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NOVICE MEETING

February 2, 6:30 PM—Casa Del Prado—Room 104

By: Bruce Berg, 2nd Vice President

Thank you Renate Schmidt and Nico Goossens for your presentation last month on how to prepare table top orchid displays. We learned new uses for old dark sox! You made it look very easy to put together a display using colors, textures, space, and of course orchids. Hopefully you have encouraged our members to consider creating their own displays for the Spring Orchid Show.

The February meeting speakers will be Lynn Ford and her son, Steve Lowe, who will talk about how to keep our orchids looking nice and tips on selecting your next orchid plant. These tips and sugges-

tions can also be used to prepare our plants for showing at meetings and shows for ribbon judging.

Lynn and Steve have gone on several archaeological expeditions to Maya ruins in Southern Mexico, Guatemala, and Honduras, where they have observed many different orchid plants in the wild. Lynn has been a member of SDCOS for about 10 years and in 2004, she was elected to Treasurer. Steve was for many years the owner of his own Travel Agency. He joined the SDCOS last year and is slowly accumulating as many orchid plants as he can.

GENERAL MEETING

February 2, 7:30 PM—Casa Del Prado—Room 101

By Steve Mallory, 1st Vice President

This month's speaker will be Gin Gan, with a presentation on *Orchids of Southeast Asia*.

Gin was born on Java (Indonesia), eight miles from a tropical rain forest where he spent his younger days observing the fauna and flora in the foothills of a live volcano. After graduating from high school Gin entered the Biological Faculty of the local University and studied botany and zoology for two years since he was always interested in the wildlife of the rainforest, especially orchids.

Gin then moved to Germany where he studied Mechanical Engineering. In 1969

he immigrated to the USA and was employed in the aerospace and defense Industry, retiring in 2002.

In the States Gin pursued his interest in growing Orchids and now in his retirement years has been able to dedicate more time in growing species orchids and traveling to observe orchids in their native habitats.

Gin has won several AOS awards. This presentation on the orchids of Southeast Asia is based on his observations and experiences with the orchids of the region.

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Meetings

San Diego Orchid Society meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at the Casa Del Prado in Balboa Park.

Novice Class: 6:30 PM, Room 104

General Meeting: 7:30 PM, Room 101

Newsletter Entries

If you have monthly meetings, classifieds, submissions of interest, photos, or announcements related to orchids, please contact Christopher Croom at (619) 583-3804 or batescroom@cox.net.

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First Tuesday of the month
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

February 2, 7:30 p.m
SDCOS General Meeting
First Tuesday of the month
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

February 3
Palomar Orchid Society Meeting
Culture class at 6:30; meeting at 7:30
First Wednesday of the month
The Carlsbad Woman's Club
3320 Monroe Street, Carlsbad
Melana Walding (760) 295-7228

February 4, 7:00 PM
SDCOS Board Meeting
Normally, the Thursday following the General Meeting (usually the first Thursday of the month; second Friday of the month in rare cases)
Balboa Park, Rm. 104

February 6, 2010
Annual Orchid Auction
Preview at 11 AM, auction at 12 noon
Woman's Club of Carlsbad

February 6
SDCOS Species Group Meeting
First Saturday of the month
Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

February 12-14
Oceans of Orchid Show
Westminster Mall, Orange County
www.nhos.org

February 17
Cymbidium Society Meeting
Regular meeting, third Wednesday of month
Culture class at 6:30, Meeting at 7:00 PM
The Carlsbad Woman's Club
3320 Monroe Street, Carlsbad (858) 748-8355

February 19

San Diego Zoo's Orchid Odyssey
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10 AM-2 PM
(orchid greenhouse is open)
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March 6 and 7
South Bay Orchid Society Show & Sale
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Torrance Cultural Arts Center
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If you have any announcements that you would like included in the "Dates to Remember" section of



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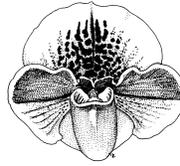
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Winter Show in the Park

By David Brown

Well, we have survived another of our shows in Balboa Park and from the responses I received from the public we did a very nice job. There were many exquisite and beautiful varieties of orchids on display, with a nice assortment of shapes, colors, and fragrances for the public to enjoy. I want to thank everyone who participated in this show. While I believe that our current format for shows in the park is going well, any ideas on how to make it better are welcome and I received some ideas from members that we may try to implement at our next show in the Park in July.

