

## MAY 2005 NOVICE AND GENERAL MEETING WILL BE REPLACED WITH THE ANNUAL BANQUET

May 3, 2005, 6PM-Casa Del Prado, Room 101

There will not be a novice or general meeting this month due to the Annual Awards Banquet. Hors d'oeuvres/wine will be served at 6PM, dinner at 7PM, slide show of the Spring Show immediately after dinner.

Members only, no guests as space is limited, so if you have not already signed up please call any one of the following to make your reservation:

Genie Hammond 619-426-6831  
Gary Pierwola 619-426-9108  
Bill Molnar 619-229-9220

Do not bring plants for Show and Tell and there will not be a plant opportunity table as the Awards Banquet will take up the evening.

## T-SHIRTS AND WINE GLASSES

This years T-shirts will be available at the meeting for \$10.00 each. If you volunteered for 4 hours or more at the Spring Show and did not already pick your t-shirt up, they will be available for you at the meeting.

There are several of the beautiful etched Orchid Wine Glasses, that were given as awards, available at \$8.00 each. If you are interested in buying one or several please see Genie Hammond at the banquet.

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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 June issue, please contact us by May 14th.**

You are encouraged to contact Gary Pierwola @ **619-426-9108** or email: keikiman@aol.com

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Beginner's Class: 6:30 PM Room 104  
General Meeting: 7:30 PM Room 101

## UPCOMING CALIFORNIA EVENTS

April 30th-May 1st-Carmel Orchid Society May Faire, Crossroads Shopping Center, Hwy 1 at Rio Rd., Carmel, CA Contact: Ida Hale 831646-8724

May 9th-7PM and 8PM, San Diego Horticultural Society Presents "Orchids & Other Floral Wonders" at the San Diego Natural History Museum, Balboa Park \$15/SDHS members, \$18 non-members Info: www.sdhortsoc.org or 760-942-1166

May 19th-SGV Orchid Hobbyist Annual Plant Auction, LA County Botanic Garden and Arboretum, 310 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA Contact: Richard Lundine 626-335-6641

May 21st-10AM to 4PM, Casa de las Orquideas 3" Seedling Sale, 170 S. Nardo Ave., Solana Beach 92075 Info: Loren or Nancy Batchman 858-755-7572

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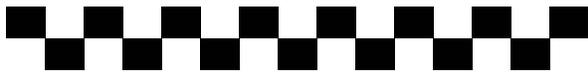
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SDCOS Membership  
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San Diego, CA 92176

Or email: tess\_mazza@hotmail.com

**This year's Nominating Committee is:**

- Peggy Swanson, chair**  
**619-465-2297**
- Dick Bechtel**
- Forrest Robinson**
- Ron Kaufman**
- Pam Peters**

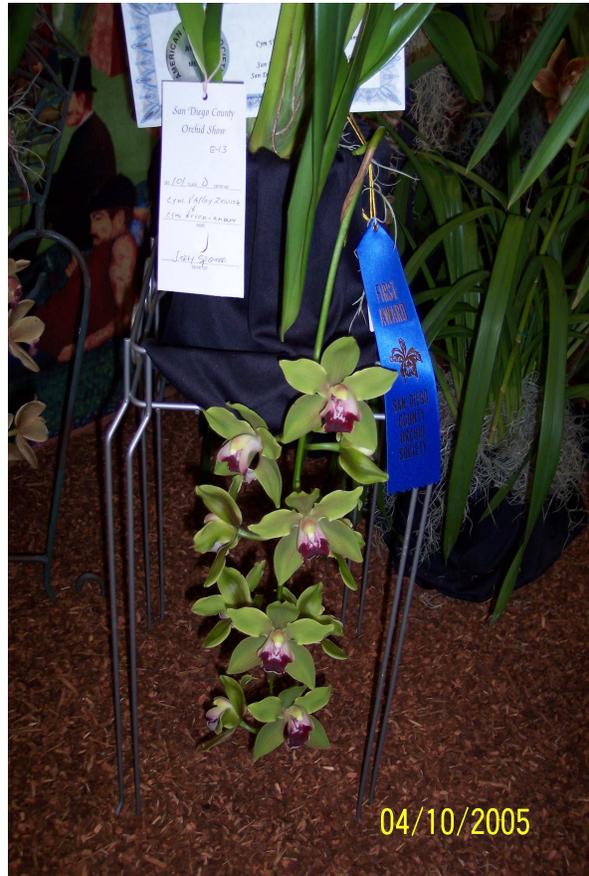
**The Nominating Committee will be presenting a slate of officers and directors. Not all the positions are filled, so if you would like to run for a position, please call Peggy Swanson at the telephone # above and get your name on the list.**



