



Fordyce 'Red' S. Marsh January 8, 1909 - March 18, 2002

By Caroline Howse

Red Marsh died on Monday, March 18, 2002. He was born in Boston, MA in 1909 and called California his home since 1947. He became a general contractor and started his own business. During his career in the construction business he built 23 homes for Richard Neutra, the acclaimed architect of contemporary houses. For many years he also remodeled Neutra homes helping new owners keep the integrity of the modern style, and, until recently had acted as a consultant on the unique Neutra style and its construction complexities.

However, we know him best as an orchid enthusiast and dear friend. As with any orchid growers, his interest in orchids began with a gift of a *Cymbidium lowianum* x *Westmont*, in 1964. Red built his first 7' x 9' greenhouse in 1966 while living in the San Fernando Valley. In 1965 his sister insisted that he join an orchid society to learn how to "grow properly". His interest in orchids did indeed grow and eventually led to the establishment of Truford Orchids, a commercial operation that specialized in growing species orchids.

His wife, Trudi, shared Red's interest in orchids and the two went on several collecting trips with the late Dr. Jack Fowlie and attended almost all of the World Orchid Conferences. Their travels took them to many parts of the world to view and photograph orchids and to collect both orchids and friends along the way. However, they missed the 1971 World Orchid Conference in Colombia as they were building their unique and beautiful home nestled in the mountains of Malibu. Their home includes a small separate living quarter where many friends have experienced their wonderful, warm hospitality.

Red was past President of the San Fernando Valley Orchid Society, Orchid Society of Southern California, and the Malibu Orchid Society. He also served as President of the Orchid Digest Corporation and was a member of countless other orchid societies.

I have known the Marshes for over 25 years and will always remember Red with great fondness. Together, Red and Trudi were a dynamic couple with Red's ability to grow orchids and Trudi's gift of capturing the beauty of orchids through her photography. These combined talents and unwavering devotion to each other made them a great team - whether behind the bar, on the podium or just on their own. Red was a kind, considerate and extremely generous man. Red provided beautiful orchid displays at society meetings and shared his plants and knowledge with all those who showed an interest. He was a true gentleman and will be greatly missed.

Red is survived by his wife Trudi, his three children, Carolyn, Pete and Bill, 7 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

His favorite toast was "Salud pesetas y tiempo gastarlas" which, translated, means "To your health and good fortune and the time to enjoy them both". Red certainly practiced what he preached.

As of 3-25-02, no memorial service has been planned but a "Celebration of Life" may be forthcoming.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in his name to his favorite publication: The Orchid Digest Corporation Endowment Fund c/o Diane Booth, Treasurer 8000 Bobbyoyar Avenue, West Hills, CA 91304

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NEWS RELEASE

WHO: The Orange County Orchid Society
WHAT: Orchid Repotting Workshop
WHEN: Saturday, May 18, 2002 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
WHERE: Craig Regional Park, Shelter 1, 400 N. State College Boulevard, Fullerton
WHY: The Orange County Orchid Society will hold an Orchid Repotting Workshop on Saturday, May 18, 2002 from 10:00 a.m. till 2 p.m. at Craig Regional Park, Shelter 1, located at the 400 block of N. State College Boulevard in Fullerton.

The Orange County Orchid Society invites any orchid owner who is unsure on how to repot an orchid to come to the workshop. Please bring your orchid(s) and a hand trowel. The Society will have a variety of pots and potting medium available, as well as the help and advice from experienced members.

Come at any time and bring a picnic lunch if you wish. We will have soft drinks available. The cost for the workshop is \$5.00 for members and \$7.00 for non-members, which includes pots and potting medium. Entry into Craig Park with a vehicle is \$4.00. There is parking available close to the location of Shelter 1.

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-Ben Machado

Message from the VP

Ivan Harrison, if your not familiar with him, then come on by to the **Beginner's Class**. It's at **6:30 pm, Room 104** at Casa Del Prado in Balboa Park. That's San Diego California, but don't forget: first Tuesday of each month

As predicted, the experiments Ivan performed at the Beginners' Class proved "v-e-r-y i-n-t-e-r-e-s-t-i-n-g". Several volunteers brought in plants in their favorite potting mix and Ivan watered them and then measured how much (or little!) was retained. The large crowd watched in fascination as pot after pot retained virtually none of the liquid, until Ivan tried his plants in the cedar mulch. Stressing that this mixture works for him in his environment, he demonstrated how the mix gets wet but is loose enough to allow good air circulation, and therefore is more controllable to know when to re-water.

In addition to watering, feeding and potting mix, there was also much discussion regarding re-potting, pots, temperature, air movement, bugs and almost everything else important to orchid growers. Since we are all still learning together, it is obvious we'll be discussing this stuff for a long time to come.

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May 4-5

UCI Arboretum Annual Spring Flower and Orchid Show, UCI Arboretum, corner of Campus Drive and Jamboree Rd., Irvine, CA. Contact: Laura Lyons, 949.824.5833.

