



APRIL BEGINNER'S MEETING

April 1st 2003- 6:30 PM - Casa Del Prado - Room 104

By [Ivan Harrison](#), 2nd VP

By the time we all read our newsletter the Show will be over, but as I write this, excitement, hurry and apprehension still rule our household! Standing over plants several times a day, either willing them to come into full flower or wanting to spray them with hair spray to stop the blooms from drooping! Sorting through plants in case one of the little treasures at the back has magically sprouted spikes; staking blooms to show off the flowers, cleaning leaves, and pots and making lists of the likely candidates. We wake each other up in the middle of the night with ideas, tasks or something to add to one of the lists. Right now, our lists have lists!

April is going to be a fun Novice meeting. Tom Biggart of Granite Hills Orchids will be presenting "Mounted orchids for the Novice". He will tell us what kind of orchids are candidates for being put on to wood, explain the advantages and show us how to do it successfully (and hopefully painlessly!). For those of you who don't know Tom personally, he is one of the really good guys! You will love his straightforward talk and his sense of humor. Tom does a lot for the society and, incidentally, has fabulous orchids at his place of business. Keep a look out for his next Open House and Plant Sale. See you at 6:30pm on April 1st in Room 104.

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

April 1st 2003- 7:30 PM - Casa Del Prado - Room 101

By [Ben Machado](#), 1st VP

By the time you receive this edition of the SDCOS Newsletter our annual show will be a thing of the past. Everyone will take that well deserved sigh of relief and snuggle in the thought of another job well done. But in the back of our minds we continue to marvel at all the floral splendor, and about just how did that other guy do such a wonderful job of growing those orchid beauties into a bursting floral spectacle. Stand by for some insight, nope, no April Fools Joke here, we have one of the most popular, knowledgeable vendors from our show providing a presentation as our monthly Guest Speaker.

Loren Batchman of Casa de las Orquideas is our Guest Speaker. If you're not sure, he was the vendor in the corner booth just inside the door of the sales room of our show. Yes, the guy who had the Cymbidium stampede. Every year it's the same thing, orchid lovers from throughout the Southwest can hardly wait for this annual opportunity to get the best of the best from the premier Cymbidium grower. Loren won our Best of Show the past two years in a row, can you believe that, two years in a row! No wonder Cymbidium lovers are in such a rush every year to get to his sales booth. He undoubtedly will have put on another wonderful floral display this year.

Loren has a presentation for us titled, "Modern Hybrids and their Parents." The focus will be on Cymbidiums with information from Loren about how he does it. This is what Loren provided about himself:

"I have been an orchid grower and a member of the San Diego society since 1967 - good grief that's 36 years. I specialize in high color and unusual cymbidiums, and I am considered one of the leading cymbidium hybridizers in the world now. My wife Nancy and I own and operate a small (20,000 square feet) cymbidium nursery, Casa de las Orquideas, in Solana Beach. I am an accredited AOS and CSA judge, and am the editor and publisher for the CSA Journal which is the magazine of the Cymbidium Society of America."

Loren will provide the plants for our Plant Opportunity Table, a guaranteed load of Cymbidiums. This will not be just the left-over from the show, he has so much of quality Cymbidiums we will have a table of some of the best.

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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 May issue, please contact us by April 11th.**

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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.

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

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UPCOMING CALIFORNIA EVENTS

April 12-13
Tropical Plant Society of Modesto Show, Stanislaus Union School, 1931 Kiernan Ave., Modesto, CA. Contact: Susan Wedegaertner, 1348 Kiernan Ave., Modesto, CA 95356; 209.545.4732

April 11 through 28
Orchids and Butterflies - San Diego Wild Animal Park. Information on the culture and repotting of orchids, 11 a.m. to noon. Contact Ethel Warner 858.748.8355 for more information or to be a volunteer

April 12-13
Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society Show and Sale, Westgate Mall, 1600 Saratoga Ave., San Jose, CA. Contact: Conrad Kumata, 19987 Knollwood Dr., Saratoga, CA 95070; 408.996.8335

May 3-4
Carmel Orchid society MayFaire, Crossroads Shopping Center, Highway 1 at Rio Road, Carmel, CA. Contact: Ida Hale, 241 Lerwick Dr., Monterey, CA 93940; 831.646.8724.

