



OCTOBER BEGINNER'S MEETING

October 1st, 2002- 6:30 PM - Casa Del Prado - Room 104

By Ivan Harrison, 2nd VP

I think we all enjoyed the talk given in September by our President, Gary Pierwola. As those who were present know, discussion strayed from the workings of the SDCOS to the judging differences between AOS and the mini shows. Our thanks, too, to Loren Batchman and all who contributed to explaining how AOS judging works and the lively debate that followed!

One of the really constructive results to come out of this "free flow of ideas" was a Novice Table at the General Meeting to allow anyone and everyone who has never won a ribbon to bring in their plants for judging each month.

Gary and I discussed this, took it to the Board Meeting in September and it has been agreed that this will start with the October meeting. So bring in your plants and win a ribbon! Each month we will award a first, second and third place ribbon. There will be no "categories" at this stage. If we have good participation and lots of plants, we can open up categories as the need arises.

This month, Wade Bogren and I are going to talk more about the Novice Table and the Mini Show (October 26th and 27th) at the Beginners' meeting. We, the new members, are the future of our society. As we volunteer to help out at the mini shows and bring our plants in for judging, we inevitably learn more about orchids, meet other members and earn "orchid bucks". For those who don't know, you earn one orchid buck for every hour you volunteer at a mini show (or other SDCOS function). You can then use the "money" to buy raffle tickets at our monthly meetings, or SDCOS items such as t-shirts, corsages, books, etc. Volunteering at a mini show is how Rosemary and I got involved. It's fun to follow the judges round to see how they make the choice between plants of "equal" beauty.

Gary and I will judge the Novice Table at the October General Meeting, and the ribbons will be presented in front of the entire audience immediately following the coffee break. We will be judging the whole plant - how well it is grown, how good the leaves are, how attractively it is presented. So bring in your plants! This is YOUR society and we want you to enjoy your meetings and be proud of your orchids. Exhibit your species plant that you bought from one of our local growers, or that hybrid that you picked up at Trader Joe's for a song!

If you need encouragement to bring in a plant, or you want to ask a question, please feel free to call me prior to the meeting. Otherwise, we will see you AND your plant on October 1st!

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

October 1st, 2002- 7:30 PM - Casa Del Prado - Room 101

By Ben Machado, 1st VP

There's been a last minute change in speakers for this month. We were originally scheduled to have Karen Muir, the chairperson for the Pacific Coast Judging Region for the American Orchid Society. At the last minute United Airlines decided to consolidate flights, in so doing, they rescheduled Karen's morning flight to Los Angeles to an afternoon flight that doesn't get her in until 9 PM the night of our meeting. So much for the efficiency of the airline industry, the customer loses out again.

For a recovery, we have booked Norito Hasegawa as our guest speaker. In reality, the name is Dr. Norito Hasegawa; he's a dentist from the Orange County area. Somehow, within his busy schedule, he has managed to become an expert in Paphiopedilums.

For this meeting he has a presentation titled "Parvisepalum Paphiopedilums." What the heck does that mean? Norito insists this will not be an overly technical presentation, but to clear the air this author went to a publication by an old friend of the San Diego County Orchid Society, Dr. Guido Braem. Within his publication, "THE GENUS PAPHIOPEDILUM, Natural History and Cultivation", printed in 1998 and co-edited by Charles. O. Baker and Margaret L. Baker is a detailed explanation. On page 22 is the simplified explanation that "All plants of this subgenus originate from the southern parts of China and/or Indochina. The presence of mottled leaves, and single flower inflorescence ...indicate a close relationship to the species of the subgenus Brachypetalum." Honest, that's the simplified description.

Not to worry, we have had Norito as a presenter in the past, (June 1997), and he is as down to earth, grass roots as you could possibly expect. Promise, Norito will have you

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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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October 12th-13th

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October 19th-20th

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Oct. 26th - 27th

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November 30th - Dec. 1st

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GENERAL MEETING continued from cover...

lavishing over these unique, wonderful parvisopalums.

Norito is the owner of Paphanatics Inc., dedicated to Paphs, specializing in novel colored Paphs. He is very well known throughout the orchid community, nationally and internationally. Norito co-authored a publication with Harold Koopowitz about Novel Slipper Orchids. He has been a past trustee of the American Orchid Society, frequently contributes articles to Orchids, the magazine of the American Orchid Society, and frequently provides articles to the Orchid Digest. He is an AOS judge and a CSA judge. With the AOS he judges throughout the Pacific

South Region, from the Northern part of Mexico, to Arizona, up to Santa Barbara County, as well as Kern County and San Bernadino County.

