



APRIL 2004 NOVICE MEETING

April 6th, 2004,, 6:30 PM - CASA DEL PRADO - ROOM 104
By Lynn Ford, 2nd Vice President

Many of you already know our April speaker, Charley Fouquette. Not only has he been a member of the San Diego County Orchid Society for over 24 years, but he also has been on our societies Board of Directors for many years. Charley is going to talk to you about his passion (of course, other than his dear wife Sue), which is Phalaenopsis.

Here is your chance to find out from an expert grower, how to grow Phals, how to nurture Phals, where your Phalaenopsis are happiest, and lots, lots, more. I have heard that Phalaenopsis are fast becoming the most desirable orchid for home growers all over the world, and we are lucky to have one of the most sought after experts on Phals as our speaker.

We had a fabulous March meeting with Loren Batchman who brought in armloads of beautiful Cymbidium blossoms and several incredible Cymbidium orchid plants. He really filled us in on the orchid judging process and how we should prepare our orchid plants to show. It was an educational and entertaining meeting and especially fun as many members got to take home those lovely blossoms.

Thanks, Loren, for a great talk!

APRIL 2004 GENERAL MEETING

April 6th, 2004, 7:30 PM - CASA DEL PRADO - ROOM 101
By Ivan Harrison, 1st Vice President

Conservationists and Lady Slipper lovers will be excited to learn that April's speaker will be Dr. Harold Koopowitz, Professor of Biology in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at UC Irvine. Dr. Koopowitz is an Accredited AOS Judge, who has written several published books: *Clivias* (Aug. 2002), *Orchids and their Conservation* (Sept. 2001), *Novelty Slipper Orchids* (Apr. 1991), *Plant Extinction: A Global Crisis* (Mar. 1983), as well as many articles, including "An annotated check-list of the genus *Paphiopedilum*". He is currently working on a new book on "Tropical Slipper Orchids". Dr. Koopowitz is Editor in Chief of *Orchid Digest* quarterly magazine and the *Paphiopedilum* cross (*P. malipoense* x *P. rothschildianum*) was named in his honor.

Dr. Koopowitz conducts a variety of research worldwide including plant ecology of *Narcissus* in Spain, biodiversity losses in the tropics, the ecology and reproductive biology of *Aerangis verdickii* in Zimbabwe, and *Phragmipedium* species in Ecuador and Peru, which will be the topic on his presentation to SDCOS.

Dr. Koopowitz has been collecting, growing and studying orchids for over 30 years. His involvement has been at many levels as a hobbyist, scientist and commercial grower. He specializes in *Paphiopedilums* and was a partner with Norito Hasegawa in *Paphanatics*, unLimited for approximately 20 years.

He is also a corresponding member of the Conservation Committee for the American Orchid Society and serves on the International Orchid Commission. In addition, he is a member of the Species Survival Commission, concerned with orchids for the IUCN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature).

We wish to extend our thanks to last month's speaker, Harry Phillips of Andy's Orchids. His down-to-earth approach to orchid growing was a delight to long-time growers and novices alike, and his easy style kept our attention throughout his presentation. It was a wonderful change from our usual slide shows. Several members have told me they have taken the plunge into growing "on sticks" since Harry's demonstration. Yeah for them!

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The genealogy database is useful as well, with the ability to search on either parents or offspring of many Catasetinae hybrids and species. Other useful features of this site include a searchable database of flowering times for 1325 orchid species in 204 genera and a tool that allows you to create your own day length chart for any five degree latitude band between the equator and 55° north or south.

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By Cindy Payne

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There will be no booth fee for Societies and their members who participate. All we ask is that 5% of sales be 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.

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Orchid whiz kids

The Brothers Niemeier are true boy wonders in a highly specialized world

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It's hard enough to figure out how to spell *cattleya percivaliana*, but when five boys are all chattering at once about it, it's nearly impossible.

Of course, they call it "cat," for short. You can do that, when you know orchids as well as these guys do.

We're here at the home of the Niemeiers, where Jeffrey, 16; Nathan, 14; Matthew, 12; Jordan, 10; and Micah, 8, are wild about orchids. They know everything about them. It's sort of unnerving.