I really want to thank all the volunteers that helped make the Winter Show a successful event. A big thank you to Linda Fiske, Jim Wright, Bruce Berg, Genie Hammond and Dave Hoffmaster for helping with set-up on Friday afternoon. Pam Peterson did a very nice job with signing up plants on Friday and organizing the Ribbon Judging on Saturday morning. Joe and Rose Alesi provided us with refreshments and once again made some beautiful flower arrangements in the unique vases they tirelessly find. We are all thankful to all those who provided security for our show: Helen Pfister, Dave and Patty Hoffmaster, Bruce and Carol Berg, Edith and Leno Galvan, Sharon Burns, Robert Webb, Scott Labouff, and Nancy Boler. We want to thank those who handled the finances: Lynn Ford, Betty Kelepez, Barbara and Tom Smith wrote out the receipts for Loren and Nancy to enter into the register. Genie Hammond, Jim Reid and his daughter made lovely corsages for our visitors. Bob Clark manned our Membership booth and signed up some new members. Lisa Humphries, Nico Goosen, Ben and Sue Machado, Charley and Sue Fouquette were great talking to our visitors about orchids and how to take care of them. I also want to thank Kay Klaus for helping me load my truck and returning the tables to room 104. Some people really who went above and beyond the call of duty and deserve special recognition for their contributions: Elizabeth Glover ran the plant hotel, Anna Majeviskis sold society merchandise, and Loren and Nancy Batchman worked with the cash register the entire weekend. When you see these members at our meetings, please

thank them for what they do for us.

I am grateful for all those who participated by bringing plants to display. Without all of you we would not have a show for the public. Those who brought plant to this show were Craig Johnson, Anita and Jerry Spencer, Warren Stehle, Linda Fiske, Edith and Leno Galvan, Pam Peters, Bruce and Carol Berg, Felicia and Ernie Acantilado, Pam and Ty Smith, Ken Campbell, Ray Brandt, Elaine and Marvin Dellinger, Jim Wright, Renate Schmidt, Dave and Patty Hoffmaster, Betty Kelepez, Anna Majeviskis, Helen Pfister, Linda Humiston, Charley and Sue Fouquette, Kay Klaus, Lynn Ford and last but not least Lauren Batchman for his very nice display of Cymbidiums and Zygopetalums.

There is someone else I would like to thank, but I do not know who it is. One of you somehow gets the information about our show published in the Union Tribune newspaper. I am very grateful. Will you please contact me?

Now is time for us to catch our breath and prepare for our Big Spring Show. I am sure that Bruce Berg, Dave Hoffmaster and Steve Mallory will keep us well informed about "A Rainbow of Orchids." See you soon!



Dockrillia rigida (syn. *Den. rigidum*), grown by Kay Klausing took 1st place in section 12J at our most recent January Balboa Park show. This was a pretty large and old specimen with bright red bars on the lip undersides, demonstrating what a resupinate flower is.



Betty Kelepecz's *Masdevallia no-rops* 'Windflower' was a truly fascinating bloom that looked like living, room-temperature fire on the inside and was almost as tall as the plant that bore it, leading her to a 1st place in section 12P.

Craig Johnson's *Cymbidium Tracey Doll* 'Tweety Bird' took 1st place and Best of Section 1E at our January show in Balboa Park. This one looks like it might have *C. lowianum* parentage.



Anita Spencer's *Lc. Blue Kahili* took 1st place and Best of Section 4G, with fragrant blooms on the bluish side of lavender.



Betty's *Sophranitella violacea* earned her another 1st place in section 12D. This outdoor grower bears some vague resemblance to *Sophranitis*, hence the name, but could almost also pass for a *Polystachya*, with its petal-like lip.



Jerry Spencer's *Cymbidium Sweet & Savvy* earned him a 1st place/Best of Section for 2B and seems like *C. parishii* or *C. sanderianum* might have been involved in its parentage, considering the lip spotting.



