



San Diego County Orchid Society Newsletter



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April 2001

Guy Moore, Jr.

Submitted by [Bob Hodges](#)

A true California native and charter member of the San Diego Orchid Society who has gone to meet the creator of all orchids. Born in San Diego in 1916. Graduated from San Diego High and San Diego State when both institutions were on Park Blvd. He and perhaps a dozen others first met in their homes to start the San Diego Orchid Society in 1947. Guy and another charter member, Eugene Casey, were civil engineers that worked for Cal Trans for 30 years or more. Guy had a great interest in orchids and started growing them at age 12. Over the years his plants won many A.O.S. awards. He enjoyed telling stories of the activities the members enjoyed during those early years staging shows and imagining the new hybrids they were going to create. Those few of us remaining who knew Guy will miss him and his ability to get us excited about growing orchids.

NOVICE CLASS

April 3rd -6:30 PM

CASA DEL PRADO - ROOM 104

[Bob Hodges](#) will tell us everything we need to know about successful Paphiopedilum culture. See you there!

GENERAL MEETING

April 3rd -7:30 PM

CASA DEL PRADO - ROOM 101

By [Ben Machado](#)

Backup 1st VP

Due to physical problems [George Kenner](#) will not be able to continue with his 1st VP duties for the rest of the year. He's doing as good as can be expected, but there are periods of time he just needs to take it easy.

This month our guest speaker is going to be the infamous Andy Easton, speaking on "The Best Cattleyas of 2000." Andy was asked to provide a biography about himself and this is what he sent: "Professional Orchid Grower in the USA 1973-1982 Owner Geyserland Orchids New Zealand 1982-2000

Director of Education, [AOS](#) since mid 2000"

When he said he had a brief bio, he meant really brief. He must be a little humble because this is what was written about him in the December 2000 edition of Orchids, The Magazine of the American Orchid Society, page 1182;

"... the Society has hired Andy Easton, former owner of Geyserland Orchids, as director of education. He has an unabashed, abiding love of orchids, with an almost childlike fascination for their beauty and variety. From his hybridizing efforts, many of the finest cymbidiums, Odonotoglossum Alliance and Maudiae-type paphiopedilums of today trace their origin.

During his career, Easton has served as a research scientist at the New Zealand Department of Agriculture; production manager of Chase Gardens in Eugene, Oregon; and general manager of Dos Pueblos Orchids Company in Goleta, California. From 1983 through 2000, he was owner of Geyserland Orchids in Rotorua, New Zealand.

... Easton has a good working knowledge of orchid literature and a particular interest in the history of orchid culture and the personalities who played a vital part in the unique traditions of the orchid culture."

Now that's more like it, sounds like George booked a real orchid celebrity for us.

Silver Orchids is going to provide most of the plants for the Plant Opportunity Table, focusing on Cattleya type orchids to coincide with Andy's presentation. However, the table will be heavily augmented with Vanda type orchids contributed to the Society by Bangkok Orchids after our show. This is going to be a showpiece of plants for the Plant Opportunity Table.

UPCOMING CALIFORNIA SHOWS & EVENTS

April 7-8

The Annual Flower Show and Plant Sale of the Rancho Santa Fe Garden Club Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm. This year's theme is "Lights! Camera! Action!" Academy award winning movies will form the basis of creative flower and foliage arrangements and table settings. Also featured will be imaginative Junior Exhibits based on this theme made by the Rancho Santa Fe School children. The Horticultural Exhibits will demonstrate a wide variety of flowering plants, fruits and nuts. The ever-popular Plant Sale features both donations from Garden Club members and nursery grown items as well as gardening accessories. An Educational Exhibit will round out the Show. As usual, the event is free and open to the public. For more information call the Garden Club at 858.756.1554. Or you may contact Donna Ferrier, Chairman, 858.759.9611 or donnadeen@aol.com.

April 7-8

Tropical Plant Society of Modesto 21st Annual Show and Sale, Stanislaus Union School, 1931 Kiernan Ave., Modesto, CA. Contact: Susan Wedegaertner, 1348 Kiernan Ave., Modesto, CA 95356, 209.545.0814.

