



## SEPTEMBER NOVICE MEETING

September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2003, 6:30 PM - CASA DEL PRADO - ROOM 104  
By Lynn Ford, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

We started our new SDCOS year in August, with a Novice Group meeting featuring an exceptional speaker. Wade Bogren gave us some excellent advice into growing our orchids "Outside in East County". He also covered the north, south and west county's growing conditions, and we had a big turnout as usual to soak up all that great information - all delivered with Wade's wonderful, wacky humor.

In September, David Brown, advocate for miniature orchid species, will present: "Smaller IS Better." David bought his first orchid in the summer of 1999 at the "Orchid and Butterflies" exhibit at the Wild Animal Park. Then he started attending the Zoo's Orchid open house (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month), and was told about the monthly SDCOS meeting. The following is in David's words: "I showed up for the December meeting. I was expecting to find a group of blue-haired old ladies talking about orchids. But, what I found was a great bunch of people having a party! So thinking that I was in the wrong place, I found the custodian of the building and asked where the Orchid Society meeting was held. She said "It's in that room over there with all those people, you fool, how can you miss it?"

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## SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2003, 7:30 PM - CASA DEL PRADO - ROOM 101  
By Ivan Harrison, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Our guest for September will be Hermann Pigors, and his subject will be the culture, care and hybridizing of Dendrobiums. Ben Machado arranged this visit with the Arizona Orchid Society prior to stepping down. Hermann and his wife, Dorothy, started Oak Hill Gardens in Dundee, IL in 1973, where they have taken their initial undertaking from a small Garden Center to a thriving orchid propagation enterprise in 30 years. Prior to that, Hermann had five years professional training and work experience in Germany, before a 17-year career at Hausermann's in Villa Park, IL.

Hermann's daughter and son-in-law, Liese and Greg, now run the company's day-to-day operations, which allows Hermann time to experiment in the laboratories! Their diversified business includes plant rental, gift plant deliveries in the Chicagoland area, mail order orchid sales and walk-in wholesale and retail shoppers. They currently operate over 20,000 sq. ft. under glass in eight greenhouses.

Hermann will not be able to dine with Society members prior to the meeting, but will be available prior to the start of the meeting as he is supplying the plants for the Opportunity Table.

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### September 27-28

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### October 11-12

The **San Diego International Orchid Fair** is in the Activity Center of the Del Mar Fairgrounds, Del Mar, CA. For more information, please visit [orchidfairsandiego.com](http://orchidfairsandiego.com)

### October 11-12

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## Novice Meeting from cover page

David was hooked, and shortly became drawn to the non-prototypical orchids. The shape and color of the micro orchids fascinated him. You can grow them in the smallest apartment or tucked in among your larger plants in your backyard or lath house. David will tell us all about them on September 2nd at 6:30 pm.

## General Meeting from cover page

I would be remiss in not mentioning how much we enjoyed last month's guest speaker, Olaf Gruss, and his breathtaking Phragmipedium photographs. I'm sure that many of you heard from Cindy Hill that the year-end (October) issue of Orchid Digest will feature a Checklist of the Genus Phragmipedium, which Olaf has authored. It will be an issue not to miss!

See you at the meeting - Ivan

## Blooming orchids...

from the world over will be on display when the Sacramento Orchid Society, in conjunction with the American Orchid Society's 2003 Fall Members Meeting, presents a show and sale at the DoubleTree Hotel in Sacramento, October 23 to 26. The speakers will be: Michael Blietz, Stephen Champlin, Cordelia Head, Alan Koch, Andrea Niessen, Ron Parsons, William Rhodehamel, Thomas Sheehan, PhD, Roy Tokunaga and Marni Turkel. A highlight of the event will be a presentation and book signing by Eric Hansen, author of Orchid Fever. The show and sale will be open to the public, beginning with an evening Preview Party on Thursday, October 23. The show will be open on Friday from 9 am to 6 pm, and on Saturday and Sunday from 9 am to 5 pm. More than a dozen vendors from across the nation will be present, adding the opportunity to purchase myriad orchids -- from new releases to time-tested treasures. For registration information, go to the Sacramento Orchid Society Web site ([www.sacramentoorchids.org](http://www.sacramentoorchids.org)) or contact Ida Carter at 916.689.1927

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# San Diego International Orchid Fair

