



# San Diego County Orchid Society Newsletter



Volume 26

Newsletter Distribution 554 Members and still growing

February 2001

## NOVICE CLASS

February 6 - 6:30 PM

CASA DEL PRADO - ROOM 104

Duncan Werth, 2nd VP

submitted by Cynthia Hill

As our mini-show and big spring 2001 show draw nearer, Cindy Hill will share simple tips for preparing and grooming our plants to look their best for the public. If you are a new member, or just have not displayed plants before and want to give it a try, come to the novice class. A show is always more fun when your own blooming plants are part of it!

## GENERAL MEETING

February 6, 2000 - 7:30 PM

CASA DEL PRADO - ROOM 101

George Kenner, VP

Well, just two more meetings before our annual orchid extravaganza! The February meeting promises to be a humdinger. We have been lucky enough to convince one of our own Cymbidium gurus to favor us with an overview of recent happenings in the Cymbidium world. Loren Batchman, owner of Casa de las Orquideas in Solana Beach and a certified AOS Judge, will be our featured speaker and will furnish the plant table. Those lucky enough to have previously experienced one of Loren's presentations will attest to his obvious expertise and his ability to pass along accumulated information in an easily understandable fashion.

If the genus Cymbidium is your forte or you are considering expanding the coverage of your collection to include Cymbidium — or — you just want to stay abreast of happenings in the orchid world; don't miss this presentation. Oh yes, bring some cash. I know that many of you are familiar with the quality and desirability of Loren's stock. I am sure the offerings on the plant table will spur a "ticket feeding" frenzy.

## ORCHID OBSESSION

Brought to you by the **PALOMAR ORCHID SOCIETY**

Date & Time: March 3rd and 4th, 2001

Saturday: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Admission: a free orchid plant with each ticket! \$4.00 per person donation is requested.

- Plant entries open to the public. Check-in is Friday 3/2/01, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Saturday 3/3/01 from 7:00 am to 9:00 am
- Orchids will be judged by AOS & CSA, in addition to ribbon judging
- Many door prizes and abundant, convenient free parking
- Cut flower and massed displays
- Corsages and Floral Arrangements available for purchase
- Cultural lectures on how to grow and care for your orchids
- Vendor plant sales and consignment sales from our society members make available many hard to find orchids

### Show Location

San Marcos Community Center, 3 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos, California. Directions: I-78, exit Twin Oaks Valley Rd. Go North to San Marcos Blvd, turn right, past 1st set of lights, turn right into parking lot.

For further information, please contact either Dave or Vera Stankey by phone 959.498.7122 or email [angelorchid@aol.com](mailto:angelorchid@aol.com)

## Members and Advertisers

- If you have monthly meetings, classifieds, or announcements related to orchids, make sure the information gets to the Editor by the *Second Tuesday* of each month for publishing in the next issue of this newsletter. To contribute articles or to advertise your orchid-related business, please contact Michael Orser, Editor, E-mail: [mikiniki@netzero.net](mailto:mikiniki@netzero.net). You may also contact David Graham at [dgraham@san.rr.com](mailto:dgraham@san.rr.com)
- **Advertisers:** please contact Marjorie Kuhlmann at 858.675.0885 or [kuhlmann@utm.net](mailto:kuhlmann@utm.net) with the same deadline.

## UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS

February 3-4

Santa Cruz Orchid Society Show and Sale, Soquel High School Multi-Purpose Room, 410 Old San Jose Rd., Soquel, CA. Contact: Judy Wang, 203 Seaborg Pl., Santa Cruz, CA 95060, 831.429.9177

February 8-10

Orange County Branch Cymbidium Society of America Show (also the Fascination of Orchids The International Orchid Show), South Coast Plaza, 3333 Bear St., Costa Mesa, CA. Contact: Tony Glinskas, 21052 Cocobana Lane, Huntington Bch, FL 92646, 714. 964.3265

February 16th

Orchid Odyssey at the San Diego Zoo 10 AM to 2 PM

February 22-25

**An Orchid Odyssey**, the **Pacific Orchid Exposition** illuminates our hope that these endlessly fascinating plants remain in the wild, in our greenhouses, and in our homes and hearts for countless years to come. Come see the amazing beauty and learn about the various cultivating techniques now available. This is an annual Plant Show and Sale brought to you by the San Francisco Orchid Society. It will be held in Festival Pavilion, Fort Mason Center, San Francisco. The

telephone Hotline Number is: 415.665.2468

March 1st

**Second Annual Preview Gala**, please see ad on page 8.

March 3rd-4th

**Orchid Obsession**, please see the ad on first page.

March 16th-18th

**SDCOS Spring Show** - Scottish Rite Center. You know the rest, be there on time or be square! We will need help from volunteers. Make plans now or regrettably miss our biggest exposure to this fine city we live in! See pages 12-14.

March 23-25

The **56th Annual Santa Barbara International Orchid Show**. Scores of commercial and amateur growers from throughout the West and Pacific Rim countries will display thousands of their most perfect orchids at the show. A special preview evening on Thursday, March 22, will offer visitors a first look at the freshly arranged exhibits. Email: [sborchid@west.net](mailto:sborchid@west.net)

Do you have a show that is not listed? Please email one of the **editors** so that we can include the information in our next newsletter.

### CLASSIC OOHs AND AAHs



## Phalaenopsis

### P. GIGANTEA

*rare, greenish yellow with brown spots*

### P. VIOLACEA 'BORNEO'

*violet with green, yellow accents*

### P. EQUESTRIS 'ALBA' X 'AUREA'

*white with a hint of rose, branching*

### P. GOLDEN EMPEROR 'SWEET' FCC/AOS

*large, yellow, no spots*

### DTPS KENNETH SCHUBERT 'BLUE ANGEL'

*blue flowers, blooms for months*

### DTPS. QUEEN BEER

*fluorescent fuchsia, blooms for months*

**All blooming size, many in spike**

CAL PACIFIC PLANT FARMS, INC.

1122 Orpheus Ave., Luedacia, CA 92024

Hours: 8am - 4pm MTWThF

Sat. 9am - 3pm

**760.436.0317**



### CONTINENTAL AGENCY

- ❖ Licensed Customhouse Broker
- ❖ Door to Door Service
- ❖ Just 5 minutes from LAX



We provide prompt, reliable and experienced Import personnel to assist you in bringing in orchids from anywhere in the world.

Located in the SAME BUILDING COMPLEX as the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we can closely track your shipment through the CITES and Phytosanitary inspection process.

Speed up transit time for perishable orchids, cut down on your costs. And make it easier for YOU.

Ask for Ted or Monica. We have many happy San Diego customers. Ask us for references!

