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related to successful orchid culture, and to support  
the conservation of orchids in the wild.*

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# San Diego County Orchid Society

## SPRING AWARDS PARTY

May 5th, 6:00 PM

Our regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday, will be replaced in May by our annual awards potluck banquet to celebrate our successful Spring Show and Plant Sale.

A big "Thank you!" to all the volunteers who enabled the show! It was a great success and would have not been possible without your help!

Please join us for an evening of socializing and a good meal.

Ann and Paul Tuskes will present a slide show displaying all the beautiful orchids, displays and volunteers at the show.

Appetizers and drinks will be served at 6 pm followed by Dinner. A selection of entrées and beverages will be provided by SDCOS as well as plates, cups and utensils.

If you did not have a chance to sign up for the potluck dinner at the April meeting please bring a food item to share and join us.

Potluck food categories include:

Appetizers

Salads

Breads

Vegetable or side dish

Dessert

Note that there is no plant forum or plant opportunity table this month.

However, the regularly scheduled AOS judging in room 104 will take place as usual (6 PM).

Members are encouraged to bring a blooming orchid to be used as a decorative centerpiece for the dining tables.

Please contact Kay Klausing([firstvp@sdorchids.com](mailto:firstvp@sdorchids.com)) if you have any questions.

## County Fair Orchid Ribbon Competition Registration Deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>

by Bruce Berg

If you haven't registered online to enter your orchids for ribbon competition at this year's San Diego County Fair, May 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline!

Quick summary:

Start at:

<http://www.sdfair.com/index.php?fuseaction=exhibits.flower>

To read the rules, click "flower show", or if you are ready to start, go to top right of the screen and click "sign in". I'd recommend that you print out the rules, since they will give you the dates you will need to bring in your plants as well as the classes of plants that you'll need when registering your plants.

choose **"exhibitor"**.

Follow the prompts and fill in the blanks. You are a **"first time exhibitor"** and you are signing up in the **"Flower Show Department"**, and the **"Orchid Specimen Division"**. Select **"Class 5, All 6 Specimen Shows. \$30"**. Payment must be with a credit card.

While a bit confusing, this will register you for the five competitive weeks of the fair. The rules talk about a separate division for cut flowers, but I have not seen online how to register for that division. There is a meeting at the fair on the 25<sup>th</sup> of this month to provide more information about the floral competitions and when I learn more, I'll pass on the info. In addition. I'm sure that all registered entrants will be receiving a packet of information, including plant tags as we get closer to opening day. In the mean time, if you have questions, or need help, give me a call and I'll try to help you. Bruce Berg 619.258.1963.

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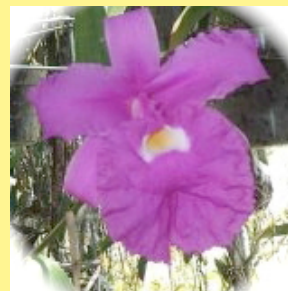
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## **Culture Article for May - Using Rainwater, Part 1: Collection** by Bruce Berg

With the drought conditions that we are currently facing, as orchid growers, we need to explore alternatives to providing good water to our orchids. I have been using rainwater collected from my roof for the past three years and will share with you my lessons learned. I started out using tap water until observing that the tips of the leaves of many of my plants, particularly the oncidium types were turning black. After listening to a Society culture talk and asking questions from our members of the probable cause being the high salt content of the water here in our municipal water.

Orchids in their natural state, and more important to those of us who buy orchids from vendors, is that these orchids are grown using water with very low salt content. If we add fertilizer (which are salts) to salty water, we are giving our plants a double shot of bad water. So, what can we do? One thing is to start with water that is very low in salt. We use the terms "DI" and "RO" to describe water that has salts removed by either a deionized water process or a reverse osmosis water process. The third option is to use rainwater which by nature comes very low in contaminants. If we use tap water, there is another option, which is to flush the plants with lots of water and thus flush out most of the excess salts. This option is not a good one going forward into a drought situation when water will be restricted.

When I decided to improve my water quality, my first attempt was to go with a DI system. The advantage of this system was that it was a rental system that connected directly into an outdoor water hose bib. I only had to sign a contract with the distributor (Siemens) who



delivered and set up the tank. I connected the outlet to a timer and misting system to water my plants. Water quality was 0.0 ppm salts and no waste water. The only drawback to me was that I had a bill to pay every month, and when it rained, I could see all that beautiful, free rain going out to the street. Also, the mathematics told me that 1" of rainfall on 900 Sf of roof should yield 600 gallons of water.