Edith and Leno Galvan's Cym. Ruby Sarah 'Gemstone' not only won Best of Show, 1st place, and Best of Section 3C, but this photogenic plant already made great presentation fodder. There was a lot going on with these blooms.



Loren Batchman's Cym. Kiwi Midnight 'Geyserland' kept squirting people as they walked by the Casa de las Orquideas display table, as its name would suggest. I was particularly impressed by the darkness of these flowers.



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Oops! I forgot to photograph the tag of this Bulbophyllum hybrid. It looked super-cool and the picture came out relatively well, so I think the grower of this fine plant (I'm sure....er...I hope) probably knows who he or she is. This is a warmer grower that likes to dry out relatively slowly and the curved lateral sepals give it a bowlegged appearance. This looks like a primary hybrid of *B. echnolabium* x *B. lobbii*, but I'm probably wrong.

Spring Show Committee Minutes

By Bruce Berg

The January 6 meeting was started at 7 pm at Bruce and Carol Berg's house. Dave Hoffmaster, Steve Mallory, Pam Peters, Bruce Berg, and Carol Berg were in attendance.

Dave will look for four speakers for Saturday and three speakers for Sunday.

Bruce presented the Hospitality report. He was asked to talk with Genie to see if we were going to have corsages for sale at the show. A sign-up sheet for members wishing to bring in table top displays was reviewed and agreed upon by the committee. Gifts for vendors and possibly members were again discussed. The committee decided to table further discussion until the cost of lunches is known and then a decision whether or not to do gifts would be made. Bruce reported contacting several vendors with about half liking the idea of receiving a useful gift and the other half recognizing the need of keeping costs down. We received a notice from Newport Harbor Society asking us to sign a participation agreement. Dave is planning to take in a basket display. Bruce said he would talk about it at the next general meeting.

Carol presented her spreadsheet showing how expenses will be tracked. Dave reported that the insurance has been paid.

Dave presented his Advertising and Marketing report. He will be getting out posters and coupons to other orchid societies in February. He has been working with Tracy Wallace to get the show posted on local publication calendars. Dave asked for names of "active senior" centers so that we can advertise there.

The committee approved a \$2 discount to seniors.

Steve presented his Vendor and Exhibit report. Two vendors have paid to date with another 16 indicating they will participate. Steve will send display forms to local orchid societies.

Pam reported on the Judging and Awards activi-

ties for the month. She has the medallions for awards and will work with Ann and Paul Tuskes to get the award plaques made. The committee agreed to use the last crystal vase for Best of Show.

Dave will work with Genie to bring update on Food and Beverage report to next meeting.

Steve reported on the Facilities status. We are giving up the Square and Compass room which will save about \$1500. Conservation will go out in the main display area. We are paying \$1000 for the stage area which is only used for plant storage and a small space for the plant hotel. The committee agreed to continue renting the stage area since a small closet would cost over \$300 and would be uncomfortable for the volunteers working there.

The Security report was reviewed. We need to make minor change to make sure security people are in place when the doors open. We need to begin start times 15 minutes early.

Presales tickets are going well. Bruce will report back on how to contact members who haven't picked up tickets to see if they want them. There is no need to mail tickets to members who can't sell them.

The next meeting will be January 28 at the Berg's house.

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Monthly Report on AOS Judging at Quail Gardens

By: Helmut Rohrl

Photos by Jo Bailey

Judging at the Encinitas site (Quail Gardens, Administration (Ecke) Building) begins at 7:00 pm on the first Monday of each month. The facility opens at 6:30 pm. Anyone interested in orchids is encouraged and welcome at the sessions. Visitors may join the judging teams at their tables, but cannot participate in the judging process. Anyone who wants to exhibit plants for judging but is unable to bring the plants to Quail Gardens, please contact one of the local judges or have others bring the plants to the facility.

At the January 4, 2010 Encinitas session ten cultivars were shown and two were awarded.

L. A. Burzell brought in seven cultivars:

Cattleya trianaei with 6 flowers on 2 inflorescences. The natural spread of the flowers is 13.1 cm. Sepals and petals are white, suffused lilac. The lip is light lavender with light yellow throat.