Norito will also provide the plants for the Plant Opportunity Table promising some of those novel colored Paphs. Don't forget the Silent Auction, Norito says he has something very special in mind.

SDCOS Board of Directors Meeting

Submitted by Romy Reyes

Sept. 10, 2002: Meeting called to order at 7:01PM

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

Other Members Present: Judy Pierwola, Sue Fouquette, Candy Kalman and Bob Hodges

Reports

1. Minutes of the August meeting was read and approved by motion.
2. Treasurer Barbie Mays- Report for the month of August was read and approved by motion.
3. First Vice-President Ben Machado- Ms. Karen Muir will be the guest speaker for the October general meeting. The topic of her presentation: Parvispalums: Then and Now.
4. Second Vice-President Ivan Harrison- The Beginners Class will have Wade Bogren and Ivan Harrison as the guest speakers. TOPIC: Getting Ready for the Mini Show.

Old Business

1. Members of the Board have agreed to change the Board's meeting day to Wednesday (the day after the general meeting).

New Business

1. A proposal to have the Christmas party catered was approved by motion. For entertainment, there will be a singer with a piano accompanist. Also, there will be the usual plant exchange.
2. Novice (first time exhibitors) will have a chance to show their plants. A table will be provided at the next general meeting (Oct.) and will be ribbon-judged.

Miscellaneous:

1. At the Sept. 3, 2002 general meeting, a tentative Orchid Show budget for 2003, was approved by motion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43PM

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PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTAL JUDGING CENTER

By Helmut Rohrl.

The Pacific South AOS orchid judges have proposed a second supplemental judging center at Quail Botanical Gardens in Encinitas, CA. The supporting documents include letters written by several commercial growers residing in San Diego County, letters written by the local orchid societies (Cymbidium Society, Palomar Orchid Society, San Diego County Orchid Society), and most important a letter from the Board of SDCOS pledging financial support for the initial set-up of the proposed center.

The proposal was discussed and voted on during the Pacific South Judging Center business meeting on August 03, 2002, at Huntington Botanical Garden. The proposal passed overwhelmingly and cleared its first important hurdle. The next step is to bring the proposal before the AOS Trustees meeting on October 16, 2002, in Houston, TX. The prospects for an

affirmative vote at the Trustees meeting are excellent. If this vote is affirmative then only a formality is required to start the proposed supplemental center, namely the publication of the proposal in the AOS magazine "Orchids" which needs a 3 months lead after approval. The supplemental center could be in operation either in late January 2003 or in February 2003. There will be a probationary period lasting 18 months from the start of the operation, first a 6 months probation followed by a review by the Judging Committee for an extension of 12 months.

One implication of this time schedule is that between mid October 2002 and mid January 2003 various items related to the operation must be purchased or otherwise obtained. They include a computer, a printer, a reference library and some cabinets to house these items and the slide collection of awarded flowers (this collection will be furnished by the AOS). The cost for these items, except for the reference library, is familiar

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The reference library is the high cost item and may require as much as \$5,000 to establish. As far as the reference library is concerned, the types of books needed at the supplemental center are research-level books, typified by P. J. Cribb's "The Genus Paphiopedilum". The cost for these types of books average around \$125. Hence the amount of \$5,000 will provide the center with approximately 40 research-level books. A list of the desired books and a detailed cost will be available after a favorable vote at the Trustees meeting.

What does San Diego County and the San Diego

County Orchid Society gain from the supplemental judging center, apart and beyond the obvious pride in the new center?

When a local orchid hobbyist or commercial grower wants to bring plants to the center to be judged, the trip to the Quail Botanical Gardens averages about 30 minutes (one way) rather than up to 3 hours (one way) to Huntington Botanical Garden or up to 2 hours (one way) to the Long Beach center.

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SDCOS FRED CLARKE GETS 2ND FCC

Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids, in Vista received his second FCC award at the awards meeting on Monday,

August 26, 2002. The plant receiving the award was Paphiopedilum Harold Koopowitz.



Fred says that seven years ago he asked another SDCOS member, Billy Baker, to do some flasking for him and that this was one of the plants. Part of the deal was that

Billy would get some of the flasks. He did and some were sold to members at that time. If you were one of the lucky ones to purchase a flask at that time you will have quite a spectacular flower when it blooms.

