



NOVEMBER NOVICE MEETING

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WHEN IS THE NEXT MEETING?

By Michael Orser

The SDCOS is having an auction (more to follow) instead of either of our regular meetings, so get ready for something new this month! We'll get things back to normal in January 2004. Now what's happened to December, you ask? Don't forget to check your SDCOS Board Meeting Reports from Romy Reyes near the back of this issue, for the Christmas Dinner. That's right! I said it and now I'll burn in politically correct hell, for not saying holiday instead of Christmas. Don't forget, December is the time of the year we get to be with our family and loved ones, so put on your smiles and have faith!. This will prove to be a warm and happy occasion for all!

Notice from Lynn Ford

There will not be a Novice meeting in November! The San Diego County Orchid Society will be holding their First Ever Orchid Auction. The Auction is slated to begin during our usual Novice meeting time – and we want you at the auction instead. This will be an excellent opportunity to buy some really fine orchid plants at minimum prices and to attend a fun event, even if you don't want or need to purchase new plants. Call me if you want to help out. I will be collecting names (and phone numbers) of any member who would like to help by plant numbering, bidder registration, being runners and movers, and general go-for's. My phone is 619.283.4172 / e-mail: lynnford10@earthlink.net

I want to thank our September speaker, David Brown, for an excellent and professional presentation on Miniature Orchids, and why he loves them. Although I was on vacation, David held the audience spellbound with his presentation and the beautifully colored orchid pictures. Then we had another outstanding presenter for our October meeting. Cora Ramborger showed us how to prepare our orchids for judging. And, I was happy to see several of our Novice Group members did bring their plants into the San Diego International Orchid Fair for judging and won ribbons! Please don't forget the SDCOS Mini-Show on October 25 & 26. It costs nothing to enter – and it's a great joy to win a ribbon for your Orchid. See you there.

ORCHID AUCTION

Tuesday, November 4th, 2003
By Ivan Harrison, Vice President



As I hope all of you already know, the meeting will be replaced by our First Annual Orchid Auction, the proceeds from which will all go to benefit the Society. There are a number of things that we need everyone to know:

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If you have monthly meetings, classifieds, submissions of interest, or announcements related to orchids, **to be considered for publication in the upcoming December issue, please contact us by November 15th.**

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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.

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November 8-9

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November 1 & 2

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Charlie Bowman

1907-2003

Submitted by Loren Batchmann

Charlie Bowman was well known throughout Southern California as the Sales Manager for Southern California Greenhouse Co. He belonged to all of the Southern California orchid societies at one time, and he and the company were a fixture at the San Diego show for many years. Charlie and the company regularly built a small greenhouse for the San Diego Show each year back when they were held at the conference building in Balboa Park and put in displays of growing accessories at our show at the Scottish Rite Center, until a few years ago when the company was sold to Santa Barbara Greenhouse. In addition, Charlie was a life member of the SDCOS.

The 5th World Orchid Conference, held at the Long Beach Convention Center in 1966, was a huge undertaking for all of the Southern California Societies, and Charlie had a large part in it.

The Orchid Digest was another of his major interests. He had an important part in the establishment of an endowment fund many years ago, and one of his last statements was to the effect that in event of his death, he preferred donations to the Fordyce Marsh Endowment fund, in care of Orchid Digest, P.O. Box 10360, Canoga Park, CA 91309, instead of flowers.

Charlie leaves two sons, Del and Norman, Daughter-in-law Nancy, grandsons Greg, Scott and Dana and great-granddaughter Nicole.

Charlie was a true gentleman from the old school, and many of our long time members will remember Charlie with fond memories.

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Rumphius' Orchids: Orchid Texts from The Ambonese Herbal by Georgius Everhardus Rumphius

Translation by E. M. Beekman.

Submitted by Rita Cietanno



Rumphius, one of the greatest naturalists of the seventeenth century, was the first to describe tropical orchids in a Western language. This lovely book gathers and translates from Dutch into English for the first time all the sections of Rumphius' monumental Ambonese Herbal that were devoted to orchids. The volume includes illustrations, notes, and an informative introduction on the life of Rumphius.

Rumphius (1627–1702), founder of Indonesian botanical exploration and one of the greatest naturalists of the seventeenth century, was the first to describe tropical orchids in a Western language. Within the pages of his monumental seven-volume Ambonese Herbal, written in Dutch, he included descriptions of thirty-six species of orchids found on the island of Ambon in eastern Indonesia, plus twelve uncertified ones. His detailed descriptions reflect both the accuracy of a scientist and the sensibility of a poet. This lovely book is the first to gather and translate into English all the sections of Rumphius' The Ambonese Herbal devoted to orchids.