These boys grow 190 orchids in their Ada basement under ordinary fluorescent shop lights they installed themselves. They've coaxed every single one of them to bloom at some point.

They toss off such names as *rhizanthella gardneri* and *grammatophyllum papuanum* the way some kids say X-Box and Britney.

You want to know some stuff about orchids? Here we go. Try to keep up.

"This one, this *cattleya maxima*, it lives like 70 to 100 feet high, up in trees, in the Amazon rain forest," says Matthew, flipping to a page in the boys' beloved "Illustrated Encyclopedia of Orchids."

Wow, that's really ...

"Orchids are so diverse," Jeffrey says. "There's one that even blooms underground."

"Yeah, that's *rhizanthella gardneri*," Matthew says. "Beetles pollinate it underground."

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"Each orchid can have up to a million seeds," Jeffrey says, "But only three seeds will grow to adulthood. Fungus attacks it. It's why you don't see as many orchids as you do lots of other plants."

"There are 57 species of orchids just in Michigan," Jeffrey adds.

Really? Where do you ...

"Pine forests," Jordan says.

"There's this one that's so cool," Matthew says. "*Cynoches ventricosum*. It shoots out pollen. You touch this little hair and bang! Pollen shoots out. It's like a little eeny weeny trigger."

"Certain species are named after the great explorers who found them in the wild back in the Victorian era," Nathan says.

"You know that vanilla you cook with? " Nathan asks. "That comes from an orchid."

"Look at this one," Matthew says, pointing out the *corybas fimbriatus*. "It's pollinated by slugs. That's so cool."

You get the idea.

"These boys are truly orchid experts," says Randy Heiss, past president of the Grand Valley Orchid Society and owner of Gentleman Farmer Orchids in Fremont.

"There are older people who never get to the point these kids are. They're ... unique."

He chuckles as he recalls an orchid society meeting when an expert on Michigan orchids presented a slide show. Jeffrey, Nathan and Matthew were in the audience.

"Every time a slide came up, before the guy could tell what the orchid was, all three of them reeled the name right

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off," Heiss says. "If they stick with this, they can rock and shake the orchid world."

This all started innocently enough, when Jeffrey, who got a cactus and decided he liked it, went on a field trip to a nursery with a science teacher. He was fascinated by the orchids, stunning flowers all so different from each other.

Then a neighbor gave him her orchid plant. She couldn't get it to bloom. Jeffrey did. He was hooked. His brothers caught "orchiditis," too.

"I told them if they were going to start bringing plants into the house, they were going to have to take care of them," says the boys' mom, Cheri, who home-schools all five of them and has a self-professed "brown thumb."

No problem. The boys water faithfully every three to five days with a hose they rigged from a laundry sink. They fertilize every two weeks with Schultz-Instant plant food for orchids.

They read in a book called "Orchids Simplified" that you don't need to spend hundreds of dollars on grow-lights. You can buy a mix of warm and cool fluorescent bulbs that'll do the trick. They programmed theirs to go on at 8 a.m. and off at 9 p.m.

Some orchids like more shade, so the boys nestle them strategically beneath the leaves of other plants.

"I like the challenge," Jeffrey says. "Every orchid is different in terms of its care, because they come from all sorts of different places -- Asia, South America, the Philippines."

The boys visit their basement orchid room daily to scout for buds.

Micah, the youngest, loves his *diplocaulobium glabrum*, even though he can't pronounce it.

"It has really skinny petals, kind of yellowish white," he says.

The boys scour nurseries for bargains. They say you often can get a nonblooming orchid for half price.

They save their money for orchids.

"The best plant for beginners is phalaenopsis," Jeffrey says. "It's easy to grow. You can grow it in a windowsill. Just care for it like you would any house plant."

"They're so intricate," Jeffrey says. "They're really unlike any other flower."

"I like the beauty of 'em," Nathan says. "No other flowers can compare."

You know, some people might consider this orchid obsession a girlie thing.

Jeffrey shrugs.

"You have to follow your heart," he says.

Only a handful of the orchids are blooming right now, but they're stunners.