April 7-8

Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society

Show, Westgate Mall, 1600 Saratoga Ave., San Jose, CA. Contact: Conrad Kumata, 19987 Knollwood Dr., Saratoga, CA 95070; 408.257.3320

April 7-8
South Bay

Orchid Society Show, Torrance Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA. Contact: John Jaacks, 3310 Seaclaire Dr., Rancho Palos, CA 90275; 310.377.4857; jax8@home.com

April 21-22

Sacramento Orchid Society Spring Show, Scottish Rite Center, 6151 H Street, Sacramento, CA. Contact: Richard Heisler, 6375 Reservoir Dr., Granite Bay, CA 95746, 916.989.1650

May 12-13

The [Huntington Botanical Gardens](#) Orchid Festival, The Huntington, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA. Contact: Lisa Blackburn, The Huntington, 626.405.2140

Do you have or know of a show that is not listed? Please email one of the [editors](#) so that we can include the information in our next newsletter!

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Thank you for joining our wonderful society!

HELP

by [Duncan Werth](#)

Hello all!

Guess what opened up on Saturday? I have no idea what it is but I think I grow it pretty well (it has 7 flowers). I'm guessing it is a Cattleya hybrid. If you know what it is could you tell me? Thanks for all your time.



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Show Report

By [Ben Machado](#)

Of course we completed another terrific and stupendous show event, and only because of the mutual cooperative effort from our vendors and all the volunteers from the Society. It's that selfless effort from all the participants that made everything turn out just about perfect. Do you want to know how we did this year? That question has come up a number of times.

Attendance was at about the same level as last year with 6,043 spectators. AOS placed six awards; four HCC's, one CCM and one JC. Best of Show went to Loren Batchman for his Cymbidium, Fire Storm. All the awards will be covered in pictorial detail at the May Awards Banquet. We expanded the show to our vendors by opening the Square and Compass Room. In total we had 32 vendors and put together a total of 35 displays, including a new entrant, the San Diego Zoo Horticulture Department. We also had three tabletop displays. We didn't get a corsage count, but there were very few lady visitors without a corsage.

This year we had some pretty good television coverage. Channel 12, the Mexican Broadcast station put together a taped interview with Concepcion Boyd as our starlet. KUSI gave us two live segments with about three "teaser" introductions, then rebroadcast the interviews several times on Saturday. Bud Close and Gary Pierwola were the feature attractions during the first interview, talking about the Society and general orchid culture. In the second interview Harry Tolen and Paul Tuskes talked about orchids that can be grown outdoors in San Diego. The best part of the interview was when Harry was talking about mediums and that orchids can grow in any medium as long as the appropriate watering is provided. This is when he showed his Epidendrum growing in marbles! There was a punch line here that only Harry or Paul can describe. Channel 10 interviewed your Show Chairman and a number of viewers said the broadcast was outstanding!

The Tabletop Displays, Videos and Culture Classes were an educational hit with our visitors. Where else could you possibly see a rare collection of Orchid Pins and Orchid Stamps? Visitors also saw various potting mediums, from the norm to the extreme, including broken glass and marbles! Each video presentation was followed by an escorted tour of the Showroom Floor. Every one of the volunteer docents said they had a great time showing the visitors around. The big hit was the Cultivation Seminars put on by Forrest Robinson, Paul Tuskes, Charlie Fouquette, and Ann Tuskes. To give you an idea how excited people can be about an opportunity to learn about orchid culture, one sweet little lady was overheard to say she "had to leave because she was going to school on orchids at 1 o'clock!"

You, the members of the SDCOS need to commend yourselves for another show well done. There wasn't a vendor that didn't rant and rave about the terrific treatment they got during the show. They sincerely appreciate how well organized the show was put together, plus the Plant Hotel and Security. Hopefully, along the way, everyone also had a good time and is looking forward to being a part of next year's show.



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OUR PURPOSE: To promote interest in orchids and their cultivation, to educate by exchanging information and experiences related to successful orchid culture, and to support the conservation of orchids in the wild. SDCOS meetings are held the 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.
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VANILLA: World's Most Flavorful Orchid

From the Sarasota Orchid Society
Submitted by [Cynthia Hill](#)



The history of Vanilla had its origin in the 16th century. The Aztec Indians in Mexico discovered that the seemingly inedible fruit or bean of a tropical orchid, when cured by months of heat and humidity, acquired an exotic aroma.