As you see, it's slim pickins', so get out there and enjoy it while you can because that's it until September!

-Mike Orser

Question from e-mail

What type of insecticide do you use, [and] at what measurement per gallon? Ralph Cortez
ralphangie@earthlink.net



Carol Siegel

This is our Guest Speaker from last month, Carol Siegel, President of the Greater Las Vegas Orchid Society with Michael Bostwick of the San Diego Zoo Horticulture Department during a tour of the Orchid Greenhouses.

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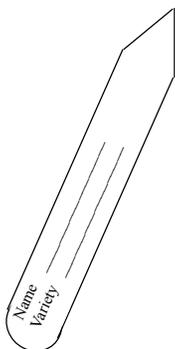
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submitted by Vivian Follmer

Here are those brave enough to show their new faces. Please welcome them with a smile and some friendly conversation. 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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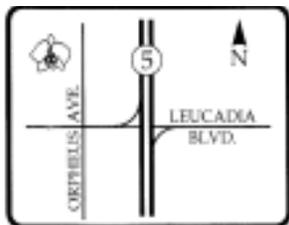
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SHOW AWARDS BANQUET

By Ben Machado, 1st Vice President

MAY 7, 2002 – Casa Del Prado – Room 101

5:00 PM – Set up

6:00 PM – Wine and appetizers

7:00 PM – Dinner

After all the hard work and effort that everyone made to make our Annualcontrol Orchid Show a success, we deserve a night out. That's what this month's meeting is all about, sitting back, having a good meal and drink, visiting with friends and watching a narrated slide show about our Show. How about that, everything is provided by your Society.

We start out with appetizers and wine followed by a catered banquet prepared by Ranch Catering, the same caterer's used in the past and also used for our Annual Orchid Show. Ivan and Ro Harrison have put together a slide show featuring photos of the winning orchids and displays from our show. Along with the awards they have included slides of volunteers and their activities that went on behind the scenes. We can expect this to be interesting and fun as well. Ivan says not to worry, as everything is under control, he will take care of the narrating. But just to be safe, Ro is writing the script.

Set up starts at 5:00 PM, volunteer help is needed to put the room in order. At 6 PM wine and appetizers will be served, followed by the catered banquet at 7 PM. The slide show presentation will follow the banquet at about 8 PM.

For this meeting there will not be a "Show and Tell" or a "Plant Drawing". Please do not bring Show and Tell Plants, and do not expect a Plant Drawing at this banquet.

This is the one meeting where we all get a chance to mix it up and have a good time with our fellow members. Take the time to go out of your way to meet some of the newer members. Make them feel welcomed and find out what other people are doing with their orchids. In general, have a good time!

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Butterflies and Orchids at the SD Wild Animal Park

by Ethel Warner

This annual event at the Wild Animal Park was a huge success with a higher attendance than in years past. It was the first year that the SD Orchid Society was responsible for donating the orchids and arranging the display. We also had many volunteers that shared their expertise with one hour talks each day. Our many thanks go to John Walters, Bob and Lucky Marlin, Marjorie Kuhlmann, Charlie Padelford, David Brown, Ed Dove, Ivan and Rosemary Harrison, Ben and Susie Machado, Jim Wright, Candy Kalman, and Ethel Warner.

We have heard many lovely compliments on the display of the orchids with special thanks for taking time to tie plants to trees and climbing over rocks and fences to get them in the right place and using many muscles for moving large plants around. This was done by John Walters, Derrick Woodland, Candy Kalman, Penny Matrone and Ethel Warner. It was a gratifying experience as well as fun.

The success of the wonderful display would not have happened without the loan of beautiful blooming plants from the following: Loren and Nancy Batchman, Candy Kalman, John Walters, Billy Baker, Rich Wu, Bob and Lucky Marlin, Erma Adams, George Tubon and Ontario Orchids. Thank you each and everyone for making this a beautiful learning experience for those that attended. We are sure to get new membership from those wanting to learn more about orchids.

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Orchid Conservation Presentation

By Mordechai (Moti) Bodner, Ph.D.

“During spring 2001 I have been working in the cloud forest of El Pahuma nature preserve as a volunteer for the CEIBA foundation for the conservation of nature. I became familiar with the Ceiba Foundation through my involvement with the Orchid Conservation Committee, which had been funding the reserve for several years.