Cattleya trianaei with 2 flowers on 1 inflorescence. The natural spread of the flowers is 14.5 cm. Sepals and petals are medium purple. The lip is dark purple.

Cattleya trianaei with 2 flowers on 1 inflorescence. The natural spread of the flowers is 13.6 cm. Sepals and petals are medium purple. The lip is dark purple.

Cattleya trianaei with 2 flowers on 1 inflorescence. The natural spread of the flowers is 13.9 cm. Sepals and petals are white. The lip is white with purple mid lobe.



Cattleya trianaei var. *coerulea* with 6 flow-

ers on 2 inflorescences. The natural spread of the flowers is 13.1 cm. Sepals and petals are white, suffused lilac. The lip is light lavender with light yellow throat.

Cattleya trianaei var. *concolor* with 3 flowers and 3 buds on 2 inflorescences. The natural spread of the flowers is 15.5 cm. Sepals and petals are light purple. The lip is light purple with light yellow throat.



Cattleya lueddemanniana with 2 flowers on 1 inflorescence. The natural spread of the flowers is 11.5 cm. Sepals and petals are medium purple. The lip is medium purple with purple throat striped yellow.



Betty Kelepecz exhibited two cultivars.

Masdevallia norops with 1 flower on 1 stem. The natural spread of the flower is 11.2 cm vertical. The sepals are orange proximally, greenish distally. The lip is brown.



Oncidium Twinkle (*Cheirophorum x ornithorhynchum*) with many flowers on several inflorescences. The natural spread of the flowers is 1.2 cm. All segments are very light yellow. The crest is brown. CCM/AOS.



Fred Clarke brought in one plant.

Mormodia Lime Tiger (*Clowesia Trace Dunn x Mormodes elegans*) with 51 flowers on 2 pendent

inflorescences. The natural spread of the flowers is 4.6 cm. All segments are greenish suffused light brown, striped dark green. AM/AOS.

At the end of the judging session, Helmut Rohrl gave a 30-minute talk on recently awarded Odonoglossums.

At the end of the February judging session, Greg Truex will give a 30-minute talk on recently awarded Lycastes.



Concerning Plants for Judging Sessions

By: Helmut Rohrl

The Pacific South Judging Center conducts each month three judging sessions in the Los Angeles and San Diego area. They are:

Encinitas (Quail Gardens) on the 1st Monday at 7 pm

San Marino (Huntington Botanical Gardens) on the 2nd Saturday at 10 am

Long Beach (Whaley Park) on the 4th Saturday at 7 pm

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San Diego County Orchid Society December Board Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2009

Attendees: Dave Brown, Loran Batchman, Bruce Berg, Christopher Croom, Lynn Ford, Genie Hammond, Dave Hoffmaster, Steve Mallory and Kevin Rynearson

President Dave Brown called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

The minutes from the December meeting were approved by email prior to this Board meeting and were published to the January Newsletter.

The Treasurer's report was tabled pending further review. A subcommittee consisting of Lynn Ford and Steve Mallory were appointed to update the format of the report. They will submit a proposal at the February Board Meeting.

Show Committee Report

We have contacted all the Garden Clubs in the San Diego area soliciting support for our spring show. Results have been mixed but most have agreed to announce our show at their monthly meetings and post it in their newsletters.

We have also contacted all of the orchid societies in the Los Angeles/Orange county area regarding our spring show. Most are supportive and will list the show on their web site and in the calendar sections of their newsletter.

To date, 16 vendors have accepted our offer to participate in the spring show.

We have decided that we do not need to rent the Square and Compass room at Scottish Rite and will move the conservation booth on to the main floor. We need to contact Scottish Rite to remove that room from the rental agreement.

Genie Hammond agreed to be our contact person with Ranch Catering and will recommend a lunch menu for each day of the show.

We will contact some of the local radio stations with free tickets to the show in an effort to get some on air promotion.

Old Business

Genie Hammond has purchased a dark green cloth to make a backdrop for our orchid shows in Balboa Park. As for the white tablecloths, we will get a count of what is needed at the next show in January.

The online payment method (Pay Pal) needs to be modified to ensure that the membership information is forwarded to the membership chair and treasurer. David Brown will contact Ron Kaufmann to iron out the details.

