

## THIS MONTH'S GENERAL MEETING

January 2, 2001– 7:30 PM - CASA DEL PRADO - ROOM 101  
By [Ben Machado](#), 1st VP

Take notice of the meeting date, because of the New Year holiday the General Meeting has been moved to Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

As we left 2001, everyone had to go through the holiday rush taking care of the shopping, visiting, partying, and gift giving. Starting off the Holiday Season was the best of the best Holiday Parties from the San Diego County Orchid Society. Everything went perfectly; there were more than enough beverages, finger foods, deserts, plants and entertainment. The Sun Harbor Chorus put on a wonderful performance to put us in just the right frame of mind for the upcoming season. Believe it or not there were plants left over. The extra plants will be added to the Plant Opportunity Table next month.

Getting to the New Year, we are going to start off on January 2<sup>nd</sup> with a presenter from Montreal, Canada. Howard Ginsberg is our presenter and will provide a presentation on Flasking, or more appropriately, De-flasking, since he will be providing us step by step how to remove and start those itsy bitsy plants.

Howard is an attorney, an expert in Phals, an AOS judge and the owner of Bedford Orchids. From his website, [www.bedfordorchids.com](http://www.bedfordorchids.com), this is some information about himself.

“ Bedford Orchids is run by Howard Ginsberg. He has attempted to grow just about every kind of orchid known to man and has managed to successfully kill most of them. The phals proved to be more resilient than most so he knew that they were for him. He has had orchids for well over 20 years and finally learned how to grow them better about 3 years ago.

He particularly fell in love with the reds and yellows and slowly began to realize that the best were being bred in Taiwan. In the early 1990s, a friend (originally from Taiwan) promised to go there with him. At the last minute, this friend cancelled. The next year, the same thing happened and it seemed to Howard that the friend didn't want him to go there. The next year (1994), he went to Taiwan on his own. He had made some arrangements but not close to enough to get him everywhere he wanted to go. Most people do NOT speak English. While there, he realized that he had been soooo right. Taiwan phals were where it was at! Immediately upon his return, he began Mandarin lessons, which continue to this day. He has returned every year since (except this year). And, boy, had he ever been right! Since 1999, about 2/3 of all awarded phals are from Taiwan.

Howard Ginsberg is an accredited AOS judge (the first one north of Albany, NY and east of Toronto, more or less). He travels regularly to spread the gospel about Taiwanese phals, having addressed orchid societies across the continent from LA to Miami and Victoria, BC to Fredericton, New Brunswick in addition to having spoken to judges at several AOS judging centres and having been a featured speaker at AOS Trustees meetings. In addition to travelling around the continent and the world, learning Mandarin, growing and breeding phals, and practising law to pay for this folly, he has now decided to add web page creation to his list of follies.”

Howard will also provide the plants for our Plant Opportunity Table. He expects a variety of those red and yellow Phals that are mentioned on his web site.

## Best Of The Best

By [David Graham](#)

Have an Orchid to bring to the monthly meeting? Looking for a new challenge? Have a new and interesting, perhaps unusual orchid? Like to compete? Think that you have the best orchid? Like to vote and choose the best Orchid?

Then this is for you!

Coming in January to a meeting near you..... A special table will be set up where individuals will be allowed to place ONE orchid. Each orchid will be identified as usual, except that in place of your name, you will be given a number. Please see me (David Graham) to assign you a number for your plant. Each member in attendance will be allowed to vote on what orchid they think is the best one on the table that night.

So, you ask, how do I vote? Easy. Remember the little tickets you get for wearing your name tag or badge? It now becomes your ballot for voting. Once the general meeting is over, write the number of the orchid that is your favorite and that you think is the best. A coffee can (or other container) will be placed on the table to collect the tickets. Voting will end once the plant raffle begins. I will then tally the tickets and announce the winning plant and the name of the lucky winner. Hopefully it will not take very long.