October 11 & 12, 2003

By Ben Machado

The "other" premier Orchid Show for San Diego will again be held at the Del Mar Fairgrounds, Saturday, October 11, 9 AM to 5 PM and Sunday October 12, 9 AM to 4 PM. Admission is \$3 at the door. You can get \$1 discount coupons at the San Diego County Orchid Society General Meeting, or you can get a coupon from their web site: [www.orchidfairsandiego.com/](http://www.orchidfairsandiego.com/). There will probably be a parking fee of about \$5 per car, which is strictly up to the parking lot baron, Ace Parking. But the good news is that it is per car parking fee regardless of how many occupants. So load up the old family van and come on out!

This is a sanctioned American Orchid Society event that includes official AOS and Cymbidium Society of America judging, open to everyone. In addition to AOS and CSA judging, Ribbon Judging will also be held. First, Second and Third place ribbons will be awarded for Section and Class, Best of Section will also be awarded a cash award of \$50. And there's a \$100 cash award for Best of Show! Ribbon Judging is an open event for this show; there are not separate categories for Novice, Amateur or Commercial. Registration is Friday, October 10, 4 PM to 8 PM and Saturday October 11, 6:45 AM to 7:45 AM. Gads, the Saturday registration sounds too hard to do; entrants are strongly encouraged to register their plants Friday night.

There are also a number of trophies for exhibits as well as plant trophies for Best High Quality Flower, Best Species, and Best Phalaenopsis. Individuals interested in putting up an exhibit, whether a floor display or tabletop are more than welcome. Contact John Walters or Ed Dove if you want to put up a display.

For this event we are expecting up to forty vendors, many of them from South America, Asia and Hawaii. If you're looking for diversity in choosing that next orchid, this is going to be the show to attend. Look over the web site for the list of vendors available.

The International Orchid Fair was established solely for the benefit of the Quail Botanical Gardens. All profits from this show go directly to this non-profit organization. During a downsizing effort a few years ago, San Diego

County Parks Division turned the operation of the Gardens over to the Quail Botanical Gardens Foundation on a lease basis. The Gardens are dedicated to the conservation of rare and endangered species plants from throughout the world. For a small admission fee, you can enjoy the spectacular flora, attend lectures, walk the grounds with tours or independently. Operation and expansion of the Gardens comes from admissions to the grounds and fundraising activities such as this International Orchid Fair. From the Quail Botanical Gardens web site, [www.qbgardens.com](http://www.qbgardens.com), this is what they have to say about the International Orchid Fair.

"Quail Botanical Gardens looks on the San Diego International Orchid Fair as a wonderful extension of their efforts to teach people more about plants. People learn best when they are having fun. At the Fair the public gets to see beautiful displays, attend interesting lectures, see the diversity of this beautiful plant family and buy orchids to take home and try to grow themselves."

Aside from the lath house at Balboa Park, Quail Botanical Gardens is the nearest organization San Diego has that resembles a Botanical Garden. As orchid lovers we of the San Diego County Orchid Society all feel close to the conservation and preservation of all plant life. Yes, of course, we all want to be a part of this extremely worthwhile cause. As orchid enthusiasts, you get the satisfaction that this is the single event within the San Diego area that funnels all profits from an orchid show to a true non-profit ambition. OK, here it is, this is what you can do to help this wonderful non-profit cause:

**Volunteer:** There are many, many, many tasks that need to be performed in putting this event together, from set up, to ticket taking, to security, to plant hotel, and tear down. John Walters and Ed Dove are very accommodating with assigning tasks and adjusting hours to your best benefit. Sign-up sheets will be available at the next SDCOS General Meeting.

**Help Your Conservation Committee:** Your Conservation Committee will also have a sales booth, provided gratis in support of the SDCOS conservation efforts. All members of the SDCOS should be aware of the wonderful worldwide conservation efforts that have been meticulously administered by your conservation committee. The Conservation Committee effort has been subject of a number of past newsletter articles that details the worthwhile causes that have been provided funding. For

the purpose of this show, rest assured that anything you do for the conservation committee ultimately ends up as part of a very, very worthwhile deliverance. For the immediate cause, the simplest, easiest, most worthwhile thing you can do to help the Conservation Committee is to contribute plants for their sale. All donations are welcome; small plants, large plants, unnamed plants, maybe even some beat up plants, they all have the potential to help the cause. Contact Ron Kauffmann to let him know what you have available.

