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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 2012

**Speaker: Tom Biggart**

**Subject: Growing the Rupicolous Laelias of Brazil**

**Monday, November 26, 2012**

Tom Biggart is the owner and head grower of GRANITE HILLS ORCHIDS in El Cajon, California (a small town 15 miles east of San Diego). His nursery is a hobby business which means he doesn't make a living growing plants. It is more of a labor of love! Tom loves plants in general, and orchids are his main passion. He is very interested in Encyclias and has a large collection of Encyclia species and hybrids. The Australian cool growers are a current interest. He is a retired elementary school teacher with orchids as his new students.

The past few years he and his wife, Neal, have gotten interested in Ceramics. In typical Biggart fashion, they now have a throwing building, a glazing building, and a kiln yard with 3 kilns. His pottery is designed primarily for plants and can be seen at most of the local orchid shows and at the nursery. He would love to talk orchids and pottery with anyone interested in stopping by while in the San Diego area!

In this talk he describes the proper culture of these jewels of the Atlantic Rainforest of Brazil. He will cover the climate of the area where they are found and discuss the proper potting and mix that will make them thrive. He will give a brief description of the major species that are currently available.

**Refreshments**

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

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## **President's Message**

I would like to thank the SCOS auction team, SCOS members and guests who contributed to the success of our Annual Auction on October 22nd. The auction team was organized and did an outstanding job of collecting, documenting and conducting the auction of donated items .

There were no major issues as in years past, due to the pre-planning meetings conducted before the auction. Special thanks to Roberta Fox and Janell Shuck for hosting auction pre-planning meetings at their homes; these meetings were critical to the overall success of the auction. The auction, as I have said at previous meetings, provides the funds that allow SCOS to present our outstanding monthly speaker programs.

November's speaker will be Tom Biggart, owner of Granite Hills Orchids in El Cajon near SanDiego. Tom will be talking about all aspects of "Growing Rupicolous Laelia's of Brazil". He will also be providing the plant table. Don't miss this outstanding talk and plant table. See you all at the this month's meeting.

Last but not least, we are still looking for members who are interested in being more involved with the society as Officers or Board Members. If you are interested, please contact me or any of the Officers listed in newsletter.

Thanks again for supporting our auction.

John Reyes

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## **Ribbon Judging**

There was no ribbon judging at the October meeting due to the auction. However, we will have our last ribbon judging of the year at the November meeting. Bring your plants! This is your last chance to win one of the 2012 Ribbon Judging Awards.

## **Virginia (Ginny) Worthington**

Ginny Worthington, 80, a long time member of Southern California orchid societies, was fatally struck by a car on September 26, 2012. She was an accredited AOS Judge, artist, and musician. She and her late husband, Pat, were orchid species growers and enthusiasts. Their greenhouse in Laguna provided the conditions to grow orchids to perfection, and their range of species was extensive. She was president of SCOSS in 1994-1995. She was also a founding member and active supporter of Friends of the Hortense Miller Garden.

## **October Meeting Auction Photos**

A few photos on the next page of the pre-auction activities: setting up, bringing in the plants, checking in late plant arrivals and bidders, etc. We got great participation this year. Everyone involved did a great job!



Auction Setup



Checking In: Plants (forground), Bidders (background)



Bidder Sections ready for plants and supplies



Tempting orchids, ready for auction

### Upcoming Events

See our website for flyers: [www.southcoastorchidsociety.com](http://www.southcoastorchidsociety.com).

Casa de Las Orquideas Open House, Solana Beach, December 1st & 2nd, 9 am to 4 pm (with Andy's Orchids)

Sunset Valley Orchids Open House, Vista, December 1st & 2nd, 9 am to 4 pm

Rainforest Flora Sale, Hawthorne Blve in Torrance, December 15th and 16th (Ferns, Bromeliads, Cycads)

Orange County Orchid Society Auction, Yorba Linda Public Library, January 16th, Preview at 6:30 pm, start at 7 pm

San Diego County Cymbidium Society Orchid Auction, Lake San Marcos - Lake Pavillion, January 19th, Preview 11 am

### Our December 2012 Christmas Party date is December 17, 2012

Following our custom, this event is a pot luck affair, so please be thinking of a dish you can bring, and coordinate with Maria.

**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 are helping carry us through a successful 2012.**

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