May 3 - 4
The Newport Harbor Orchid Society presents The Sixth Annual OCEANS OF ORCHIDS Show & Sale, Costa Mesa Community Center, 1845 Park Avenue, Costa Mesa. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Admission: General-\$3.00, Seniors-\$2.00 - Free Parking

WOW there is a big gap of time here. If you would like to see your show listed here, please let the editor (editor@sdorchids.com) know, otherwise, no one else will!

October 22-26
Sacramento Orchid Society and AOS Members Meetings; Doubletree Hotel (Hilton), Sacramento, California. Contact: Ida Carter - 7604 Darla Way - Sacramento, CA 95828 - Ph: 916.689.1927; Cadreamin4u@aol.com

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Question to the Editor (and to you!):

Question and photo by Rick Jantzer jantzer@pacbell.net

I have several oncidiums that I am having problems with. I am growing them in a controlled environment (temperature and humidity) with good movement of air.

Do you have any ideas what may be causing my leaf damage?

Thanks for your time.

Rick Jantzer

Quail Botanical Gardens Update:

AOS Judging at the new center
by Loren Batchmann

The first judging at the new Encinitas AOS Judging center at Quail Botanical Gardens was on Monday, February 3. A number of the SDCOS members responded to the invitation to observe the judging process, and there was a good crowd at the Ecke Building. Several of the members and judges brought refreshments and the group had fruit, cheese & crackers, cookies and two inauguration cakes to add to the festivities.

About 25 plants were brought in for judging, and a total of 7 awards were granted including 2 Awards of Merit, 3 Highly Commended Certificates, a Certificate of Horticultural Merit and a Judges Commendation. 4 of the awards are provisional, and are pending waiting on registration of a hybrid, or on confirmation of botanical identification of uncommon species.

Summary of Awards:

Plant name	Cultivar name	Award	Owner
Mormodes tezontle	Sunset Valley Orchids	AM 84 points	Fred Clarke, Vista, CA
Paphiopedulum (malipoense x Franz Glanz)	Golden Fragrance	AM 80 points *	Paphanatics, unLtd., Anaheim, CA
Dialaeliocattleya Silver Toy (Silver Toy x Lin Toy)	Sunset Valley Orchids II	HCC 78 points	Fred Clarke, Vista, CA
Paph. Macabre (Voodoo Magic x sukhakulii)	Color Amazon	HCC 77 points	Paphanatics, unLtd., Anaheim, CA
Odadontoglossum (Odm. Parade x Oda. Eric Young)	Sunshine	HCC 77 points *	William A. Baker, Lemon Grove, CA
Dendrobium tetragonum	Justin	JC *	Tom Biggart, El Cajon, CA
Mormodes paraense	Rip Curl	CHM 80 *	Ginny Worthington, Laguna Beach, CA

* Provisional award waiting on hybrid registration or species identity verification

This was an important start for the new judging center, with the majority of awards to San Diego county growers and great support from the members of the San Diego societies. In the past few years, more award quality plants have been shown from the San Diego area than from any other area in the Pacific South AOS Judging region, and the addition of the Encinitas judging center is a direct response to the capabilities and interests of the many San Diego county orchid growers and hybridizers. We invite all to bring plants to be judged, to observe the judging process, and to learn more about orchids.

MAY TICKETS AT APRIL MEETING

By Ivan and Rosemary Harrison

The meeting on May 6th will not take place, but will be replaced with the Awards Banquet, where we get to revisit all the fabulous plants displayed in the "Jewels of the Jungle" Annual Show and to congratulate all the winners.

To avoid the organized chaos we encountered at the December party, numbers will be limited to 275 attendees. First choice at one of the tickets will be offered to all those who volunteered at least four hours at the Annual Show, and tickets to the Awards Banquet will be handed out at the April General Meeting on April 1st. If there are tickets still available, they will be offered to any member of the Society who wishes to attend. Should there still be space, guest tickets can be purchased for \$10.00 each, but only after members' needs have been satisfied.

I know there are members out there who will not be able to attend either the "Jungle of the Jungle" Annual Show or the April 1st meeting, but who would like to attend the

Awards Banquet in May. If so, contact me by telephone at 619.448.3312 or by email at phragmania@cox.net, and I'll see what I can do.

If this seems a little confusing, it may be! But it should be less hectic than the December party – and if you were there, you know just what I mean!