For each entry, Rumphius describes the plant, names it according to a pre-Linnaean system of nomenclature, gives its locality, and details its medicinal and non-medicinal uses. More than twenty beautiful line drawings accompany the entries.

The detailed information Rumphius accumulated was of great interest to the Western world of his time, which had scant knowledge of orchids. His work continues to be of value and interest today not only to botanists and orchid enthusiasts but also to historians, ethnobotanists, and those who are investigating the value of biological diversity. This volume includes ample notes to illuminate Rumphius' text and an informative introduction that tells his story—a remarkable collector/naturalist who overcame fire, shipwreck, and blindness to produce his masterwork.

E. M. Beekman is professor of Germanic languages at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He is also the author of *The Ambonese Curiosity Cabinet*, available from Yale University Press and www.yale.edu/yup/books/098146.htm

Quail Botanical Gardens Update:

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

The AOS judging at Quail Botanical Gardens was held on September 2 with one AM/AOS and one HCC/AOS award granted out of about 10 plants entered for judging. The attendance was down since judging was on Tuesday rather than on Monday to avoid Labor Day and the SDCOS meeting was on the same night, Still, there were some very nice plants shown.



Catasetum Dragon's Teeth 'Sunset'

Ctsm. Dragon's Teeth (fimbriatum x saccatum) shown by Fred Clark and Sunset Valley Orchids received an 81 point AM/AOS. This plant had 31 flowers perfectly arranged on a cascading spike. The flower was larger with wider segments and a deeper color than any other awarded flower from the cross. The color was a rich mahogany brown over a clear green background with a very broad lightly finbriated yellow and mahogany spotted lip. The other award, a 77 point HCC/AOS was given to an unnamed cross of Slc. (Bright Angel x Aloha Jewel), also exhibited by Fred Clark and Sunset Valley Orchids. This was a compact plant less than 8 inches tall with two bright orange red round flowers. The color was very nice, and the plant had a beautiful crystalline texture that sparkled like diamond dust on the petals and sepals.



Sophrolaeliocattleya (Bright Angel x Aloha Jewel)

The September summary of awards is as follows:

Plant Name	Varietal Name	Award	Exhibitor
Ctsm. Dragon's Teeth (fimbriatum x saccatum)	Sunset Valley Orchids	AM 81	Fred Clark, Vista, CA
Slc. unnamed (Bright Angel x Aloha Jewel)	Sunset Valley Orchids	HCC 77 *	Fred Clark, Vista, CA

*Provisional Award which requires naming of the cross for the award to become official.

Get out your digital cameras!

by Mike Orser

photos by Ivan and Rosemary Harrison



Catasetum incurvum



Cycnoches Rocky Plough



Nobile Dendrobium Nagasaki hybrid
photo by Harry Tolen

What's this? only Harry Tolen has taken the time to send us a picture of his orchid? He even had time while he's busy running his own business, and vacationing in Oregon! Come on! I know there's a lot more blooming out there than you are making us believe. Go out and take a picture of your orchids. Show us what you've got!



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ORCHID AUCTION

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1. The Auction will start at 6:00 pm. We realize that this is early and that some of you may not make the beginning, but we have a lot of plants to auction and know that you would not appreciate still being there at midnight!

2. Pre-auction viewing will take place between 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm. However, if you are not able to arrive early, so you will still be able to see the plants up for auction, just not close up.

3. You must register at the registration desk to acquire a bidding number before you can bid on any plant. All plants must be paid for that night (cash or check only). There will be plenty of people around to answer your questions.

4. Receipts must be shown at the door before leaving. Please be patient. We hope everything will go smoothly, but this IS our first auction.

5. For those who have volunteered to help, please try to be there around 4:00 pm. We will be forming teams to do the various jobs, which could take a while! Remember, even if you volunteer, you are still eligible to bid on the plants providing you have a bidding number.

6. If you have any plants that you would like to contribute to the cause, please contact Gary Pierwola or Charlie Fouquette, who will arrange to collect your donation prior

to November 4th.

Although the purpose of the Auction is important (to raise funds for the Society), the plan for the evening is **to have fun**. Do not expect the various auctioneers to have serious faces – this is their chance to shine and to make you laugh, and you can bet they won't pass up the opportunity!

Refreshments will be available throughout the evening, but not dinner, so please eat before you arrive. We need our bidders to be able to wave their numbers in the air ALL evening!

I'm looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday, November 4th. Remember we are starting at 6pm, but there will be plenty of plants for everyone.



These are special thanks to
Judy Pierwola
from everyone in the SDCOS

**We hope that you all noticed the beautiful
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Ivan and Gary managed to locate a source
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and Judy has made enough table cloths to cover all the
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Next time you see Judy, please give her a big



CAN YOU VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT THE AUCTION?