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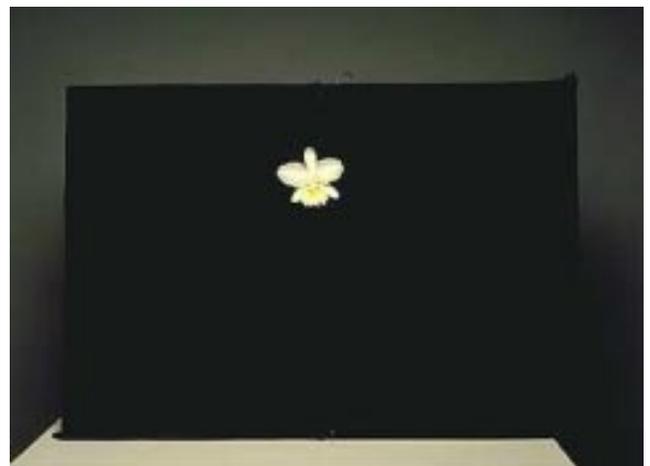
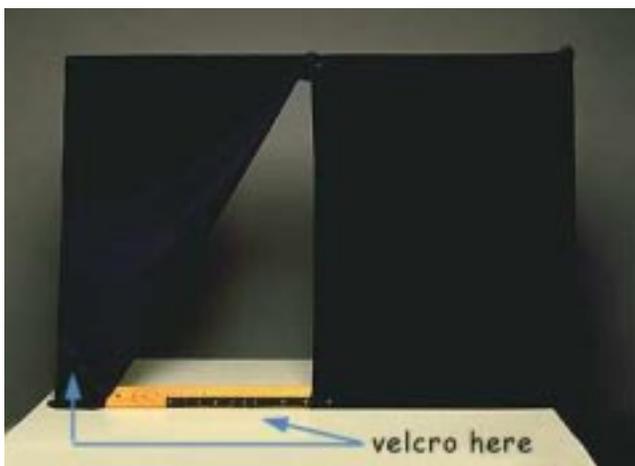
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Set the flowering orchid plant on the backside of the background and place the flower so that it is in line with the velvet as shown [above].

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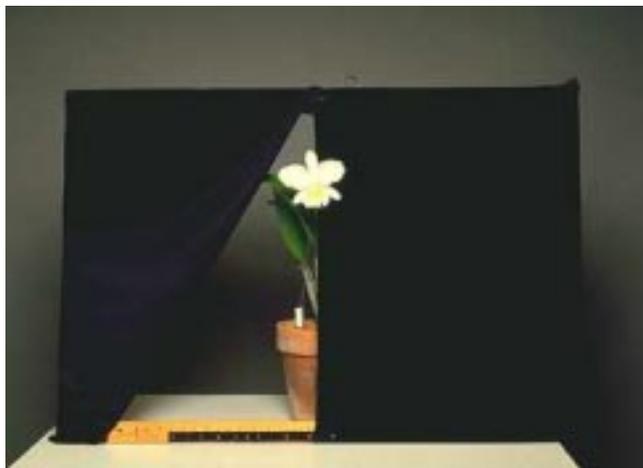
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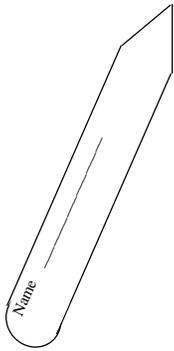
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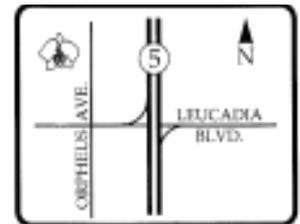
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News from an Orchid Conservation Grant...

Submitted by P. Tobias

Last year Benny Bytebeier and his colleagues were awarded a grant to study the genetic relationships among Disas and Stenoglottises in South Africa. They corresponded recently with some news of their work:

"Your support was very helpful in enabling us to go on a number of collection trips here in the Cape Town vicinity in order to collect members of the *Disa draconis* complex i.e. *Disa draconis*, *Disa harveiana harveiana* and *Disa harveiana logicalcarata*. *Disa karooica*, the only other member of the complex eluded us, but we intend to try to collect this species in our coming spring (October). The collected samples have already been analyzed and their trnLF sequences determined. Once we have the sequence of *Disa karooica*, we will include these species in our total phylogenetic analysis of all

Disa species. We will keep you informed of our progress and how this research develops.

Your support also contributed to an extensive collection trip up the Eastern Coast of South Africa to collect *Stenoglottis* specimens. Numerous samples of *Stenoglottis fimbriata*, *Stenoglottis woodii* and *Stenoglottis mccloughlinii* were collected. In addition to these samples, other samples were supplied by collaborators and many of these samples have been included in our systematic analyses. We found that the ITS genes gave useful phylogenetic information and using these genes we were able to clearly show that the species previously described by McDonald, i.e. *Stenoglottis mccloughlinii*, about which there was doubt as to the validity of this being a separate species and not simply a *Stenoglottis woodii* type, is well supported as a separate species. These analyses are not complete at this stage and once complete, we will submit a final report on our research findings to you." - B. Bytebeier, Univ. of Stellenbosch, South Africa

HELP HOTLINE

The SDCOS offers this service to members who seek cultural information about their orchids. Here are some friendly hobbyists with a great deal of experience about certain types of orchids, and who have kindly volunteered to answer your questions.