**Show Your Plants:** Do your part to make this a memorable event for all the visitors. A spectacle of orchids will make the show a show to remember, and will entice visitors to come back again next year. Plus, who knows, you may have that \$100 Best of Show orchid.

**Attend the Show:** All right, for one reason or another you are unable to volunteer or show your plants. At the very least bring your friends and family to this beautiful orchid show. Not only is this a spectacular orchid display, you will have plenty of choice with all the various vendors to buy that very special orchid.

What do you get in return for your help with the show? Your return will be mostly self-satisfaction for having supported a non-profit botanical cause. There will not be an abundance of free drinks or snacks and you will probably have to pay for your parking. How about free admission during your volunteer time? It's not much, but you can rest assured that the profits will all be directed to support of the Quail Botanical Gardens.

For more details visit the San Diego International Orchid Fair web site or contact John Walters or Ed Dove, the principle organizers of the San Diego International Orchid Fair.

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## July Mini Show Report

By Ro Harrison  
Photos by Ivan Harrison

As our President, Gary Pierwola said at the August SDCOS meeting, the July Mini Show was a fabulous success. Orchids were brought in by a myriad of members, and each table was covered with orchids of every size, color and hue. I'm not sure if it was the highest count of any Mini Show, but it must have been close! The competition was very fierce, but thankfully we had lots of knowledgeable volunteers to do the judging. It is a very interesting experience to follow them around and listen to how they chose between the various plants. If you would like to participate, next time just show up before 10:00am the morning of the judging.

Thanks to all the volunteers that helped with the plant sales, membership information and sign-up, t-shirt and book sales, corsage making and just hanging out talking to visitors. It was a great experience.

Ivan and I were lucky enough to win Best of Show with a Vanda that won Best of Section at the Annual Show in March! One judging day it was just perfect, although by the time we took it home on Sunday, it was one very unhappy orchid! We were very nervous during the voting process, but thoroughly elated afterwards. Apparently we beat Gary's Paphiopedilum by just one vote! It was three years, almost to the day, from the first time we entered an orchid for judging. So, as we tell novices over and over, don't get discouraged!

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## MARS

Submitted by Genie Hammond

Never again in your lifetime will the Red Planet be so spectacular!

This month and next, Earth is catching up with Mars, an encounter that will culminate in the closest approach between the two planets in recorded history. The next time Mars may come this close is in 2287. Due to the way Jupiter's gravity tugs on Mars and perturbs its orbit, astronomers can only be certain that Mars has not come this close to Earth in the last 5,000 years but it may be as long as 60,000 years.

On August 27, Mars will come within 34,649,589 miles and will be (next to the moon) the brightest object in the night sky. It will attain a magnitude of -2.9 and will appear 25.11 arc seconds wide. At a modest 75-power magnification Mars will look as large as the full moon to the naked eye. Mars will be easy to spot. At the beginning of August, Mars will rise in the East at 10 p.m. and reach its azimuth at about 3 a.m. But by the end of August when the two planets are closest, Mars will rise at nightfall and reach its highest point in the sky at 12:30 a.m. That's pretty convenient when it comes to seeing something that no human has seen in recorded history. So mark your calendar at the beginning of August to see Mars grow progressively brighter and brighter throughout the month.

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San Diego International Orchid Fair information:  
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## Calling all Phrag. lovers!

Submitted by Cynthia Hill

Olaf Gruss has prepared a new Checklist of the Genus Phragmipedium, which will be in the next (Oct. 2003) issue of the Orchid Digest. It's a special double year-end issue (80 pages) devoted entirely to Phragmipedium species and hybrids, with articles by Marilyn LeDoux, Harold Koopowitz, Eric Christenson, as well as a profile of Terry Root of the Orchid Zone, and a special feature on Phrag. kovachii in the wild. Dr. Gruss spoke at our San Diego County Orchid Society meeting this week, and had some spectacular color photos that will appear in the issue.