A TRIBUTE TO FORREST ROBINSON

by Bud Close

Forrest Robinson, one of our San Diego County Orchid Society stalwarts, has given and given, and given--massive time and many, many orchid displays for many years. The quality of these displays is always exceptional. His dedication and generosity is laudable.

I know that he has been disappointed at some of the "shenanigans" that have gone on, especially with past shows, but he seems always to forgive and forget. For this year's '03 show, he, with the assistance of Jim Wright, another society stalwart, has set up our ribbon judging, forming the judging teams and organizing all the paper work for

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the numerous displays. I don't know how many times he has done this for us in the past, but I am sure it has been numerous.

Many of our members bring in plants for display at the monthly meetings, but Forrest always brings in the most, and for only one reason--to share the beautiful plants which he has so meticulously grown and nurtured, even though he must always have some damage to the plants in transport.

We are all grateful for the many society volunteers who help put on our annual shows, but Forrest deserves a special thanks for his many years of selfless dedication.

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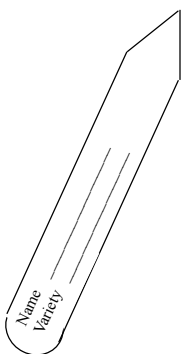


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Ethel Warner

Submitted by David Graham

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We also have been asked to spend one hour per day to inform visitors on the culture and repotting of orchids. The time is from 11a.m. to noon from April 11 -28th. For more information or to chose a day that you are available please contact Ethel Warner 858-748-8355. This is an opportunity to encourage new membership for our club and to meet many interesting people. Hopefully you can support us by coming at least one day which will give you free admission to the park to spend some time there after your one hour of repotting a plant and answering simple culture questions.

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from Cynthia Hill chill@adelphia.net

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6:30 - Culture class 7:00 - General meeting [no meeting
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Palomar Orchid Society

Meetings: Second Friday each month, Everyone welcome
Carlsbad Women's Club, 3320 Monroe St., Carlsbad.
6:45 p.m. Culture class, 7:30 p.m. - General meeting
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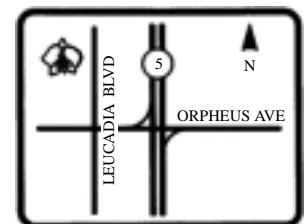
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First Tuesday each month

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April 5th, 9:00 am
SDCOS Species Group Meeting
First Saturday each month
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April 7th, 7:00 pm
Quail Botanical Gardens Judging Center
First Monday each month Encinitas. Seven San Diego
Society plants were awarded in March. Don't be shy!
Bring plants in! Make those judges work!

April 8th, 7:00 pm
SDCOS Board Meeting
Second Tuesday each month
Balboa Park
Romy Reyes 619.328.6578

April 11th, 6:45 pm
Palomar Orchid Society Meeting
Second Friday each month
Vista Community Center
Dave or Vera Stankey 959.498.7122

April 16th, 6:30 pm
Cymbidium Society Meeting
Third Wednesday each month
Carlsbad Women's Club
Larry Phillips 619.746.5518

April 18st, 10 am - 2 pm
San Diego Zoo
Orchid Greenhouses Open House
Third Friday each month
Janette Gerrity 619.231.1515 ext. 4306

April 19th, 9:00 am
Hybrid Orchid Group
Third Saturday each month
Speaker: Tricia Moorea on Cymbidiums
Applied Physics & Mathematics Bldg, UCSD
Lynn Ford 619.283.4172

SDCOS Board of Directors Meeting

by [Romy Reyes](#)

Mar. 11, 2003:

Meeting called to order at 7:03PM



Present: Gary Pierwola, , Ivan Harrison, Charlie Fouquette, Ben Machado Genie Hammond, David Graham, Barbie Mays, Dave Mays, Bob Clark, and Romy Reyes

Other Members Present: Bob Hodges, Candy Kalman, and Ro Harrison

Reports

1. Minutes of the February meeting were read and approved by motion.
2. Treasurer Barbie Mays - Report for the month of February was read and approved by motion.
3. First Vice-President Ben Machado - Mr. Loren Batchman will be the guest speaker at the April general meeting.
TOPIC: Cymbidiums - Modern Hybrids & their Parents. Loren will be providing the plants for the Plant Table.
4. Second Vice-President Ivan Harrison - The Beginners Class will have Tom Biggart as the presenter and his topic: "Mounting Orchids for the Novice Grower"

No old and new business were presented and discussed

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm



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