*Culture cont'd*

Since I love to tinker with projects, and since I already had my timer and sprinkler system installed, I did a cost analysis and convinced myself that I could purchase the materials to install a rainwater collection system for about what a DI system was costing me.

My system involves disconnecting the 90 degree elbow from two of my roof gutters, and placing 55 gallon barrels (from Nico Goossens) under them to collect the water. I put dirty water sump pumps (Harbor Freight) into the barrels and connect them to garden hoses (I made a 90 degree PVC elbow riser from the pump so that the hose would hang down straight). The garden hose runs up to my orchid area where I have two "water totes" that are 275 gallons each. I plumbed them together on the tops with a manifold which drops water into the top of each tank, using an air gap so that there is no siphoning back down the garden hose. The tanks have valves on the bottom that I connected together and run to a pump (next article on distribution). I painted the tanks to keep light out and also treat the water by pouring Physan 20 periodically into the water.

Before I bought the water totes, I used plastic 33 gallon trash cans to store the water. I still use these along with five 55 gallon barrels.

When using the trash cans, I put a plastic trash can liner in the can as extra light blocker. When my Totes get low, I remove the trash can liners and then pump water from the trash cans back into the totes.

So, am I satisfied? No. While my rainwater is only about 35 ppm I use all the water I can currently store by about the end of May (about 1000 gallons). My solution for now is to switch to RO after my rainwater is gone.

I have a RO filter system that I use to fill the totes when all of my rainwater has been used. I also use the RO system to produce filtered drinking water for us to drink. A problem with RO water is that RO systems create waste water where the excess salts are concentrated. The waste water is pumped to our garden where it either waters our vegetables or our fruit trees.

And the costs? My initial investment paid for itself the first two years. However, having to replace the pump after the first year and having to replace RO filters increases the life cycle costs. I believe that my total costs are still less than a rental of DI equipment. Until I can find space in my yard for more water storage, I will probably continue with my current system.

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## 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Show Thank You

by Bruce Berg,

Co-Chairman

The 2015 Spring Show has come to a close and I am left with a kaleidoscope of memories of all the hustle and bustle at the showroom and sales area where our members came together with all of their beautiful orchids and put together the best show that I can remember seeing in my time as co-chairman. As our visitors came through the doorways and saw the sights and smelled the intoxicating fragrances, I could just see that they were enjoying the show put on by our Society by their smiles. The booths from our members, vendors, and visiting orchid societies brought to life the theme of "Around the World With Orchids" in many creative ways, from teddy bear orchid hunters in tents, to depictions of the where the various types of orchids can be found around the world and on to the display tables which were full of fantastic plants brought in by our members festooned with ribbons of merit and award trophies. The lighted display of "Best of Section" was a favorite spot for our visitors to see the "best of the best" including the fantastic *Arpophyllum giganteum* which was brought in by Peter Tobias.

The show would not have been possible without the support of all of you who put in so many hours to make the show a success. Thanks to co-chair Dave Hoffmaster who worked tirelessly with all the details of pulling together the show, including making sure all the sales booths were filled with vendors who brought in all those beautiful plants for sale, and working with the folks at Scottish Rite to arrange for the facilities. Also thanks to Pam Peters who worked so hard to make sure our judging system is as fair and consistent as possible. She also coordinated all of the judging and members

who participated on the judging teams. Thanks also to the other members of the Show committee for their help and hard work: Carol Berg for Finance; Jack Schaefer for Web support and Security; Ivan Allen for volunteer coordination; Mary Ann Chanthalla for social media input and for the show program; Patti Hoffmaster for work on the show program and member gifts; and Joyce Schoof and Susan Lewitt for advertising.

On behalf of the Show Committee, I wish to thank all of the following members and non-members who made the show a success. As a thank you, each person on the list is entitled to receive a gift bag and a plant donated by our vendors. Most of you were able to pick up your gifts at the end of the show. If you were not able to pick them up, they will be available at the Awards meeting on May 5. If you aren't able to pick up your plant then, you will need to make arrangements with me or Dave Hoffmaster. If you worked at the show and I missed your name, let me or Dave know so you can get your gifts.

