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David Gillilan

By Allen Clark

Long-time members will remember David Gillilan. David had been ill for a number of years, and moved to Orange County in late 2002. He died quietly in his sleep at home at the age of 53. Services were held in San Diego on January 20.

FEBRUARY 2004 NOVICE MEETING

January 3rd, 2004,, 6:30 PM - CASA DEL PRADO - ROOM 104 By Lynn Ford, 2nd Vice President

The February speaker for the Novice Group meeting will be a 17 year member of the San Diego County Orchid Society - Paul Tuskes. Paul will talk to us about ORCHID CONSERVATION. Lately, this has been a hot topic in our SDCOS, and Paul will enlighten us on what every member needs to know: information you must have in order to make good decisions on Orchid Conservation projects.

As you know, our Society has been awarded the 2003 CONSERVATION AWARD from the American Orchid Society (plus a \$500 check which was donated to the SDCOS General Account), for the work our Society has done - spearheaded by our Conservation Committee. Paul is a member of the Conservation Committee and has been active in all aspects of orchid growing for many years. Please join us for this informative and entertaining educational session.

FEBRUARY 2004 GENERAL MEE

January 3rd, 2004, 7:30 PM - CASA DEL PRADO - ROOM 101 By Ivan Harrison, 1st Vice President

We are not going to forget last month's meeting for a very long time! Our entertaining guest speaker, Loren Batchman, brought in the best plant table we have ever had! Loren treated us to the most beautiful, healthy and h-u-g-e flowering zygopetalums and cymbidiums of every hue imaginable. Those of you who were lucky enough to have your ticket number called will derive pleasure from those plants for many, many years to come.

In February, we have a speaker suggested by one of our members, Ron Kaufman. His name is Paul Storm and he lives with his wife, Mary, in Sarasota, Florida, where they run a family-owned business called Meke Aloha Orchids. Paul's passion is Schomburgkia, a genus with which some members may be unfamiliar and Schomburgkia hybrids. (Schomburgkia is closely related to the genus Laelia and grows from Mexico and the West Indies to South America. When found in nature, they often have ant colonies living in their hollow bulbs!)

Like most of us, Paul's obsession started with one orchid – in his case, Schomburgkia tibicinis. Paul and Mary have traveled the United States, the Western European conservatories, the Caribbean and Hawaii seeking the Schomburgkia species plants, best clones of each species and schomhybrids that have already been made and registered. In the past 8 years, the Storms have met and made friends with some of the finest orchid growers in the world, specialists and hobbyists, two of whom have named new hybrids after Paul. Paul has also named a hybrid for his wife, Mary.

Paul reports that one of his greatest moments was receiving pieces of the personal Schomburgkia collection of his hero, Dr. Carl Withner, the author of the finest Schomburgkia book ever written.

Paul is currently working on a book about Schomburgkia species with a history and discourse on their use in hybridizing. He is working on a few new genera of Schomburgkia hybrids, and believes that there is a whole new world of schom-hybrids waiting to be discovered. Paul's primary purpose is to spread knowledge of and appreciation for Schomburgkias and their hybrids to orchid lovers everywhere.

Paul will be supplying the plant table. If you would like to pre-order and pay for any orchids from Meke Aloha Orchids, just contact Paul at 941.923.5023 or at his web site www.mekealohaorchids.com, and he has volunteered to bring them with him.

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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 March issue, please contact us by February 13th.

You are encouraged to contact the editor by either email or phone from 2 pm to 8 pm only, Michael Orser at

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February 7-8

Santa Cruz Orchid Society Annual Show, Soquel High School, 401 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA. Contact: Cheryl Wagner, 91 Mountain View Rd., Santa Cruz, CA 95065; 831.457.8393

March 5-7

Five Cities Orchid Society Show, South County Regional Center, 800 W. Branch St., Arroyo Grande, CA. Contact: Rosemary Bradshaw, 1656 La Mirada Dr., Nipomo, CA 93444; 805.929.1791; orchidlady@earthlink.net

March 12-14

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Conservation Workshops at Selby Gardens

Submitted by Siv Gerrod

Workshops offering conservation principles that apply to many fields are just one part the International Orchid Conservation Congress (IOCC) at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, May 15-23, 2004. Don't miss this opportunity to hear presenters from the global conservation community. For those unable to attend the entire conference, a special one-day registration of \$95 allows students to pick and choose a particular day of lecture topics. Full conference registration is \$350. Registration for workshops is independent from the conference and fees vary (see below). Register online at www.selby.org/iocc.