If you want to receive this special issue, it's a good idea to join the Digest now (before September 1) for \$28/yr, so it's part of your membership. Otherwise, buying just this one volume separately will cost \$25 (after September 1), as long as supplies last. Wouldn't a gift membership be a wonderful holiday surprise for the orchidist in your life? The Orchid Digest magazine, a non-profit organization, is put together and published entirely by hardworking volunteers as a labor of love, so your support as a member is sincerely appreciated. To join the Digest and receive the special Phrag. issue, you can send an e-mail to [membership@orchiddigest.org](mailto:membership@orchiddigest.org), or go to their web site, [www.orchiddigest.org](http://www.orchiddigest.org). Don't wait too long.

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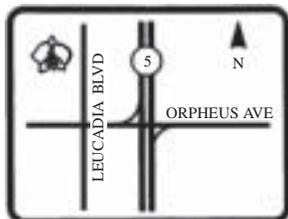
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## Quail Botanical Gardens Update:

July AOS Judging at our new center  
 Story and photos by Loren Batchmann

The AOS judging at Quail Botanical Gardens was held on August 4 with 3 HCC/AOS awards granted out of about 10 plants entered for judging. *C. Valentine (loddigesii x warneri)*, shown by Billy Baker, was a delightful lavender blue Cattleya with a darker lavender blue lip. The plant had nine flowers on the inflorescence, each about 5 inches across. Most of the "blue" Cattleyas are really an off shade of faded lavender or purple, but this plant had a better blue tone than most we have seen. The primary hybrid *Paph. Norito Hasegawa (armeriacum x malipoense)* shown by Dee Dee Flores was a first blooming seedling with two flowers on two spikes. It was a large impressive flower with a very good clear yellow color coming from the armeriacum parent, and had almost none of the tessellation normally seen in malipoense hybrids. It isn't often that we see a flower where the spike is too tall, but the two foot spike here made the plant seem a little out of proportion. The long spikes and the relatively small and recurved dorsal sepal kept it from getting an AM. The primary hybrid *Paph. Fanaticum (micranthum x malipoense)* also shown by Dee Dee Flores was one of the most intensely colored plants seen from this cross, with some of the darkest raspberry red tessellation seen in this cross. Most plants of this cross have small dorsal sepals, but the dorsal sepal on this plant was fairly small as well, which kept it from a higher score.



The July 7 summary of awards is as follows:

**Plant Name, Varietal Name, Award, Exhibitor**

*Paph. Norito Hasegawa (armeriacum x malipoense)*

Mem. Brandon Teena

HCC 79

Dee Dee Flores, Los Angeles, CA

*C. Valentine (loddigesii x warneri)*

Billy's Blue

HCC 77

William A. Baker, Lemon Grove, CA

*Paph. Fanaticum (micranthum x malipoense)*

Dee Dee's Prima Donna

HCC 76

Dee Dee Flores, Los Angeles, CA



Remember, not all of these flowers are of the same size, we have made 'close-ups' so that you may see the individual flower. -ed

# September/October Checklist

Prepared by Ned Nash and James Rose.

**Cattleya** Despite the shortening days and lowering angle of the sun, September can still be one of the hottest months. Water and fertilizer need to be in balance with heat and light. The alert grower will notice, however, that his or her plants are beginning to slow down a bit. Growths are maturing, and the sheaths are giving the promise of the next six-months' bloom.

Check plants for potting needs for the last time this season. Any in dire need should be potted, even some that may be on the cusp, as there is just enough of the growing season left to allow the plants to establish before the days start to get really short and cold.

This is the month for purples derived from *Cattleya labiata* breeding to flower. If you are short on flowers, look into this group. There is nothing that can quite match this type for beauty and fragrance. They are easy to grow, too.

Plants summered outdoors should begin to be prepared to be brought back into the winter growing area. Clean the plants up and be on the lookout for any pests they may have picked up during the summer. Treat as necessary.

**Cycnoches** This little-known and under-appreciated genus, which can have male or female flowers, is at its best in the autumn. Two of the spectacular varieties are *Cycnoches loddigesii*, with its large brown flowers resembling a prehistoric bird, and *Cycnoches ventricosum*, the swan orchid. This last one has large, fragrant green flowers. The biggest problem, culturally, will be red spider mite infestations that require immediate attention. Plants are quite seasonal, requiring heavy watering in the growing season and then a drier dormant winter season.