The boys show off a gorgeous pink and white phalaenopsis and a yellow and peach phragmipedium Eric Young. The pristine petals practically glow.

They swarm the room, inspecting each others plants, chatting, comparing. Nathan cradles one of the boys' two pet iguanas, Bob Marley.

"He's an orchid eater, if we let him," he says.

They're all geeked about the upcoming orchid show at Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park this weekend, when thousands of orchid lovers will pack the place.

They'll volunteer there all day Friday setting up. You'll find them there Saturday and Sunday, too. Look for the crowd.

"At last year's show," Cheri says, "all the judges were gathered around them, listening to them talk about orchids."

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Letters to the Conservation Committee

submitted by Peter Tobias

Hello, I hope that you are the person that this comment should go to, If not please forward this to the appropriate ones... I attended the Latin American Orchid Congress & Conference in Quito, Ecuador, Known as the "Capital of the Orchid World". Currently over 4000 orchids have been scientifically classified & published. This number of species from a country so small is amazing. This conference was truly an educational experience with world renown speakers, experts in the world of Orchids. One such speaker Lou Jost gave an exceptional presentation on his work in Ecuador. But first and foremost he thanked the San Diego County Orchid Society for their contributions to Orchid conservation. I will say that although I am not actively involved with this Orchid society, I felt proud to be from San Diego. THIS is what Orchid Societies should strive for, "support for preserving, documentation, education and Conservation of Orchids in the wild. PLEASE keep up the good work---You are recognized by the world, for your contributions to conservation projects.

Sincerely,
Janette Gerrity

Dear Mr. Pierwola,

I'm writing this email to you as President of the San Diego County Orchid Society to applaud the work done by your Conservation Committee. First, let me introduce myself. I'm an avid orchid grower and have traveled several times to Mexico and South America to see orchids in their natural habitat and to witness the widespread loss of this habitat, mainly as a result of forest clearing for both agricultural and timber use. I'm currently President of the Odontoglossum Alliance and serve on the Research Committee of the AOS.

For a long time I've been upset by the lack of concern about orchid conservation by the AOS. The AOS is a large and well-funded group, but they have only spent a pittance on conservation. Now the San Diego County Orchid Society has shown them up. You have demonstrated that even a small group, if they have focus and enthusiasm, can make a big difference. I'm very impressed that SDCOS has donated over \$90,000 to fund a variety of ambitious projects that are actually making a difference. I hope that your society's efforts will serve as a model for other local societies. I thank you for setting such a wonderful example.

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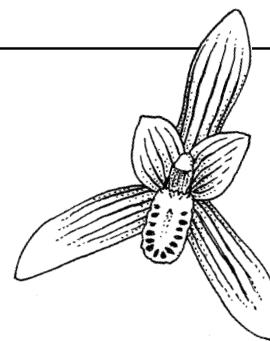
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LIGHT

Sufficient light is important for healthy growth and flower production.

PROVIDE Very bright light, up to 80 percent of full sun in coastally moderated areas. Leaves should be naturally erect and of a medium olive-green color. Dark green, limp foliage indicates too little light.

TEMPERATURE

Mature plants need night temperatures in the low 60s or high 50s in late summer to initiate flower spikes.

PROVIDE Nights of 55 to 60 F, though temperatures into the 30s are tolerated; days of 70 to 85 F. Cymbidiums can tolerate temperatures up to 95 to 100 F if shading, humidity and air circulation are increased.

WATER

Mature plants must never dry out between waterings.

HUMIDITY

Cymbidiums need 50 to 60 percent. In the home, while in bloom, place on trays of moistened pebbles. In greenhouse, use a humidifier if conditions are too dry.

FERTILIZER

Must be provided on a regular basis because most potting media have little.

The exact fertilizer you use will depend on the mix in which your plant is growing. A good general rule is to apply a balanced (10-10-10, 12-12-12 or similar ratio) fertilizer “weakly, weekly.” That is, fertilize every week at one quarter to one half of the recommended dilution.

POTTING

Best done every two to three years in spring immediately after flowering to allow maximum time to reestablish before next flowering season.