Scott LaBouff who was everywhere during the show greeting members as well as our visitors, Jerry Spencer, Anita Spencer, Ben Machado, Charley Fouquette, Sue Fouquette, Darci Tom, Debby Halliday, Dolores Maxwell, Leno Galvan, Edith Galvan, Edward Danielewicz, Ernie Acantilado, Fely Acantilado, Genie Hammond, Gin Gan, Irene Cohn, Irma Adams, Ivan Allen, Jim Wright, Lou Wilson, Mandy Reyes, Mildred Reyes, Nancy Groves, Nico Goossens, Pedro Sanchez, Peter Philan, Peter Tobias, Rich Laclair-Zoehrer, Rita Huang, Shirley Hall, Steven Casselman, Paul Tuskes, Ann Tuskes,

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## Concerning Plants for Judging Sessions

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

### San Diego

Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, room 104  
1st Tuesday of the month at 6 pm

### San Marino

Huntington Botanical Gardens  
1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino, CA 91108  
2nd Saturday of the month at 10 am

### Long Beach

Whaley Park  
4th Saturday of the month at 7 pm

Visitors—with or without plants—are welcome anytime. If a member of the SDCOS wishes to have flowering plants judged at one of these sessions but is unable to take the plants to the judging facility, please contact one of the following AOS judges:

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## President's Message

I applaud the efforts of everyone who participated in our "Around the World with Orchids" show. It was a success due to the diligent management by Dave Hoffmaster and Bruce Berg as Show Co-chairs along with the Show Committee members who did a fantastic job in organizing this event. Thank you. Thank you to all who volunteered, exhibited, judged, and to our speakers and vendors. Congratulations to each exhibitor on well earned ribbons, awards, and trophies. We had an excellent variety of orchids and beautifully assembled displays for the public and fellow members to enjoy. I received many positive comments from impressed visitors.

This month we'll have fun at the "Garden Party for the Century" on May 9th, 10 am to 4 pm. We still have two Host positions open on Saturday afternoon, 1-4 pm. I encourage you to volunteer. Here you can share your knowledge and enthusiasm for orchids. You'll inform visitors about our society and the benefits of membership.

Volunteer signup:

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/4CTFB>

Other San Diego Botanical Garden Foundation societies will be participating in this event. There will be various activities throughout the day, kicked off with a parade. This promises to be a day full of fun for all.

Also, this same weekend, May 8th-10th, the San Diego Floral Association presents "Our Park - Our Treasure". Here is another opportunity for you to exhibit your orchids to the public. This event will be held at the Balboa Park Club, Friday May 8, 5pm-9pm, Saturday, May 9, 9am-9pm, and Sunday, May 10, 9am-5pm. Entries will be received on May 8, 10am-12pm. Please contact me for details if you interested in exhibiting. Sections available for entry and judging opportunities include roses; container grown plants, including orchids (mounted orchids are eligible for entry); cactus and succulents; cut

flowers from bulbs, corms and tubers; cut orchids; cut perennials; arboreal branches; plus educational exhibits. For details please email [president@sdorchids.com](mailto:president@sdorchids.com)

Enjoy Mother's Day weekend in Balboa Park by participating in or visiting both of these events.

I am pleased to announce that Carey Mc Coy and Ed Perez are our new Refreshments Coordinators. Thank you Carey and Ed.

I encourage you to bring any orchid that is not thriving for you to our meetings for "The Doctor is In" program. We can help diagnose a problem and provide suggestions to improve your culture.

Additionally, OrchidWiz is now available to all members for use at our meetings. OrchidWiz provides detailed culture information, awarded plant information and more. It's the perfect tool to research a new plant you've purchased or that you've just selected from the plant opportunity table. We also have a library full of orchid books available to you. These may be checked out during the break.

I wish you success in growing orchids!

Scott La Bouff

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## Board Officer Elections

The Current Board officers have all offered to run for office again. Scott La Bouff for President, Kay Klausing for First Vice President, Debbie Halliday for Second Vice President, Jack Schaefer for Secretary, and Carol Berg for Treasurer. In addition, Carol Kerr has announced she will run for the open Director-at-Large vacancy whose term will run from 2015 until 2018. Nominations may also be made by the General Membership at the time of the annual meeting in June prior to the voting on the candidates. When you see them, please thank them for the work they have done for our Society this past year.

## Spring show thank you

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Gary Louis, April Lewis, Betty Kelepecz, Bob Clark, Don Rosenstock, Bonnie Rosenstock, Bruce Berg, Carol Berg, Carey Mc Coy, Carol Kerr, Charlie Morgan, David Hoffmaster, Patti Hoffmaster, and their daughter Lauren Hoffmaster, Dee Schoemaker, Dick Chadwick, Elaine Luevanos, and her daughter Stephanie Luevanos, Esther Sivila, Esther Stewart, Jack Schaefer, Jim Dooley, Joyce Schoof, Kay Klausing, Lee Smith, Lena Shiroma, Linda Humiston, Mary Ann Chanthala, Medrick Bullock, Myra DeTate, Nancy Walters, Naty Ang, Nick Hennen, Pam Peters, Reed Phillips, Robert Vitacco, Scott Opis, Sue Phillips, Susan Lewitt, Tom Ketelaar, June Anderson, Nancy Benay, David Brown, Ken Campbell, Connie Clark, Catherine Gambacorta, Linda Gardner, David Graham, Nancy Hoyt, Ann Mathews, Alex Nadzan, Barbara Payne, Gene Payne, Sima Perkins, Gaby Reyes-Rodriguez, Kevin Rynerson, Darcy Salzl, and Jonathan Tambio. and Victoria Cohen. Thanks also to my neighbors Doug and Julie and our friend Lee Smith who are all three orchid enthusiasts.