Application of RAMAS Red List Software

May 15-16, 2004 (Saturday, Sunday)

Workshop introduces the use of the RAMAS Red List software in evaluating species against the IUCN Red List criteria. It begins with a brief overview of the IUCN Red List categories leading to the discussion of uncertainty issues in Red List assessments. Demonstration of the use of RAMAS Red List software to make these assessments and the incorporation of uncertain data follows. Participants are encouraged to bring data.

Instructors: Dr. Resit Akcakaya, Applied Biomathematics, and Lorena Endara. Workshop fee: \$135 for conference registrants, \$160 for public

Population Dynamics Applied to Orchid Conservation

May 15 -16, 2004 (Saturday, Sunday)

Workshop teaches participants methods to determine the probability of persistence of a species or population. Participants discuss these questions: What is the probability of a population or species going extinct? What parameters of the life history stages should we manipulate to impact population persistence? Participants learn what data to collect in the field and how to perform the analysis. Participants understand the value as well as the limitation of these techniques to conservation.

Instructors: Dr. Raymond Tremblay, University of Puerto Rico, and Pavel Kindlmann. Workshop fee: \$135 for conference registrants; \$160 for public

Mycorrhizal Propagation Techniques

May 15, 2004 (Saturday)

Workshop introduces basic concepts of modern symbiotic orchid propagation techniques. Topics covered include: seed collection, mycorrhizal symbiont isolation, seed propagation, and seedling processing.

Instructor: Scott Stewart, Environmental Horticulture Dept., University of Florida. Workshop fee: \$50 for conference registrants; \$75 for public

Terrestrial Orchid Propagation and Transfer to Soil and Habitat

May 19, 2004 (Wednesday)

Workshop provides overview of the current techniques to isolate beneficial fungi from plants. Program includes a preview of a new soil-baiting technique to determine the presence and abundance of soil fungi. Participants learn the latest methods of field inoculation to improve seedling performance when transferred to soil or habitat. Instructors: Dr. Kingsley Dixon and Dr. Andrew Batty. Workshop fee: \$25 for conference registrants; \$50 for public.

The Amateur's Role in Orchid Conservation

Submitted by David Brown

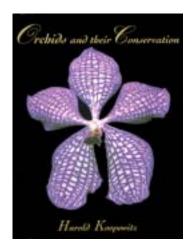
Perhaps the most frequently asked question when I lecture on orchid conservation comes from the amateur hobbyist without resources. People approach me and ask "...but what can I do to help?" Obviously, they cannot go out and buy a tract of land to set up as a preserve, nor can they go and change the laws of some foreign country, let alone their own, to slow down development of a particular region. Many people want to be able to do something significant about the problem, but feel impotent because they do not see how they can effect any major change.

There are several things one should remember if one contemplates joining the conservation fight. Hardly anything happens spontaneously. It takes an individual to set thing in motion. Every grand achievement had to start with an idea. Some person had to sit down and at some place think "We need a dam", or "a giant suspension bridge!", "a city theater", or even "we need to protect Encyclia vittellina". It takes more than one person to construct a dam or theater, in fact, it takes a legion of people just to handle the bureaucracy, before one can even think about raising the money to start the project. Yet, individual people all over the world are conceiving and initiating projects right now. The worldwide movements to save whales and baby seals were started by concerned individuals, many of whom had no formal training in conservation. But, they had the idea and the motivation. Ideas are cheap, but to be effective an idea has to be coupled to drive, motivation and leadership. Unfortunately, the last three commodities appear to be in short supply.

What can one small person, who lacks drive, motivation and leadership achieve, when all that he or she has going for them is a good heart? Few people single-handedly achieve anything. Most human activities involve many people, each doing a small task. An ant cannot carry more than a few grains of sand at a time but enough ants cooperating can build an ant city capable of housing millions of their species. The same is true with people. One needs to find an organization or group of people already at work on conservation projects. It is the combined strength of hundreds or thousands of people that has given various conservation movements the ability to achieve their effectiveness. Join a big group like the North American Nature Conservancy, Sierra Club or the British Fauna and Flora Preservation Society - nearly every country of the world, whether an advance superpower or a small developing country now has organization that are interested in preserving and promoting their natural resources.

You say "I want to save orchids", but all of the big societies that have been mentioned are only interested in saving habitats or marsh marigolds. No matter, orchids live in a variety of habitats and you can assume the role of watchdog looking out for the local orchids. If the people in your group respect you, then there will come a time when they will listen, when YOU put forward the plan to save a *Sphagnum* bog filled with lady slipper orchids.

One of the major needs all



conservation groups is fundraising. There is never enough money to purchase a piece of land or fund some special project, all groups need people to go out and find money to cover the costs of their operations and projects. This requires little expertise and it is easy to get involved and be active in this aspect of conservation. It may be possible to earmark funds you raise or donate specifically for orchid conservation.

