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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

May 2013

Great Outdoor Orchids: *Sarcochilus*

Dan Asbell, Asbell Orchids

Program Starts at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 20, 2013

What began as his dad's hobby in the early 1960's became **Asbell Orchids** in the late 1960's. It was originally a cymbidium cut flower operation, and they did their own hybridizing. Dan grew up working and learning about orchids, but got away from the business after college. Although he always had a few orchids in a personal collection, he decided to get back into the business end of things ten years ago. In the meantime, the business had relocated to Arroyo Grande (near Pismo Beach). Also the cymbidium cut flower business had been replaced with potted plants obtained by hybridizing (instead of cloning). Recent and rapid major changes have occurred in the orchid business within the last decade, so they have expanded into cymbidium "companion" plants that can grow outdoors in California alongside cymbidiums.

Sarcochilus are hardy Australians, quite suitable to growing outdoors with cymbidiums and many of the Australian dendrobiums. These plants are small, and produce many very attractive flowers. Dan will provide the plant table, and discuss the species, varieties, and growing needs of this interesting genus.

Refreshments

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

President's Message

- May is upon us and it is time to start checking your plants as the warmer weather approaches. Make sure you adjust your watering schedule accordingly.
- Last month Brandon Tam hosted our society at the Huntington Library to view their orchid collection. The visit was wonderful with nice warm weather and access to all the other gardens and art galleries after the orchid tour was over. Thanks to everyone that attended for showing support for SCOS. Everyone had a great time. Last but not least special thanks to Janell Schuck for organizing the visit.
- Remember this month Don Asbell from Asbell Orchids in Arroyo Grande will be speaking and also providing the plant table so don't miss this meeting.
- Starting at our last meeting the Long Beach Police started making sweeps in the Whaley Park parking lots during our meeting to discourage the car breakins that have occurred in past meetings. These police sweeps will continue at future meetings.
- Remember our meeting is a week early this month on May 20th because of the Memorial Day Holiday. See you all on the 20th.

John Reyes

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Ribbon Judging Results

April 22, 2013

Paph & Phrag (Cyrtopodioideae Subfamily)

First	Paphiopedalum (Raisin Jack 'Spotted Rainbow' x Hsinying 'Web')	Don Goss
First	Paphiopedalum lowii	Don Goss
Second	Paph. hirsutissimum	Brian Hench
Second	Paph. Mt. Lowe (Paph. Toro x Paph. lowii)	Brian Hench
Third	Paph. Macabre 'Mem. Bernice Goss'	Don Goss
Culture	Paph. (armeniicum x primalinum var. flavum 'Datsun')	Kathy Synstelien

Dendrobium (Dendrobiinae Subtribe)

First	Den. Red Emperor 'Prince'	Agnes Nguyen
Second	Den. delicatum	Espie Quinn
Third	Den. chrysotoxum	Bonnie Kroll
Culture	Den. suffusum	Jim Hoyle

Pleurothallids (Pleurothallidinae Subtribe)

First	Masdevallia coccinea	Don Goss
Second	Masdevallia Copper Angel	Don Goss
Third	Dryadella edwallii	Jim Hoyle
Culture	Pleurothallis grobyii	Jim Hoyle

Oncidium and Allied Genera (Oncidiinae Subtribe)

First	Tolu (Buck Hollow x Spicey Pink)	Brian Hench
Second	Dgmra. Mem. Jay Yamada 'Kauai'	Khyati Bhatt
Third	Oncidium excavatum	Jim Hoyle

Cattleya (Laeliinae Subtribe)

First	Lc. Trick or Treat	Espie Quinn
Second	Cattleya intermedia var. orlata 'Rio'	John Reyes
Third	Cattleya Cariady Mini Quinee	Don Goss
Culture	Rhyanthe Love Passion	Espie Quinn

Cymbidium (Cyrtopodiinae Subtribe)

First Cym. Canterbury
Second Cym. Shanghai Gesture
Third Cym. Sleeping Beauty x Tethy's 'Freckles' x Pinata 'Jungle Cat'
Culture Cym. Cliff Hutchings 'New Horizon'

Agnes Nguyen
John Reyes
Tom Rue
Bonnie Kroll

Other Genera

First Zygo. (Kiwi Korker x Mishima Goddess)
Second Polystachya paniculata
Third Sarco. hartmannii
Culture Sarco. Hot Ice x Heartlight
Culture Aerangis fastuosa

Espie Quinn
Brian Hench
Espie Quinn
Agnes Nguyen
Jim Hoyle

Thanks to Roberta Fox, Don Goss, and Russ Nichols for judging 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.

March Meeting Ribbon Judging Photos

Thanks to Mong Noiboonboon for the photography.
See more photos in this newsletter below.

Paph. (armeniicum x primuliinum v flavum 'Datsun')



Slc. Kagaribi Dawn



Note

Security Update: Through the efforts of several SCOS board members, it has been determined that a call to the local watch commander before our meeting will result in a police presence on those Monday evenings. This should be sufficient to provide our members with security against automobile breakins.