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### From the Membership Desk

Please welcome our newest members George & Alexandra Allen, Lee Smith, Kathy Andrews, Jim Dooley, Paul Trovato, Roy Nakmura, Vicki Nakmura, Richard Sardena, and Margo Hebal. Also, please welcome back Jeff Rakoff and Don Rosenstock.

Bob

Please mark your calendars and save the date:

**Saturday, June 13, 2015.**

## Orchid Digest Speakers' Day:

### *Orchid Potpourri*

Ahmanson Classroom in the Botanical Center  
at the  
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12:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

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## Orchid Hotlines

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 they have kindly volunteered to answer your questions.

### **Cattleyas, Oncidium/Odonts, Phals, other**

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## Board of Directors Meeting Summary

*by Jack Schaefer*

The San Diego County Orchid Society's Board meeting was held on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Attending were Scott LaBouff, Kay Klausing, Carol Berg, Jack Schaefer, Carol Kerr, Debby Halliday & Bruce Berg. Bob Clark and Felisa Acantilado were absent. The meeting was opened at 7:10 by the President, Scott LaBouff.

The Secretary reported that the March Board minutes were approved by email and were published in the April Newsletter.

The Treasurer presented the Financial report for March. A motion was made & passed to file the report for review. Carol reported the Spring Show financials pending results of advance ticket sales and miscellaneous expenses. The Point Of Sale register purchase report was deferred to the May board meeting.

Our webmaster reported on the web activity for March. As expected, the web site hit count spiked to over 6000 hits as we approached the Spring Show. The Volunteer Signup webpage will be moved to a more visible position within the website. The current email facility has been modified to add a "Hiking-Camping" activity type which is available to Members and non-Members alike.

There was no Membership report as the Membership Chair was not present.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Kay Klausing, reported that Francisco Miranda will be speaking on Brazilian Orchids at the June general meeting. Francisco will also provide the Opportunity Table.

Of course the May Meeting is our Annual Awards Banquet. We expect Paul and Ann Tuskes will entertain us with their photo review of the Spring Show. The Society will be providing main course items and members are encouraged to bring appetizers, vegetable dishes and salads, or desserts. It has been suggested that members who wish to may bring flowering orchids to use as centerpieces on the tables!

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Debby Halliday, reported on the April 18<sup>th</sup> repotting seminar to be held at the Berg's home on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. This will be a potluck and all are welcome.

Our Past President Bruce Berg tabled his items until the May Board Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM and the next Board meeting is May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

**A membership vote will be held at the June General Meeting for the approval to purchase a new Point of Sale (PoS) system for use at our "Orchids in the Park" Show and Sale events.** The Board of Directors is asking the membership to approve an amount of \$1,500.00 for the purchase of an integrated register and barcode system with advanced capability for detailed sales recording sorted by vendor. An updated PoS system will have the added advantage of eliminating the need for sales ticket writing and significantly speeding up purchases for our customers.

## A successful potting workshop!

by Debby Halliday



The society held another of its very popular potting workshops at the home of Bruce and Carol Berg on 10AM Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. We enjoyed beautiful sunny weather. The shady patios and well organized work areas in Bruce and Carol's efficiently laid out back yard provided a perfect location for working and learning.

The workshop was well attended with over 20 newcomers and experienced growers on hand. We had ample supplies from Ben Machado and no lack of orchids to work with. Not only did we have the plants people brought with them, but we also had over a dozen donated cymbidiums in desperate need of attention. Cattleyas, phalaenopsis,





dendrobiums and cymbidiums were all among the plants receiving new medium and a fresh start on Saturday.

Debby Halliday started the meeting with a demonstration and discussion of repotting cattleyas. Darcy Salzl followed with an excellent class on repotting cymbidiums. ("Everybody hates repotting cymbidiums!") After lively discussions and questions we broke for a delicious potluck lunch at noon. Then the fun started. Everybody dived in, wrestling compacted rootballs from their pots and hacking into monster cymbidiums and cattleyas. As time went by we saw more and more groomed and beautifully repotted orchids emerge along with triumphant smiles

from their owners. The newcomers all commented on how much they had learned and what a great experience it was.