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Phal. New Glad X DTPS. Dalin Beauty



Dtps. No Complaints X No Wonder



Phal. Kaleidoscope



Phal. Arten Nasu X Phal. Taisuco Crane



Phal. Musashino X Phal. Golden Peoker 'BL'

Carolyn LaBelle



Paph. Darth Vader

Ginger and Mel Ochs



Cymbidium 'Showgirl'



Blc Ranger Six



Miltoncidium Hawaiian Sunset 'Hot # 8'



Bulbo Dearie



Epidendrum Star Valley 'Lady'



Laelia anceps



Cymbidiums (above and below) after suffering a hail storm. Yes! Here in Southern California!



Paphiopedilum Elegy X
Winston Churchill 'Ind' FCC/AOS



Phal. Cassandra x
Phal. (Carmela's
Pixie x Fantastic
Stripe)



Paphiopedilum Rosalio Bobadilla

Yellow Cymbidium
(opposite page)





In Dijon, March 2005

submitted by Richard Clark

In slightly more than a year, in the historical city of Dijon, near Paris and a short drive from Lyon or Geneva, will be held the 18th World Orchid Conference. After the international success of the 17th WOC, in Malaysia, the World Orchid Conference has selected this magnificent city, a well-known centre of gastronomy and wine-growing in the heart of the Burgundy region.

Placed under the official patronage of the President of the French Republic, Jacques Chirac, this high-profile technical and commercial symposium will be a major event in the world of orchid floriculture, scientific research and trade.

The Conference, for the first time in the history of the WOC, will be held jointly with another major International floricultural event, FLORISSIMO®.

Pairing these two international events, amongst the largest and most prestigious floricultural shows in the world, will offer to a large public of passionate orchidophiles a dazzling display of the finest botanical specimens and the most up-

to-date technology in floricultural science and technology.

It will also allow several hundred botanists, orchid experts and professionals, from all over the world, an unique opportunity to meet and talk about their favourite topic.

Seminars and workshops will be held during the event, and a large compendium of articles and notes will be published. For more detailed information about all these events, do consult : <http://www.woc2005.org/>

The Conference will be set in a high-tech exhibition hall, full of thousands of exceptional specimen of orchids, with professional growers and aficionados participating in world-class contests.

A panel of distinguished International Judges will select for recognition the most outstanding specimens from a wide and varied series of plants and arrangements.

The WOC has also arranged for dealing with all legal and phytosanitary procedures with French authorities; and administrative red tape will be kept to a minimum, allowing thousands of plant displays from all over the world to be presented in the most alluring manner.

The joint exhibition is expected to attract over 250,000 visitors, each one of whom has a specific interest in floriculture, orchids and orchid-based products.

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SDCOS Board of Directors Meeting

Submitted by Lynn Dornfeld

March 9, 2004

Called to order at 8:04PM

Present: Gary Pierwola, Ivan Harrison, Lynn Ford, Barbie Mays, Lynn Dornfeld, Charlie Fouquette, Genie Hammond, Sam De Maria, Bob Clark.

Others Present: Ro Harrison, Genie Hammond, Joe and Rose Alesi, Dave Mays, Peter Tobias, Dave Brown, Candy Kalman, Tess Taylor, Judy Pierwola.

Reports

1. Minutes of the February meeting were read, revised, and approved by motion.
2. Treasurer Barbie Mays-Report for February was read, discussed and approved by motion.
3. First Vice President Ivan Harrison-Guest speaker for April- Dr. Harold Koopowitz. He will provide plants for opportunity table. TOPIC: Ecuadorian and Peruvian Phragmapediums
4. Second Vice President Lynn Ford-Guest speaker will be Charlie Fouquette. TOPIC: Phalaenopsis