Not only was Vanilla considered a wonderful flavoring for foods and beverages, but from the 16th to 19th centuries it was considered to be an aphrodisiac and to have therapeutic values, from aiding digestions and preventing headaches to counteracting poisons and bites. The Aztecs called these brown beans "tlixochitl" (tea-so-shihll), the Aztec word for "Black Flower" and required the Totonac Indians who produced them to give some of the finest pods to the emperor Montezuma as a tax payment.

In 1518, while the Spanish Conquistador Cortez was seeking the treasures of the New World, he observed the Aztec emperor Montezuma enjoying a royal beverage of Vanilla-scented chocolate. He was so impressed by this kingly drink that when he and his men returned to Europe, they took bags of cocoa and Vanilla along with the gold, silver and jewels of Montezuma's fallen empire. Within half a century after Cortez made his discovery, Spanish factories were preparing Vanilla-flavored chocolate. For some time Europeans continued to use Vanilla only in combination with the cocoa bean.

In 1602, however, Vanilla began to be used as a flavoring on its own, the suggestion of Queen Elizabeth's apothecary, Hugh Morgan. Since then Vanilla has soared in popularity, making it more popular than chocolate or any other flavor known before or since. For more than 300 years after its discovery by Cortez, Vanilla was produced only in its native Mexico.

Plantings were tried in many countries, but the delicate orchid never bore fruit. The mystery was not solved until 1836, when a Belgian named Charles Morren found that common insects cannot pollinate the Vanilla orchid. He observed that a tiny bee, the Melipone, which is found only in the Vanilla districts of Mexico, is uniquely equipped to bring the plant to fertilization. The bee did not survive outside Mexico and so Morren developed a method of hand-pollinating Vanilla blossoms.

Shortly after Morren's discover, the French started to cultivate Vanilla on many of their islands in the Indian Ocean, East and West Indies and French Oceania, the Dutch planted it in Indonesia and the British in Southern India. Eventually

the French took Vanilla to Reunion, an island off Madagascar's coast. There a former slave named Edmond Albius perfected a quick and simple method of hand-pollinating which is still used to this day.

This was the impetus of major cultivation in the Indian Ocean area. Scientists specializing in biotechnology have been working for several years with Vanilla plants to improve and optimize the vanilla flavor. They use tissue culture techniques to propagate Vanilla orchid plant cells with desirable flavor characteristics.

GROWING VANILLA

There are several varieties of Vanilla, but *Vanilla planifolia* is the primary species of commerce. The vine has fleshy stems, succulent leaves to 12 cm (4 3/4 inches) long distributed singularly and alternately along its length, with aerial roots from the nodes opposite the leaves. The yellow-green flower clusters can have 12 to 20 buds and are around 6 1/2 inches long.

The fruit is thin and pod-like, from 15 to 24 cm (6" to 10"). Seventy five percent of all Vanilla is grown in Madagascar, Comores and Reunion Islands. The rest is produced in Indonesia, Tonga, Tahiti and Mexico.

At 2 1/2 to 3 years old, the vines should be tip-pruned to induce flowering. Auxiliary buds develop into lateral branches and on these the flowers bloom. The flowers on each branch many have 12 to 20 buds opening over a period of a month, and all are potentially capable of setting fruit following successful pollination. In the first season 100 to 150 flowers may be hand-pollinated to set pods, with an annual yield increase, and vines can produce heavily for seven to eight years. Healthy vines may bear as many as 1000 flowers, which only last one day each.

There are several methods of treating pods. Some are first dipped in hot water from 57 to 88 degrees C (89 to 120 degrees F) for two to three minutes, then sweated and dried; another is to spread the pods on trays in the sun to heat for two to three hours and then fold them in blankets to sweat until the following morning. This process continues until the beans become pliable and are deep brown. The pods are then dried in well-ventilated shade or drying rooms for two to four weeks.

Tips for using Vanilla Extract

In addition to using pure Vanilla extract in desserts, try it with the following suggestions:

- Add a generous dash of pure Vanilla extract to a cup of coffee, tea or cocoa.
- Use Vanilla with sweet potatoes, yellow squash or carrots.
- Add a few drops to vinaigrette dressing.
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Making your own Vanilla Sugar and Vanilla Extract

In a covered container mix 2 cups of sugar with 1 Vanilla bean split lengthwise and cut in 2 inch pieces. Set aside for at least six weeks. The flavor intensifies upon standing. Stir in more sugar as used.