### CONTINENTAL AGENCY

9470 SOUTH LA CIENEGA BLVD., INGLEWOOD, CA 90301

Phone: 310.649.5430

Fax: 310.649.5436

## San Diego County Orchid Society

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 1st Tuesday of each month at Casa del Prado in Balboa Park. Admission is free—anyone is welcome. We invite you to join the Society to receive the monthly newsletter and many other benefits.

Novice Class: 6:30 p.m., Room 104  
General Meeting: 7:30 p.m., Room 101

If you would like to join the Society, please send your check for \$10\* for Individual, \$12.50 for Dual membership, payable to SDCOS, to: Vivian Follmer, SDCOS Membership, 13127 Roundup, San Diego, CA 92129, Tel: 858.538.6187, E-mail: [vivianfollmer@netscape.net](mailto:vivianfollmer@netscape.net)  
\*(1/2 price after January 1)

Visit our website at <http://sdorchids.com>

## DAVE REID'S ORCHIDS

31970 Rockinghorse Road  
Escondido, CA 92026  
760.728.7996

OPEN EVERY WEDNESDAY, SATURDAY AND  
SUNDAY AND MOST HOLIDAYS

***BUT PLEASE CALL FIRST***  
***TO MAKE SURE WE ARE HERE***

COME SEE THE FLOWER SHOW  
WE ALSO BUY COLLECTIONS  
*WE NOW HAVE 10,000 SQUARE FEET OF GREENHOUSE!*

Lots of Species & Cattleya specimens  
IN BLOOM!  
*Outdoor Growers*

**Many Lalia Ancepts in bud and in bloom, \$20**

## WANTED

I need to rent a greenhouse for orchid growing. An environmentally controlled and fully equipped one would be better.

Looking for 10,000 square feet, however, more or less would also be OK.

Please call Grobing Xiang at

**858.385.7829 or 858.336.2735**

## Welcome Our Newest Members!

Join us in giving a proper greeting to those who have joined us this past month...

LINDA BERGER  
VELMA & RON CRAIN  
P.A. DAVIES  
MATT KIWALA  
DALE MARATIN  
MARION MARTINEZ  
TRAVIS MERCEDE  
ANN MORRISON  
LYN OLSSON  
CATHLEEN PLAZIAK  
JOHN SNYDER  
NANCY VALERIO  
GEORGIA & ROBERT VITACCO  
KEVIN WESTJOHN

# Ontario Orchids Inc.

## Wholesale and Retail Orchid Plants

*Phalaenopsis ~ Cattleya ~ Paphiopedilum*

*Cymbidium ~ Oncidium ~ Species*

703 Pomelo Drive, Vista, CA 92083

Tel: 760.631.0098

Fax: 760.631.0228

E-mail: [ontarioorchids@aol.com](mailto:ontarioorchids@aol.com)

<http://www.taia-orchids.com.tw>

## LEUCADIA ORCHIDS

760.436.3797

*Phals, Cattleyas and Cymbidiums,  
also Phal seedlings & flasks in all colors*

Open every day -- 9 am to 5pm

*You can come over any time, BUT you must call first!*

Barbara & Ralph Smith, Owners  
1660 Burgundy Road, Leucadia, CA 92024

## Orchids in the Home

<http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.com/caresheets/orchidsinhome.htm>

Anyone can grow orchids in the home without living in the tropics or having the luxury of a greenhouse. Today, houseplants are a regular part of home decoration. If you have ever successfully grown a houseplant, or enjoyed a flowering potted plant, you can grow orchids. The good news is there are plenty of options to give yourself a beautiful display of flowering orchids year round. Hint: Orchids grown in the home during the colder months will respond wonderfully well to being summered outdoors in a protected area. This will also extend the range of plant selections available to you. Be sure to read the AOS's companion sheet Orchids in the Garden and on the Patio.

**LIGHT** No flowering plant will do well without sufficient light. In the home, where most available light is incidental (that is, at an angle, and therefore less intense), plants will need to be fairly close to an east or west, or lightly shaded south, window. A north window will rarely provide adequate light. If light is too intense in a southern exposure, a sheer curtain could be hung to diffuse the light. Extra hours of light will not entirely compensate for poor light quality. Indeed,

extending [daylight] artificially to more than 16 hours can be detrimental to the plants' health and often will prevent flowering.

**TEMPERATURE** The plants will be comfortable where you are comfortable. Typical home temperatures of 55 to 60 F at night and 75 F during the day are fine. Guard against excessively low or high temperatures immediately adjacent to glass windows. Some leeway for seasonal fluctuations is allowed.

**HUMIDITY** Rugs, drapes and some furniture act as giant wicks that absorb the home's humidity, as do heating and air-conditioning systems. Also, it is not advisable to have the home's interior be too wet to accommodate the plants. Solutions: Group plants to take advantage of their collective transpiration (exhaled moisture) or place them on gravel-filled humidity trays to raise the humidity to 50 percent.

**WATERING** Care must be taken to balance the rapid surface drying that can take place in the home with the plants' lower



## Sunset Valley Orchids

**Large, well-established seedlings. Come see for yourself.  
Buy direct from the hybridizer and save.**

*The Elusive Blue Cattleya*

***Be the first to own a new direction  
in the breeding of mid-size blues.***

*Lc. Blue Dynasty (C. walkeriana 'coerulea' "Chouju" JC/AOS X  
Lc. Blue Boy "Azure")*

*Lc. Mini Shadows (Lc. Mini Purple "Coerulea" X Lc. Blue  
Shadows "Ridgeway" HCC/AOS)*

*(Lc. Mini Purple "coerulea" X L. Amonea "Blue Magic" HCC/AOS)*

*(Lc. Mariner "Far Horizon" X Lc. Mini Purple "coerulea")*

***Breeding small-growing C. walkeriana and Lc. Mini Purple to the  
standard sized Blue Cattleyas will result in progeny that will not exceed  
10" in height when mature. The first to bloom have all been in the  
blue shades and several of award quality.***

Open Saturday and Sundays 760.639.6255

[Fred.Clarke@worldnet.att.net](mailto:Fred.Clarke@worldnet.att.net)

Fred Clarke, 1255 Navel Place, Vista, CA 92083

metabolic processes resulting from lower light. Each particular type of orchid will retain its basic water needs, whether for moisture or periodic dryness. The home grower also needs to give thought to the logistics of watering. You can carry plants to the sink or even outdoors (when weather allows), or water them in place and remove excessive water so the containers do not sit in water.

**FERTILIZER** Fertilize regularly at a low dosage of approximately one-quarter strength with a fertilizer appropriate to the potting mix in which your plants are grown. Fertilize less often during the winter.

#### A SELECTION OF PLANTS

Angraecums - Dwarf Madagascan species, fragrant at night; bright light.

Cattleya Alliance Hybrids and Species - Choose miniature types less than 10 inches tall; bright light of southern exposure is best.