**Cymbidium** Through diligent modern breeding programs, the cymbidium season gets stretched longer and longer. Now we can expect to have flowers open as early as September and October. Stake inflorescences and move the plants to a shadier location to help the flowers develop successfully. Because the plants will have warmth tolerance "built in" genetically, keeping the plants as cool as possible will help prevent bud curl. For the midseason varieties, inflorescences should be initiated by now. Feed plants on a regular schedule with a balanced fertilizer (20-20-20) and shade the plants lightly.

**Dendrobium** This is a good season for hybrids of the *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* and *Dendrobium canaliculatum* types. Both are capable of putting on tremendous shows of long-lasting flowers. Fertilize with a low-nitrogen formula to promote the best flowers. *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* can get tall and top heavy, suggesting an attractive and heavy container would be appropriate for this type.

**Lemboglossum bictoniense** Both *Lemboglossum* (syn. *Odontoglossum*) *bictoniense* and its hybrids bloom in this season. *Lemboglossum bictoniense* is a showy species from Mexico that has three different color forms: *sulphureum* (green with white lip), *album* (brown with white lip) and *roseum* (brown with a pink lip). It is a vigorous grower with tall inflorescences of many flowers, and imparts to its progeny (as seen in *Odcdm. Bittersweet* and *Odm. bicross*) ease of culture, warmth tolerance and eye-catching patterns. They make a prime candidate for *odontoglossum* beginners and advanced alike.

**Paphiopedilum Standard**, green-leaved *paphiopedilum*s begin to show their bloom sheaths this month. Late-season heat waves can blast these early sheaths, so be observant about proper cooling and air circulation. As with the rest of your plants that may have been summered outdoors, it is time to prepare for their move inside. Clean each plant and implement pest-control practices. Repotting, if necessary, is appropriate.

**Phalaenopsis** The bulk of this season's growth is being ripened this month, with growers in cooler climates seeing the first emerging inflorescences. Some night heating may be necessary in the cooler areas. Begin to watch watering more carefully, and reduce feeding proportionately with reduced watering needs. An extra dose of phosphorus and potassium, such as a bloom-booster or high-acid-type fertilizer, is beneficial.

**Rossioglossum grande** Once known as *Odontoglossum grande*, this is a spectacular orchid with six to eight flowers up to 8 inches across. Often known as the tiger orchid, it has bright golden yellow flowers heavily marked with chestnut brown barring. The plants are beautiful with a grey-green cast to the foliage, which is borne on succulent pseudobulbs. It prefers hot and wet summers with cooler, even down to 40 F, dry winters. Grow under filtered light. Watch for snails and slugs that eat the flowers, pseudobulbs and leaves.



Best Phragmipedium  
Sorcerer's Apprentice  
Grown by Bud Close



Best Species Plant  
Dendrochilum filiforme  
Grown by Don Callard

**July Mini Show** *continued from page 6*

Ivan took the photos of the Best of Section plants, which were all eligible for the Best in Show vote.



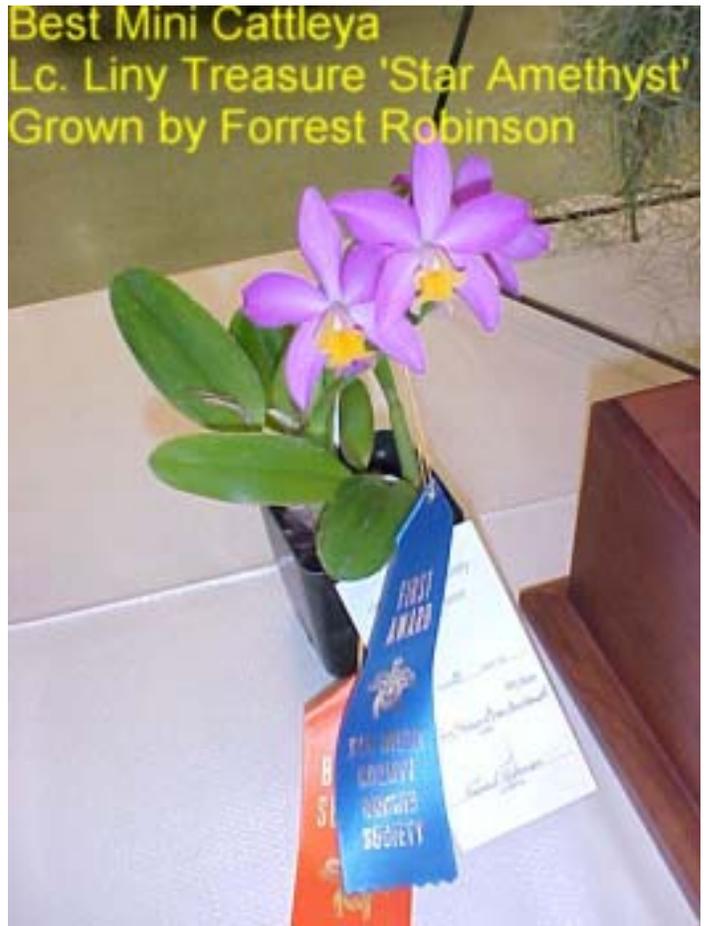
Best Paphiopedilum  
Houghtoniae (haynaldianum x rothschildianum)  
Grown by Gary Pierwola