**“THE PAPHIOPEDILUM GROWERS MANUAL”**

**By Lance Birk**

**We are buying this book for the SDCOS library and want to extend the invitation to any members who also want to own it. So if you wish to purchase a copy please bring cash/check to the Annual Awards Banquet on May 3rd. The price with shipping and handling will be announced that night.**



Anita and Jerry Spencer received an AM (80) for Cym Valley Zenith X Cym Devonianum at the “Ooh la la” Show in April.

If that isn't enough of a thrill, the hybrid, purchased at Andy's Orchids a year ago was unnamed. Jerry contacted Andy and asked if he could name the plant. Andy agreed, so Jerry registered it in England and the plant will have the name “Anita Spencer”. Jerry has always made claim that Anita is the plants care taker and he just moves the plants from one spot to another.

What a way to immortalize Anita Spencer. This is going to put a lot of pressure on the rest of you guys!



## To unpretentious beginners

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**If you do not want** to loose that orchid you just bought at the show or someone gave you on your birthday...and you just want to see it bloom again;

**If you do not intend** to have even a very, very small green-house, but just want to keep that one orchid; **If you do not**

**know** or wonder about pseudobulbs, columns or rhizomes...nor wonder about the meaning of monopodial or sympodial...nor wonder about the meaning of epiphitic, terrestrial or rupicolous...nor wonder about NPK. **If you do not want** to be worried about the periods of active growth, rest or flowering; **But...**you just want to take care of only that first orchid, **WARNING...**Do not believe you will be able to only take care just of that first orchid even if you think you can. You will try but after the moment that first orchid blooms by your own care, it will be very, very difficult to resist increasing more and more your collection and you will find yourself soon looking for a small corner where you can put another species you saw in a exhibition and bought. You will be then at a point of no return to an addiction to orchids. Do you remember those orchids which you thought were terrible or ugly and in fact, for you, could not even be considered as orchids? **BE CAREFUL!** One day you will find yourself longing for one of them. When this takes place you must forget about the instructions below and go direct to **CARES AND TIPS**. If, in spite of this warning, you still insist in thinking that you can take care of just one orchid, go on and give it a try.

**General Instructions:** You need to know the name of the orchid you have bought or received, if it is from a cold, intermediate or hot environment and if it likes shade or sun. Probably you received or bought a plant in flower, so that time is its blooming period or month. **Do not forget to take note of this because you will need this information later.** Try to buy your orchid at a reputable establishment where people can give you this essential information because there are some people who speak nonsense to sell orchids and as a result you will see your plant start to fade, then die and you will not know the reason why.

■ **Ventilation:** Place the orchid where there is good air circulation but without wind.

■ **Light:** Choose a location where the light is strong or not, depending on the needs of the species (you have already been informed about this when you bought the plant). In general, do not put the plant in direct sun except for the first few hours of the morning (cont. on Page 5)

■ **Feeding:** When the plant is growing, apply a fertilizer with 30-20-20 or 20-20-20 NPK formula (I will not tell what NPK is because you do not care. Just ask it at the store). Three months before the month noted to be the blooming period, apply a 10-30-15 NPK formula. After this, do not apply anything until it begins to grow again at which time you apply the formula mentioned above and the cycle starts all over again.