So you are wondering what the lucky winner will receive. Your choice of one of the plants on the plant table.

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## *January/February Orchid Checklist*

From the [orchidweb.org](http://orchidweb.org)

Prepared by Ned Nash and James Rose.

**Cattleya** Watering and fertilizing will be at a minimum, as will potting. Be on the lookout for senescing sheaths on your winter-into-spring bloomers. Careful removal of the dying sheaths will still allow buds to develop without the danger of condensation-induced rot. Low light will lead to weak spikes, so, and as noted above, staking is critical. If you have a chance to get out to nurseries, there may still be a chance to acquire good plants in sheath for spring bloom. Getting them now not only ensures that you'll have them, but allows them to acclimate to your conditions and bloom at their best.

**Cymbidium** We are well into the flowering season now. Outdoor growers should be cautious of freezing temperatures. Damage starts to occur below 30 F. Be diligent about tying the inflorescences for best arrangement of the flowers. Also watch closely for slugs and snails. If weather is quite wet, protect the plants from the rain and this will help to reduce the risk of botrytis spotting.

**Lycaste** The most glorious of all orchids, Lycaste, will be moving toward their flowering season. Make sure the palmlike leaves do not interfere with the emerging inflorescences. Tying them loosely together often is helpful. Some growers cut the leaves off at the pseudobulb, but this removes part of the attractiveness of this elegant orchid. Resist picking up the plant to inspect those beautiful buds and then setting it down in all different directions as the flower buds will be forced to re-orient themselves to the light source each time and will not open as nicely as they should. Keep plants a little drier during the shorter days.

**Odontoglossums** Odontoglossums and their intergeneric hybrids offer a great splash of color now. Though once thought of as being difficult to grow and requiring cool temperatures due to the emphasis on odontoglossum breeding, the new intergeneric hybrids made using

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Oncidium and Brassia, for example, are just the opposite. These plants are quite content in more intermediate conditions. New growths generally emerge in the spring, later forming beautiful plump pseudobulbs. Look for the flower spikes to emerge from the inner sheath of the pseudobulb. If your plant's pseudobulbs are shriveled, then the plants have been kept too dry or too wet. Inspect the roots to determine which condition prevailed. If the lead pseudobulb is large, plump and green (and back bulbs are shriveled) but no flower spike is evident, the plants may have been kept too dry.

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**Phalaenopsis** Now is the peak of spike development, with the first plants in full flower. Staking and plant preparation is a must for those all-important spring shows. Correct staking now will give a better display and also make it much easier to transport to your society meetings and shows. Care with watering is vital to avoid mechanical damage to the flowers, as well as rot-related problems.

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Keep spent blooms cleaned up to avoid botrytis inoculation. Do not repot this month. Now you'll be seeing lots of phalaenopsis at orchid shows and sales.

**Zygopetalum** For the most part, the flowering season will have ended for this group, providing the grower a chance to do some repotting. The plants will then have a chance to become well established before the hotter months of summer arrive. Most growers use bark mixes, but some exceptional results have been seen lately using rock-wool blends. You may want to try this mix, but do not change your whole collection over to this new media until you are sure it is right for you. First, experiment with a few plants to see how they respond.

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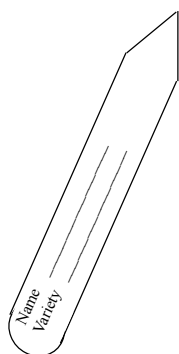
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Peninsula Orchid Society Show, Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA. Contact: Rene Biggs, 1051 Rivertown Dr., San Carlos, CA 94070; 650.593.4793.

