

SHOW AWARDS BANQUET

submitted by [Ben Machado](#)

MAY 1, 2001 – Casa Del Prado – Room 101

5:00 PM – Set up

5:30 PM – Wine and appetizers

6:30 PM – Dinner

Here's one of the best events of our Society, our annual Show Awards Banquet. This is the event where our Society Members get a full service everything just for being a member. Our Society puts this on in appreciation for the hard work that everyone put into making the annual show a success. At this meeting we do a recap of the awards passed out during our annual show. We start out with appetizers and wine followed with a catered banquet provided by Ranch Catering, the same caterer's used in the past and used for our orchid show. Ann and Paul Tuskes featuring photos of the winning orchids and displays will provide a slide show presentation. The presentation will also include photos of some of the volunteers that made the show such a success. Ann and Paul have made this presentation for the past several years, always adding plenty of human interest into the show.

Set up starts at 5:00 PM, where again volunteer help is encouraged to put the room in order. At 5:30 wine and appetizers will be served, followed by the catered banquet at 6:30. The slide show presentation will follow the banquet at about 7:30. You did notice the itinerary did not include "Show and Tell" or a "Plant Drawing", correct? *Please do not bring Show and Tell Plants, and do not expect a Plant Drawing at this banquet.* For this event all you have to do is just be there, help set up a little bit and visit with your fellow Society Members.

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OUR PURPOSE: To promote interest in orchids and their cultivation, to educate by exchanging information and experiences related to successful orchid culture, and to support the conservation of orchids in the wild.

SDCOS meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at Casa Del Prado in Balboa Park. Admission is free—anyone is welcome. We invite you to join the Society to receive the monthly newsletter and many other benefits.

Novice Class: 6:30 p.m., Room 104

General Meeting: 7:30 p.m., Room 101

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If you have monthly meetings, classifieds, or announcements related to orchids, make sure the information gets to the editors by the Second Tuesday of each month for publishing in the next issue of this newsletter.

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submitted by [Cynthia Hill](#)

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Space is limited. For more information contact: The Learning Annex, 619.544.9700, or e-mail cynthiahill@msn.com.

HGTV

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HGTV will present a one-hour special titled "The Orchid Mystique" on Mother's Day, May 13, at 8 pm. Having gathered information on orchids from around the world, the special will include information on the American Orchid Society, whose Director of Education Andy Easton helped with taping the show.

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May 11-13
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May 19-20
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DATES TO REMEMBER...

May 1st, 5:00 pm
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Room 104, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
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May 5th, 9:00 am
SDCOS Species Group Meeting
First Saturday each month
Paul or Ann Tuskes 858.274.5829

May 8th, 7:00 pm
SDCOS Board Meeting
Second Tuesday each month
Balboa Park
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May 11th, 7:30 pm
Palomar Orchid Society Meeting
Second Friday each month
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May 16th
Cymbidium Society Meeting
Third Wednesday each month
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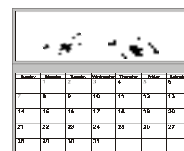
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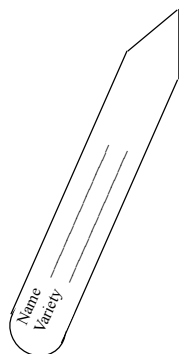
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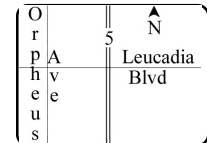
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## May/June Orchid Checklist

Prepared by Ned Nash, from [orchidweb.org](http://orchidweb.org)

**Cattleya** The last of the spring-flowering types — those that flower from a ripened hard pseudobulb — will be finishing, while the first summer-blooming types will be showing buds on their rapidly growing, soft pseudobulbs. Both may need potting, as signaled by deteriorating mix, this month. The spring bloomers present no problems, as you will be dealing with fully ripe, well-hardened pseudobulbs. They will be ready to root on the mature front pseudobulb and will establish quickly. The summer bloomers, will be brittle and may be in bud. Nonetheless, experienced growers know that unless potted now, they may not root later, as this type tends to be seasonal in its rooting behavior. Stake the lead growth to avoid breakage. May can still present some changing light conditions that can lead to burning of the foliage if the plants have not been properly acclimatized. Allow them to build up their tolerance to higher light gradually. Changing light and temperatures can also be the source of some frustration when trying to determine when plants need watering. While cattleyas will be entering into a period of rapid growth starting this month, they have still not built up sufficient momentum to be significantly slowed by your missing a day or two of watering owing to dark weather. As always, it is safer to err on the dry side than on the wet. It is important, though, especially to the summer bloomers. Too much shade will cause rapidly developing inflorescences to droop unattractively.