For Vanilla extract: In a covered glass jar place 1 Vanilla bean split lengthwise with 3/4 cup vodka or rum, set aside for at least 7 weeks. Add more liquor as used.

My personl favorite is when my grandmother would place a couple of beans in the sugar jar. - Michael Orser



NEW LOCATION FOR AOS JUDGING CENTER at HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS

Pacific South Judging Center

Submitted by [Cynthia Hill](#)

Please note a change of venue for AOS judging formerly held in Burbank, CA.

SECOND MONDAY JUDGING

Beginning Monday, March 12, 2001, AOS judging will be held at the [Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens](#) in San Marino, CA, immediately south of Pasadena. Entries begin about 6:30pm and judging at 7pm. At HL&BG entrance gate, identify yourself to guard as being of the "Orchid Judging Group"; proceed past parking lots on left; enter and park in the first covered and lit parking lot on right; go through the gate to the building and enter at the wrought iron gates; turn right to elevator and take to lower level. If you need to drop off plants or people before parking, go past parking entrance to the next right turn and drive into the turnaround at the wrought iron gates; return and park in the designated lot.

FOURTH MONDAY JUDGING

We continue to meet at **South Coast Plaza West** [3333 Bear Street, Costa Mesa, CA - third floor, Crate & Barrel wing]. Entries begin about 6:30pm and judging at 7pm.

All exhibitors and observers are welcome to attend the judging session and the frequent slide reviews of orchids awarded throughout the AOS system. If you'd like to enter a plant for judging, or are thinking about becoming an AOS judge and would like to see what goes on, show up at either of the two locations above, or contact Karen Muir, Judging Chair for Pacific South Judging Center, muirk@aol.com, (949) 643-8109.

NEW ORCHID BOOTH AT THE GARDEN SHOW, DEL MAR FAIRGROUNDS, MARCH 2-4

by [Cynthia Hill](#)

This March, visitors to the big Garden and Home Show at the Del Mar Fairgrounds had a place where they could talk about orchids with other orchid enthusiasts. For the first time, an Orchid Information Booth was included in the 25 or so booths in The Plant Place, a

section in the Exhibit Hall reserved for garden and plant groups by the [San Diego Horticulture Society](#).

Our booth, called "Friends of Orchids" was staffed with volunteers from Friday noon to Sunday at 5. Several folks brought blooming plants in for display, and those flowers certainly caught a lot of people's attention. Hardly a minute went by before someone else stopped by with a question on orchid culture. Whew! We prominently featured announcements about the Palomar Orchid Show and our own [SDCOS Spring Show and Sale](#) in the booth, reminding thousands of people that they're just around the corner. We were sure busy, and it was sure fun! We'll be back there again next year.

Thank you to the following folks who volunteered their time at the Garden Show:

Tom Biggart	Pam Peters
Lynn Ford	Phil Taktill
Nico and Lisa Goossens	Janet Wanerka
David Graham	Don Van Kekerix
Sima Perkins	Sue Volek

ORCHID QUIZ

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Orchids are _____

(A) fun (B) a mystery (C) challenging

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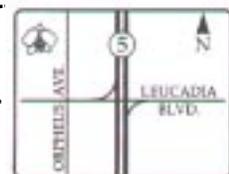
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South County all types
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DATES TO REMEMBER...

April 3, 6:30 pm
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Room 104, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
Gary Pierwola 619.426.9108

April 3, 7:30 pm
SDCOS General Meeting
Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
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April 7, 9:00 am
SDCOS Species Group Meeting
First Saturday each month
Paul or Ann Tuskes 858.274.5829

April 10, 7:00 pm
SDCOS Board Meeting
Second Tuesday each month
Balboa Park
Siv Garrod 619.483.8787

April 13, 7:30 pm
Palomar Orchid Society Meeting
Second Friday each month
Vista Community Center
Dave or Vera Stankey 959.498.7122