While societies generally do not care to have strings attached to the gifts they receive few will turn down money. By requesting specific projects, you also alert the society to the fact that there are many people who are interested, primarily, in saving orchids.

If you prefer to work within the narrow focus of orchid conservation, then confine your efforts to an orchid society. These plant-orientated groups occur at many levels from local societies, up to national and international orchid societies. Write to their conservation committees and ask what are they doing and if you can help. In addition, you can play an important role at the grass roots level by helping to spread the word and to educate your orchid growing friends. There is still an enormous amount of room for raising the consciousness of the lay public, about the plight of endangered species. This applies not only to orchids, but to other plants as well.

Local societies can play a very active part in promoting orchid conservation. They can do this in several different ways. The society can formally request that members do not trade with dealers who are suspected of smuggling and selling illegally obtained plants. They should request that members who go on orchid collecting trips minimize the numbers of wild plants they collect. In the past, members of some of the Southern California orchid societies have partially financed expeditions to observe tropical orchids in the field, by bringing back large quantities of wild species and selling them. We feel this is an inappropriate activity in this day

and age and should be discouraged. However, there would be nothing wrong in sending a expedition funded by other activities of the society such as banquets, dances, or auctions to collect orchid species specifically for nursery propagation and then selling propagated plants to the membership(you do, of course, need the correct permits before doing this).

As a group activity, a society can propagate and distribute rare species. But they may have to raise funds to support those activities. Sometimes it is possible to 'kill two birds with one stone'. For example, if some members have very rare species they might donate seedpods to the society. Young plants could be raised and sold to the membership, either to cover costs or, if it produces a reasonable profit, to help pay for future endeavors. In this way, the rare species becomes disseminated and the process not only pays for itself but also makes a modest profit. The general society membership gains by having access to these rare materials.

Societies are a good forum for raising money for conservation. In the United States many societies have a plant raffle at their monthly meetings. Frequently there are profits from sales booths from local flower shows, while admission ticket sales to orchid shows can leave a society with a handsome nest egg. In America, at least, most societies are non-profit making, educational organizations that should not be sitting on too much accumulated wealth in the form of large bank accounts. The money can be put to good use promoting conservation. Donations clearly earmarked for conservation projects make both sides happy. The society feels that it is doing something worthwhile for posterity and the recipient organization obtains funds with which it can work.

However, it takes individuals to motivate and drive local societies. Somebody has to be prepared to take the initiative, do the work and monitor the progress. As long as one or two people in a group have the energy and the will to organize and make the rest of the society feel that they are participating in a worthwhile project, then others will usually pitch in and do their share as well. Most people would rather be led, than lead. It takes less energy. They still do their share of work but don't have to accept the responsibility. This is easy to understand and there is nothing wrong that provided competent leaders exist and projects do not get lost in squabbles or petty politics."

This article has been an excerpt from a book written by Harold Koopowitz Orchids and Their Conservation, Timber Press; (October 2001). We, as members of the San Diego County Orchid Society, should feel good about ourselves and our society because we are recognized nationally and internationally for the effort of our society's Conservation Committee. With the latest grant recipients the total amount of money we have given to the conservation of orchids is \$86,378.00 since 1991. With your help and support we hope to continue this activity for some time.

Vice President's Report

February 2004 Photos and story by Ivan Harrison

All the cold weather we have had definitely led to a shortage of flowering orchids for the Mini Show this weekend. However, with the help of our members, we managed to put on an impressive show and had a steady flow of visitors both days.



David Brown in front of Conservation Committee display and Joe Alesi's life cycle exhibit

For the plant table, Gary had managed to collect a large quantity of donated plants, which the volunteers valiantly sold - right down to the very last plant - raising over \$2,000 for the Society! Thanks to everyone who helped at the show, from setting up the tables on Friday afternoon to corsage making to clean up on Sunday evening.



Rose Ono and Edith Galvin almost sold out!

KUSI filmed a nice spot for the Saturday evening news, which was repeated on Sunday morning, and Candy made a beautiful corsage, which Brigitte wore during the morning newscast.

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David Brown brought in a great table display on behalf of the Conservation Committee, which generated a lot of interest from members and visitors alike. The SDCOS Board thanks David for all his hard work.



Irma Adams, Joe and Rose Alesi

Things are coming together for the March show. We will soon be asking for volunteers in all departments, so please sign up and help us make the show a wonderful success. Our apologies to Ben Machado, whose phone number



Marjorie Kuhlmann, Helen Odom and Linda Canon

found its way on to the posters! This error was corrected in just three days, so we are now back on track! T-shirts have been ordered and will be available soon.