January 26

San Diego County Branch Cymbidium Society Annual Orchid Auction, Women's Club of Carlsbad, 3320 Monroe St., Carlsbad, CA. Contact: Ardell O. Marlin, 310 Seeman Dr., Encinitas, CA 92024; 760.753.6952

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February 7-10

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International Show, South Coast Plaza, Crate and  
Barrel Wing, 3333 Bear St., Costa Mesa, CA.  
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February 16

Winter Orchid Show, UCI Arboretum, Campus  
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February 21-24

San Francisco Orchid Society's Pacific Orchid  
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# SDCOS Board Meeting

Submitted by: [Romy Reyes](#)

Meeting called to order at 7:04PM, December 11, 2001

**Present:** Gary Pierwola, Barbie Mays, Dave Mays, Ben Machado, Loren Batchman, Ivan Harrison, Sam DeMaria, and Romy Reyes

## Reports

Treasurer Barbie Mays- Report for the month of November was presented and approved by motion. First Vice-President Ben Machado: Howard Ginsberg will be the guest speaker for the January 2002 meeting. The title of his presentation: Deflasking Second Vice-President Ivan Harrison: Peter Tobias will talk about CITES at the Beginners class in January.

## Old Business

The tour of the San Diego Zoo's orchid display will be on February 11, 2002. The number of people that will be allowed to see the display will be limited. Ben Machado will have more information at the next general meeting. Shuttle bus service for the 2002 Spring show is still being researched.

## New Business

A banner with the society's name was proposed. Ivan Harrison will look into it. Dave Mays will be the society's representative at the San Diego Botanical Society.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

## ZOO ORCHID GREENHOUSE TOUR

FEBRUARY 11, 2002

By [Ben Machado](#), 1<sup>st</sup> VP

We are still on the calendar for an exclusive visit to the San Diego Zoo Orchid Greenhouses. The Zoo is setting aside the hours of 10 AM to 1 PM on Monday, February 11, 2002 just for Society Members.

The Zoo has quite a collection, having in excess of 4,000 plants, consisting of 982 taxa with 725 different species. The Zoo is a Designated USDA Rescue Center and has been the beneficiary of a number of confiscated orchids over the years. If it wasn't for places like the San Diego Zoo, the plants would have been destroyed and no one would have ever enjoyed these beauties.

Not everything in the collection is a result of USDA rescue efforts; there have been innumerable donations from other collections centers such as Selby Gardens and from individuals. Over the years the collection has filtered down to the best of the best.

Bear in mind this is a tour of the greenhouses only and there is a limit to how many can attend because only so many people can go through the main greenhouse at one time. Everyone will need to meet at the entrance at 10 AM for an escort to see us to the greenhouses. The tour should be over well before 1 PM. Notify Ben Machado by phone (619)660-9870 or by e-mail, [bmach16814@aol.com](mailto:bmach16814@aol.com) for your reservation.

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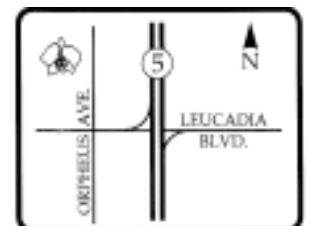
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January 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm  
SDCOS Board Meeting  
Second Tuesday each month  
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January 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm  
Palomar Orchid Society Meeting  
Second Friday each month  
Vista Community Center  
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January 16<sup>th</sup>  
Cymbidium Society Meeting  
Third Wednesday each month  
Carlsbad Women's Club  
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January 18<sup>th</sup>  
Zoo Orchid Greenhouses Open House  
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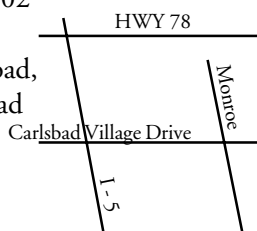
DATE: Saturday, January 26, 2002

TIME: 12 noon - 4:00 PM

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**OUR PURPOSE:** *To promote interest in orchids and their cultivation, to educate by exchanging information and experiences related to successful orchid culture, and to support the conservation of orchids in the wild.* SDCOS meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at Casa Del Prado in Balboa Park. We invite you to join the society to receive the monthly newsletter and many other benefits

**Beginner's Class: 6:30 pm, Room 104**

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