Best Phalaenopsis  
Montclair Princess 'Lover'  
Grown by Joe Alesi



**BEST IN SHOW**  
**Vanda Pat Delight**  
 Grown by Ivan &  
 Ed Harrison



**Best Mini Cattleya**  
**Lc. Liny Treasure 'Star Amethyst'**  
 Grown by Forrest Robinson



**Best Intergeneric Hybrid**  
**Brassia Rex 'Sacata'**  
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**Best Standard Cattleya**  
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# Net Nuggets

by Ron Kaufmann (kaufmann@sandiego.edu)

The Orchid Mall ([www.orchidmall.com](http://www.orchidmall.com))

The Internet contains a tremendous amount of information about orchids. When I first began to explore the world of Internet orchid resources, I quickly became aware of the difficulty of identifying good orchid web sites. Enter The Orchid Mall, an orchid resource clearinghouse providing a categorized listing of web sites that connect the web wanderer to information about orchids as well as numerous commercial sources for the plants we all love to grow. The Orchid Mall is organized into 14 sections, most of which contain lists of links, usually with brief descriptions of what can be found at the linked sites. For those seeking information related to orchids and their culture, there is "The Reading Room", with pointers to more than 125 articles on topics ranging from the basics of orchid hybridizing to cultivating orchids under lights or on windowsills. If you're in need of orchid books, software to help you track your collection, or supplies to improve your growing conditions, there's a "Services, Supplies & Software" page that contains numerous links to commercial sources for all these items and many more. Perhaps the most irresistible feature on The Orchid Mall is the extensive list of commercial sources for orchid plants. There are so many nurseries with web sites that the "Orchid Plant Sources" page has been divided into two, one containing links to vendors in the United States and another with foreign vendors, organized by country. The nursery lists will lead you to a number of excellent web sites, many of which are well designed and offer useful information in addition to tempting orchids. Should you be searching for an especially rare orchid or find yourself with more orchids than you have time or space to maintain, The Orchid Mall

even offers a free service called "The unClassified Ads". This section of the site provides a forum for people to post ads describing items they would like to buy or sell. The Orchid Mall includes considerably more information, including an "Orchid Societies" section that contain links to orchid society web sites (including the SDCOS site) and a "Photographic Sites" section that will help you locate thousands of orchid pictures posted by professionals and hobbyists throughout the world. Whether you're an experienced web surfer or just getting started, The Orchid Mall is an invaluable resource for anyone interested in finding orchid resources on the Internet.

## Vice President's Report

September 2003

by Ivan Harrison

I know its still summer, but we have to start mulling over a theme for the March 2004 Show. Each member will be able to submit up to five suggestions, so put your "thinking caps" on and get creative! Feel free to start sending your ideas to any Board member via email, or bring them with you to the General Meeting on September 2nd, which is the last date for submission.

The first Show meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday, September 9th, prior to the Board meeting. If you have any suggestions, any special talents or organizational experience, we would love to see you there. Remember this is YOUR show. Of course, we need people to chair committees, but we also need "ideas" people and those who just want to help out. Genie Hammond and I will be co-chairing the show, and would like to get as many members as possible involved right from the start.