Cattleyas, Oncidium/Odonts, Vandaceous,
Greenhouse grown, West SD County
Forrest Robinson - 619.270.6105

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Tom Osborn - 760.787.0282

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Cymbidiums
Loren Batchman - casa@orquideas.com
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Fred Tomaschke - 619.276.3225

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James Masst - 619.443.2800
[Bud Close](#) - 619.444.8839

South County all types
Genie Hammond - 619.426.6831
Ed Marty - 619.470.7175

New Member & Novice Class Information
[Ivan and Rosemary Harrison](#) 619.448.3312

DATES TO REMEMBER...

October 1st, 6:30 pm

Beginner's Class
Room 104, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
[Gary Pierwola](#) 619.426.9108

October 1st, 7:30 pm

General Meeting
Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
[Gary Pierwola](#) 619.426.9108

October 5th, 9:00 am

SDCOS Species Group Meeting
First Saturday each month
[Paul or Ann Tuskes](#) 858.274.5829

October 8th, 7:00 pm

SDCOS Board Meeting
Second Tuesday each month
Balboa Park
[Romy Reyes](#) 619.447.7597

October 11th, 7:30 pm

Palomar Orchid Society Meeting
Second Friday each month
Vista Community Center
Dave or Vera Stankey 959.498.7122

October 12 and 13

Del Mar Fairgrounds.
All members of the San Diego County Orchid Society are invited to attend, volunteer, and participate in the fall Orchid Fair, Cindy Hill 858.481.5782

October 16th, 7:00 pm

Cymbidium Society Meeting
Third Wednesday each month
Carlsbad Women's Club
Larry Phillips 619.746.5518

October 18th, 10 am - 2 pm

San Diego Zoo
Orchid Greenhouses Open House
Third Friday each month
Janette Gerrity 619.231.1515 ext. 4306

Oct. 26-27 SDCOS Mini Show-Balboa Park

2003 SPRING SHOW REPORT

By Ben Machado, Show Director

The fabulous Show Theme and Show Photography contest came to a close with your Board of Directors having to labor over a final decision. It was a tough call but here it is: Show Theme: Leno Galvan, with "Orchids: The Living Jewels," Show Photograph: Rosemary (Ro) Harrison, with her photo of a Cattleya bicolor.

Your Board of Directors was more than pleasantly surprised at the outstanding response to the contest. They want to extend a very sincere "Thank You" to all of those who participated. The gift certificates will be passed out at our October General Meeting.

Picking out the Show Theme and the Show Photograph isn't the only thing going on in preparation for our show. As of this writing, we now have enough AOS Judges committed to perform the judging for our show. This means our show will be certified by the AOS as a sanctioned event. Next is putting our vendor list together, and of course it isn't a bit too early to start putting our Show Committees together. First of all we need a commitment from each of the Chairpersons for each of the committees it takes to run our show. In the very near future we should be able to publish the names of each of the chairpersons for each of the committees. Meanwhile, your Board of Directors wants a more professional approach to advertising. Two local advertising agencies have responded to our invitation for proposals. A special meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 25 at 7 PM in room 106 for presentations from each of the agencies.

With that as a reminder, all members need to know they are always at liberty to attend any of the Show Meetings. Normally, all Show Meetings are held immediately after the Board of Directors Meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. (This may change; there is a current initiative to move the Board Meeting date to the Wednesday immediately following the monthly General Meeting.) Special meetings such as the meeting for the advertising agencies are a rarity, but for the sake of expediency this meeting has been called. Much of the ad preparation needs to start in October and November. If an agency is to be used, we need to know it now.

In the mean time, some of you members need to get together to put up show displays. We have room on the floor for several more displays. Not only can this be a terrific challenge that will leave you exhausted but exhilarated, there's also a very good chance at a cash award. There are several cash awards that have not been passed out over the last few years due to lack of participants. There are educational awards, theme awards, best amateur and best commercial awards. Looking for a way of getting into the mainstream of our society? Just put yourself in the middle with all the others in the display competition.

If you have any questions about our show, contact the Show Director, Ben Machado, 4044 Calavo Drive, La Mesa, CA 91941, telephone, 619.660.9810 voice/fax, e-mail bmach16814@aol.com. Or the Assistant Show Director, Gary Pierwola, 143 Garrett Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910, telephone, 619.426.9108, e-mail keikiman@aol.com.



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