April 18
Cymbidium Society Meeting
Third Wednesday each month
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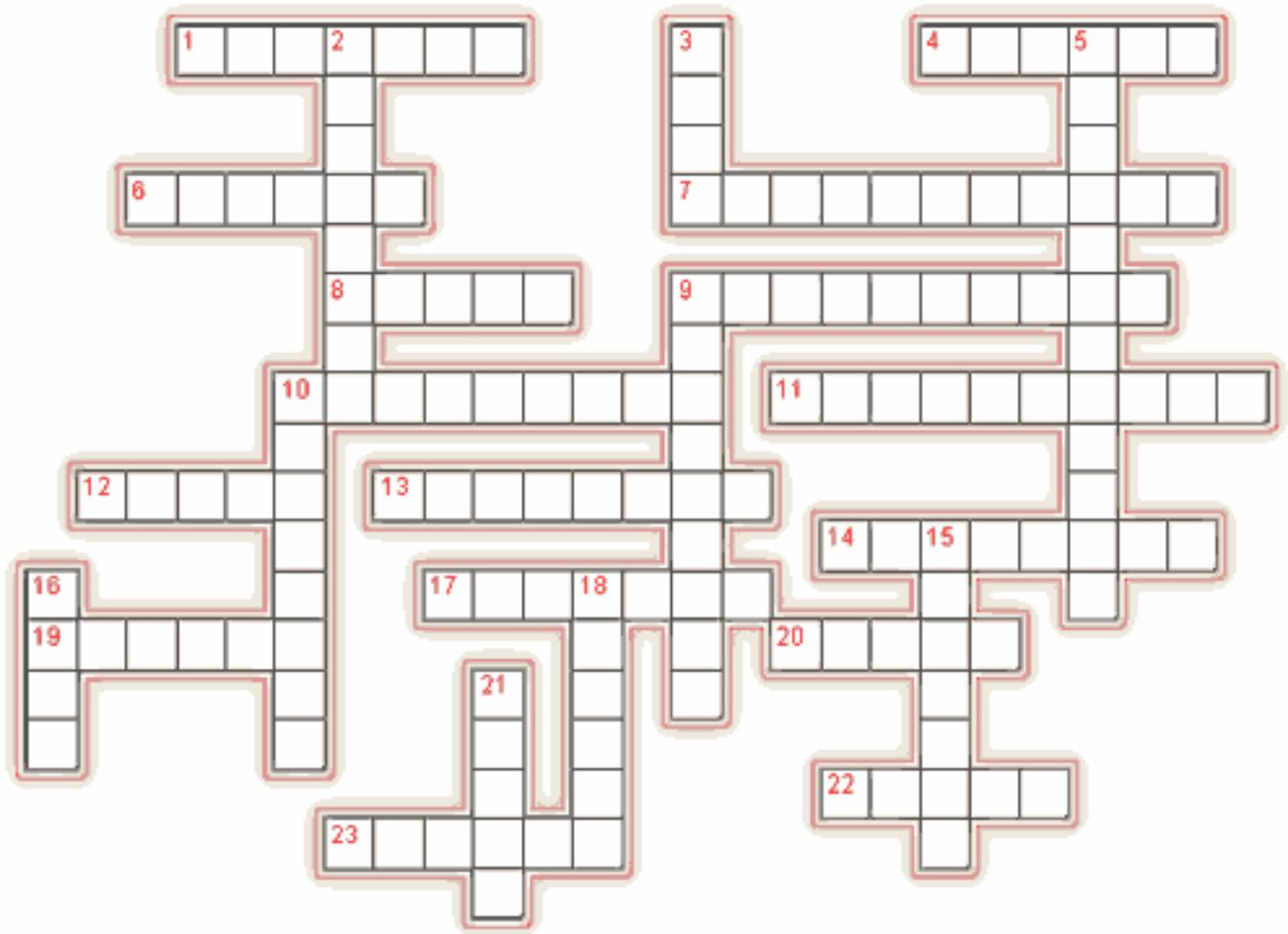
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ACROSS

1. an organic media
4. seedlings from flask are usually planted in a --
6. container often used for vandas
7. place oldest ones against edge of pot
8. mealy bugs, scale, aphids
9. all cutting blades must be --
10. often used for good drainage
11. old organic media does this
12. a sterilizing tool
13. a technique of propagation
14. removing dried sheaths
17. orchid pots are usually clay or --
19. a lack of this causes root rot
20. identifies plant
22. the production of new --- is a good time to repot
23. they give support to tall plants

DOWN

2. to use too small a container
3. holds rhizome in place
5. a monopodial orchid

9. Cattleya is this type of orchid

10. often used media for Phals

15. to use too big a container

16. an inorganic potting media

18. pieces of broken clay pot

21. a plantlet

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Dividing Cymbidiums

By Charles Marden Fitch

When cymbidiums finish flowering, large plants can be divided.