**Paphiopedilum** The Paphiopedilum Maudiae types will be well into their season now, so a careful eye should be used toward staking. Do not be too anxious to stake, however. Many of this type, if staked too soon, will develop nodding flowers that do not face the observer. It is better to allow the flowers to ripen naturally, then support the spike right below the ovary for best display. This is especially common in Paphiopedilum fairrieanum—derived hybrids. If you have to do something when you first see the emerging spikes, just put the stake in the pot next to the spiking growth. Not only will this help you, but you will be able to see where the spikes are, so you can continue to pay attention to their development.

The multifloral types will be entering their most active growth phase, so lots of light, water and fertilizer are called for to mature their large growths. Many will be spiking in the next couple of months, so be on the lookout for the emerging inflorescences. These may benefit from earlier staking than most, as the inflorescences grow so quickly in some cases that they can be quite soft. Again, best support is right below the ovary of the first flower. This will allow the most natural presentation of the blooms.

**Phalaenopsis** Except for the latest—spiking plants, all phalaenopsis should be ready for potting or already potted. Because phalaenopsis are tropical plants, they tend to be seasonal in their rooting behavior. The critical point for potting is when new roots emerge from the base of the plant. This is absolutely the best time to repot a phalaenopsis. The summer-flowering types, based on

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Doritis background, have ideally already been potted and are becoming freshly established, ready to support their soon-to-emerge spikes for the summer season. Phalaenopsis potted at the right point in their growth cycle will reestablish almost immediately, with fresh roots growing into the new medium nearly uninterrupted. As soon as the flush of new root growth is seen, begin regular watering and fertilizing to make maximum use of the major growing season. Do not get over-exuberant with your watering, though, allowing water to splash between plants. This can be a source of infection for both water-borne pathogens and viral contamination. Phalaenopsis are much more susceptible to virus than was previously thought. Take extra care to keep your collection free of bacterial and viral problems, which you can accomplish by maintaining a clean growing area.

## *Conservation Booth Sales Set New Record*

submitted by Peter Tobias

The Conservation Committee finds its coffers full after last month's show. The booth itself sold just about \$7000 worth of plants and the raffle netted just over \$1150 for a profit of just over \$8150. This is the largest amount we have ever made at a spring show, and, together with what was taken in last fall at the fairgrounds and what was in the coffers to begin with gives the committee a grant budget of over \$20,000. That's not peanuts, folks. The committee's next job is to give it away to groups and organizations conserving orchids. Announcements of the grant application process have gone out to a number of channels. Hopefully a good number will be received for the June 1 deadline. Anyone interested in participating in the grant evaluation process should contact Peter Tobias (tobias@scripps.edu or 760.753.3173).

The plants for the sale were donated by a broad group of people, listed in alphabetical order they are: Billy Baker, Alicia Baskette, Diana Billett, Fred Clarke, Bud Close, Charlie Fouquette, Cynthia Hill, Bruce Hubbard, Ron

Kaufmann, George Kenner, Tricia Moorea, Tom Osborn, Sima Perkins, Forrest Robinson, Ralph Smith, Swift's Orchids, Peter Tobias, Pat Trimm, Ann Tuskes, Paul Tuskes, Orquidea Rio Verde, John Vugrin, Kevin Westjohn, and Jim Wright. Volunteers doing the selling included A. Baskette, W. Bogren, V. Devoe, D. Graham, Ron Kaufmann,, D. van Kekerix, T. Osborn, S. Perkins, P. Peters, S. Pruyn, H. Rohrl, J. Snyder, P. Tackill, P. Tuskes, S. Volek, and J. Vugrin. Special kudos go to Lynn Ford for her work selling those lottery tickets. I want to give many thanks to the donors, the volunteers, and especially our loyal customers in the society for a job well done.