■ **Water and humidity:** To water, you need to adopt these indispensable rules: Always water in the morning. If the plant is potted, water always when the compost is dry. Some terrestrial orchids like *Cymbidium* and some orchids which have aerial roots like *Phalaenopsis*, *Miltoniopsis*, love humidity, so keep the compost moist at all times. Orchids placed in suspended open-work baskets without compost or just with charcoal or pieces of tree fern can be watered every day and on especially hot days, water it in the morning and in the evening. Use water enough to flow out through the pot drain holes. Remember that orchids do not like to be swampy so do not put trays under pots. During autumn and winter reduce the number of watering times for all of them.

■ **Composts:** Except for the terrestrial orchids (Brazilian species have, in general, aerial roots), orchids do not like soil and need to have their roots well aerated so use sphagnum moss, osmunda fiber, tree fern, charcoal (do not use barbecue charcoal) and so on. If it is terrestrial, mix together, in the same proportions, black soil, clean river sand, peat moss and sphagnum moss. In either case, place a few pieces of polystyrene or some small stones over the pot holes in order to help the drainage.

**Just a little tip:** If you live in a hot climate, you can cultivate *Dendrobium phalaenopsis*, *Phalaenopsis*, *Vanda*, *Renanthera*, *Cattleya* or *Oncidium* which are species suitable to warm or hot environments. If you live in a cool or intermediate climate, there are more choices such as *Cattleya* in general, *Oncidium*, *Miltonia*, *Sophranitis*, *Cymbidium* and *Dendrobium nobile*, among others. **If**, in spite of living in a hot place and **in spite of the above tips** you still want to buy a *Sophranitis coccinea* or *Cymbidium* because of its blooming beauty, or in spite of living in a cool place, you decide to buy a *Phalaenopsis* or *Vanda teres*, go ahead but do not try to make it bloom again. Give it to someone living in the proper environment or, in the worst case scenario, throw it away when the blooming finishes and purchase another plant.

GOOD LUCK !!!





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*Blanche Meiers*

*Blanche was ill for a long time. Please keep Louis and family in your thoughts and prayers.*



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## SNAILS AND SLUGS

**You can tell you have snails and slugs by the shiny, slimy trails they leave behind. Remove daytime hiding places...ivy, weedy areas, debris or boards. Place traps in your garden and dispose of trapped snails/slugs daily. Reduce moist surfaces by switching to drip irrigation or sprinkling in the morning rather than later in the day. Plant impatiens, geraniums, begonias, lantana, nasturtiums and plants with stiff leaves and highly scented foliage like sage.**



# **SDCOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**April 14, 2005**

**Submitted by Lynn Dornfeld**

**Called to order 7:07PM**

**Present:** Gary Pierwola, Genie Hammond, Sam DeMaria, Charlie Fouquette, David Brown, Bob Clark, Lynn Dornfeld, Lynn Ford, Bill Molnar

**Others Present:** Sue Fouquette, Ron Kaufmann, Candy Kalman, Chris Manning

**Reports:**

1. Minutes from March were read, reviewed and approved by motion.
2. Treasurer's Report-Lynn Ford-February and March reports briefly discussed, then filed for audit in May after all info is available from the Show. Approximately \$18,000 in Show profits reported with initial tally. More to follow...
3. Acting First Vice President-Genie Hammond-No speakers in May due to Annual Banquet. Slide show from the April Show by Lynn Dornfeld.
4. Second Vice President Bill Molnar-no speakers in May due to banquet