### BIRD ROCK TROPICALS

Hundreds of Orchids

Bromeliads and Tillandsias

Monday - Saturday ~ 9:00 am -- 4:00 pm

Visit our website: [www.birdrocktropicals.com](http://www.birdrocktropicals.com)

New Directions: I-5 to Poinsettia Lane. Go east until it ends, then right onto Black Rail Road. At the water tanks turn right onto un-named dirt road. We are at the end of the dirt road.

Pamela and Wayner 760.438.9393  
6587 Black Rail Road, Carlsbad, CA 92009

### OCEANSIDE ORCHIDS

Specializing in novelty Phalaenopsis and multiflorals

**Oncidiums, Zygopetalums, Cattleyas,  
mini-Cattleyas & Epidendrums**

All sizes, seedling to mature plants, in bloom year-round

*We are open by appointment only*  
Come see us, or write or call for our catalog

Linda Blessing, Owner  
3015 Skyline Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056

Phone/Fax 760.721.5661

### O.F.E. INTERNATIONAL, Inc.

|                                     |                                      |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Tree Fern Products, Graded Charcoal | Vitamins and Hormones                |
| New Zealand Sphagnum Moss           | To Five Brands of Fertilizer         |
| Osmunda, Sponge Rock                | Coconut Baskets and Coconut Liners   |
| Redwood Chips, Orchid Fir Bark      | Plastic Pots and Trays               |
| Special Orchid Potting Mixes        | Sprayers, Garden Tools and Equipment |
| Most Popular Types of Moss          | Clay Orchid Pots, Flasking Products  |
| Virgin Cork Slabs and Tubes         | Wire Hangers, Wood Baskets           |
| Insecticides and Fungicides         | Wire Baskets, Wire Products          |
| Orchid Books, Plastic Labels        |                                      |

SEND \$2 FOR OUR FULL COLOR CATALOG AND PRICE LIST  
(Deductible from your Order)

P.O. BOX 161081 MIAMI, FL 33116 Phone: 315.253.7080

### Granite Hills Orchids

Tom Biggart, Owner and Head Grower  
1894 Dehesa Road El Cajon, CA 92019

#### Dendrobium obtusisepalum

Large bunches of 2 inch candy corn colored  
flowers-from Papua New Guinea \$20.00

Greenhouse open by appointment only  
**Call 619.441.9874**

Dendrobiums - Dwarf phalaenopsis types, or higher-altitude miniatures; bright light at south window required.

Oncidiums - Many types available in flower, best if smaller growing; bright light.

Paphiopedilums - Lady's-slipper orchids grow well under home conditions, giving long-lasting blooms; provide African-violet conditions.

Phalaenopsis - Moth orchids are absolutely the number-one best orchid houseplant; provide African-violet conditions.

### UNCLASSIFIED ADS

We, the [editors](#), are interested if you would like to receive your newsletter via email rather than snail mail. This would save us time, trees, and money in getting the newsletter to you. Plus, you get it in color!

Classified Ads from SDCOS members, published free of charge. Limit 30 words, renew for each issue. Submit to Michael Orser, [mikiniki@netzero.net](mailto:mikiniki@netzero.net) by second Tuesday before the next month.

**Editorials, comments, and suggestions in good taste are also accepted!**

## Valentines Orchids

[www.suite101.com/article.cfm/orchid\\_gardening/31498](http://www.suite101.com/article.cfm/orchid_gardening/31498)

Author: Linda Fortner

Published on: February 1, 2000

Spring is just around the corner and love is in the air everywhere — including here in the “Orchid Garden.” In many locations around the world, February is the month for “sweethearts.” The exact origins of St. Valentine’s Day is debatable, but one theory says it can be traced back to ancient Rome and the pagan spring fertility festival of Lupercalia. When Christianity became prevalent, Christian priests attempted to replace the supposedly heathen practice of worshiping the God Lupercus. To Christianize the ancient pagan celebration, Pope Gelasius declared in 496 a day in honor of St. Valentine. Through the centuries the Christian holiday became a time to exchange love messages and St. Valentine eventually became the patron saint of lovers. Red paper hearts, candy, and flowers are plentiful this month and represents the signs of St. Valentine’s day.

When “red” flowers are mentioned, the very first flowers that come to mind are the beautiful long stem roses. Every woman would love to see a bouquet of elegant long stem velvet red roses delivered to her home on St. Valentine’s day. But wait, there are other more exotic flowers that you can buy to impress that special sweetheart! A breathtaking red orchid in full bloom is guaranteed to win your wonderful lady’s heart.

...When selecting that special something for your sweetheart on St. Valentine’s Day, take a look at giving her a bouquet of elegant orchids in all colors for a special surprise.

These are some of my own favorites that I grow ... in my greenhouse. Here is a tip for you — if you keep your plants out of direct sunlight when they are in bloom, the blossoms will last longer and will not fade as fast.

**Odontoglossum Halton x Odonto. crispum**

**Cattleya Bealls Red**

**Miltonia spectabilis (Lindley)**

**Maxillaria tenuifolia**

**Slc Jewel Box ‘Scheherazade’**

**Miltoniopsis Sean Kane ‘Lucille’ x mem. Ida Siegel ‘Raspberry’**

I have picked out the following red orchids for your enjoyment. This is but a sampling of the fantastic orchids you can find today.

**Renanthera Summit Red Devil ‘Valle Fire’, HCC/AOS A**  
beautiful hybrid.

**Broughtonia sanuinea** You can expect 1/2" to 2" blooms throughout spring and summer.

**Cattleytonia Brandi ‘OC’ AM/AOS** You may see a hint of a blue cast in the flowers of this one.

**Sophrrolaeliocattleya Vallezac ‘Billy Miles’, AM/AOS**  
When you want RED this is the one!!...

**Oncidium Sharry Baby ‘Sweet Fragrance’, AM/AOS**  
Maroon/red blooms and smells like sweet chocolate!

**Slc Bright Angel ‘O.C.’ Ruby red 2.5" flowers.** Blooms twice a year.

**Blc Chia Lin ‘Shinsu #1’, AM/JOGA** Large 6" flowers with a deep velvet red lip!

**Phalaenopsis Ember East ‘Red’, HCC/AOS** Dark Red Flowers

**Phalaenopsis Mahalo ‘Carmela Orchids’, FCC/AOS**  
Beautiful Red flowers

### SANTA BARBARA ORCHID ESTATE

Specializing in outdoor-growing Species  
*Cymbidiums, hybrids and species*

*Stop by and look over our extensive stock.*

*Always something New and Different!*

Open daily: Mon-Sat 8 to 4:30, Sun 11-4  
1250 Orchid Dr., Santa Barbara, CA 93111

1.800.553.3387 ~ fax: 1.805.683.3405

*Directions: take Patterson off the 101, left to Orchid Drive*

### *Casa de las Orquideas*

**Loren and Nancy Batchman**

Southern California’s leading source for cymbidium and zygopetalum seedlings. Over 30,000 plants in stock from 3’ pots to blooming size. Our complete list of seedlings and flasks is on the web at [www.orquideas.com](http://www.orquideas.com)

***Open by appointment only!***

**170 South Nardo Avenue**

**Solana Beach, CA 92075**

**Phone and Fax 858.755.7572**

**email: [casa@orquideas.com](mailto:casa@orquideas.com)**

**Dendrobium Susanne Neil 'Ito'** Large 3" reddish-burgundy flowers

**Denndrobium Rinapa 'Red'** Dark red surround a white center

**Rhynchlaelia gigantea** Foxtail sprays of intensely fragrant flowers

Editor's note: This has been edited, check the website ([www.suite101.com/article.cfm/orchid\\_gardening/31498](http://www.suite101.com/article.cfm/orchid_gardening/31498)) for the rest of the story!