The 3300 acres nature reserve is located approximately one hour from Quito, on the western slopes of the Andes at an elevation of 5700 to 8300 feet and consists of a primary cloud forest exhibiting an immense bio diversity. It provides home for over 220 known species of orchids and many other taxa. In total, about 1000 species of plants have been identified there so far, including some new to science. There are estimated 300 bird species in El Pahuma (2 Quetzal spp.) and many animals, including the endangered Spectacled Bear, the last bear species in the continent. The reserve is owned by the Lima family members, who live and work there and is under easement to the Ceiba Foundation. This project of a sustainable conservation on a private land is the second of its kind in South America, and was closely monitored by landowners from around the country. Indeed, our orchid exhibit, displayed at the Quito International Orchid Show 2001, received much interest. Learn more about their project and their ecology classes in Ecuador on www.ceiba.org

My responsibilities included the construction of a botanical garden displaying the riches of the local flora (mainly orchids), training a local manager and staff in collecting plants, maintaining the garden and guiding the visitors. The garden is now open to the public. Besides a comprehensive collection of orchids, palms, bromeliads and other local species it also includes a modern visitor center/ecolodge for eco-tourists who wish to stay in the reserve. The reserve offers miles of virgin forest trails, 3 waterfalls (The tallest is 300 feet!) and a humble cabin on the mountaintop. The lucky ones will get to see the bear. Alas, I didn't! More about my work there can be found on: <http://www.ceiba.org/opportunities.htm>

On May 15, at noon, I will present a slide show at the San Diego Zoo/CRES about my conservation work in Ecuador. The CRES building is located at the end of Old Globe Way in Balboa Park, behind the arborium and will be open to SDCOS members.

Nominating Committee

submitted by Gary Pierwola by phone

The nominating committee has been formed for this year's elections and consists of the following people: Genie Hammond 619.426.6831, Charlie Foquette, Kirk Raeber, Bob Hodges, and Jackie Bechtel. If you know of anyone you think should sit on the Board of Directors, please call Genie with your recommendations.

Heightened Enforcement Of Existing Regulations Affects Orchid Flask Imports

from orchidweb.org by Ned Nash

An external audit of enforcement procedures by USDA/APHIS (US Department of Agriculture/Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service) has resulted in the edict that orchid plants in flask also require phytosanitary certification. I inquired about the background on this and got the following reply from Bud Petit de Mange of USDA:

“The way the regulation 319.37 is written, a phytosanitary certificate is required for all restricted articles. By the definition, seedlings and plantlets in flasks are restricted articles and, therefore, phytosanitary certificates are an import requirement for them. A regulation change is needed in order to exempt a restricted article from phytosanitary certification. A little more than two weeks ago, I made a request to our agency's Import and Interstate Services branch and asked that they propose such a change. They are currently developing a work plan for a proposed revision to 319.37 and stated that they will include a proposal to exempt from phytosanitary certification plant materials of generally admissible species if they are imported on agar and/or liquid media within sterile containers (=flasks). In that same proposal, they will propose changes regarding the current requirement for translucent, transparent media. Unfortunately, making changes to Federal regulations is a long, time-consuming process. Many take one and one-half years, or more, from the time they are first proposed until they published as Final Rules, which officially incorporates the change into the regulation.

Bud Petit de Mange
CITES and Plant Inspection Station Coordinator
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In other words, sterile flasks of orchid seedlings or meristems now require a phytosanitary certificate from the country of origin. Unfortunately, because this enforcement change was the result of an external audit, no leeway exists as with the recent opaque media imbroglio. However, as these two regulation changes march through the process, both will require your encouragement. We suggest you write to:

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DATES TO REMEMBER...

May 2nd, 9:00 am

SDCOS Species Group Meeting

First Saturday each month

Paul or Ann Tuskes 858.274.5829

May 7th

SHOW AWARDS BANQUET

MAY 7, 2002

Casa Del Prado, Room 101

5:00 pm – Set up

6:00 pm – Wine and appetizers

7:00 pm – Dinner

May 10th, 7:30 pm

Palomar Orchid Society Meeting

Second Friday each month

Vista Community Center

Dave or Vera Stankey 959.498.7122

May 14th, 7:00 pm

SDCOS Board Meeting

Second Tuesday each month

Balboa Park

Romy Reyes 619.447.7597

May 15th

Cymbidium Society Meeting

Third Wednesday each month

Carlsbad Women's Club

Larry Phillips 619.746.5518

May 17th

Zoo Orchid Greenhouses Open House

Third Friday each month

Janette Gerrity 619.231.1515 ext. 4306

SDCOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Submitted by: Romy Reyes

April 9, 2002

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM

Present: Gary Pierwola, Ben Machado, Sam DeMaria, Ivan Harrison, Dave Mays, Barbie Mays, and Romy Reyes

Reports

1. Minutes of the March meeting was read and approved by motion.

2. Treasurer Barbie Mays- Report for the month of March was presented and approved by motion.

NO GUEST SPEAKER OR PRESENTER FOR NEXT MONTH. REMINDER: AWARDS BANQUET NIGHT

Appetizer: 6:00pm

Dinner: 7:00pm

There will be no plant table and members are requested not to bring any plants for show and tell.

Old Business

The proposal to grant free membership dues to spouses of "life members" was approved by motion.

New Business

Alma Maroz can no longer serve as member of the SDCOS board. Replacement will be chosen as soon as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

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