



MARCH 2005 NOVICE MEETING

March 1st, 2005, 6:30 PM - CASA DEL PRADO - ROOM 104

By Bill Molnar, 2nd Vice President

The guest speaker for the March Novice meeting will be Christopher Croom. Christopher will show us how to mount and grow orchids on wood and trees similar to the way they grow in nature. He has been an avid orchid grower for over 8 years and has worked at Andy's Orchids in Encinitas where he became very knowledgeable about mounting rare and unusual species. Come learn this technique and incorporate a few of your orchids into your home landscape.

MARCH 2005 GENERAL MEETING

March 1st, 2005, 7:30 PM - CASA DEL PRADO - ROOM 101

By Genie Hammond, First Vice President

Guess what? We are in for a big show stopper. No, the Spring Show (Orchids "Ooh-La-La") in April is still on! We guarantee that you will not fall asleep when you get to hear all about the genus Maxillaria, this coming first Tuesday of March.

Dr. Christenson will give an overview of this large neotropical genus of +/- 1000 species. Maxillaria is extremely variable in plant habit as well as the flower size and color. They range from miniatures to shrub-like plants with woody stems and have flowers in every color including blue. Included in the talk will be all of the large-flowered species with flowers rivaling those of Lycaste.

SPRING 2005 SHOW NEWS

This year's Spring show theme is Orchids "Ooh-la-la!" and was submitted by Sue Foquette. The significant information I can give you is:

April 2005

7th setup

8th-10th show and sale

1. Pre-sale tickets will be available at the March and April Meetings. For any member who cannot make it to the meetings and still wants tickets, please call Lynn Dornfeld at 619.889.4612 to arrange for tickets to be mailed to them. Leave a name and phone number where Lynn can reach you.
2. We are still looking for volunteers to help with the April Orchid Show. Sign-up sheets will be available at the March meeting. Please come and help to make our show a success. We need your involvement, what will you do to help?

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

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

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UPCOMING CALIFORNIA EVENTS

March 4-6

Sonoma County Orchid Society Show, Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, CA. Contact: Paul Matsushita, PO Box 555, Calistoga, CA 94515; 707.942.4036; ptmatsushita@dslexreme.com.

March 4-6

Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, Earl Warren Showgrounds, Exhibit Building, 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA. Contact: Margaret Cavaletto, 1096 N. Patterson Ave., Santa Barbara, CA 93111; 805.967.6331

March 11-13

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March 12-13

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March 18-20

Five Cities Orchid Society Show, Arroyo Grande Regional Center, 800 Branch St., Arroyo Grande, CA. Contact: Kathleen Cronin, 710 Stratford St., Pismo Beach, CA 93449; 805.556.0137; cronincont@aol.com.

March 26-27

Napa Valley Orchid Society Show and Sale, Napa Senior Activity Center, 1500 Jefferson St., Napa, CA. Contact: Fredia Lloyd, 707.224.6233; fredialloyd@aol.com.

April 2-3

Golden Gate Cymbidium Society Show, Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland, CA. Contact: Loretta Rodriguez, 510.538.8632, loretta193@aol.com.

April 8-10

"Ooh-la-la!" The San Diego County Orchid Society has an annual show too! More info in next month's Spring 2005 Show News. Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego, CA

April 9-10

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 9-10

South Bay Orchid Society Show, Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3350 Civic Center Dr., Torrance, CA. Contact: Marla Corey, 1958 W. Summerland, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA; 90275; 310.833.1918; squarerig@aol.com.

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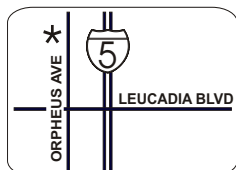
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SDCOS Board of Directors Meeting



Submitted by [Lynn Dornfeld](#)
February 8, 2005
Called to order at 7:33PM

Present: Gary Pierwola, Sam DeMaria, Genie Hammond,
David Brown, Bill Molnar, Lynn Dornfeld, Bob
Clark, Lynn Ford.

Others Present: Lisa Humphreys, Sue Fouquette, Ron
Kaufman

Reports

1. Minutes from January were read, reviewed and approved by motion.
2. Treasurer-Lynn Ford-December's report was revised, reviewed and approved by motion. January's report was reviewed and approved by motion after correction of Library Grant to SDSU, not UCSD.
3. Genie Hammond has the following speakers arranged:
March meeting-Eric Christenson-topic TBA
April meeting-Paul Gripp-topic TBA
May banquet
June meeting-Steve Beckendorf-POLLINATION AND EVOLUTION
July meeting-Bob Hamilton-ODONTOGLOSSUMS
4. Second Vice President-Bill Molnar - the speaker at the March Novice Meeting is Christopher Croom. TOPIC: HOW TO MOUNT ORCHIDS.

Old Business

1. Board members discussed whether or not to continue giving out Orchid Bucks. A motion was made and approved to discontinue Orchid Bucks. Any member

who currently has Orchid Bucks may spend them at the next two meetings.

2. The SD Horticultural Meeting sent information and raffle tickets for their next meeting. Sue and Charlie Fouquette to be our reps.; info given to Sue.
3. We have gotten a number of letters from SDSU thanking us for the grant given to them by SDCOS.

New Business

1. Item #1 under Old Business spurred conversation about volunteerism. The group discussed ways to help with increasing volunteers. We will continue to give T-shirts for 4 hours of time volunteered at the Orchid Show. More to come, group to pursue more ideas to improve our volunteer base.
2. Please make sure that any correspondence sent by e-mail to Mike Orser, our newsletter editor, includes "SDCOS" in subject line so it will get his attention. Too much spam makes it difficult to identify society business if not explicitly written. Identifying "SDCOS" helps to ensure that important info will not be inadvertently deleted.

NO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

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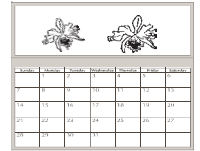
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SDCOS Novice Meeting, room 104
7:30 pm General Meeting, Room 101, Casa del Prado,
Balboa Park
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Gary Pierwola 619.426.9108

March 5th, 9:00 am
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March 7th, 7:00 pm
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March 8th, 7:00 pm
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March 16th
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Cymbidium Society Meeting is the Third Wednesday
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March 18th, 10 am - 2 pm
San Diego Zoo's Orchid Odyssey
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Best of Show in the January Mini Show

By Pamela Peters

The January 19 and 20 SDCOS Mini show was a success with numerous members bringing in their beautiful orchids for display to the public. The weather was warm and sunny which brought many visitors to Balboa Park who came through the show. Lea Openiano's Cymbidium Mini Sara "Pearl Falls" won Best of Show. The plant had seven pendulous spikes each with 18 flowers, and one spike with 19 flowers. The flowers were 2 inches across, white in color with light yellow throats. The plant was beautifully displayed on a 22" high open metal stand.

Lea also won a Special Award for her display of three other orchids. The display, on the cymbidium table, contained three cascading cymbidiums on a sculpture formed as a bicycle with large beautiful cymbidiums on the handlebars, the seat, and the lower wheels. Lea's creativeness and growing ability were certainly worthy of Best of Show and the Special Award. Our thanks and congratulations to Lea!



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