**MARTIN NURSERY LABELS**

~~~~~

**NURSERY LABELS  
BLANK OR CUSTOM IMPRINTED  
500 TO 1,000,000 PLUS**

*SEND FOR PRICE LIST AND SAMPLES*  
**MARTIN NURSERY LABELS**  
317 CARLSON COURT  
VISTA, CA 92083  
PHONE OR FAX 760. 631.1731



**WALTER ANDERSEN NURSERY**

3642 Enterprise, San Diego  
(Near Pacific Hwy & Barnett)  
*Since 1928 - A San Diego Tradition Of Excellence*

**SELECT FROM MANY FLOWERING ORCHIDS ON DISPLAY  
ALL THE SUPPLIES YOU NEED FOR GROWING ARE HANDY**

*Free Garden Classes 9:00 am every Saturday  
Visit our new Location  
12755 Danielson Court, Poway  
619.224.8271*

You are invited to subscribe to...

**California Garden**

**The perfect gift for a friend, relative or neighbor.**

|                            |              |                 |
|----------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
|                            |              | <b>1/1/2001</b> |
| <b>1 year subscription</b> | <b>\$ 7</b>  | <b>\$8</b>      |
| <b>2 year subscription</b> | <b>\$ 13</b> | <b>\$15</b>     |

**Membership in the SD Floral Association: \$10**  
San Diego Floral Association  
619.232.5762

## A Few New Members To Our Society

by Harry Tolen

Each month several new members join our society. These are a few that I was able to contact that joined in December. They kindly gave me a short interview. I hope they will all remember to wear their names at the next meeting they attend so we can look them up at the meetings and say Hi!

**Laura Scholes** lives in Pacific Beach and works at [Colleges.com](http://Colleges.com). She is originally from Lake Arrowhead, CA and moved to San Diego 2 1/2 years ago. She first became interested in orchids when she saw them while working at Walter Andersen's Nursery. She became interested in the big fragrant Blc's and has a bunch but wants more. (She will make a great orchid buff eh?) She grows these orchids outside in PB in a lattice covered patio. She says she had a great time at our Holiday Party and took home a large cymbidium plant in full bloom. Laura is a tall blonde lady who turned 21 in January.

**Joyce Piscopo** has lived in Chula Vista for 17 years, and has grown orchids for about 15 years. She grows her orchids outside under shade cloth and has about 300 orchids, the majority being Cymbidiums, Cattleya's and Reed Stem Epidendrums.

**Cindy and Curtis Snyder** have lived in South San Diego for over 20 years, growing orchids for 3 or 4 years now. Cindy likes to grow "whatever's pretty" while Curtis plays construction foreman providing benches and coverings for the plants. Right now they are growing most outside in a covered patio. Cindy took home a nice plant from the Holiday party also.

**Alice and Tom Villalobos** have lived in Vista for 20 years or so. Alice was born in Oceanside and both she and Tom retired from the State Unemployment Office. Alice has been Vice President of the Cymbidium Society here in San Diego for the past 6 years, has three grandsons and raises 500 to 1000 cymbidiums outside under shade cloth. They are currently planning to cover the cymys when the flowers start opening.

**Teri Owens** is from Washington DC, but has lived in California now for about 25 years. Gardening has been her long time avid hobby, but she just discovered orchids about a year ago when given one as a gift. She lives in University City, is a restaurant manager, and presently grows about 40 orchids outside. Her hobby as a photographer fits right in with her orchid growing. She wanted to know if acquiring 40 plants in a year was too much. I said breaking that down to about three plants a month, 3 PPM as it is known in the orchid world, is a very conservative approach!!!

**Barbara and Mike Murphy** live on Otay Mesa. Barbara is a retired accountant and Mike is a native San Diegan and works at the Post Office. Barbara has been growing orchids now for about a year and has picked up only 8 plants in that time. She also grows staghorns, ginger, African violets, coral trees, herbs and lots and lots of veggies and other things, a real gardener.

**Mary Smith** lives in southeast San Diego [and] is [originally] from San Francisco. [She is] a native Californian and does bookkeeping and taxes in her "spare time." She has been growing orchids for about 2 years. She grows them all outside on a screened in back porch. She has about 8 plants now and loves her Oncidium Sharry Baby with its great fragrance and long lasting flowers.

# SDCOS Board of Directors Meeting January 9 2001.

Meeting called to order at 19:04  
Submitted by Siv Garrod

Present: Gary Pierwola, Fred Weber, Bud Close, Barbie Mays, Dave Mays, Mike Orser, Nicole Orser, Ben Machado, Loren Batchman, Alma Marosz, Sam DeMaria, and Siv Garrod.

## REPORTS

1. Last meeting's minutes were read, and approved by motion
2. Treasurer - Barbie Mays - Report for December was presented, and approved by motion.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. None

## NEW BUSINESS

1. The SDCOS has been invited to have a table with society information at the Spring Home/Garden Show at the Del Mar Fairground.
2. Balboa Park invited us to attend a Garden Information Day May 19.

Meeting adjourned 19:35

## San Diego Horticultural Society

*Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month, 6:30pm  
Del Mar Fairgrounds, Satellite Wagering Bldg.*  
**Free Admission – Everyone Welcome!**

Join us for a guest speaker, plant raffle, plant display.  
Meetings are open to all. Membership brings you:  
☛ Monthly 26-page newsletter    ☛ Seed & plant swap  
☛ Trips to outstanding gardens    ☛ Video and book library  
☛ Local garden tours                ☛ Annual Garden Party

### Upcoming Meetings:

February 12: South African Horticultural Tour – Robin Parer  
March 12: Carnivorous Plants – Leo Song  
April 9: Outstanding Bay Area Gardens – Don Walker  
**May 14: Special Speaker Roger Swain!**  
(\$10/members, \$15 non-members)

### ~~~The Garden Masters: Exposition 2001~~~

#### March 1<sup>st</sup>: Second Annual Preview Gala

Preview Spectacular Display Gardens  
Excellence in Horticulture Award to Evelyn Weidner  
Gourmet Buffet Dinner, Award Ceremony  
\$75 per person

March 2 - 4, Spring Home/Garden Show features  
Outstanding Garden Exhibits and Daily Events  
[www.springhomegardenshow.com](http://www.springhomegardenshow.com)

**Info: 760.630.7307 or [sdhortsoc@home.com](mailto:sdhortsoc@home.com)**

<http://groups.sandiegoinsider.com/sdhs/>  
[www.srtopiary.com/sdhortsoc.htm](http://www.srtopiary.com/sdhortsoc.htm)



Ho, hum  
Maybe you could  
buy your Valentine an  
orchid from one of  
our many fine  
advertisers

-Editor



## The History of Valentine's Day

<http://www.teleport.com/~samc/mom.html>

In 270 AD, Emperor Claudius II, needed young men for battle but believed that married men made poor soldiers because they didn't want to leave their families. Apparently young lovers made poor draftees. So Claudius abolished marriage.

