



APRIL 2005 NOVICE MEETING

April 5, 2005, 6:30 PM - CASA DEL PRADO - ROOM 104
By Bill Molnar, Second Vice President

Vandas are easy to grow, when you know what to do. Dave Reid will be talking to us about growing vandas at the April novice class. Although Dave is probably best known for his plant table of blooming cattleyas that he brings to our meetings each month, if you take a trip to his greenhouses, you will see gorgeous vanda plants hanging from the rafters with flower spikes emerging. He grows them where summers are hot and winters are cool with great success. Come learn what to do, so that you can enjoy the dramatic beauty of vandas in your own orchid collection.

Thank you to Christopher Croom, our guest speaker at the March meeting. Christopher, who has worked at Andy's Orchids, spoke to us about mounting orchids, based on his experience of mounting hundreds of different species. He shared his mounting techniques, gave insight to artistic items to mount the orchids on, and then gave several great tips on keeping the orchids growing nicely right up to blooming stage. His ability to draw from his own personal knowledge as a grower made for a very informal and informative evening.

APRIL 2005 GENERAL MEETING

April 5, 2005, 7:30 PM - CASA DEL PRADO - ROOM 101
By Genie Hammond, First Vice President

It was 50 years ago that Paul Gripp was attending the San Diego Orchid Society as a San Diego resident of the U.S. Navy. Now after a full life in orchids he now is almost history! It's a part of orchid history Paul is going to show us tonight, "Remembering Dos Pueblos". Dos Pueblos, one of the most famous orchid nurseries ever, Paul will describe rare memorabilia and tell stories about the plants and people of Dos Pueblos. He'll show many Dos Pueblos plants and discuss their importance in today's plants.

Paul Gripp, a UCLA graduate in horticulture, has been affiliated with the Santa Barbara Orchid Estates over the years. As worker, manager, owner and now as a active retiree.

For those of you who have not heard Paul speak, you are in for a real treat. He is not only informative, but very entertaining as well!

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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 May issue, please contact us by April 15th.**

You are encouraged to contact the temporary editor, Marjorie Kuhlmann at **858-675-0885** or m_kuhlmann@sbcglobal.net
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Cymbidium Plants should be putting on a spectacular show this time of year. Adjust all staking and twist-ties and be on the lookout for aphids, slugs and snails. Give adequate water because flowering strains the plants. As new growths appear later, increase the nitrogen level in the fertilizer. Should a plant look healthy but not be blooming, try increasing the light during the next growing season. The number-one reason for no flowers is lack of light.



APRIL ORCHID CHECKLIST

Cattleya Although in many parts of the country it's still a cold and blustery month, the lengthening days and warmer temperatures allowed by increased light are long-awaited harbingers of the coming change of season. Some of the best standard cattleyas of the year will be in bloom or will be blooming soon. The last of the winter-flowering hybrids will join the earliest of the spring hybrids in a wonderful display. Be on the alert for senescing sheaths that need removal. If these yellowing sheaths are not removed, the moisture they trap can lead to bud rot. Careful removal of the sheath will allow the buds to develop, although they will need additional support. Changing light conditions can also be a problem. An exceptionally bright day, especially immediately following a rain, can lead to sunburn of the foliage if shading is not attended to properly. There can still be periods of dull days where spikes can weaken owing to the lower light. Lengthening days will mean increased metabolic rates necessitating increased water and fertilizer. The plants will indicate needs by drying more rapidly, which means more frequent watering and fertilizing. With the passing of the season for winter bloomers, and the beginning of the season for spring bloom, it is also the time to be on the lookout for plants that will need potting after they bloom. Immediately after blooming has proven to be the best time to repot winter-and-spring flowering cattleyas. In most cases, they will be ready to grow roots, so if potted at this time, they will root right into fresh mix with little or no

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setback.

Dendrobium (Australian) These hard-cane dendrobiums will be at their flowering peak now. It is not unusual to see a specimen of this type in an orchid show boasting 1,000 flowers. The secret with this group, bred primarily from *Dendrobium kingianum* and *Dendrobium speciosum*, is to provide ample water, fertilizer and light during the growing season.

Lycaste This genus of superb orchids will be coming to the end of its flowering season. Soon you will see the beginning of new root growth, which is an excellent time to repot into fresh media. As new growth emerges, provide ample fertilizer and water. A sign of good culture is an increase in the size of pseudobulbs with each successive year.

Miltoniopsis This marks the beginning of the flowering season. Amazing displays of color will dazzle the grower over the next few months. Prepare your plants for optimum display by staking spikes (if needed) and cleaning off the older yellow foliage. Do not miss the wonderful fragrance as the flowers unfold.

