



SANTA CRUZ ORCHID SOCIETY

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Meetings are the first Friday of each month at the Live Oak Grange Hall, 1900 17th Ave

Santa Cruz Orchid Society Monthly Meeting: Friday, April 4, 7:30 pm

The Genus *Sobralia* by Bruce Rogers

Bruce has always had a passion for the plant kingdom, growing plants as a hobbyist from an early age. He began his professional work with orchids in the late seventies when he was hired by the City of Atlanta, Georgia, Parks Department to work with their orchids in the greenhouses in Piedmont Park. Returning to San Francisco after this very successful endeavor, he was hired by the Rod McLellan Company as head grower for their boarding department and to work on *Vanda* hybridization. In the early eighties Bruce left to start Bruce Rogers Orchids, a orchid consulting and management company, and a few years later, Rogers-Fishman Boarding, A orchid boarding company in San Francisco. In the commercial world, he has consulted and worked with major companies, department stores, and civic groups both nationally and internationally. In the private sector he as had the opportunity to work with many interesting and influential people. He has designed and created Orchid Gardens in private homes from Marin to Santa Barbara. Bruce has been growing and hybridizing *Sobralias* for many years. In 2002 Bruce and Terry Root , owner of the Orchid Zone, formed Oz Gardens, a wholesale nursery specializing in *Sobralias*. Their work has led to a wider selection of *Sobralia* for different climate zones, and an expanded blooming season.

Sobralias are giants of the Orchid World in both size of plant and flower. *Sobralias* can be a fantastic plant suitable outside culture in the Bay area. Growing superbly in both pots and beds in the garden, they bloom easily in the late spring to early fall.

Bruce will speak on *Sobralia* history, the confused nomenclature, and outdoor and greenhouse culture. The similar genus *Elleanthus* will also briefly discussed. Bruce will be supplying the opportunity table for the meeting.

~ Lecture and biographical information courtesy of Peninsula Orchid Society



Sobralia_macrantha grown in Santa Cruz mountains, photo courtesy of Vicky Smith



Bruce Rogers, photo by POE

April Monthly Meeting Snack: Thank you to **Carol Severson & Linda Locatelli.**

~sign-up sheet available at back table~

The SCOS 2008 Show and Sale by Cheri Wagner

It's hard to believe our 2008 show and sale has come and gone. Despite inclement weather our event was well attended. Thanks to all the volunteers whose help make this event a success. We couldn't have pulled this off without all your participation. A special thanks to Miriam Kaplan from Soquel High School who provided all kinds of support activities to us from opening up the greenhouse whenever we needed to get in, event facilities (including tables), making copies, and whatever else we may have needed. Her students were a major help this year, participating in setup, plant pricing, invoicing, and clean up. Several students volunteered all 3 days.

Friday's setup was a record. By about 2:30 in the afternoon the tables were set up and covered. Thanks to Brandon, Lance, and several students for getting it done. Major plant pricing activities by Linda Locatelli, Amy Hamel, and Miriam Beames were going on down in the greenhouse. While all this was going on Colin headed down to Baybreeze and Matsui with Kimberly's van to pick up all our cymbidiums and other assorted orchids. Maria and Wayne were over at the Grange picking up all the supplies needed for the event. By the time members started to check in plants around 3:30, most of the SCOS plants in the greenhouse had been brought up to the exhibit hall (in the pouring rain mind you) and placed in the desired locations. Mike Hudick began checking in member sale plants. A number of other members showed up to lend a hand including Don, Emily, Peter, Mike, Linda Pickering, Ozzie, Kimberly, Tom, and a few others I may have missed due to my insane running around.

By 5:00, many of us were starving and were treated to pizza delivered by Maria Legallet.

Thanks to Vicky, the auditorium was filled with a wonderful selection of blooming plants that appealed to the serious orchid collectors, as well as, hobbyists and those just looking for a nice flowering plant.

Saturday proved to be a much lovelier day than we expected. The show was another huge success with a fair number of AOS judges attending. Thanks so much to Bridget for coordinating that event, to the members who helped clerk (Amy and Blaise Hamel, Linda Locatelli, Brandon Dicochea, Frank Drake, Emily Thomas-Anderson, and Peter Vanderhaak), and the judges (Scott and Nancy Colins, Weegie Caughlin, Todd Kennedy, Dennis Olivas, Trudy Hadler, Stella Roccaforte, Susan Wedegaertner, to name a few). Congratulations to Linda Locatelli for winning 6 awards, including Best of show!