Saint Valentine objected. He stood up to Emperor Claudius and defended the right of young lovers, marrying them despite the ban. The emperor, impressed with the young priest's conviction, offered Valentine his life if he [would] renounce Christianity. Valentine refused and was thrown into prison.

While in prison, Saint Valentine reportedly fell in love with the blind daughter of the jailer whose sight was miraculously restored. He signed his farewell message to her "From Your Valentine," and died around February 14th, 270.

Later, the Romans created another tradition by placing names of eligible teenage women in a box. Young men picked names at random to be their companion for a year. Soon Church fathers (to the chagrin of many) changed names in the box to include only Saints. The patron saint of this new practice was Saint Valentine.



## SDCOS Should Speak out Against Bioengineered “Frankenorchids”

Letter to Editor, from Christopher Croom

Being orchid hobbyists gives us extremely unique opportunities to experience and fully appreciate the amazing biodiversity that has evolved on this beautiful planet, to a degree that few other hobbyists or even professionals can truly comprehend. For example, how many genres of plants offer as immensely different shapes, sizes, and growing conditions as the Pleurothallids, Bulbophylla, and Dendrobiums? In what other avocation can one say “I’m breeding a species that was just discovered in 1986,” or “I have two plants that have been extinct in the wild for three decades?” How many individuals can make transgenic hybrids in their own homes due to their hobby? One never hears a mammal lover say, “I just crossbred a dog, a cat, and a mouse. The poor thing can’t decide whether to eat itself.”

The point of this exercise is to demonstrate how special our interests are. As the habitat continues to decline for the *Vanda coerulea*, *Cymbidium tracyanum*, and the *Laelia tenebrosa*, they will probably disappear entirely from the wild within the next ten years, as the *Laelia gouldiana* and *Cattleya skinneri* have already. If the wild habitat ever improves for these plants, there will be a plethora of information readily available about them, and thousands of adult specimens could be re-released, thanks to our hobby. Due to our collective crossbreeding efforts, we have been able to hasten the hand of mother nature and favorably select certain hybrids for our exclusive growing pleasure, such as Epicattleyas, Brassocattleyas, Brassoepidendrum, Cattletonia, Dialaelia, Brassolaeliacattleyas, Odontocidium, Wilsonia, and so on. But the bioluminescent abomination created by Professor Chia Tet Fatt at the National Institute of Education in Singapore creates an extremely dangerous precedent. One cannot simply cross-pollinate a firefly and a Dendrobium White Fairy #5 to create such a species. Genetically Modified Organisms such as this have to be “developed” in a laboratory through a painstaking and expensive process of trial and error.

The San Diego Orchid Society and other organizations like it should take a categorical stand against all Genetically Modified Organisms in our hobby and elsewhere. Why? Because the only reason why an orchid would ever *need* to have beetle genes is so someone like Professor Chia can make a lot of money owning the rights to sell and use such a plant. Bioengineered plants such as this may be copyrighted, patented, and exclusively monopolized, while the best we could formerly do with our hybrids was to give them cute names like ‘Copper Angel’ and ‘Toshie Aioki.’ Worse yet, Genetically Modified Organisms like Professor Chia’s San Onofre Dendrobium (or whatever the heck they’re calling it) are potentially susceptible to a much wider range of diseases- it’s hard enough keeping orchid diseases off your orchids, much less *firefly* diseases. Not only that, but what if one of the megagrowers like the *Orchid Zone* decided to insert a gene into all of their plants that make them die unless you fertilize them with exclusive (and expensive) *Orchid Zone* fertilizer? It would be a very strange coincidence if the billionaire who bought the world’s first orchid that was spliced with pig genes (to fatten it earlier or whatever) ended up dying from mosaic virus or being eaten by spider mites that had taken a liking to red due to some strange evolutionary twist.

Although the tone of this editorial might be somewhat tongue and cheek, consider a recent example concerning the Monsanto Corporation, now defunct. While they were formerly one of the most important bioengineering firms on the globe, they have now fissioned into different subcorporations due in part to consumer wariness. Monsanto originally made the herbicide called Roundup, and, not surprisingly, their bioengineering department was the first to invent a Roundup-resistant tomato plant. At first, this seemed to be extremely promising news for tomato farmers (and even more promising news for Monsanto), as farmers could spray *everything* indiscriminately with Roundup and not worry about losing their crops. This worked only until some farmers noticed that their tomato plants had begun to cross-pollinate with the weeds on the sides of their fields, thus producing Roundup-resistant weeds.

In short, the moral of this story is that Professor Chia Tet Fatt is playing with fire, and we should tell him that we’re not interested in helping to create a vehicle that can enable firefly diseases to intrude into our greenhouses. Unless you all want to become experts on insect diseases in addition to orchid diseases, you have no business buying or investing in the San Onofre Dendrobium. Moreover, if you are an orchid hobbyist for the right reasons, hopefully you will understand why the glow-in-the-dark orchid is a dangerous slippery slope. Creating a trigenic hybrid by hand through cross-pollination, time, and care is one thing; forcing that hybrid by picking and choosing from snippets of any immediately desirable DNA [with which] we can find (animal or otherwise) is careless and negligent. Until the day that fireflies can actually create progeny by copulating with the Dendrobium White Fairy #5, this creature has no evolutionary need to exist.

## Follow up on Firefly Gene Used to Create Orchid That Glows in the Dark!!

Michael Orser

At first, I could not get any information regarding the “glow in the dark” orchid auction. My guess is that it was too expensive and the night insects became so overly attracted towards it, no one would buy it... But then, I received the following from Yiu Lin, their PR person:

“Unfortunately the minimum bid of S\$200,000 was not achieved for the orchid, by the closing of the auction on 18 Dec 2000. Prof. Chia Tet Fatt, the researcher who created the orchid and InterAuct! Pte Ltd will continue to focus on commercializing the results of the Orchid Hybridization Program that is currently being undertaken in selected Primary and Secondary schools in Singapore.”

But I did find that now this is carrying on a bit too far perhaps because if you check the following web link (<http://www.abcnews.go.com/sections/us/DailyNews/monkey010111.html>). Here you can find out about a “glow in the dark” monkey and I even found they are doing it to potatoes! How are those poor monkeys going to hide from the lions and tigers at night? I hope you don't have to check your french fries before you eat 'em! Who knows what this madness will bring next???

### ~ ANDY'S ORCHIDS ~

#### “The Species Specialist”

***Beautifully mounted epiphytes and potted terrestrials. Many rare and exotic orchids. Blooming size, established species are what we do best!***

Our **MAIL ORDER CATALOG** features many new and unusual species from around the world with descriptions and cultural requirements, plus Andy's orchid growing tips. For your copy, call, write, fax, or e-mail us and we will send our latest issue.

**Your satisfaction is Guaranteed. We take pride in our reputation for selling a well-established plant and will replace it if you are not satisfied upon receipt.**

**We are open by Appointment Only, so call in advance and make yours. Thursdays and Fridays are best for us, and sometimes Saturdays.**

***Andy Phillips***

734 Oceanview Ave, Encinitas, CA 92024

Phone 888.514.2639 - Fax 888.632.8991

e-mail: [speciesnut@aol.com](mailto:speciesnut@aol.com)

web address: [www.orchidmall.com/speciesnut](http://www.orchidmall.com/speciesnut)

## Paphiopedilum

<http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.com/caresheets/paphiope.htm>

**Paphiopedilum** ... the lady's-slipper orchids, originate in the jungles of the Far East including Indonesia. They are semiterrestrial, growing in humus and other material on the forest floor, on cliffs in pockets of humus and occasionally in trees. They are easy to grow in the home, under lights or in the greenhouse.

**LIGHT** is easier to provide for paphiopedilums than many other types of orchids. They require shady conditions, as in the home in an east or west window, or near a shaded south window. In the greenhouse, shade must be provided. Give about 1,000 to 1,500 foot-candles. In the home, fluorescent lighting is excellent; suspend two or four tubes 6 to 12 inches above the leaves.

**TEMPERATURES** for paphiopedilums cover a considerable range. Paphiopedilums are traditionally separated into two groups: the warm growing mottled-leaved types and the cool-growing green-leaved types. A third, increasingly popular group is the warmer-growing strap-leaved multi-floral paphiopedilums. Warm-growing types should be kept at 60 to 65 F during the night, and 75 to 85 F or more during the day. Cool-growing types should be kept at 50 to 60 F during the night and 75 to 80 F during the day. However, many growers raise all plants in the same temperature range with excellent results. The plants can stand night temperatures in the 40s if necessary (as when grown outside in mild climates), as well as temperatures to 95 F. Care must be taken to protect the plants from rot when cold (keep humidity low, and avoid moisture on leaves or in the crowns of the plants), and also to protect from burning when hot (shade more heavily and increase humidity and air movement around the plants).

**WATER** must be available at the roots constantly, because all plants in this genus have no pseudobulbs. All of these plants need a moist medium — never soggy, but never dry. Water once or twice a week.

**HUMIDITY** for paphiopedilums should be moderate, between 40 and 50 percent, which can be maintained in the home by setting the plants on trays of gravel, partially filled with water, so that the plants never sit in water. In a greenhouse, average humidity is sufficient. Using an evaporative cooling system in warm climates can increase the humidity. Air movement is essential, especially when humidity is high.

**FERTILIZE** on a regular schedule, but care must be taken to avoid burning of the fleshy, hairy roots. High-nitrogen

fertilizers (such as 30-10-10) are recommended when potted in any fir-bark mix. In warm weather, some growers use half-strength applications every two weeks; others use one-quarter strength at every watering. It's important to flush with clear water monthly to leach excess fertilizer, which can burn roots. In cool weather, fertilizer applications once a month are sufficient.

**POTTING** should be done about every two years, or as the medium decomposes. Seedlings and smaller plants are often repotted annually. Mixes vary tremendously; most are fine- or medium-grade fir bark, with varying additives, such as perlite (sponge rock), coarse sand and sphagnum moss. Moisture retention with excellent drainage is needed. Large plants can be divided by pulling or cutting the fans of the leaves apart, into clumps of three to five growths. Smaller divisions will grow, but may not flower. Spread the roots over a small amount of medium in the bottom of the pot and fill with medium, so that the junction of roots and stem is buried 1/2 inch deep in the center of the pot. Do not overpot; an average plant should have a 4- to 6-inch pot.

## Orchids in the Garden & on the Patio

<http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.com/caresheets/orchidsingard.htm>

Properly selected and cared for, orchids can be among the showiest and most exotic of all garden or patio plants. There are many areas throughout the southern and central United States where temperatures for a good portion of the year are compatible with the needs of many orchids. Some coastal areas are nearly frost-free year round. In these areas, with some protection from excessive sun, wind and rain, lovely orchid plants can be successfully cultivated on the patio or as a part of the landscape. In frost-free areas, the plants can be left in place all year. Where frost or temperatures below 40 F threaten, plants can be brought into the home to be grown on windowsills, under lights or on an unheated patio where the coldest temperatures are avoided. The trick is in selecting plants that are already adapted to your particular area. First, though, consider some basic cultural needs of the plants.

**LIGHT** No flowering plant will do well in deepest shade, and orchids are no exception. Orchids generally come from environments where dappled light is the norm. The hotter the sun, the more midday shade is required. In humid or coastal areas, more sun can be given. The required amount of light will also dictate your selection of plants. If you can offer only one light situation, select only plants that can do well under those conditions.

**TEMPERATURE** In most cases, you will be limited to

whatever Mother Nature provides, eased only by the amount of shade you supply. Generally, there are many lovely orchids that will do well in the temperature range from 40 to 90 F. Your particular temperature conditions will influence your choice of plants.