Old Business

1. Candy reported on Home and Garden show at Del Mar Fairgrounds March 6-7, 2004. Volunteers sold plants, talked about SDCOS's upcoming March show and memberships. Sales made about \$600.
2. Charlie talked about SD Horticultural Society meeting re: orchid growers attendance at meetings. If a plant is grown outside, Horticultural Society has interest in it! Encouraged orchid growers to come to meeting to promote orchids.
3. AOS Conservation award will be framed in time for display at March show.
4. Gary still investigating software. Tess and Genie tried but were unable to get any software deals.
5. Bob showed new SDCOS membership flyer. Chula Vista Printers may be best cost for printing. More pricing to follow but for now info. on color is as follows:
2000@\$1300.00
5000@\$2027.00
Ivan, Gary, Bob will shop for best prices. We will have some new flyers on colored paper with black ink for upcoming show. Candy is able to print these for \$5.00 for ream of paper and .03 per copy if necessary. Gary will check C.V. Printers price. Re: membership costs-discussion on changing by-laws to incorporate one annual membership price only and no half year price. Pricing will run on 12 month pricing schedule. Gary will talk to Paul Tuskes regarding by-laws change.

New Business

1. Sam brought up Awards Banquet with Ranch Catering

providing food for 5/4/04. Will set up service for about 225 attendees. It will need to be designated SDCOS members only in the newsletter to avoid too many attendees. Leftover tickets will be distributed to those who want to bring guests only after all SDCOS members wishing to attend get their tickets.

2. Harry Phillips' talk at Feb. general meeting was well received.

3. Gary stated he and Genie H. got letters from a disgruntled vendor unhappy with how SDCOS was handling show plans. It was discussed and this vendor's display and sales floor space requests have been rescinded. They will now be given to Evergreen Agritech (display) and to US Orchids Supplies, Inc. (sales). An official letter will be sent to the vendor with a refund for entry fees to the show for display and sales space.

NO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS

Meeting adjourned at 8:32PM



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- (2) You will be able to see articles and photos in color
- (3) You will be saving the Society the cost of printing, collating, and mailing
- (4) You get hyperlinks like in a webpage. You know - the items in blue that you click to visit another web site, or easy access to email addresses.
- (5) It comes in color!
- (6) The SDCOS Newsletter was voted fourth best orchid newsletter in 2003 by the AOS

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 - 858.270.6105

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
Bob Swanson - 619.465.2297

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
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 - 619.276.3235

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...

April 3rd, 9:00 am
SDCOS Species Group Meeting
First Saturday each month
Paul or Ann Tuskes 858.274.5829

April 5th, 7:00 pm
Quail Botanical Gardens Judging Center
First Monday each month Encinitas. Bring plants in!
Make those judging work!

April 6th, 6:30 pm
Beginner's Class/Novice Meeting
First Tuesday each month
Room 104, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
Lynn Ford 619.283.4172

April 6th, 7:30 pm
General Meeting
First Tuesday each month
Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
Gary Pierwola 619.426.9108

April 13th, 7:00 pm
SDCOS Board Meeting
Second Tuesday each month
Balboa Park
Lynn Dornfeld

April 16th, 10 am - 2 pm
San Diego Zoo
Orchid Greenhouses Open House
Third Friday each month
Janette Gerrity 619.231.1515 ext. 4306

April 16th, 6:45 pm
Palomar Orchid Society Meeting
Third Friday each month
The Carlsbad Women's Club
Wayne Preston, 760.727.7255

April 17th, 2004
Hybrid Orchid Group
Growing Telipogons
Applied Physics & Mathematics Bldg. UCSD
Info: 858.452.0976

April 21st
Culture class begins at 6:30 pm
General Meeting at 7:00 pm
Cymbidium Society Meeting
Third Wednesday each month
Carlsbad Women's Club
Info: 760.451.1472

Vice President's Report

By Ivan Harrison

My special thanks go to our editor, Michael Orser, for holding the space for this report. Things have been a little hectic lately making all the final arrangements for our show. By the time most of you read this, the show will be over and we will know if we were successful.

When Genie Hammond and I were asked to produce the show, we knew it would be a challenge. We have changed many things - from advertising to show layout. We have updated the forms, applications, contracts and plant categories to make it easier for future show committees to handle. A society's annual show is basically the only time a society can replenish the bank account to pay for the running expenses. We have done our best to cut expenses, while trying to improve all aspects of the show to a standard we could all be proud of. The show opens in a few days, so fingers are crossed. I hope it is a great show and I want to thank all of those special people who have given us support when we needed it. Remember, in the great scheme of things, it's the society that counts, not the individuals!



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