Paphiopedilum This is the beginning of the season of heaviest potting for lady's-slipper orchids. However, it is a month where the volume of plants needing attention is still small. It is an excellent month to take the time to work with your paphiopedilums before the pressure of other potting prevents your doing the thorough job you should. Look at each plant; Is it clean of dead and dying foliage? Is it weed free? Does it need repotting? Is it in spike? Does it have an insect problem? Cleaning and restaging your paphs is one of the most
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satisfying tasks of the orchid year. Cleaned and potted paphiopedilums look happy. The summer-blooming types will be showing the first of their buds in March and April. Be on the lookout for the buds, as well as any insect pests that may have found their way into the crowns of your plants. It is especially difficult to clean mealy bugs, in particular, once they have become established in the plant. Better to get to them before they get a good toehold. Increasing light levels should give emerging spikes the strength they need to grow straight and strong. Do not be too anxious to stake the spikes, because if they are staked too soon, the flowers may develop a “nodding” stance, where the dorsal will not stand upright. If the spikes seem to develop at an angle, let them, and stake after the flower has hardened for best carriage, especially on the hybrids with fairieanum background.

Phalaenopsis In most of the country this is the peak blooming time for phalaenopsis. Staking needs to be carefully attended to, so that the flowers will be displayed at their best. One of the most decorative aspects of phalaenopsis spikes is the way they gracefully arch. If not staked properly, the spike will lack this grace and will not be as pleasing. Most growers like to have the final support just below the first flower, allowing maximum support, without sacrificing the beauty of the arching spike.

Rapid-growing spikes and open flowers place extra demands on the plant. Careful monitoring of watering and feeding will give the plants the energy they require to give their best floral display. Remember, too, that the lengthening days will also increase the frequency at which plants need water.

Beware of the invasion of sucking pests that accompany the flowering season. Flowers and spikes are favorite targets of mealy bugs and scales. Be on the look out for their presence, often indicated by the appearance of sooty mold resulting from the exudate of the bugs, and treat before flowers or buds are too advanced. If flowers and buds are too far along, the chemical treatment may damage or abort them.

Pleurothallids Members in this large and increasingly popular group will be looking their best now. If plants are not in flower, the next few months provide an excellent time to divide if needed or repot into fresh mix. Taking care of these tasks now will allow enough time for your plants to become established before the hot weather arrives.

Congratulations to Loren Batchman for receiving the “Grand Champion” award for Cymbidium Helen Tangcay ‘Charming’, along with several other awards at the 30th Annual Cymbidium Congress.



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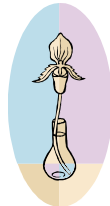
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30TH ANNUAL CYMBIDIUM CONGRESS was held in Santa Barbara March 5, 2005 at the University Club. Speakers on Paphiopedilums Species was Lance Birk from Santa Barbara who is also the author of the Paphiopedilum Grower's Manual. Hadley Cash of Marriott Orchids spoke about "What's New in Pinks and Whites in Paphiopedilums", Ron Parsons of San Francisco and Eric Christenson, Ph.D, taxonomist, and Roy Neale of Leroy Orchids, New Zealand, were speakers on Cymbidiums.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT SPRING SHOW

By Lynn Ford

San Diego County Orchid Society Spring Show is coming to town—this year on April 8, 9 & 10, with Show set-up on the 7th.

And, we need Society members to volunteer for the scores of interesting and fun activities that your Board has planned for this event. As you know, this show raises the funds that keep our non-profit society running all year, paying for speakers, donuts, plant tables, Christmas parties, and other great (and tasty) affairs all year. Volunteer yourself or participate with a friend (or spouse).

We have quiet and sedentary positions to fill, as well as more active and interactive jobs that need your participation. I'll list them here with a brief description and person in charge of each activity. Sign-up sheet will be available at our April meeting.

1. CLERKS for helping in Ribbon Judging. **Wade Bogren (619-444-3233)** is hoping for many novice orchid growers here. And, it's a great way to learn and have fun.
2. CONSTRUCTION: **Charlie Fouquette (619-579-2223)** needs bodies here. No knowledge of construction needed, just a willingness to help put together the Display partitions, unloading plants, bark, etc.
3. SHOW SET UP: **David Graham (858-271-0970)** will head this effort, working under the direction of Charlie Fouquette. David will be contacting you for this assignment of various tasks—such as putting cloths on the display tables, arranging plants for judging on tables, also putting section numbers by plants, etc. etc.
4. Show Tear Down: Volunteers are needed for this activity. A short period after the show to clean up bark from displays, help people take down their displays, etc. **David Graham (858-271-0970)** will be working with Charlie Fouquette, making sure that section #'s and show signs are gathered up.
5. SECURITY: We need a lot of people here. You will be directed to your location by **Bill Molner (619-229-9220)**, Head of Security. You will be keeping show plants and Displays from being disturbed and sale plants out of the Show Room area.
6. TICKET SALES AT THE DOOR: You will sell tickets and collect money as people come into the show. **Linda Stewart (858-488-8234)** will coordinate this important function, and hopes that you will have lots of smiles

and lots of patience.