**HUMIDITY** Most areas with satisfactory temperatures will have adequate humidity. Anywhere from 40 percent and up will do. Only in the deserts will it be unsatisfactory. In such areas, grouping orchids with other plants can create a microclimate that will suit them.

**WATERING** This will depend greatly on your plant selection, and whether the plants are grown under cover. In general: Most orchids require at least some air circulation around their roots yet are intolerant of excessive moisture at the roots.

**FERTILIZER** Fertilize regularly, at a low dosage of approximately one-half strength, with a fertilizer appropriate to the potting mix in which the plants are grown.

## A SELECTION OF PLANTS

**Cattleya Alliance Hybrids** - Especially good are hybrids with *Laelia anceps* in their ancestry; half sun, temperature-tolerant.

**Cymbidiums** - Only in areas with cool summer nights, not for the Gulf states; nearly full sun.

**Dendrobiums** - Among the many choices, Indian and Australian types best; half sun, temperature-tolerant.

**Encyclia Species and Hybrids** - Half sun, very temperature-tolerant.

**Epidendrums** - Especially the brilliant reed-stem types; need almost full sun, temperature-tolerant.

**Oncidiums** - Mexican species, or higher-elevation types; bright shade to half sun.

**Paphiopedilums** - Lady's-slipper orchids are for the shaded garden.

**Phaius** - The nun orchid, with broad leaves and tall spikes; shade to half sun, keep moist.

**Spathoglottis** - Broad, palmlike leaves and spikes of purple and yellow flowers; shade to half sun.

## OUR SPRING SHOW AND SALE REPORT

By Ben Machado  
Show Chairman



This is a picture of one of the editor's first successful bloom from one of his Paphiopedilums. He bought it at a Home Depot, without a proper name tag. Can you guess which editor and what flavor of Paph? This is included here for boastful reasons and possible identification only.

### *San Diego County Orchid Society*

#### **BOARD MEMBERS**

|                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| President            | Gary Pierwola  |
| First Vice President | George Kenner  |
| Second V. President  | Duncan Werth   |
| Secretary            | Siv Garrod     |
| Treasurer            | Barbie Mays    |
| Directors 1998-2001  | Ben Machado    |
| 1999-2002            | Loren Batchman |
| 2000-2003            | Sam DeMaria    |
| Past President       | Fred Weber     |



Everything is beginning to fall into place for our annual gala show event and plant sale. Although the original plan was to keep the show as it was last year, inevitably there are some changes. The location hasn't changed; we will be at the Scottish Rite Center. The dates haven't changed; we will start on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March and end on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March. What has changed is the show has been expanded to allow six new vendors into the show. They will be located in the Square and Compass Room, half way down the hallway to the right just inside the main entrance. The other significant change is the judging time. This year judging will start at 10 AM versus the start time in the past of 12 PM. Here are details about some of the changes that you will want to know about:

**PARKING:** With the added vendors we can also expect an increase in visitors. Scottish Rite Center is sensitive to the limited parking situation and has made arrangements for overflow parking at the church, two doors east of the Center. The overflow **church parking will be available for Friday night and all day Saturday**, but we have to give it back for their services on Sunday. This should be satisfactory since the rush of visitors is on Friday and Saturday.

**JUDGING:** Judging should run smoother by starting a little bit earlier. In the past there's always been this rush to finish ribbon judging and complete the photography before the doors open Friday night at 6 PM. AOS/CSA judging begins at 10 AM, followed by the judge's luncheon at 12:30 PM. Ribbon judging will begin at 11:30 AM. This year we hope to have the benefit of some volunteer AOS judges among our ranks for ribbon judging. We have close to 40 trophies to award, not to mention first, second, third and best of section ribbons, and best of show.

**PLANT REGISTRATION:** Plant registration will take place between 3 PM and 9 PM on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup>, and just one hour on Friday. Please do your registration volunteers a big favor, and register all your plants on Thursday.

**EXHIBITS: All Displays and Exhibits must be completed by 9 AM** instead of 11 AM.

**THANKING OUR ARTIST:** We are all deeply indebted to Ann Bauerfeind for the beautiful artwork she provided for us to use on our posters and tickets. As a small token of our appreciation we are having the original artwork professionally mounted and framed for her. We will borrow the original

artwork back for display during our show [included below is a copy of the beautiful artwork].



**ORCHID BUCKS and MORE:** The Orchid Bucks was a big hit last year, we'll continue using them again this year. In addition (perhaps for only this year) for every member who promises to put in at least 4 hours of volunteer work, they will be given a free T-shirt. The T-shirt will have the poster artwork on the front with "SDCOS 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Orchid Show and Plant Sale." This should make for a ready mark of distinction during the show, and the only people who can have one of these shirts are those who volunteer 4 hours! Be sure to give your shirt size to the committee leader for whichever committee you choose to help. And nope, sorry, but extra multiples of 4 hours will not get you extra T-shirts.

**SHOW COMMITTEES** and the leader you should contact for signing on as a volunteer:

**ADVERTISING/PUBLICITY**

Ben Machado, Melinda Bauer

**CATERING**

Sam De Maria

**CO-CHAIRMAN**

Duncan Werth

**CONSTRUCTION and BACKDROPS**

Fred Weber, Bud Close

**CORSAGE BOOTH**

Jim Reid, Alma Marosz

**CULTURE CLASSES**

Forest Robinson, Ann Tuskes, Charlie Fouquette, Paul Tuskes

**DISPLAY – SDCOS**

Paul Tuskes

**GLASSWARE and TROPHIES**

Bud Close

**INFO BOOTH and MEMBERSHIP**

Vivian Follmer

**JUDGING COORDINATOR**

Jim Wright

**JUDGING LIAISON – AOS/CSA**

Ron Kaufmann

**LAYOUT – SHOW ROOM**

Sam De Maria, Paul Yasuhara

**LAYOUT – SALES ROOMS**

Nico Goosens