Proper care yields healthy cymbidiums that bear plenty of colorful flowers. Once flowering ceases is an ideal time to divide overgrown specimens. Here, a three-year-old division of *Cymbidium Leodogran* 'Cradlemont', AM/AOS (Sweetheart x *Liliana*) puts forth a magnificent show.

Cymbidiums are easy to grow but often difficult to divide. Dislodging a clump firmly established in its container may require breaking the vessel.

Miniature hybrids often do well for five or six years before needing division and repotting. By then, a multilead clump is huge. To dislodge a specimen, turn the pot upside down on the edge of an outdoor bench and slap the pot on the top and sides. The vibration usually loosens roots adhering to the container's walls. Next, tap the upside-down pot on the bench edge to free the root mass completely. If the slaps and taps do not work, break the pot, using a sturdy rubber-handled metal-potting tool that looks like the end of a bike handle.

Big-tool Time

Last spring, I broke a kitchen knife attempting to divide one big clump of a standard hybrid. The root mass--more than 15 inches tall--necessitated a bigger tool. A sturdy wood saw was the solution; pruning shears would not reach far enough into the clump for efficient cutting.

With some care, use a sharp clean saw to divide massed pseudobulbs and roots without damaging active growths. Take steps to prevent the spread of virus. Flame sterilize the saw first, and then again before separating a new division. To flame-sterilize, pass the blade through the flame of a gas stove. If many cuts will be made, it may be beneficial to invest in a portable propane torch that clips on to a replaceable fuel cylinder.

When to Repot

In southern New York, cymbidiums do well when divided May into July. Active small divisions or seedlings can be gently moved to larger containers anytime. However, disturbing all of the roots and dividing clumps is safest during the warmer spring and summer months.

Trim and Clean

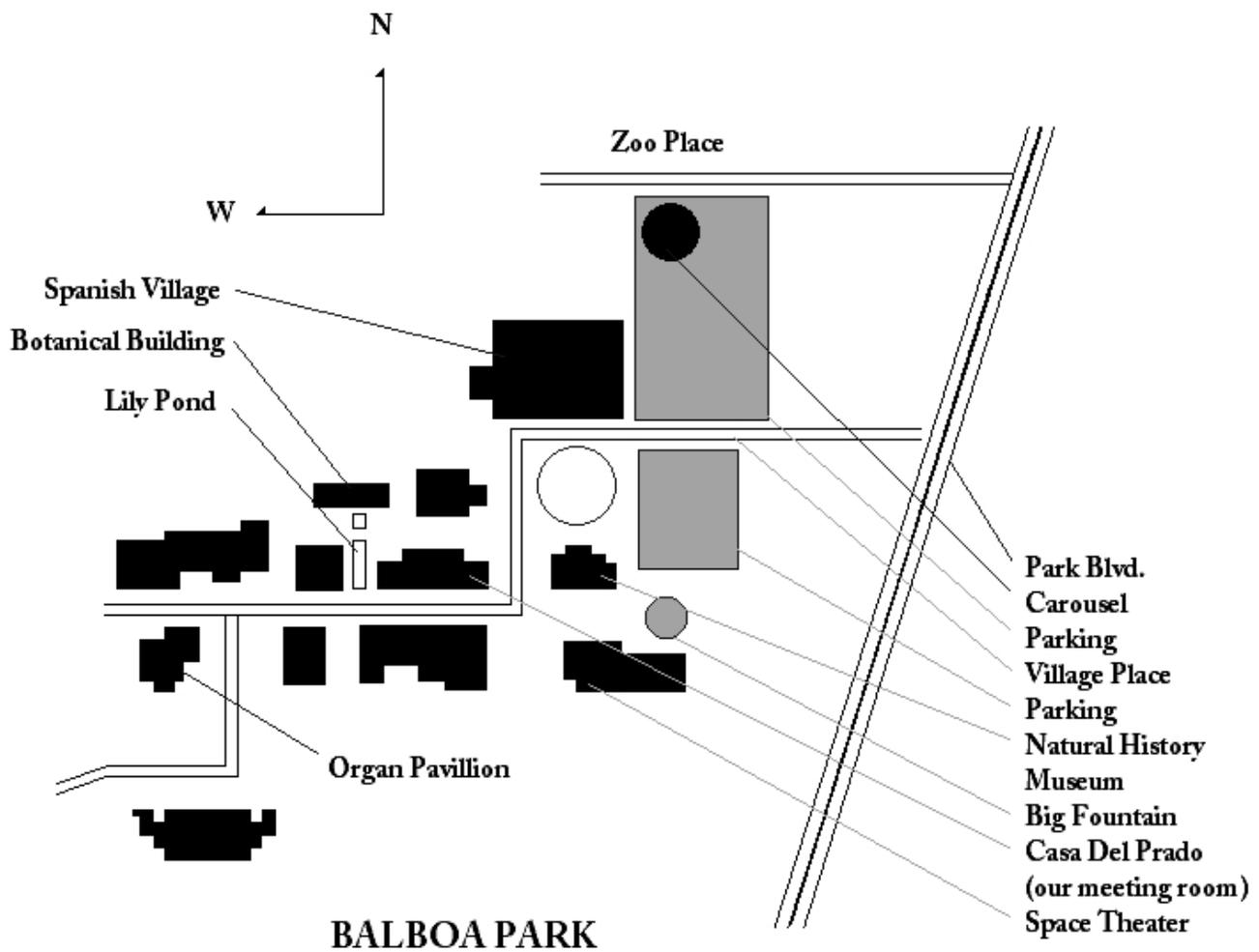
After sawing a big clump into major sections, each with at least one strong new growth (lead), continue the dividing process with bare hands. Once separated into easily handled units, pull off old leafless pseudobulbs and pot separately. Pull or shake out dead roots. When a root mass is sloppy or tangled, trim with clean, sharp sterilized pruning shears.