Nay Nay Stewart and Candy Kalman



Best of Show - Vanda sanderianum by Nico Goosens and Lisa Humphries

Displays @ the Last mini Show

by David Brown

At our last Mini-show we had two very nice education displays. One about how orchids are grown from seed by Joe Alisi. And the other by the Conservation Committee about an overview of the grants awarded and a map of the current SDCOS Conservation Grant recipients, totaling \$86,378.00.

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INFORMATION ON PRE-SHOW TICKET **SALES**

by Ivan and Rosemary Harrison

Each year we ask every SDCOS member to sell five show tickets to family and friends. These tickets are \$5.00 each, and the entry fee at the door during the show will be \$6.00, so this is the ONLY way to save money on admission. There will be absolutely no coupons in any newspaper or magazine advertisements this year.

In addition to the \$1.00 off with pre-show tickets, for every 5 tickets you sell, you get one (1) ticket FREE either to use yourself, to give to family or friends or to sell.

The Society will be sending each member a packet of 6 tickets in early February, or we would prefer that you collect the envelope at the February general meeting from Ro Harrison, since that saves the Society the postage. As soon as you receive the envelope, you can either write a check to SDCOS for \$25.00 or you may take them on "sale or return". That means that if you only sell 2 tickets, you may return the remaining three unsold tickets and the complimentary ticket when you send the Society the \$10.00. You are responsible for the tickets when you receive them; so if you would prefer not to be involved in this process, please let Ro Harrison know (if you have not already done so). You can call her at (619) 448-3312 and leave a message, tell her at the February meeting, or email her at phragmania@cox.net.

If you are displaying a poster at your place of business, put an extra note on there that you have tickets for sale at \$1.00 off. You may take as many packets of tickets as you think you can sell. Not only will people with tickets save money on entry, but also they will not have to stand in line at the door to buy one! Please remember to tell people about the new Sunday afternoon activity – our auction of prize orchids, which will be on display for visitors to see throughout the show.

The person who sells the most tickets receives \$75.00!

The Show Committee would prefer that all monies and unsold tickets be handed in to Ro Harrison prior to or during the Show on March 26th – 28th. The very latest date for returning the money is at the April general meeting on April 6th, 2004. And remember that if you do not wish to participate, let Ro know so that we do not waste time and money sending out your packet.

Attention Societies and their members:

By Cindy Payne

Please set this date aside and plan to participate in a very exciting plant sale this spring May 23, 2004. Heirloom Gardens will be hosting a spring plant sale and seminar called Art and Design in the Garden on May 22nd and 23rd 2004. This event will be a two-day event with the plant sale and society members participating on the second day, May 23, 2004. We are asking societies and their members to participate because we know the care and quality involved in propagating plants from the people who love them. Also it is an opportunity to raise money for your own societies and, another worthy cause, The Children's Museum of Escondido.

There will be no booth fee for Societies and their members who participate. All we ask is that 5% of sales being donated to the Escondido Children's Museum to help fund this superbly creative children's garden. The Children's Garden will be a wonderful place to teach the next generation the love, importance, and community of gardening. The rest of the money that each society makes will go solely to that society and its members. Each society will handle all their sales and donation.

What better opportunity to do your part for the community and the societies all in one exciting event! There is also an opportunity for experts in the different societies to speak on the topic they love and share their knowledge with the public. We plan to have speakers throughout the day of the sales event. So get ready because this should be one of the most popular events of the season.

We are very excited and honored to host such an event and hope to create a diverse group of plants and people to meet the needs and wants of the community.

Please plan to participate and if you do so, let us here, at Heirloom Gardens, know no later than February 6th 2004. We can answer questions and fill you in on all the details when you call in or email with your reservation for a spot at this great event.

Contact information: Cindy Payne Heirloom Gardens 10149 Vista Montanoso, Escondido, CA 92026 760.807.6727 www.heirloomgarden.com Email: gardengirl@heirloomgarden.com

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If you sell the most Spring show tickets this year, then you are in for a treat!. The San Diego County Orchid Society is is honoring it's members a \$75 cash bonus. All you have to do is sell the most Spring Show tickets AND have the money from the tickets returned by no later than the 31st of March. Remember, the contest ends on March 31, 2004.