Owen Smith updated our web site in several areas. 1) The "Shows" link has been updated to give information about the Winter Show in the Park, January 15 & 16. Information about "A Rainbow of Orchids", March 26 – 28, has also been added to this link. 2) The poster, advertising and judging information for "A Rainbow of Orchids" was added and 3) Our vendor page was updated to list our current vendors.

New Business

The novice speakers for February will be Lynn Ford and Steve Lowe talking about how to prepare your orchids and make them look good for a show.

The speaker at the main meeting will be Gin Gan with a presentation on "Orchids of Southeast Asia."

We have entered into a reciprocal agreement with the Newport Harbor Orchid Society to participate in each other's shows. They will provide a display for our spring show and have ask us do the same. They are hosting "Oceans of Orchids" at the Westminster Mall in Orange County February 12 – 14 and would like our members to display orchid arrangements.

From the Membership Desk

By Bob Clark

Let's welcome our newest member: Marilyn Joyce (Jim Reid's daughter).

We also welcome back David Helt and Edwardo and Julie Marty.

Membership Report

The Post Office requires nonprofit organizations to mail 200 copies to get the Nonprofit Standard Mail postal rate, which is quite a bit less than the First Class rate. The Society currently needs to add about 10 or so to our newsletter mailing list to reach the 200. We get the extras from our email list. This means some of our newsletter email recipients will once in a while receive a hard copy, too. Your Board encourages you to bring more new members to the Society.

Nomenclature Rules: Things to Do to Help Ensure Accurate Information Makes It in the Newsletter and into the Heads of Orchid Show Passersby

By Christopher Croom

I occasionally get feedback from folks who say that the names of orchids I put in the Newsletter are often misspelled or incorrect, and I wanted to let everyone know how they can help, as deciphering often illegible tags is as hard for me as it would be for anyone else. So, here are some rules that you might consider going by to prevent this from happening:

1. Write the name of your orchid as clearly as possible on the show tag, using manuscript whenever possible.
2. Capitalize genus names, and put species names in lower case. *Example: Cymbidium goeringii*
3. Put cultivar or clonal names in single (not double) quotes. *Example: Cymbidium Tracey Doll 'Tweety Bird'*
4. As in the example above, hybrid names are capitalized and not in quotes.
5. If typing orchid names, make sure to italicize species orchids and not hybrids (see examples above). Also expect that I will use the current names of plants whenever possible (e.g., *Dendrobium rigidum* is now *Dockrillia rigida*).
6. Purchase orchids from reputable growers with tags that correctly identify them, and be careful transferring this information onto show tags or when repotting/relabeling.

Thank you!

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Letter From the Editor

Dear SDCOS,

Now that your orchids have had a chance to be properly “flushed” (thank you, El Nino), you should probably monitor outdoor and screen house plants for signs of water damage. Hail will cause bruise-like divots on leaves, cold will make the edges of leaves turn a greasy brown/gray and start to shrivel, and too much water in general will make leaves turn yellow, often without wilting. If you have yellow leaves in your collection, dry those orchids out. You may have to dry them out for several weeks, considering all the rain we got, and it may be prudent to repot plants with new growths that are yellowing if you have any in your collection that are actively growing this time of year. Of course, most things you have will probably not be experiencing active growth, so saving repotting for the spring and just letting your stuff dry out will probably be the best bet.

I was up in Carlsbad the other day, presenting at a Cymbidium Society meeting, during which I recounted the story of my second orchid: a two-gallon Home Depot Cymbidium that had broken-down mix and waterlogged roots and was being sold for half-price, the type of thing that just gets thrown away these days. I literally had to let that plant dry out in a shady place for 5 weeks or more (meaning not a single drop of water that whole time) until the leaves turned a darker green. By the time it was dry it put out a couple of new growths and spring had sprung; I divided the plant in half to give part of it to a friend, and repotted my part in fine bark mix. It now resides at my mom’s house in a half wine barrel, indestructible still for a person who kills every green thing she touches and unable to come to shows because neither of us have a truck and a Bobcat crane. Don’t forget to listen to what your orchids are telling you, especially after “extreme weather events.”

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Happy Growing,
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