Dry Time

A grower in California once advised keeping newly divided cymbidiums dry at the roots four to six weeks. Although this forced-dry season seems extreme, it does encourage vigorous new roots. Pot each division in a container; clay is recommended because its weight helps prevent the plants from tipping. The medium I use is three parts moist bark mix and one part coarse perlite. After potting, soak the mix with a solution of SuperThrive root stimulant (1 teaspoon per gallon of water). After this initial watering, protect the freshly potted cymbidiums from rain and do not water for four to six weeks. On sunny days, I provide gentle top misting but do not water the roots. This routine encourages divided clumps to send out healthy new roots.

Year-round Care

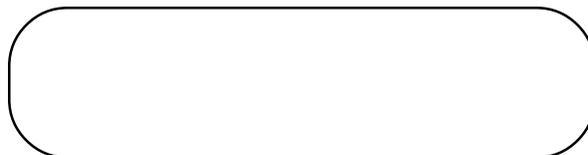
Most of my cymbidiums are large-growing miniature hybrids, 24 to 36 inches across. Placing plants outdoors from early June until late September keeps them healthy. During cold months, the cymbidiums live in front of a bright basement window where night temperatures of 60 F rise to 75 F during the day. Most of the winter-growing light comes from overhead 40-watt fluorescent lamps left on 12 to 14 hours, sunrise to early evening. Broad-spectrum lamps, such as Wide-spectrum Gro-Lux, let the orchids complete healthy growths begun outdoors in the summer. During the winter, I fertilize with a low-nitrogen fertilizer--such as Peters Blossom Booster 10-30-20 or MiracleGro 15-30-15--once a month. Watering every three to five days completes this care regime that yields flowering plants in spring.



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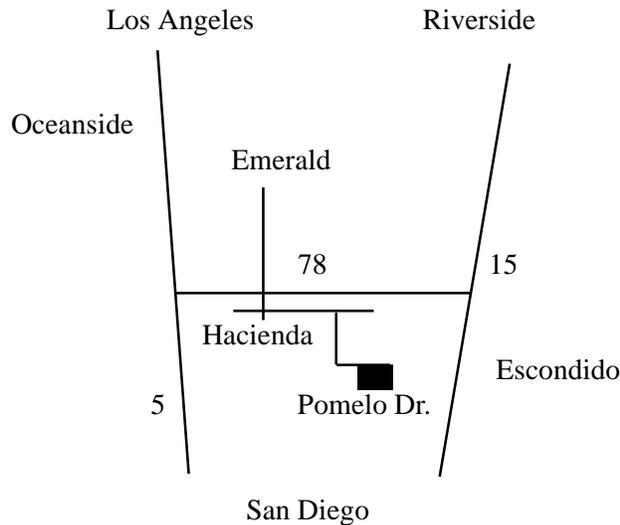
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