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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

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Guest Speakers: The AOS Judges

Subject: What We Can Learn from AOS Judging

Monday, April 23, 2012

It takes years of study and internship before one becomes confirmed as an American Orchid Society (AOS) Judge. With about 30,000 species and countless hybrids their knowledge must be broad as well as deep enough to evaluate individual orchids. They know what to look for in a quality orchid. You can see them in action at our next meeting.

The AOS judging center in Long Beach is properly known as the Pacific South Judging Center. The South Coast Orchid Society (SCOS) sponsors this center by providing the room in which judging activities take place each month. The judges meet in conjunction with our SCOS monthly meeting. This month they will conduct their meeting in the main hall at Whaley Park.

AOS Judges Peter Lin, George Hatfield, and the Judging Team of the AOS Pacific South Group will conduct a Seminar at the South Coast Orchid Society's monthly meeting for its members and guests. By attending, you will get to see firsthand what judges do: how they research an orchid, compare its flower to others that have been judged, discuss the merits of the plant and flower before them, and finally how they score and award plants. Only the best survive such scrutiny. Everyone is invited to bring their best orchids for judging.

One of the judges will explain what they look for as they evaluate each plant that is submitted for judging. Initial activities begin at 7pm. This is a unique opportunity to learn what judges look for in quality orchids. See you there!

Refreshments

Last names starting with **I through P** please bring refreshments.
(Please contribute. The first ticket drawn will be for those bringing refreshments.)

President's Message

I would like to thank those members who attended the first three meetings of 2012, as we had stormy weather just before or on the day of the meetings. It shows the dedication of our members. Janell has done a great job of scheduling interesting and informative speakers. George Hatfield gave a great presentation in March on cymbidium orchids as well as providing an excellent plant opportunity table. George's presentation was very timely because this is the time of year when we should fertilize all our cymbidium plants and repot and divide as necessary. George recommended Nutricote 13-5-11 slow release fertilizer for all cymbidiums which only needs to be applied once a year. It is available at Yamada's in Gardena along with four sizes of New Zealand orchid bark, all at excellent prices. (note: I have already fertilized all my plants with it)

This month will be a special meeting - AOS Judging will be conducted in the main hall. All those attending the meeting will be able to watch the AOS judging process at several stations. So don't miss this meeting. The bonus is that the AOS judges will also be providing the plant opportunity table.

Thanks to everyone that helped at Westminster Orchid Show in February where our society display won 1st place. SCOS made approximately \$270 from prize money and member plant sales which will go towards the purchase of a digital projector and software program for our annual auction. Any member donations for these purchases will be gratefully accepted

Last but not least I would like to welcome Sam Hale and Mong Noiboonsook as new members to the SCOS Board of Directors. We are still looking to fill three positions, Secretary, Membership and Second Vice President and one more member for our Board of Directors. Please consider taking one of these positions, members participation is what makes our society strong.

John Reyes
President

South Coast Orchid Society Ribbon Judging Results

March 28, 2011

Cattleya Alliance (Laeliinae Subtribe)

First	Lc Gold Digger "Orchid Jungle"	Don Goss
First	Slc Nest "SVO" x Lc Tokyo Magic "6-1"	Larry Arakakis
Second	Lc Chocolate Drop	Don Goss
Second	Slc Hsin Buu Lady "YT"	John Reyes
Third	Slc Bright Circle	Don Goss
Third	Slc Hsin Buu Lady "YT"	Larry Arakakis
Culture	Blc Satomi "Yosooi" x C Loddigesii "Sweetheart"	John Reyes
Culture	Lc Kauai "Starbright"	Espie Quinn

Dendrobium Alliance (Dendrobiinae Subtribe)

First	Den Delicatum "Sailport"	Espie Quinn
Second	Den unk	Dawn Cunko
Third	Den speciosum "Buttercup"	Espie Quinn
Culture	Den specio-kingianum "Christa"	Espie Quinn

Pleurothallid Alliance (Pleurothallidinae Subtribe)

First Masdevallia porphyrea
Second Pleurothallis quadrifida
Third Plione

Roberta Fox
Jim Hoyle
Espie Quinn

Paphiopedilum and Allied Genera (Cypripedioideae Subfamily)

First Phsinging Rasin x CH #6 x acmodontum "Hsinging"
Second Phrag Don Wimber 2A
Third Paph gratixianum
Culture Paph Alma Gavaert "Hagers" x Oriental Mystique x Enchanted Orient

Don Goss
Don Goss
Brian Hench
Don Goss

Cymbidium Alliance (Cyrtopodiinae Subtribe)

First Cym Mighty Sunset "Roxburgh"
Second Cym
Third Cym

Mike Kusik
Sam Hale
Sam Hale

Other Genera

First Lycaste Abou First Spring
Second Maxillaria sanguinea "pololei"
Third Zygo Blue Banks "Arrowhead" x Lycaste Auburn "Fireworks"

Roberta Fox
Dawn Cunko
Don Goss

Aerangis

First Angraecum belini

Evelyn
Currier

March Meeting & SCOS Ribbon Judging Awards Photo

More photos in the electronic newsletter online at: www.southcoastorchidsociety.com



Upcoming Events

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

- Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Orchid Show & Sale, Redwood City, April 21, 2012
- San Joaquin Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale, Sherwood Mall, April 27-29
- So. Cal. Spring Garden Show, South Coast Plaza, April 26-29
- Loren Batchman memorial, San Diego (Quail) Botanical Gardens, May 8, 11 am
- Orchid Auction, LA County Arboretum, Arcadia, May 17

Our May 2012 monthly meeting date is May 21, 2012 (third Monday)

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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More Photos of Our March Meeting

Special thanks to all our members who braved the elements and brought plants to the March meeting. Your plants were awe inspiring. Thank you for sharing your plants.



Notes From George Hatfield: Cymbidium Species Contributions to Hybridizing

SCOS was treated to a very informative lecture last month by George Hatfield. George discussed the contributions each species makes toward its hybrid progeny. What I did not realize is that there are a number of familiar hybrids that have at least one species plant as a parent or grandparent. That makes it more important to know both the lineage of a Cymbidium orchid as well as something about these contributions that may bear on the culture you apply to grow and flower the plant. Here are a few notes from the meeting.

Cym. devonianum needs a more pure water (rain water, R/O filtered, or distilled, etc.), and hard tap water is to be avoided. As a consequence, its hybrids may also do better with more pure water. *Cym. dayanum* takes heat well, blooms starting in September, and its flowers do not last as long as other Cymbidiums. *Cym. erythrostylum* introduced the possibility of white flowers in time for Christmas (it blooms starting in October), but the flowers get botrytus, so it is best to keep them out of the rain, and water into the base of the pseudobulbs. *Cym. hookerianum* flower buds tend to drop at temperatures above 75 °F, so keep it in a cooler part of the yard during warmer weather. Its advantage is that it introduces very nice green colors into its hybrids. *Cym. insigne* produces tall, straight flower spikes, up to 2m in height. *Cym. lowianum* gives us green flowers with red tipped lips. *Cym. floribundum* provides multiple flower spikes, and its alba form is the parent of Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade'. The non-alba form is more brown in color.

On the front page of last month's newsletter, I provided pictures of Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade' as well as a Sarah Jean made with the brown-flowered parent. Below are two pictures of these same flowers. These are easily grown and reliable bloomers.

To learn more, you may want to visit George at his nursery in Oxnard to see first hand what hybrids he is growing, and what parent characteristics may make some plants better candidates for your growing area and culture.