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

Paul and Ann Tuskes

**PLANT HOTEL**

Esther Sivila

**PLANT REGISTRATION**

Cindy Hill

**PROGRAM/SHOW SCHEDULE**

Cindy Hill, Jim Wright, Loren Batchman, Siv Garrod, Helmut Rohrl, Ron Kaufmann, Peter Tobias, Paul Tuskes

**SALES BOOTH – SDCOS**

Peter Tobias

**SECURITY**

Cliff Lanoue, Duncan Werth

**TEE SHIRT AND GIFT SALES**

Joan Close and Patricia Tolen

**TEARDOWN**

Fred Weber, Bud Close

**TICKET SALES – PRE-SHOW**

Dave and Barbie Mays

**TICKET SALES AT THE DOOR**

Jill and Fred Weber

**TREASURER**

Barbie Mays

**VIDEO PRESENTATIONS**

Nico Goosens

It's a pretty big pool, come on in and have a good time. If you have a question or need some help deciding where to help, give me a call, Ben Machado 619.660.9810 for voice/fax or E-mail, [bmach16814@aol.com](mailto:bmach16814@aol.com). Or reach Duncan Werth, Show Co-Chairman, 619.222.2072, E-mail, [orchid1@home.com](mailto:orchid1@home.com).

## DONATE AN ORCHID (OR THREE) FOR A GOOD CAUSE!

Conservation Sales Booth March 16-18

It's SHOW TIME! That means it's time to round up extra orchid divisions, duplicates, or plants you have no room for. **No orchid plant is too big, or too small!** Conservation committee volunteers will re-pot them if necessary, clean them up, stake them, price them, and get them to the show on time. Don't hold off donating because they are not picture-perfect. If you can, please include the nametag in the pot, or at least the flower color...unidentified mystery plants are harder to sell.

ALL proceeds from the sale of your plants support orchid conservation projects sponsored by our Society. Donations, whether plants or cash, are **fully tax-deductible**. You will receive an official Society receipt for your records.

We'd appreciate receiving your plants as much in advance of the show as possible, so we can get them ready well before March 17th.

**A conservation committee volunteer will come to your home or nursery to pick up a donation whenever it's convenient for you!**

*To arrange a plant pick-up, contact any of these folks:*

|                               |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Peter Tobias, Committee Chair | 760.753.3173 |
| Siv Garrod                    | 858.483.8787 |
| Cindy Hill                    | 858.481.5782 |
| Ron Kaufmann                  | 858.270.7584 |
| Paul Tuskes                   | 858.274.5829 |
| Helmut Rohrl                  | 858.452.0976 |

We accept donations for conservation year-round. **Thank you for participating!!!**

### **Sunswept Laboratories**

**Rare & Endangered Species From Seed  
Open Daily by Appointment  
Free Plant, Flask & Services Lists**

**Robert C. Hull, M.D.  
Dan Violette**

tel: **818.506.7271** • fax: **818.506.4911**  
e-mail: **SunsweptLabs@yahoo.com**  
P.O. Box 1913 • Studio City, CA 91614

## FOR SALE, SHOW TICKETS

Dave and Barbie Mays

We'd like your help with the pre-show tickets...

Dear Fellow Society Members,

To make our Big Show this March 2001 a great success, we can use the help of all of our members in selling pre-show tickets. We will soon be mailing you a packet of 6 numbered tickets, costing \$20.00. When you sell 5 of these tickets, at \$4.00 each the 6th ticket is yours to keep... free. Regular admission at the door will be \$5.00.

By selling pre-show tickets, you can...

- save your friends and orchid buddies \$1.00 each
- keep a free ticket for yourself, or give it as a gift
- spread the word about our exciting Show and Sale
- support our society in its biggest fund raiser of the year

Just send your check for the tickets sold (payable to SDCOS) in the self addressed return envelope. If you have unsold tickets, please return your tickets to us before show time so we can keep track of them by number.

Please do not remove the ticket stubs.

**If you do *not* wish to participate by selling pre-show tickets, please contact us now** at 619.593.7498, and we will not send you a ticket packet. You may also request additional tickets to sell.

## Would you like to be a Judge?

David Graham

If you would like to participate in ribbon judging, please contact Jim Wright: phone 619.276.5295, e-mail [raswright@aol.com](mailto:raswright@aol.com)

We would truly welcome you to help with the judging. It's fun and educational! Ribbon judging will start at about 11:30am Friday, March 16. You are welcome to join us for lunch at 12:30 pm; the judging will continue after lunch as well.

## Changes This Year

Michael Orser

Please do not say "how was I supposed to know?" People; please don't have the gall to wait until 5 minutes before registration closes on Friday morning to bring in your 23 plants to enter in the show. This creates such a headache when we are trying to sort out some confusing entries from earlier, and so that we'll be ready when the judges start. Do yourself a favor and turn back a page, to read the times and dates.

## 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 – 619.270.6105**

Species, all types, Indoor and Outdoor

**Ann & Paul Tuskes – 858.274.5829**

Paphiopedilums

**Ann Tuskes – 858.274.5829**

**Bob Hodges – 619.461.4915**

Phalaenopsis, Cattleyas and Dendrobiums

**Alma Marosz – 619.583.0334**

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 – 619.276.3225**

San Diego East County, all types

**James Masst – 619.443.2800**

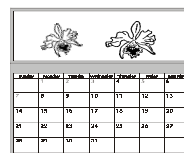
**Bud Close – 619.444.8839**

South County all types–

**Genie Hammond -- 619.426.6831**

**Ed Marty – 619.470.7175**

## DATES TO REMEMBER...



**February 3, 9:00 am**

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

First Saturday each month

Paul or Ann Tuskes 858.274.5829

**February 6, 6:30 pm**

Novice Class

Room 104, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

Gary Pierwola 619.426.9108

**February 6, 7:30 pm**

General Meeting

Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

Gary Pierwola 619.426.9108

**February 9, 7:30 pm**

Palomar Orchid Society Meeting

Second Friday each month

Vista Community Center

Dave or Vera Stankey 959.498.7122

**February 13, 7:00 pm**

SDCOS Board Meeting

Second Tuesday each month

Balboa Park

Siv Garrod 619.483.8787

**February 16**

Zoo Orchid Greenhouses Open House

Third Friday each month

Janette Gerrity 619.231.1515 ext. 4306

**February 21**

Cymbidium Society Meeting

Third Wednesday each month

Carlsbad Women's Club

Larry Phillips 619.746.5518

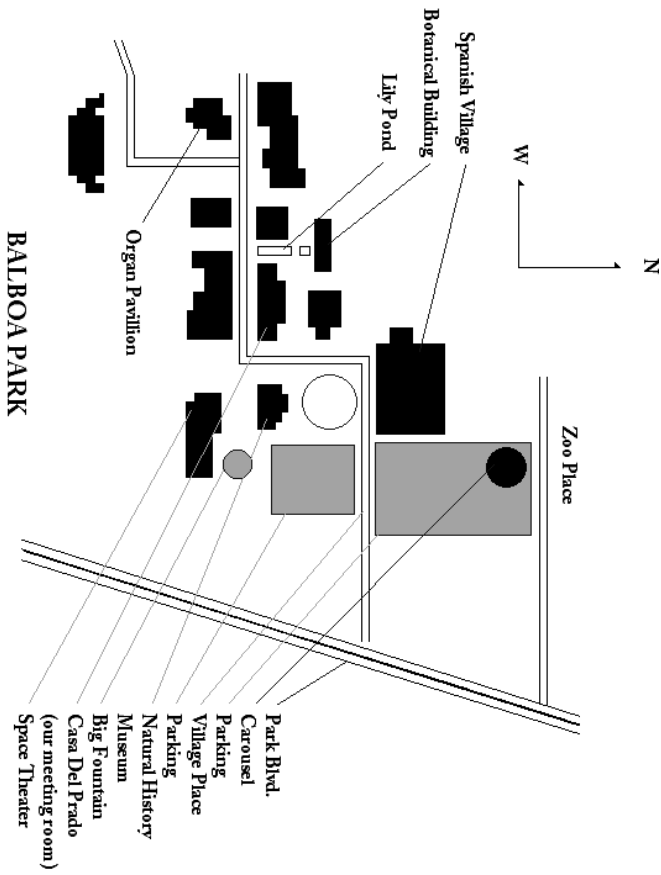
**March 16 -18**

SDCOS Spring Show, Scottish Rite Center

More detail on pages 12-14 in this issue!



Happy Valentines Day!



Membership Chairman – Vivian Follmer  
San Diego County Orchid Society  
13127 Roundup  
San Diego, CA 92129

U.S. POSTAGE  
NON PROFIT  
PAID  
PERMIT #2359  
SAN DIEGO, CA

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