**Old Business:**

1. April Show will be reviewed in detail at May meeting after more info./tallies available.

**New Business:**

1. Annual SDCOS Banquet is on May 3, 2005. Hors d'oeuvres/wine will be served @ 6PM, dinner at 7PM. Slide show from April Show. Approx. 100 signed up. Members only due to space issues.
2. Per Lynn Dornfeld, about 500 pre-sale tickets sold. Less than 500 pre-sale tickets were collected at the door per Genie. More info at May Board Meeting.
3. Gary discussed Bill Bergstrom wanting a refund for paid booth fees due to his illness on Thursday and not being able to set up his own booth or display. Genie and Charlie shared their booth with Bill on last minute notice to help sell plants he'd bought. Bill then showed up Saturday and Sunday to sell in Genie and Charlie's booth after feeling better. Divine Orchids took over Bill's assigned space at the last minute and paid the \$840 fee. The Board discussed the situation, voted and approved that Bill will not receive a refund because he sold plants at the show on Saturday and Sunday but didn't comply with show rules. \$200 will go to SDCOS because he failed to have a display yet sold plants on Saturday and Sunday. \$640 will go to Genie/Charlie for compensation for their booth fee, doing all the booth set up/tear down, complying with Show display rules and helping with the sale of Bills plants while he was ill.
4. Gary discussed how sales were this year. It varied from vendor to vendor. But, overall, sales were down from last year. The Board discussed that many other shows/activities were occurring at the same time around town that weekend. Also, it was the last weekend before taxes were due and folks may have been completing them and not doing any other activities.
5. Charlie discussed the costs of plants this year at the show. Gary talked about vendors needing to change types of plants being sold in order to increase customer interest which may help to improve sales.

- 6. Candy heard positive comments about the friendliness of SDCOS volunteers and vendors. Genie also heard positive comments.
- 7. From Board Members, kudos to Bill Molnar for a great job on security. Bill had no problems to report.
- 8. Marjorie Kuhlmann will do the newsletter again this month. We got a volunteer for the website production. We still need a newsletter volunteer.
- 9. Gary announced this year’s Nominating Committee-Peg Swanson, chair, Dick Bechtel, Forrest Robinson, Ron Kaufman, Pam Peters.
- 10. David Brown brought the Board the San Diego Parks and Recreation Dept’s Annual Financial Statement form which needs to be filled out for Park activities. Gary to handle completing form.
- 11. David Brown asked about costs of speakers for monthly meetings. Varies depending on local or national, sharing expenses for travel with other societies, etc. David Brown made a motion-Buy Lance Birk’s book for SDCOS. Approved. We will ask SDCOS members if they wish to purchase his book at the banquet, take monies and order in bulk.
- 12. Sue Fouquette needed names of ladies who helped clean up corsage booth. Rose Ono/Shirley Hall. Thank you card will be sent for help.
- 13. Genie wanted info for newsletter to include: May banquet info; For sale- Show wine glasses; Lance Birk’s book; Show T-shirts; names of Nominating Committee members.
- 14. Lynn Ford made a motion to allow Tess Taylor of Membership to have a debit account of \$100 at a time to cover printing/supply costs. Discussed and approved by Board. We will print the new roster in July, in order to include all new members from the Show and all old members who have renewed their memberships. **NO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM**

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May 2nd—Quail Botanical Gardens Judging Center, Ecke Bldg., 230 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas at 7 PM, bring plants and make the judges work!

May 3rd— SDCOS Novice Meeting and General Meeting will be replaced this month only with the Annual Awards Banquet in Room 101 @ 6PM, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park. For members only. Reservations and Info: Genie Hammond 619-426-6831, Bill Molnar 619-229-9220 or Gary Pierwola 619-426-9108

May 7th—SDCOS Species Group Meeting 9 AM Information: Paul or Ann Tuskes 858-274-58829

May 10th-SDCOS Board Meeting Balboa Park, Info: Lynn Dornfeld 619-889-4612

May 18th-San Diego County Cymbidium Society, Carlsbad Women's Club, 3320 Monroe Street, Carlsbad Info: 760-753-6952

May 20th—6:45 PM, Palomar Orchid Society Meeting, Carlsbad Women's Club, 3320 Monroe Street, Carlsbad Info: Melana Walding 760-295-7228

May 20th—10 AM to 2 PM, San Diego Zoo's Orchid Odyssey (greenhouse's are open) Info: Janette Gerrity 619-231-1515



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**If someone doesn't step up to the job this month, you may not have a newsletter. So please call Gary Pierwola at 619-426-9108 and volunteer!**

**Thanks, Marjorie Kuhlmann**