- 7. HOSPITALITY: **Pam Peters (858-481-9020)** is setting up Visitor Tours and need volunteers to lead them, plus other volunteers to staff orchid information table (magazines & info on our Society and other Orchid organizations in San Diego). Plus, volunteers just to “hang around” and answer visitor questions.
- 8. CORSAGE MAKING, Volunteers will make corsages and arrangements to sell at the Show. Jim Reid (619-223-3961)
- 9. PLANT HOTEL; **Esther Sivila (619-429-0789)** will supervise her volunteers to carefully store each plant, marked, numbered and ready for their owners return.
- 10. MERCHANDISE SALES; We have lots of items to sell to help increase our Societies coffers.. Umbrellas, note pads, t-shirts, tote bags, and much more. **Marjorie Kuhlmann (858-675-0885)** will supervise this area.
- 11. CONSERVATION SALES BOOTH; Conservation of orchids in the wild is an important mission of our Society. All plants have been donated and volunteers are needed to sell them to the public. All monies herein raised will go to orchid conservation. **Ron Kaufmann (858-270-7584)** heads up this booth.

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Submitted by Lynn Dornfeld

Called to order 7:46PM

Present: Gary Pierwola, Sam DeMaria, Charlie Fouquette, David Brown, Bill Molnar, Lynn Dornfeld, Bob Clark, Genie Hammond

Others Present: Lisa Humphreys, Sue Fouquette

Reports:

1. Minutes from February meeting read, reviewed and approved.
2. Treasurer's Report-Lynn Ford was not available due to surgery but Gary distributed copies of February's report. The Board will discuss any questions at next meeting. City of San Diego Fire Insurance \$ figure is tentative. Report filed for audit and discussion in April.
3. Genie Hammond discussed speaker for April meeting-Paul Gripp . Topic: Orchid History, he will bring the plant table items.
4. Second Vice President Bill Molnar discussed Novice speaker for April—Dave Reid. Topic: Growing Vandas

Old Business

1. Show info discussed-see March Show Meeting notes.

New Business:

1. David Brown made a motion to count votes cast on items discussed and moved on by the Board, as well as reflect that count in the meeting minutes. After discussion, the Board voted against this motion.

Meeting Adjourned: 8pm

Cymbidium Society of America Journal

The CSA Journal is in need of a new Editor. Loren Batchman has been doing a terrific job these last few years and we thank him greatly. Due to time constraints he needs to give up the position. If you or someone you might know would be interested in taking over for Loren in the next several months please contact him.

Requirements or ability to learn:

- Computer literate
- Familiar with graphics/photo editing in Photoshop or Photopaint
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Dates to remember.....

April 2nd—SDCOS Species Group Meeting 9 AM Information: Paul or Ann Tuskes 858-274-58829

April 4th—Quail Botanical Gardens Judging Center, Ecke Bldg., 230 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas at 7 PM, bring plants and make the judges work!

April 5th—SDCOS Novice Meeting, Room 104 @ 6:30 PM, General Meeting, Room 101 @ 7:30 PM, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park Info: Bill Molnar 619-229-9220 or Gary Pierwola 619-426-9108

April 8th–10th—"Ooh-la-la", SDCOS Spring Show, Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego Info: Genie Hammond 619-426-6831

April 12th—SDCOS Board Meeting Balboa Park, Info: Lynn Dornfeld 619-889-4612

April 16th—10 AM to 2 PM, San Diego Zoo's Orchid Odyssey (greenhouse's are open) Info: Janette Gerrity 619-231-1515

April 16th—6:45 PM, Palomar Orchid Society Meeting, Carlsbad Women's Club, 3320 Monroe Street, Carlsbad Info: Melana Walding 760-295-7228

April 20th—San Diego County Cymbidium Society, Carlsbad Women's Club, 3320 Monroe Street, Carlsbad Info: 760-753-6952

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Advertisers, I apologize that I didn't have the templates for your ads. I will be in touch with you to get your special artwork/setup. We felt it was more important to get the Newsletter out in time for the next meeting.

Thank you for your understanding. Marjorie Kuhlmann