Upcoming Events

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

San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists Annual Auction, LA County Arboretum, May 16 (preview 6 pm, auction start 7 pm)
Casa de las Orquideas Seedling Sale, 170 S. Nardo Ave, Solana Beach, Saturday, May 18 (9 am - 4 pm)
Orchid Digest Speakers Day, The Huntington, San Marino, Saturday, June 8
Orchid Society of Southern Calif. Annual Auction, 221 So. 6th St., Burbank, June 25, 2 pm
Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Open House, Friday through Sunday, July 12-14
Cal-Orchid Open House, Friday through Sunday, July 12-14
First Annual Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival, Westminster Mall, Fri-Sun, August 9-11

Our June 2013 meeting date is June 24, 2013

Meeting Location

The South Coast Orchid Society holds monthly meetings, usually on the fourth Monday of the calendar month, at the Whaley Park Community Center in Long Beach, CA. Whaley Park is on Atherton, just off Bellflower Blvd. near the Long Beach State University campus.

Vendor Sponsors

The South Coast Orchid Society thanks these commercial vendors for their generosity and support of our 2012 Annual Auction and other events helping to carry us through a successful 2013.

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More Photos from the April SCOS Meeting

Aerangis fastuosa



Masdevallia coccinea



Dendrobium chrysotoxum



Polystachya (l) and *Sarcochilus* (r)



Sarcochilus Hot Ice x Heartlight



Dgmra. Mem. Jay Yamada 'Kauai'



Orchids at the Huntington

by Russ Nichols

Saturday morning, April 20, found a large contingent of the South Coast Orchid Society (1) gathered in front of the Huntington Library and Gardens in San Marino. Brandon Tam, curator of the orchid collection, took us into the Huntington grounds. First, we toured the facilities dedicated to orchid conservation and culture. We saw the room devoted to books and publications (including the Orchid Digest); boxes of donated books lined the walls (2), waiting to be sorted, catalogued and filed. Next was the Laboratory (3), where they are propagating orchids from seed; refrigeration units, a large ventilated work table, and shelves of flasks under lights surrounded a central work area. Then we went "behind the scenes" to the large greenhouse devoted to orchids. The unique feature of this greenhouse (4) is the enormous number of orchids all potted in new red clay pots specially made for The Huntington. These pots crowd the benches and are hung from overhead, providing a feast for the eyes of SCOS orchid enthusiasts. While a preponderance of the orchids are of the genus *Paphiopedalum* (5), there are many others, including quite a few brought to the Huntington by Ernest Heatherington, former head of Stewart Orchids and editor of the Orchid Digest. I saw an old favorite, *Cattleya walkeriana* alba 'Pendentive' (6) and wondered how many other treasures were there. Alas, we could not stay long enough to see every orchid.

We departed to see the "auxiliary" greenhouses, built by a neighbor of the Huntington and in use by Brandon and his team to house some of the awarded orchids from the Huntington's collection. (The grounds and greenhouses are planned to become part of The Huntington in the future.) There are two structures on this nearby private estate, one houses the orchids (7) and the other (9) is being used to raise butterflies. We saw a greater variety of orchids, and many of these awarded plants are quite large specimens (8). The grounds (10) and structures are built in the grand style of 19th century estates, and are architectural delights in themselves. Later, with family, I toured the Huntington conservatory and gardens finding more orchids (11) and, in the Japanese Garden, bonsai (12). But that is another story.

Many thanks go to Janell Schuck, who arranged this tour and coordinated with everyone attending to make sure we all got there on time and enjoyed the sights at The Huntington. Thanks also to Brandon Tam, who took the time to lead the tour, providing an enlightening and informative narrative, answering all our questions, and being a delightful host.

Culture: According to Brandon the greenhouse at the Huntington is kept at 70% humidity by automatically activated misters under the orchid benches. Watering is done three times per week by hand using hoses and fine nozzles. Fertilizing is planned every two weeks, but tends to get done about once per month during the warmer months of the year. Pest control is delegated to a professional outside business; in between treatments, a hand sprayer with 70% rubbing alcohol is used on scale and other insects. All the orchids are planted in bark (no special mix is used) and the Huntington's clay pots. The greenhouse has a solid concrete floor, though Brandon said it would be preferable to have open ground under the benches to allow for more natural evaporation and humidity. Large fans at one end of the greenhouse draw air through wet radiators (swamp coolers) at the other end, and smaller fans in the middle section assure adequate air flow.

The text above, and photos below, are numbered to allow coordination.

(1) SCOS Gathers in front of The Huntington



(2) Books & Publications (& AOS judging) room



(3) The Laboratory



(4) The greenhouse



(5) One of many beautiful Paphs in bloom



(6) Cattleya walkneriana alba 'Pendentive'



(7) Main greenhouse on private estate



(8) Large specimen awarded orchid



(9) The "secondary" greenhouse



(10) Formal garden on the private estate grounds



(11) *Cattleya aclandiae* in the conservatory



(12) One of many bonsai in the Japanese garden