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By Ron Kaufmann kaufmann@sandiego.edu

Linda's Orchid Page www.orchidlady.com

This site is an excellent resource for both the novice and advanced grower. For the beginner, Linda's Orchid Page tries to demystify orchids, while providing good information on the culture and care of orchids. The site includes a repotting guide that contains a healthy dose of what not to do, based on the Orchid Lady's own experiences. The more advanced grower will benefit from features like an extensive glossary of botanical terms (ever wonder what makes a flower non-resupinate?) and a very informative table containing a taxonomic breakdown of the family Orchidaceae. One of the site's most impressive offerings is an illustrated orchid encyclopedia, covering what surely must be most or all of the naturally occurring orchid genera. Most entries include the taxonomic position, basic habitat information, a species list, representative photos, and even the origins of the genus name ("Dendrobium" comes from the Greek "dendron" meaning "tree" and "bios" meaning life, and refers to the fact that these species live on trees). If

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Donate An Orchid, And You Will Protect Many More!

By Ron Kaufmann

Did you know our Society directly supports worthwhile orchid conservation projects—here in San Diego, in the US, and around the world? Our membership has been one of the most active and involved of any volunteer orchid group in the country, and was recognized with the AOS Conservation Award in 2004.

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Please bring your plants to the general meeting on <u>February</u> 3 and give them to a member of the Conservation Committee or call to have them picked up before the show in March.

If you have questions, or need someone to pick up your plants, call Ron Kaufmann 858.270.7584; kaufmann@sandiego.edu or Peter Tobias 760.753.3173, tobias@scripps.edu. So donate a few orchids (or more), and come buy some others at our sales booth... it's all for a very worthwhile cause. Thank You!

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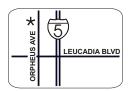
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Paphiopedilum spicerianum X primulinum 'Y'
Linda Gardner

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SDCOS Board of Directors Meeting

Submitted by: Romy Reyes

Jan. 13, 2004:

Meeting called to order at 8:30PM

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

Others Present: Ro Harrison, Candy Kalman, Peter Tobias, Ron Kaufmann, David Graham, Joe & Rose Alesi

Reports

Minutes of the December meeting was read and approved by motion. Treasurer Barbie Mays- Report for December was read and approved by motion. First Vice-President Ivan Harrison- Mr. Paul Storm of Meke Aloha Orchids of Sarasota, Florida, will be the speaker at the February, 2004 general meeting. TOPIC: Schomburgkias. Second Vice-President Lynn Ford- Paul Tuskes will speak at the Beginners Class in February. TOPIC: Methods of Orchid Conservation

Old Business

Society President Gary Pierwola will bring plants for the Mini-Show on Jan. 17-18, 2004. Home & Garden Show at the Del Mar Fairgrounds will be on Feb. 20, 21, & 22, 2004. The society will be present. Heirloom Gardens of Escondido will be given free advertising in the society newsletter. 4. Ms. Belle Garner will be donating plants for auction.

New Business

The position of Secretary was filled by the Board and Ms. Lynn Dornfeld was chosen for the position. Peter Tobias made a suggestion to have Mr. Joe Micel, from the Ciba Foundation, speak at the September or October 2004 general meeting. Peter will coordinate with Ivan Harrison with regards to the scheduling. Peter Tobias also gave each member of the Board a copy of a procedural manual from the Conservation Committee. feedback from board members will be given to Gary Pierwola.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01PM

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DATES TO REMEMBER...

February 2nd, 7:00 pm Quail Botanical Gardens Judging Center First Monday each month Encinitas. Bring plants in! Make those judges work!

February 3rd, 6:30 pm Beginner's Class First Tuesday each month Room 104, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park Ivan and Rosemary Harrison 619.448.3312

February 3rd, 7:30 pm General Meeting First Tuesday each month Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park Gary Pierwola 619.426.9108

February 7th, 9:00 am SDCOS Species Group Meeting First Saturday each month Paul or Ann Tuskes 858.274.5829

February 10th, 7:00 pm SDCOS Board Meeting Second Tuesday each month Balboa Park Romy Reyes 619.328.6578

February 18th
Culture class begins at 6:30
General meeting at 7:00
Cymbidium Society Meeting
Third Wednesday each month
Carlsbad Women's Club
Info: 760.451.1472

February 20th, 10 am - 2 pm San Diego Zoo Orchid Greenhouses Open House Third Friday each month Janette Gerrity 619.231.1515 ext. 4306

February 20th, 6:45 pm Palomar Orchid Society Meeting Third Friday each month The Carlsbad Women's Club Wayne Preston, 760.727.7255

February 28th, 2004 Hybrid Orchid Group NOTE CHANGE: Fourth Saturday each month Applied Physics & Mathematics Bldg. UCSD Speaker: Helmut Rohrl on Tolumnia (var.Oncidiums) Info: 858.452.0976

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