Well done Linda. See Bridget's show summary for more details. Maria did a great job of organizing the breakfast and lunch for judges and volunteers. This was a big job well executed. By afternoon, Colin was doing potting demonstrations with a captive audience. I think the students sold a lot more bark after that! Great job Colin!

Despite the rain on Sunday, the event was well attended. Cymbidiums sold so well on Saturday that Ozzie brought in additional cymbidiums which maintained a beautiful display, as well as, provide customers with a nice selection to choose from. Colin again had a captive audience for the potting demonstration. Our raffle winners were drawn towards the end of the day. The cattleya (Lc. Goldigger) went to Dennis Olivas! The cymbidium went to Ruth F. from Aptos. Congratulations to our winners.

Clean up seem to go rather quickly this year thanks to all the helping hands. Although tired at the end I had a lot of fun and enjoyed having the opportunity to get to know each of you a little better. I hope you all had fun and enjoyed the event too. Till next year. Wagner

~ Cheri Wagner :0)



Show and Sale photo by Cheri

Thank You for the SCOS 2008 Show and Sale

Cheri Wagner once again acted as event coordinator for the Show and Sale, bringing together the efforts of Bridget, Vicky, and a host of Society and Soquel High volunteers to make the event a huge success. Thank you Cheri for another successful event, and the year's worth of activities made possible by the funding.

~ SCOS membership.

Budding Orchid Events

April 19, 10:00am—4:00pm

Gold Coast Cymbidium Grower 2008 Orchid Show & Sale at San Mateo Garden Center. 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94403. Information: phone Audrey at (408) 741-2882
www.geocities.com/goldcoastcymbidiumgrowers

April 19 1:00pm—5pm and Apr 20 9:00am—4:00pm

Santa Rosa Iris Society 2008 Spring Iris Show at 2050 Yulupa Ave. Santa Rosa, California
Apr 19-20

Sacramento Orchid Society Show, Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 6151 H Street, Sacramento.
Contact: (916) 489-3263, www.sacramentoorchids.org

May 3

Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society Greenhouse Tour. Information below.

May 10 9:00am—4:00pm

Diablo Orchids Spring Sale, 101 Lockwood Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
Info (925) 946-9740, www.diabloorchids.com

May 9-11

OSC Mother's Day Show and Sale Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Lake Merritt, Oakland.
Contact: Orchid Society of www.orchidsocietyofcalifornia.org

May 17-18th 9:00am—4:00pm

D&D Flowers Fall Open House and Sale, east of Main Street off Hwy 92, Half Moon Bay.
Contact: Dennis Olivas d.olivas@comcast.net

May 31-June 1

Express Orchid Exhibition Airport Holiday Inn Express, San Jose. Contact: Bruce Davidson
bdavidson@sjcexpress.com

Orchid Greenhouse Tour—Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society

Saturday May 3, 2008, 9:00 a.m-1:00 p.m.

Four Greenhouses Open for your Enjoyment and Learning .Please visit them in any order at your convenience, 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Come see and enjoy hundreds of orchids in bloom in our member greenhouses. Learn growing methods. See how experts do it. For more information contact Doug Pulley (408) 354-1412
The Public is encouraged to visit:

Doug Pulley, 245 Vista Del Monte, Los Gatos, 408-354-1412 Doug grows and breeds many indoor and outdoor orchids. Orchids for sale—including Cattleyas, Cymbidiums, Lady Slippers, Stanhopeas, Ghost Orchids, many species.

Bud Segraves, 115 LuRay Drive (off Blossom Hill) Los Gatos, 408-356-8435 Bud grows all kinds of orchids, has used his engineering in greenhouse features. Orchids for sale—Phalaenopsis, Cattleyas, Cymbidiums and others.

Eanghak Quach, 459 Savstrom Way, San Jose 95111, 408-316-4320 Eanghak specializes in unusual cymbidiums and outdoor orchids. Cymbidiums, Cattleyas and other outdoor Orchids for sale. Open till 5:00.

Angelic Nguyen, 1361 Plum St (near Almaden & Alma) San Jose 95110, 408-476-7153. Angelic loves big Cattleyas, Vandas Cymbidiums and Australian Dendrobiums. For sale—Cattleyas, Vandas, Cymbidiums, Den's, Laelias—cool to warm Species & Hybrids. Open till 5:00.