nichols
Culture	Laeliocattleya (Lc.) Trick or Treat 'Sunny Delight'	Mong Noiboonsook
Culture	Epidendrum porpax	Jim Hoyle

Oncidium and Allied Genera (Oncidiinae Subtribe)

First	Ada aurantiaca	Jim Hoyle
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Cymbidium (Cyrtopodiinae Subtribe)

First	Cym. Dorothy Stockstill	Brian Hench
Second	Cym. (Peach Keen x Fire Queen)	Agnes Nguyen

Other Genera

First Polystachia paniculata [Polystachyinae Subtribe]
Second Fredclarkera After Dark 'SVO Black Pearl'

Jim Hoyle
Brian Hench

Categories (subtribes) based on 'Home Orchid Growing' by Rebecca Northen
Thanks to Jay's Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyclopaedia for
correct spellings of genus and species names.

February Meeting Featured A Bounty of Orchids

For a chilly February evening, in fact - for any time, we were treated to a terrific plant display for the Ribbon Judging. Australian Dendrobiums and hybrid Cymbidiums were prominent, as one might expect at this time of year. But we also had a great selection of Paphiopedalums, Cattleyas, and Pleurothallids on display. Pleurothallids, in particular Masdevallias, were the subject of this month's lecture; thanks to Betty Kelepecz for an informative talk and some marvelous pictures of these tiny and brightly colored members of the orchid family. (Keep your macro lens handy when blooming season rolls around.) We also honored our best growers for 2011, presenting certificates for second through fourth, and the Phil Plocher Award for First Place in the 2011 Ribbon Judging competition - congratulations!

February Meeting & SCOS Ribbon Judging Awards Photos

Below: Espie, Jim, and Agnes garnered awards for 2011. Aussie Dendrobiums filled the hall at our February meeting.



Upcoming Events

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

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

Central Coast Orchid Show & Sale, Arroyo Grande, March 31-April 1

Mariposa Garden Sale Event, Lakewood, April 14, 2012

Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Orchid Show & Sale, Redwood City, April 21, 2012

San Joaquin Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale, Sherwood Mall, April 27-29

Our April 2012 monthly meeting date is April 23, 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.

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<p>Orange County Farm Supply Orange, CA (714) 978-6500 www.ocfarmssupply.com</p>	<p>Orchid Fever Culver City, CA (310) 559-6599</p>
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<p>Pon's Plants Santa Ana, CA</p>	<p>Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Santa Barbara, CA (800) 553-3387 www.sborchid.com</p>
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More Photos of Our February Meeting

We appreciate all our members who brought plants to the February meeting. We had a great turnout. Thank you, thank you, thank you for being so generous and sharing your plants!

Floriferous Pendulous Cymbidium



Large Dendrobium *speciosum*



Dendrobium delicatum



Paphs were well represented



Laelia Lucy Ingram



One of many Catts



Pleurothallids You Might Grow Outdoors in Long Beach

by Russ Nichols

Members of the SCOS were treated to a very fine discussion of growing Masdevallias and other Pleurothallids by our February speaker, Betty Kelepecz. Giving these plants a more shady exposure and plenty of water seemed to be key. Since the meeting, I have been spritzing my small Pleurothallids with distilled water every morning, where before I only spritzed on warm days. I believe I can see a difference already, in part because these plants grow faster and, without real pseudobulbs, respond faster to the amount of water they get from day to day. (Generally cooler weather may also be helping this year.) I have buds on my Masd. ignea and veitchiana that look larger and more healthy than in past years. The Masd. coccinea is putting up strong new growth, and others look equally health. Having grown these plants outdoors here in Long Beach for several years, I have had flowers from time to time, and am looking forward to more. Based on my experience, below are some plants I can say are good candidates for growing in this area.

Masd. floribunda



Pleurothallis hemirhoda



Masd. ignea



Masd. tovarensis



Masd. infracta



Pleurothallis restrepoides



Pleurothallis matudiana



Masd. veitchiana

