



AUGUST BEGINNER'S MEETING

August 6, 2002- 6:30 PM - Casa Del Prado - Room 104

By Ivan Harrison, 2nd VP

Sincere gratitude from one and all who attended the July meeting go to Bob Hodges, who gave us a fascinating insight into the world of growing Paphiopedilum orchids. Bottom line seemed to be - it's not easy, but you can succeed!

The title for August's class will be "The 10 Commandments of Orchid Growing"; an open discussion with Ivan Harrison.

1. Thou shalt not overwater
 2. Thou shalt not underwater
- Etc., etc., etc.

The full list will be provided at the meeting

Ivan believes that if we stand by 10 simple Commandments, it will help us all grow better orchids. Ivan will bring a sample orchid to demonstrate each of the Commandments, so the Beginners Class can discuss the various Do's and Don'ts of Orchid Growing.

We look forward to seeing you all at 6:30pm on August 6th!

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

August 6, 2002- 7:30 PM - Casa Del Prado - Room 101

By Ben Machado, 1st VP

From within this wonderful orchid society we are calling on a member of the highest esteem to provide our guest speaker presentation. Paul Tuskes is our guest speaker this month; he has a presentation titled "Orchid Travels of Belize."

Paul has been called on several times in the past and he has always provided presentations loaded with orchid facts and trivia, a color travel log loaded with places of interest, plus orchids loaded with color, color, color. Paul has made several trips to Belize both on business and for personal travel. He is calling on some of his personal travels to share with us for this presentation. This is the best of the best from his personal orchid history files.

Paul is one of those mainstays of our society who is always there to provide help and guidance to anyone having a problem with their orchids. Paul is the leader of the Species Study Group, a sub group of our society. The group meets one Saturday each month with emphasis on orchids from their natural habitat. With a society as large as ours there is always an abundance of species orchids to share with others. There are always plenty of questions and answers regarding care and culture of each of these unique species. Therefore, the reason for the meeting, to share with one another personal knowledge and experience related to various orchid species.

As of this writing, Paul plans to provide the plants for our Plant Opportunity Table. Guess what? With Paul's focus on species orchids he expects to provide a table loaded with species plants.

2003 SPRING SHOW REPORT

By Ben Machado, Show Director

Yes, it's only August and March is a long way off, yet planning preparation for our Spring Show is already well along the way. What we need right now is a theme and an orchid photo to use for our public relations graphics. There's going to be plenty more show preparation activity to follow.

First the Theme; we need each member to submit their best idea for a show theme. Each member is entitled to submit one and only one of what they regard as an appropriate show theme. It can be anything your imagination can develop. There's no guidance on this one, it can be anything remotely related to orchids.

Second the Photo; again, each member is entitled and encouraged to submit their best orchid photo. It doesn't matter what the plant is, if it appeals to you as a beautiful orchid photo, send it in! Take a chance, you can go for a single bloom setting, a full plant setting or a profusion of several blooms intermingled. Virtually any format is acceptable, other than to be sure the photo is in color. It can be a print, slide or digital format; ultimately the photo will be scanned into a digital format. Only one photo per member is to be submitted, please. When you submit your photo make sure your name is marked directly on the photo to assure return.

The cut off date for submitting the theme suggestion and the orchid graphic needs to be in by September 6, 2002, that's a Friday. Over the weekend a sub committee from the Board of Directors will meet to select 5 of the best. The final selection will be made the following Tuesday at the Board of Directors Meeting.

And what's in it for you? A \$100 gift certificate for the theme winner and a \$100 gift certificate for the photo winner, good for an orchid shopping trip at any one of the vendors advertising in the September 2002 issue of our newsletter. Not too B A D for a simple submission.

Submit your show theme suggestions and photo entries any number of ways, US Mail, telephone, fax (not for the photo, please), or e-mail. Send your submits by September 6, 2002 to the Show Director, Ben Machado, 4044 Calavo Drive, La Mesa, CA 91941, telephone, 619.660.9810 voice/fax, e-mail bmach16814@aol.com. Or to the Assistant Show Director, Gary Pierwola, 143 Garrett Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910, telephone, 619.426.9108, e-mail keikiman@aol.com

UPCOMING CALIFORNIA EVENTS

July 27 and 28.

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by [Gary Pierwola](#)

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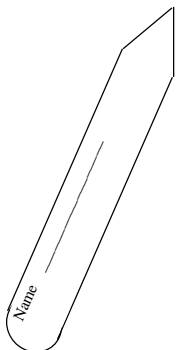


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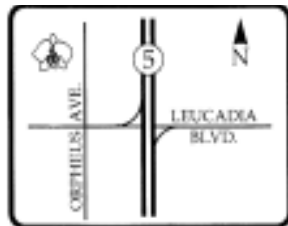
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SDCOS Board of Directors Meeting

Submitted by Romy Reyes

July 9, 2002: Meeting called to order at 7:04PM

Present: Gary Pierwola, Ben Machado, Sam DeMaria, Ivan Harrison, Dave Mays, Barbie Mays, Charlie Fouquette, David Graham, Bob Hodges, Genie Hammond, Bud Close, and Romy Reyes

Reports

Minutes of the June meeting were read and approved by motion. Treasurer Barbie Mays' report for the month of June was presented and approved by motion. First Vice-President Ben Machado: Paul Tuskes will be the guest speaker for the August general meeting. The topic of his presentation: Orchid Travel in Belize. Second Vice-President Ivan Harrison- The Beginners Class will have an open discussion on "The Ten Commandments of Growing Orchids". Ivan will moderate the discussion.

Old Business

1. There were three(3) applicants for the position of Director: Genie Hammond, Candy Kalman, and Lynn Ford. Members of the Board elected Genie Hammond.
2. The position of Parliamentarian is still unfilled. Interested members are requested to call Gary Pierwola at 619.426.9108.
3. Two new microphones and new locks for the lockers had been purchased.

New Business

Support for the relocation of the AOS Judging Center to Quail Botanical Gardens in Encinitas was approved by motion. Funding (financial support) will be discussed at a later date.

REMINDER: MINI SHOW
July 27 & 28, 2002

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM

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August 6th, 7:30 pm
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August 9th, 7:30 pm
Palomar Orchid Society Meeting
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Vista Community Center
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August 13th, 7:00 pm
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two folding card tables
a white bedsheet
spring clips, rubber bands or string
mat or poster board
a chair to sit on
orchid, camera, tripod

Set one table upside down on the other and throw the sheet over the open legs leaving one side open. Use spring clips, rubber bands or string to fasten the sheet to the table legs and tuck excess between the two tables. Clip or tape the poster board to the side opposite the open end of your light tent. Place the orchid inside a foot in front of the poster board. Set camera on tripod, compose, focus, take picture...

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You must use a white sheet in order to get accurate color.

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This set-up has the added advantage of providing a wind break.

You could easily adapt this concept for field use; turn one table on its side putting the poster board against the underside of the tabletop.

[Next month, I will present you with the instructions of how to use canvas stretchers to create an isolation background.]



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