Special thanks to the members who volunteered their time to advise and help and of course to Bruce & Carol for being such excellent hosts. The conservation committee will also be grateful for all the repotting of donated plants that got done.

Our goal in these workshops is to provide a "way in" for less experienced growers and to get to know each other better by working together. Watch for our next workshop. You won't want to miss it!





Judging at the San Diego Judging Center (Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park), April 2015.

Text and photos by Phyllis Prestia.

There were 8 orchids presented for judging. One was awarded:

Epi. (Special Valley x Pacific Mulberry) 'Arniberry' AM/AOS

Exhibited by Arnie Gum

Awarded AM of 85 points



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### ***Thanks to the Ribbon Judges***

Many thanks to the below listed ribbon judges who did a fabulous job at our show. We all appreciate the hours you donated to help the judging process go smoothly. Without your help we wouldn't have a show. Felisha Acantilado, Irma Adams, June Andersen, Naty Ang, Nancy Benay, Bruce Berg, Carol Berg, David Brown, Ken Campbell, Mary Ann Chanthala, Connie Clark, Myra DeTate, Sue Fouquette, Edith Galvan, Leno Galvan, Catherine

Gambacorta, Linda Gardner, David Graham, Debby Halliday, Genie Hammond, Dave Hoffmaster, Patti Hoffmaster, Nancy Hoyt, Betty Kelepecz, Carol Kerr, Tom Ketelaar, Kay Klausing, Scott La Bouff, Ben Machado, Ann Mathews, Dolores Maxwell, Carey McCoy, Alex Nadzan, Barbara Payne, Gene Payne, Sima Perkins, Pam Peters, Gaby Reyes-Rodriguez, Kevin Ryneerson, Darcy Salzl, Jack Schaefer, Lena Shiroma, Esther Sivila, Anita Spencer, Jerry Spencer, Jonathan Tambio, Bob Vitacco, Nancy Walters, Lou Wilson, and Jim Wright.

### **The Doctor is IN**

At the April meeting, a *C. maxima* with dark spotting and streaking on the leaves was brought in. This plant is grown outside in Carmel Valley.



The consensus among the experts was that the plant is suffering from bacterial damage, possibly secondary to cold or sunburn or both. The solutions suggested all involve antibacterial treatment and keeping the plant dry to discourage bacterial growth.

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## San Diego County Orchid Society

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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.  
Culture Class: 6:30 PM, Room 101  
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

David Eveleth at [develethos@gmail.com](mailto:develethos@gmail.com).

Information for the newsletter must be submitted by the 15th of the month.

### Advertisers

Please contact Carol Berg at [winklerca@yahoo.com](mailto:winklerca@yahoo.com).

### Orchid Dates to Remember

May 2nd  
**SDCOS Species Group Meeting**  
First Saturday of the month  
Paul or Ann Tuskes (858) 274-5829

May 5th, 6:00 PM  
**SDCOS Awards Banquet**  
First Tuesday of the month  
Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

May 6th  
**Palomar Orchid Society Meeting**  
Culture class at 6:30; program at 7:00  
First Wednesday of the month  
Lake San Marcos Pavilion  
331105 La Bonita Dr., San Marcos, CA 92078

May 7th, 7:00 PM  
**SDCOS Board Meeting**  
Normally the Thursday following the General Meeting, Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 104

May 15th  
**San Diego Zoo's Orchid Odyssey**  
Third Friday of the month  
10 AM-2 PM (orchid greenhouse is open)  
Janette Gerrity (619) 231-1515 ext. 4306

May 20th  
**Cymbidium Society Meeting**  
Regular meeting, third Wednesday of month  
Culture class at 6:30, Meeting at 7:00  
Lake San Marcos Pavilion  
331105 La Bonita Dr., San Marcos, CA 92078  
[orchldy2@mac.com](mailto:orchldy2@mac.com) or (760) 732-0055



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From the editor -

Thanks to everyone who sent pictures this month! Thanks also to Debby and Bruce for diagnosing my poor sick plant (see "The doctor is IN"). The doctor was in and identified a bacterial infection. I was encouraged to see that Bruce had a good audience during the break while diagnosing and describing the problem and solutions to members. Bring in your plants - even if they just don't flower the way you want, maybe an expert can help.

It's now May and meteorological summer is around the corner - my plants are all migrating to somewhat shadier spots as the days get long and the sun gets hot. Good air circulation and adequate water are a must, but as Bruce pointed out in his talk, the pests are also in their growth and expansion phase so pay special attention if you are moving plants around.

All the best in growing orchids and keep sending pictures!

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