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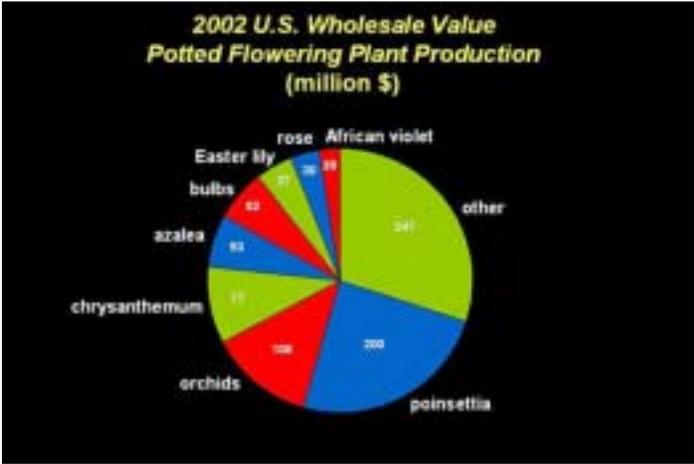
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# Orchid Popularity Still “Growing” In US

from the AOS website

According to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Floriculture Crops Survey for the year 2002, compiled by the National Agricultural Statistics Survey, orchids are growing in popularity in the United States. Currently second in potted flowering plant sales at \$106 million in reported wholesale sales, orchid sales increased by four percent this past year. This is the highest percentage increase of all the potted flowering plants in the category. Orchids are second behind poinsettias, which experienced a three percent decrease with \$247 million in sales, and they are significantly ahead of third-ranked chrysanthemums, which increased two percent to \$77 million in sales.

There were more than 12.7 million orchids sold in the United States last year, reflecting the growth of the flower’s popularity. “People are learning that orchids are not the delicate plants that they were once



perceived to be, but are hearty, easy-to-maintain plants that have the ability to bloom all year long,” said Lee Cooke, executive director of the American Orchid Society (AOS).

Long known as a flower of distinction, and featured in countless advertisements for everything from clothing and furniture to architecture and design, orchids have a distinct and undeniable mystique. Exceptional plants are produced at low cost by nurseries throughout the United States, but the huge volume of quality plants grown and marketed by large commercial growers in Florida, California and Hawaii contributed to most of the sales boom

“Orchids are the largest group of flowering plants in nature. There are more than 25,000 identified species, with the total number probably reaching 30,000, and new species are being discovered each year,” said Dr. Rob Griesbach, genetic researcher of floral plants for the U.S. National Arboretum, and president of the AOS. “With so many choices, there’s an orchid for every person’s taste.”

Orchids have been included as a separate entry in the annual USDA Floriculture Crops Summary Report since 1995 when they were first submitted by the nonprofit AOS. Floriculture refers to plants in the categories of bedding, cut cultivated greens, cut flowers, flowering potted plants and foliage plants. California leads the nation in orchid production, accounting for 34 percent of the country’s orchids; however, Florida and Hawaii are close behind with a value of 31 and 26 percent, respectively. Together, these three states account for more than 90 percent of the country’s orchids.

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# SDCOS Board of Directors Meeting

by Romy Reyes

Aug.12, 2003: Meeting called to order at 7:45PM

## Present

Gary Pierwola, Ivan Harrison, Sam DeMaria, Genie Hammond, Bob Clark, Romy Reyes, Judy Pierwola, Ro Harrison, Candy Kalman, and David Brown

## Reports

Minutes of the July meeting was read and approved by motion. Treasurer Barbie Mays- Report for the month of July was read and approved by motion. First Vice-President Ivan Harrison- Mr. Hermann Pigors, from Dundee, Illinois, will be the guest speaker at the September general meeting. Topic: Dendrobiums. Second Vice-President Lynn Ford- The Beginners Class will feature David Brown as the presenter. TOPIC: "Smaller Is Better"(Growing Mini Orchids)

## Old Business

The Auction Committee will be holding a meeting to discuss logistics for the upcoming Nov. 4 auction night. SDCOS participated at the Heartland Foundation Luau in El Cajon.

## New Business

The San Diego Floral Association has invited the Society to participate at the upcoming Balboa Park Dec. Nights. This involves decorating a Christmas tree (cost:\$40-\$75). Additional information will be given at the Sept. general meeting. Purchase of new table cloths have been proposed by Gary. The proposal tabled for the next board meeting; Ivan looking-into price and source. Gary is looking-into the possibility of using the Ray/Joan Kroc center in San Diego as a future site of our Spring Shows.

