



DECEMBER MEETING

DECEMBER 3, 2002 6:00 PM - CASA DEL PRADO - ROOM 101

By Ben Machado, 1st VP

COSTCO always seems to be the first retailer to remind us that the Holiday Season is approaching. As the days get shorter, more and more retailers are trying hard to let you know that the Holidays are approaching. Now for your final confirmation that the best time of the year is just ahead, the San Diego County Orchid Society, Holiday Party to be held on December 3. The party will be held in our meeting room, Casa del Prado, room 101, starting at 6 PM.

This Holiday Party promises to be more sensational than ever since this will be a catered event. Your Holiday Party will start with hors d'oeuvres, wine, and punch. A glass or two of wine mind you, we don't want to be the cause of such a ruckus as to keep the Camels awake at the Zoo. The evening will continue into dinner and dessert, entertainment, a plant exchange, and a free plant give away to each and every member who attends.

The official start time is 6 PM; at 5 PM set up will begin. Anyone willing to make him or herself available to help will be highly appreciated. Ranch catering will be doing most of the set up, but some additional help will be appreciated. Tablecloths need to be put in place, tables for the food need to be set up, and coffee and punch need to be prepared. Nothing too hard, but it will make everything much easier with some help. At 6 PM, there may be some Society business to conduct, as this is our official monthly meeting, but promise; the business part will be very short.

Steve Perkovac is providing piano entertainment, accompanied by a vocalist. Steve is a locally renowned entertainer very familiar with the appropriate music for a Holiday Party. He will put you in that holiday mood with some of his holiday sing along music. The entertainment starts with the hors d'oeuvres and will continue until just after dinner with a sing along.

About 8 PM we will have a Plant Exchange for those who wish to participate. This is how it works; bring a plant with your name on the plant. Since this is an Orchid Society you will probably want to bring an orchid. As each plant is selected, the name of the person on the plant selected will have the choice of the next plant to be drawn. Needless to say, the higher the quality, the better looking the plant, the better the chance of having an early draw. The choice is yours regarding the quality of the plant you bring. But if you bring in a fairly high quality plant you should be able to swap for some other very nice plant that you may not have in your collection.

After the Plant Exchange we will have the plant give away. Every member gets a free plant just for showing up and having a good time. Upon entry, every dues paying member will receive a ticket stub for the plant give away, the other half will go into the ticket drawing drum. It's pretty simple, all you have to do is wait for your ticket to be called, and then pick up the plant of your choice off the table. Really, a gift without any obligation!

Our plants will be provided from 5 different vendors who advertise in our newsletter.

Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids is probably our most prolific local grower in terms of AOS awards. Every time you turn around he is winning another award for one of his hybrids. Fred has a selection of Cattleyas, Paphs, Laelias, and Oncidiums ready for our party. He's located in San Marcos and is open just about every weekend; call ahead if you plan to visit his greenhouses.

Loren Batchman of Casa de las Orquideas is our local Cymbidium specialist. You know him; at our annual show his is the sales booth that goes through the feeding frenzy as soon as the doors open. Orchid lovers wait all year long for the show opening just to get some of his plants. If you're lucky maybe your ticket number will be called early on and you can select one of his plants. Loren is located in Solana Beach; you must call ahead for an appointment if you plan to make a visit.

Members and Advertisers

If you have monthly meetings, classifieds, submissions of interest, or announcements related to orchids, **to be considered for publication in the upcoming January issue, please contact the editors by December 13th.**

You are encouraged to contact the editor by either email or phone from 12 pm to 6 pm only, Michael Orser at **619.269.3445** or at editor@sdoorchids.com

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SDCOS meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at Casa Del Prado in Balboa Park. We invite you to join the society to receive the monthly newsletter and many other benefits.

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General Meeting:	7:30 pm, Room 101

If you would like to join the society, please send your check for \$10* for individual, \$12.50 for Dual membership, payable to SDCOS, to: **Vivian Folmer**, SDCOS Membership, 13127 Roundup, San Diego, CA 92129. Telephone: **858.538.6187**, email: vivianfollmer@hotmail.com

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Mike Bostwick, of the Horticulture Department at the San Diego Zoo, will pull some of his duplicates for our party. The Zoo has some of the finest orchids in the county. He can move some of the plants as long as he does not disrupt the main collection. The plants he is providing will be a sprinkling of this and that, most definitely a diverse selection.

Put on some of your holiday finest and come join your fellow orchid enthusiasts in starting off the Holiday Season. This is the event that encourages visiting throughout the evening, come on out and just have a good time.

The San Diego County Orchid Society and your Board of Directors wishes you a very Merry Holiday Season and the very best to you and in the coming New Year. Happy growing in 2003!

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January 3rd-5th

Peninsula Orchid Society Show, Community Activity Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA. Contact: Mary E. Gerritsen, 541 Parrott Dr., San Mateo, CA 94402; (650) 348-6492; meg570@attbi.com

January 4th-5th

Peninsula Orchid Society Show, Community Activities Bldg., 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA. Contact: Mary Gerritsen, 541 Parrott Dr., San Mateo, CA 94402; (650) 348-6492.