## *Plants Registered at Our 2001 Show*

submitted by [Cynthia Hill](#)

Here is the data on how many plants were entered for judging in our show this year ... just under 500 plants. This is more than entered last year, and we definitely had more Amateur entries.

| Section                            | Amateur | Commercial |
|------------------------------------|---------|------------|
| Section 101 Cymbidium              | 100     | 15         |
| Section 201 Cattleya Alliance      | 54      | 35         |
| Section 301 Phalaenopsis Alliance  | 45      | 25         |
| Section 401 Paphiopedilum Alliance | 30      | 17         |
| Section 501 Vanda Alliance         | 3       | 30         |
| Section 601 Dendrobium Alliance    | 20      | 12         |
| Section 701 Oncidium Alliance      | 33      | 25         |
| Section 801 Other Genera           | 28      | 13         |

TOTAL Amateur Entries = 313

TOTAL Commercial Entries = 172

TOTAL # of plants registered for judging = 485 plants

Number of people who registered plants = 87 individuals

## *Welcome Our Newest Members!*

submitted by [Mike Orser](#)

I would like give you their names, but that was not relayed to me. But I'll bet you a dollar you'll find at least one at your banquet table. Give them a warm "hello!" from all of us.

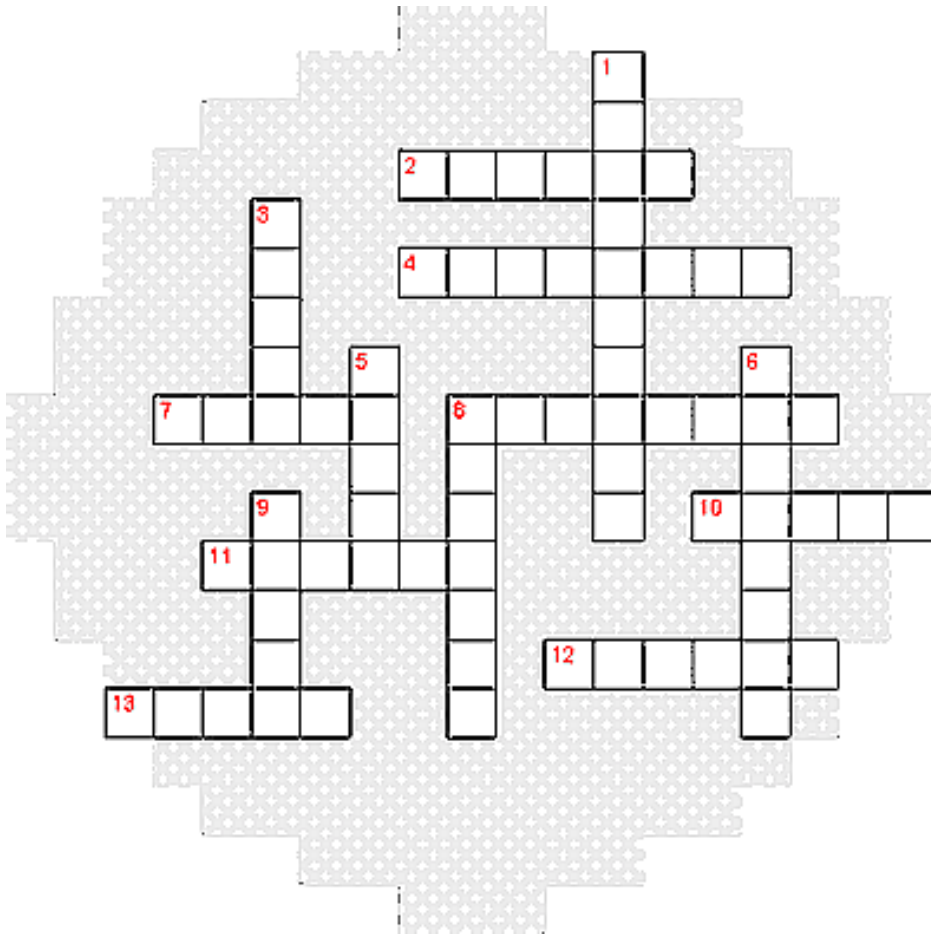
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### ACROSS

- 2. flower destroyer
- 4. a potting media
- 7. nasty infestation
- 8. New Guinea Dens
- 10. causes abnormal flowers
- 11. deciduous Den
- 12. a disease
- 13. essential for flowering

### DOWN

- 1. rock-growing
- 3. monopodial orchid
- 5. off-shoot
- 6. syn. Den. phalaenopsis
- 8. small yellow Cat
- 9. sterilization tool



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