Several people have already signed up to help with

- ** bidder registration **
- ** holding up plants for sale **
- ** assisting the auctioneer by spotting bidders **
- ** taking sold plants to the plant hotel **
- ** making up bidders' invoices **
- ** ensuring bidders get their plants after payment **
- ** check out security **

PLEASE ARRIVE AT ROOM 101 AT 4:00 PM

Vice President's Report

by Ivan Harrison

It was encouraging to see so many SDCOS members at the Show Committee meeting in October. We had a long, but fruitful, meeting and made significant progress in several areas. However, since the Show meeting ran so long, there was insufficient time to consider the submissions for depiction of the Show Theme "Orchids, California Style". It was therefore decided to extend the timeframe for entries for another month. Please contact any Board member with your photograph, sketch or painting as soon as possible to arrange receipt of the artwork.

Otherwise, you can bring them to the November General Meeting (Auction) on Tuesday the fourth, or to the next Show Committee meeting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 11th. That meeting will be held in the Senior Center, next to Room 104, in Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park. A decision will be made at that time, as artwork has to be readied immediately for advertising purposes. All those present can partake in the selection process, so you are encouraged to attend even if you do not have a submission.

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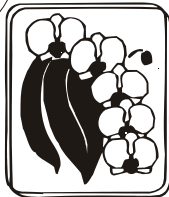
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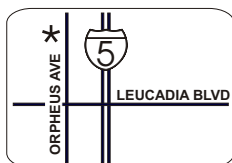
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SDCOS Board of Directors Meeting

by Romy Reyes

Oct. 14, 2003: Meeting called to order at 8:12PM

Present

Gary Pierwola, Ivan Harrison, Genie Hammond, Bob Clark, Charlie Fouquette, Sam DeMaria, Barbie Mays, Dave Mays, Lynn Ford, David Graham, and Romy Reyes

Others Present

Judy Pierwola, Candy Kalman, Ro Harrison, Loren Batchman, Peter Tobias, David Brown, Rose & Joe Alesi, Paul Tuskes, Ron Kaufmann, and Siv Garrod

Reports

Minutes of the September meeting was read and approved by motion. Treasurer Barbie Mays reports for August and September were read and approved by motion.

There will be no speakers for both the Beginners Class and the general meeting because of the scheduled Auction. *Have Fun at the Auction* this November 4th.

Old Business

Table cloths were purchased and will be used for all the shows. The auction on Nov. 4, 2003 will start at 6:00pm and volunteers are requested to be there at 4:00pm.

New Business

1. The society's Christmas Party will be on Dec. 2, 2003. This year, it will be POT LUCK. For those with last names beginning with:

A-D please bring Desserts
E-M please bring Main Dish
N-Q please bring Salads
R-U please bring Appetizers
V-Z please bring Breads

2. A proposal to keep the Conservation group in the main sales area for the 2004 Spring Show was approved by motion. A monetary donation from the Conservation group, for the booth rental, will be given to the Society.

Miscellaneous

The 2004 Spring Show budget was approved by the general membership at Oct. 7, 2003 general meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10PM

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

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DATES TO REMEMBER...

November 1st, 9:00 am
SDCOS Species Group Meeting
First Saturday each month
Paul or Ann Tuskes 858.274.5829

November 3rd, 7:00 pm
Quail Botanical Gardens Judging Center
First Monday each month Encinitas. Bring plants in!
Make those judges work!

November 4th, 6:30 pm
Beginner's Class
First Tuesday each month
Room 104, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
Ivan and Rosemary Harrison 619.448.3312

November 4th, 7:30 pm
General Meeting
First Tuesday each month
Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
Gary Pierwola 619.426.9108

November 11th, 7:00 pm
SDCOS Board Meeting
Second Tuesday each month
Balboa Park
Romy Reyes 619.328.6578

November 15th
Hybrid Orchid Group
Third Saturday each month
Speaker: Helmut Rohrl on Odontiodas
Helmut Rohrl 858.452.0976

November 19th, 6:30 pm
Cymbidium Society Meeting
Third Wednesday each month
Carlsbad Women's Club
Butch Weckerle on "Cool Weather Companions for
Cymbidium Orchids"
Info: 760.451.1472

November 21st, 10 am - 2 pm
San Diego Zoo
Orchid Greenhouses Open House
Third Friday each month
Janette Gerrity 619.231.1515 ext. 4306

November 21st, 6:45 pm
Palomar Orchid Society Meeting
Third Friday each month
The Carlsbad Women's Club.
Wayne Preston, 760.727.7255

November/December Orchid Checklist

Prepared by Ned Nash and James Rose.