January 25th

San Diego County Branch Cymbidium Society Orchid Auction, Women's Club of Carlsbad, 3320 Monroe St., Carlsbad, CA. Contact: John Wade Bogren, 2102 Concoors Ct., El Cajon, CA 92019; (760) 212-7905; wadebogren@cox.net

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# SDCOS Board of Directors Meeting

Submitted by Romy Reyes

Meeting called to order at 7:01PM, Nov.12, 2002

**Present:** Gary Pierwola, , Ivan Harrison, Charlie Fouquette, Genie Hammond, Barbie Mays, Dave Mays, Bob Clark, and Romy Reyes

**Other Members Present:** Judy Pierwola, Ro Harrison and Candy Kalman

## Reports

Minutes of the October meeting was read and approved by motion. Treasurer Barbie Mays- Reports for the months of September and October were read and approved by motion. First Vice-President Ben Machado- No guest speaker for the month of December (Holiday Party) Second Vice-President Ivan Harrison- No Beginners Class due to the Holiday Party

## Old Business

1. Four conservation grants were voted on for funding by the Conservation Committee. These grants were presented to the general membership and approved by motion on Nov. 5, 2002. The board has received information from Karen Muir that the AOS judging center at Quail Gardens will possibly be operational by January or February, 2003.

## New Business

The Society has learned that the San Diego Zoo is proposing to take-over the two upper parking lots in Balboa Park as part of their expansion program. Members of the Society are requested to let the City elders know the impact of this proposal to the users of the facilities in Balboa Park.

## Miscellaneous:

2003 SHOW UPDATE: The SDCOS Board has unanimously approved the following provisions for the 2003 Spring Show and all future shows. These provisions only apply to vendors.

Provision A: Vendors are required to sell their plants at reasonable retail prices.

Provision B: There will be NO dumping or wholesale transactions during the show. The Show Committee reserves the right to shut down sales booth of any vendor who is in violation of these provisions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM

The San Diego Cymbidium Society will hold its annual orchid auction on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2003. The auction will begin at 12 noon and last until the plants are gone (about 4 pm). The auction will be held at the Women's Club of Carlsbad , 3320 Monroe Street, Carlsbad, CA. For information contact Wade Bogren, 2102 Concoors Court, El Cajon, CA 92019. 760.212.7905 days; 619.444.3233 nights; or e-mail [wadebogren@cox.net](mailto:wadebogren@cox.net) There will be plants from local southern California growers and from our members' collections. Everyone is welcome!

## Conservation Grants Awarded

Submitted by Peter Tobias  
from the Conservation Committee

During August the Conservation Committee evaluated twenty grant applications from a broad variety of organizations proposing to further orchid conservation in a myriad of ways. The committee selected four which the SDCOS board and membership have agreed to support in a total amount of \$8639. They are briefly described below:

1: Ceiba Foundation The Ceiba Foundation requested \$2664 to continue its work in designing conservation easements in Ecuador. In 2000 the Conservation Committee funded the Ceiba Foundation to pay for the legal expenses of drafting the first conservation easement for a property in Ecuador. The conservation easement is a legally binding document that commits the current and all future owners of a piece of land to not develop the land, to maintain the habitat, and to promote the health of the forest. This first ever easement was accompanied by governmental legislation empowering such agreements in law. The current grant to the foundation will fund their work in selecting two more properties for easements. It is the conservation committee's opinion that the Ceiba Foundation is performing pioneering work in Ecuador that will significantly promote the protection of orchid habitat in a part of the world that is uniquely rich in orchids.

2. Lorena Endara. Lorena Endara will receive \$2255 to continue her work on the pollination biology of pleurothallids in Ecuador. Her progress report showed significant results from the past year as well as the likely prospect that the work begun last year could be completed with another year's work. The committee voted to fund her work to the extent of \$2050, finding that her request for a contingency fund of \$200 was somewhat arbitrary. The committee continues to be of the opinion that conservation of orchids in the wild requires also the conservation of the plant's pollinators. The work proposed will identify the pollinators.

3. Lou Jost. Lou Jost will receive \$2325 to continue his work on the ecology of Lepanthes in the mountains of Ecuador. Lou's work has been very productive, describing many new species and relating their ranges to the topography of the Andes where he is working. He has also discovered an interesting pattern of speciation in which each valley has its own unique group of Lepanthes species. The committee is of the opinion that the ecological work that Lou Jost is accomplishing will do much to define the kinds of habitat protection schemes that will be necessary for effective orchid conservation.

4. Lawrence Zettler. Larry Zettler is a professor at Illinois College. He works on characterizing the mycorrhizal fungi that associate with terrestrial orchid species, in this case in the United States, that are necessary for successful growth of these species to adulthood. He will receive \$1600 for

supplies to continue his study of the orchids and their fungi. The specific project that the SDCOS supported in 2000 has been successfully completed and published. The committee felt that further work would be warranted.

## Thanks to donors and volunteers who raised \$5000 for conservation!

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from the Conservation Committee

At the Quail Gardens sponsored San Diego International Orchid Fair the Conservation sales booth netted \$4939, which an anonymous donor rounded up to an even \$5000. The committee wishes to thank all those who made this possible. The following names of donors and volunteers were recorded and the committee sincerely hopes that no one's name was omitted. Billy Baker, Vernon Bernardino, George Kenner, Barbara Menzie, Jean Sharp, John Snyder, Peter Tobias, Harry Tolen, Paul Tuskes, Jim Wright, Tricia Moorea, Helmut Rohrl, Gary Pierwola, Ian Catlett, Swift's Orchids, Pam Peters, Bruce Kidd, John Kidwell, Alicia Baskette, Sima Perkins, Ron Kaufmann, Siv Garrod, Paul Tuskes, Lynn Ford, Steve Pruyn, Bruce Hubbard, John Vugrin, David Graham, Cindy Hill. Special thanks go to John Walters and Ed Dove for their help in making the Orchid Fair such a profitable and welcoming venue for us.

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