## Miscellaneous

Plant auction, to be held on Nov. 4, 2003 in-lieu of the general meeting, was approved by the general membership on 08-05-03.

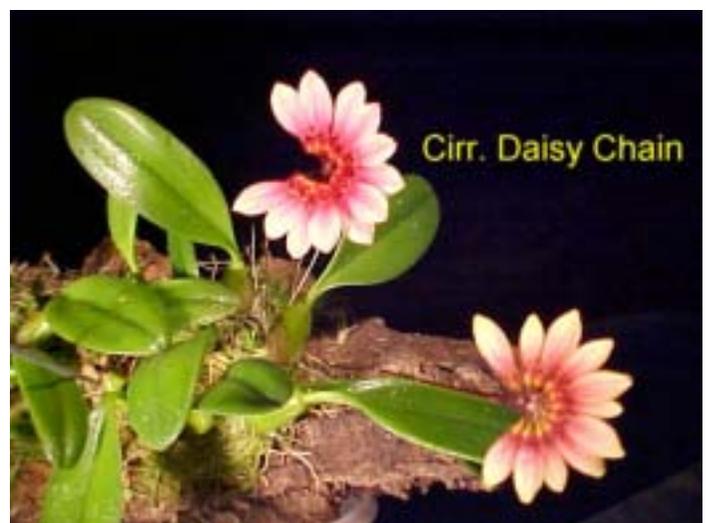
A deposit of \$1000.00, for the rental of Scottish Rite Center, was approved by motion by the general membership on 08-05-03. This deposit is for the 2004 Spring Show.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.



# Get out your digital cameras!

Submitted by Ivan and Rosemary Harrison



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## HELP HOTLINE

The SDCOS offers this service to members who seek cultural information about their orchids. Here are some friendly hobbyists with a great deal of experience about certain types of orchids, and who have kindly volunteered to answer your questions

Cattleyas, Oncidium/Odonts, Vandaceous,  
Greenhouse grown, West SD County  
Forrest Robinson - 858.270.6105

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Ann Tuskes - 858.274.5829  
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Bob Swanson - 619.465.2297

Vandas, Ascocendas  
Edith and Leno Galvan - 619.441.7503

Encyclias, Epidendrums, Laelias  
Tom Osborn - 760.787.0282

Pleurothallids  
Don van Kekerix - 619.224.4938

Cymbidiums  
Loren Batchman - [casa@orquideas.com](mailto:casa@orquideas.com)  
Sam DeMaria - 619.295.2951

Northeast County, all types  
Dave Reid - 760.728.7996

San Diego West County, all types  
Jean Beck - 619.435.8211

San Diego Central, Outdoor, all types  
Jim Wright - 619.276.5295  
Fred Tomaschke - 619.276.3235

San Diego East County, all types  
James Masst - 619.443.2800  
Bud Close - 619.444.8839

South County all types  
Genie Hammond - 619.426.6831  
Ed Marty - 619.470.717

## DATES TO REMEMBER...

September 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 pm  
Quail Botanical Gardens Judging Center  
First Monday each month Encinitas. Bring plants in!  
Make those judges work!

September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 pm  
Beginner's Class  
First Tuesday each month  
Room 104, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park  
Ivan and Rosemary Harrison 619.448.3312

September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 pm  
General Meeting  
First Tuesday each month  
Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park  
Gary Pierwola 619.426.9108

September 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am  
SDCOS Species Group Meeting  
First Saturday each month  
Paul or Ann Tuskes 858.274.5829

no SDCOS Board Meeting this month!

September 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm  
Cymbidium Society Meeting  
Third Wednesday each month  
Carlsbad Women's Club  
Larry Phillips 619.746.5518

September 19<sup>th</sup>, 10 am - 2 pm  
San Diego Zoo  
Orchid Greenhouses Open House  
Third Friday each month  
Janette Gerrity 619.231.1515 ext. 4306

September 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:45 pm  
Palomar Orchid Society Meeting  
Third Friday each month  
The Carlsbad Women's Club.  
Wayne Preston, 760.727.7255

September 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am  
Hybrid Orchid Group  
Third Saturday each month  
Applied Physics & Mathematics Bldg, UCSD  
Speaker is Ian Catlett on Genetics in Orchids  
Helmut Rohrl 858.452.0976



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