Cattleya Growers of just about every level of expertise will have begun to notice autumn conditions by now. Days are becoming shorter, hence cooler; the sunlight has less intensity as a result of the sun's lowering angle, nights are longer and generally cooler. Plants are responding by slowing and ripening their growth in preparation for winter.

The first cultural change noticed should be a reduced frequency of watering, as the plants dry out more slowly. This is a function of both the reduced day length and lower temperatures, as well as the plants' slowing growth rate. Reduced water needs signal a reduced need for fertilization. Note that the key word is reduced, not eliminated. Feed less frequently and at lower dosage, but feed. Growths, made during summer's heat, and relatively soft and green, will be ripening -- hardening -- in preparation for a brief period of rest (in many cases).

Many of these ripening growths will have a sheath, presaging the coming winter or spring flowering season. In some cases, these sheaths will have been evident since as early as July. (Early sheath development does not mean early flowering on plants with winter-spring seasons.) You may notice that some of these sheaths are showing signs of yellowing. This is not abnormal. Autumn's more pronounced temperature fluctuation can lead to water condensation inside the sheath, hastening the normal process of senescence, so yellowing sheaths can be left on the plant only so long before they must be carefully removed to preserve the bud primordia within. Water condensation left unchecked can rot the bud primordia. The sheaths can be safely removed by slitting open and peeling down toward the pseudobulb.

Cool-Growing Orchids One can almost hear a sigh of relief from all of the cool-growers, from masdevallias to odontoglossums. As day temperatures decline, one can see a noticeable improvement in these plants. Shorter days and lower light levels do not seem to bother them. Repot before winter arrives.

Cymbidium Finally we begin in earnest the main cymbidium season. *Cymbidium ensifolium* can give some early and fragrant hybrids, but it is now that the bulk of the crop will be flowering. The season lasts for about seven months, adding color to any collection. Miniature varieties will peak for the next three to four months. There are three important things to do: stake inflorescences ramrod straight for best presentation, watch for slugs and snails (especially just after a rain), and fertilize with a mild balanced formula regularly.

Oncidium crispum Complex This is the season for plants in *Oncidium* section *crispum* from Brazil to shine. Extremely vigorous hybrids come in wide varieties of markings dominated

with chestnut and brown and butter yellow. Give plants high light to produce strong upright inflorescences. The pseudobulbs should be plump, so do not let the plants dry out while they are in bloom. Later, plants will enter a dormant period.

Paphiopedilum The flowering season for the "toads" or "bulldog" paphs is just getting underway. These cannot be grown everywhere, but where cooler summer nights allow their growth, there is no longer-lasting or more exotic display than these. Paphiopedilums are, in general, not heavy feeders, and it is especially important with this type to reduce nitrogen levels now for best flowering and spike length. Be watchful for water accumulating in the growth around the sheath, or for the late-season warm spell, either of which can lead to the sheath's rotting. As the spikes emerge, do not change the orientation of the plant toward the light, as this can lead to a crooked or twisted spike.

While paphiopedilums rarely like to dry out entirely, water needs are significantly reduced beginning now. Overwatering at this time of year can quickly lead to root rot or erwinia problems. Now is the time to practice good sanitary practices in your greenhouse or growing areas, as pest and disease problems have a way of multiplying rapidly in the darker and more crowded conditions that generally mark the winter growing area. With paphiopedilums, especially, "cleanliness is next to godliness" and if the growing area is littered with old foliage, weeds and dying flowers, keeping the plants alive and flowering will be next to impossible.

Phalaenopsis Shortening days and cooler nights are the signals for inflorescence initiation in phalaenopsis. In more northern climates, or on the west coast, growers have already begun to see the early inflorescences that may be ready for Christmas. In the eastern areas, nights in the greenhouse will now be in the low to mid 60s, depending on the thermostat setting, so the first of our phalaenopsis will not begin to bloom until Valentine's Day at the earliest.

A reduction in nitrogen levels will go a long way to giving the best possible spiking, as will a boost in potassium and phosphorus. In other words, a "bloom booster"-type fertilizer is definitely indicated in the next few months. Disease and pest problems are best dealt with now, especially as mealybugs hide in the bracts and flower buds. Once they have established themselves, they are difficult to eradicate, and flower damage or crippling results. Potential disease problems can be dealt with by the application of a copper-based compound to control/alleviate rot problems before they start. There is nothing more frustrating than to have shepherded your plants through a growing season, only to have them decline before your eyes.

Vandaceous Genera Whereas the general decline in temperatures is beneficial to cool-growing orchids, it is not for vandaceous plants. The only cold-hardy member is *Neofinetia falcata*. Orient your plants in such a way as to take advantage of as much light as possible. This can be a problem in northern latitudes. Reduce watering and feeding schedules.



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